



# WELCOME TO THE LANGUAGE CENTRE

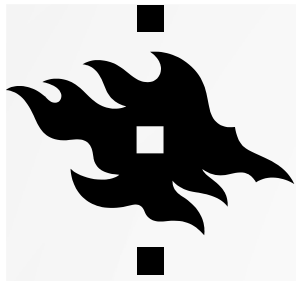
Discover our wide  
range of opportunities  
in language and  
communication studies





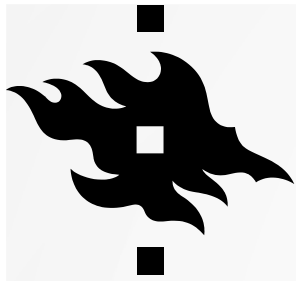
# LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES INCLUDED IN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- All bachelor's degrees include min. 10 cr of compulsory communication and language studies:
  - **Foreign language 4 cr**: e.g. English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Arabic
    - starting skill level in English: CEFR B2, in other languages: CEFR B1
  - **Second national language 3 cr** (Swedish/Finnish)
  - **Native language 3 cr** (Finnish/Swedish)
- Studies can be completed in many different course forms (contact, distance, blended and online teaching or independent project) or by passing an exemption test.
- **NB!** The language of your secondary education affects the completion of these studies.



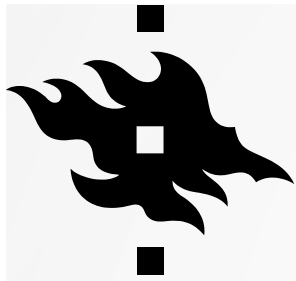
# LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES INCLUDED IN A MASTER'S DEGREE

- Students studying in the Master's Programmes and needing **the Academic Writing Courses (English)** for the degree, can find the courses with the following codes:
  - **KK-ENG501** Academic Writing 1: Principles and Practice (Master's Students CEFR C1)
  - **KK-ENG502** Academic Writing 2: Process and Feedback (Master's Students CEFR C1)
  - **KK-ENG504** Advanced English: Feedback on Writing (CEFR C1)
- **NB!** If you are pursuing a master's degree only, if the language of your secondary education is **Finnish or Swedish** and if you have completed your bachelor's degree abroad, you have to complete in your master's degree the language and communication studies normally included in a bachelor's degree.



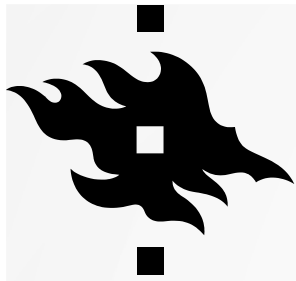
# INTERESTED IN LEARNING LANGUAGES?

- From beginners' level:
  - SWEDISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, CHINESE, RUSSIAN, SPANISH
- From intermediate level:
  - ITALIAN
- **Unfortunately, most of the English courses are available for degree students only.**
- [Language Centre courses suitable for non-Finnish Speakers 2026-2027](#)



# FINNISH AND SWEDISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES

- Finnish and Swedish courses available from absolute beginners to advanced learners
- **Finnish at the FACULTY OF ARTS**
- **Swedish at the LANGUAGE CENTRE**
- Learning Finland's national languages helps you:
  - understand Finnish society better
  - improve your chances of finding a job in Finland
- [Finnish courses](#)
- [Swedish courses suitable for non-Finnish speakers](#)



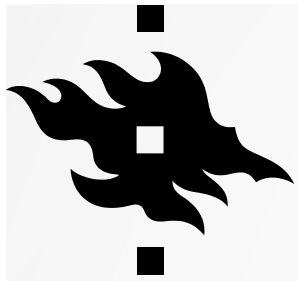
# HOW TO REGISTER FOR LANGUAGE CENTRE COURSES

- [Registration for Language Centre's courses](#) is done online via Sisu.
- **Registration for the 1st period courses has ended 27.8. If you would still like to register for some course, please contact the course teacher directly.**
- Registration for courses starting in the 2nd period will be open in Sisu 28.9.–18.10.

