

# Introduction to Finnish Literature (5 ECTS)

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Enrolment via Sisu.

**Course code:** FINN-402

**Language of instruction:** English

## Learning outcomes

After passing the course, the student can...

- identify the stages of development of Finnish literary history (level of knowledge)
- identify and interpret central themes of Finnish literature (level of knowledge and comprehension)
- demonstrate the afore mentioned knowledge of literary history and themes of Finnish literature in independent literary analysis (level of application)
- describe the connections between the Finnish literary field and the socio-cultural events in a national and international setting and compare Finnish literature to other European literatures (level of application)

## Contents

The course is an overview of Finnish literature, divided into the following sections: Finnish Folk Poetry, Literature of Finland under the Swedish Rule, Nineteenth Century Literature, 1900 to the Second World War, and Post-war Literature. During the course you will discover the heroes of Finland's national epic Kalevala, war-time adventures of The Unknown Soldier by Väinö Linna, and even a glimpse of ancient Egypt in the international best-seller The Egyptian by Mika Waltari.

## Activities and teaching methods in support of learning

A handout with the essential information is provided at the beginning of the course, in addition to excerpts of Finnish classics in English translation for home reading and discussion in class.