



Master's Programme in Finnish Language

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Admission to the Master's Programme only entitles you to earn a Master of Arts degree. You must therefore first earn your Bachelor's degree/lower university degree in order to be eligible for admission.

University studies in languages provide much more than just words and expressions, grammar and correct usage. Indeed, language studies comprehend every conceivable aspect of linguistic systems and expressions as well as the relationship between the language itself and literature, culture, history, traditions and attitudes. You will learn how to take a scientific approach to language, learning new things about the language and its function, variation and evolution.

At Åbo Akademi University, Finnish is studied in an informal atmosphere, where small student groups allow for a personal, interactive learning experience.

The Master's Programme in Finnish Language will provide you with a wide range of skills and knowledge, and you will study theories, key concepts and methods in linguistics. You will also learn about the scope and boundaries of the disciplines. In addition to this, graduates will possess specialized expertise within their own discipline. University studies teach you how to think independently and critically, which is not only necessary in research, but also in other academic careers.

During your studies, you will also have the opportunity to build the following skills

- organisation and adaptation
- critical thinking
- leadership and the ability to function independently and in groups
- oral and written communication in multiple languages

You can apply these skills in your future career to, for example, solve problems and contribute creative solutions in learning new things and communicating with others. You will also learn how to lead groups as well as work independently within your field in demanding expert assignments or as an entrepreneur.

Linguists in the workplace

Studies in the Finnish language offer a wide range of interesting employment opportunities. Many graduates work as subject teachers, while others find careers in journalism, PR, translation, interpreting and language management and consultation. You can even choose to become a researcher in the subject or serve in a variety of capacities in the business sector. Expertise in the Finnish language and culture is needed at every level and in every corner of the workplace!