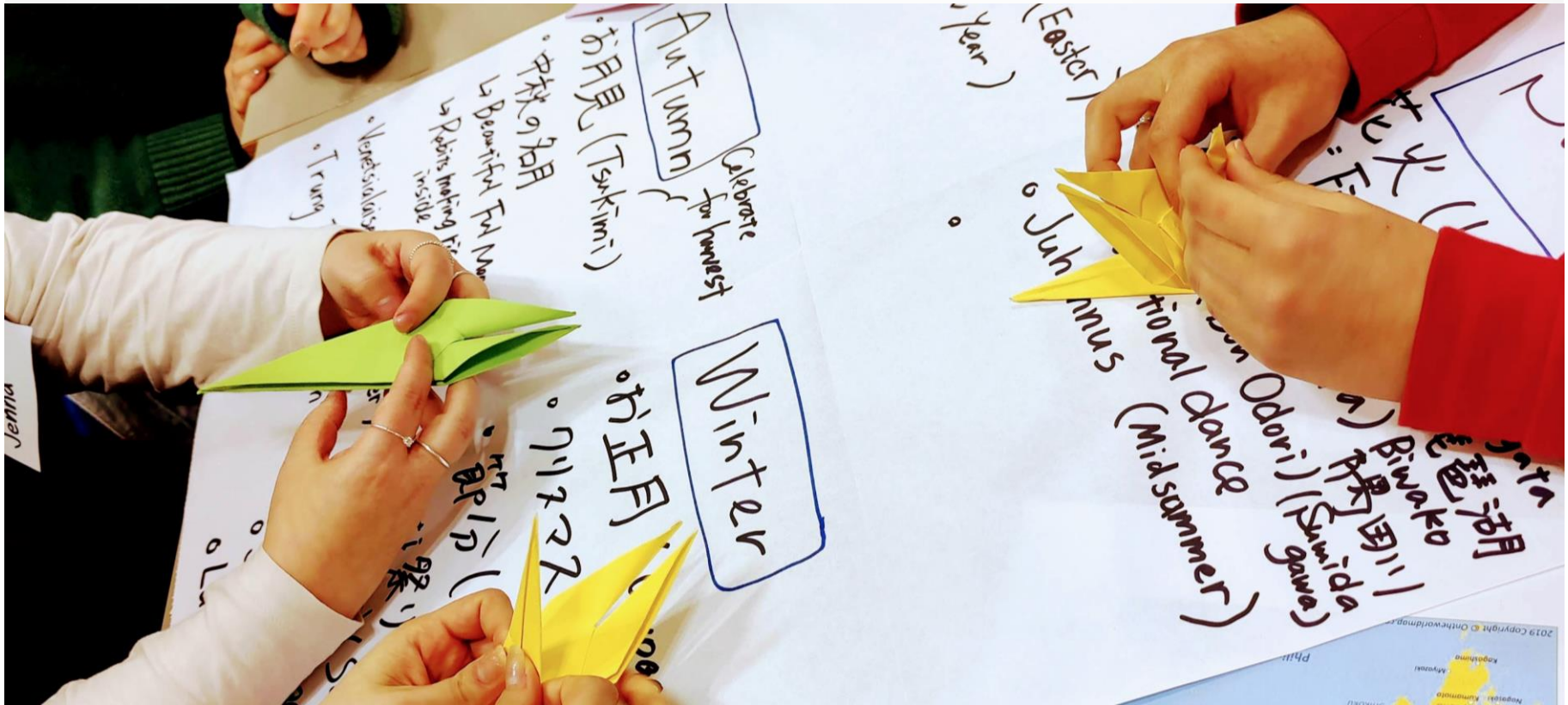


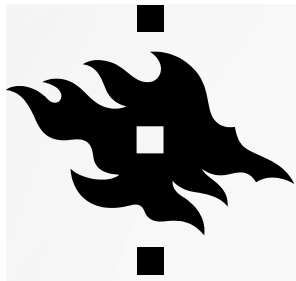
# ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

- [HelsinkiUni help](#)
  - Students can find HelsinkiUni Help in the top bar of the Studies Service or via a direct link at [uni-help.helsinki.fi](https://uni-help.helsinki.fi)
  - Student Advice service point in the Kaisa Library main lobby
  - Advice in Zoom
- [Language Centre teacher tutors](#)
- **Moodle:** [Welcome to the Language Centre, new students!](#)
- Studies Service > Instructions  
> Language and communication studies



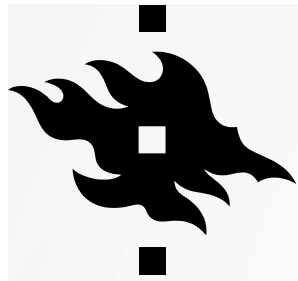
# BRINGING STUDENTS TOGETHER





# ALICE COURSES

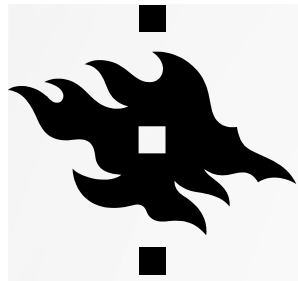
- **Academic Language and Intercultural Exchange**
- Two language learners who speak different first languages have the opportunity to learn each other's language in an interactive way.
- Participants gain insight into each other's cultures including its customs and receive information about the practicalities of everyday life.
- [ALICE courses](#) run in Italian, French, German and Spanish.



# COURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAMME

**Course assistants are students who help fellow students in language learning in Language Centre's and in some Faculty of Art's language courses. Most course assistants are first language speakers, but it's not a must!**

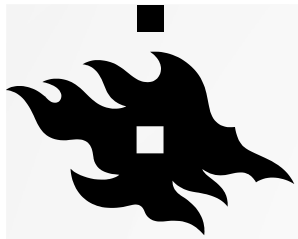
- Integrates international students into our University community.
- Gives students the opportunity to meet fellow students and language teachers.
- Makes internationalization together possible.
- Brings new aspects and possibilities to language learning and teaching.



## FOR WHOM?

Students at the University of Helsinki (international and local, both degree and exchange) who are first language speakers or confident users of one of the following languages...

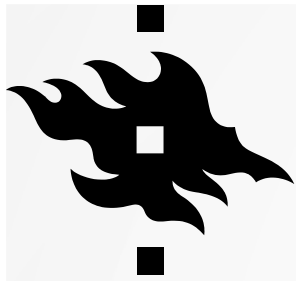
**Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Swedish or Russian.**



## ■ WHAT DO COURSE ASSISTANTS DO?

- Work with teachers in different language courses
- Organize informal language learning events
- Collaborate with High school language teaching
- Host pronunciation clinics
- Mentor different projects
- Give presentations about one's home country, culture, studies etc.

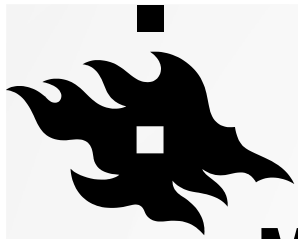




# WHY BECOME A COURSE ASSISTANT?

**Fun and different way to earn credits  
and meet new people!**

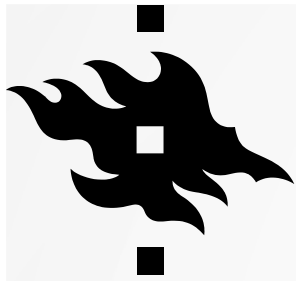
- 1 - 5 ECTS credit(s) and a Certificate of Completion
- Get to know your first language in a different way
- Meet fellow students and make friends
- Practice presentation, group work and cooperation skills
- Go "behind the scenes" in language teaching



# MULTILINGUAL WORKSHOP AND FINNISH LANGUAGE CLUB

- Bring students together
- Provide the participants with an opportunity to improve their language skills and learn more about cultures and intercultural communication
- Are organised with students for students





# Welcome to find out more about Language Centre COURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAMME

Info session next week  
Thursday 3 September at 16.15 - 17.45 at the  
Language Centre Festive Hall, room 310, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**[Register with this form to the info session](#)**



# MORE INFORMATION

- Visit Studies Service page:  
[Language Centre Course Assistant Programme for local and international students](#)
- Ask Specialist Nina Sulonen  
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**Enjoy your time and studying in Helsinki!**