Language Centre

Information

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Personnel and teaching in Vaasa

- 3 full time teachers (Swedish, Finnish, English)
- 1 part time teacher (Swedish, English)
- 2-4 employed by the hour (Finnish, language counselling, language response)
- 1 secretary
- 1 responsible for the department (also teaching French, Swedish and sometimes Finnish elementary courses)

- The Language Centre in Åbo has 20-25 teachers.
Language Centre

- Ms Kristina Granstedt-Ketola
- Normally in room B 205
- kgranste@abo.fi
- Phone: 06 324 7118 (+35863247118)

- Due to COVID-19, I mainly work from home.
- Mail me if you have questions about language studies. We can book an appointment in Zoom.
Language Centre counselling

• I give advice about...
  - Swedish language courses,
  - French courses,
  - language regulations,
  - language assessment,
  - possibilities to study languages at other universities in Vasa (cooperation within the group Linguavaasa).
Central function of the Language Centre

Provides the following courses:

• Swedish academic writing & communication (mother tongue Swedish)
• **Swedish as foreign language**
• Finnish and Swedish as second national language (level B2-C1)
• **other foreign languages (mainly English)** as required in the degree programs of the university.
• **Language response of degree theses and language proficiency tests**
Compulsory language courses

- **T-Leam-students** (Master programme) a compulsory course: **Swedish as a Foreign Language Level 1**.

- **PEACE-students** (Master programme) *from abroad*
  - **do not have** compulsory language studies in their exam.
  - PEACE-students are welcome to join the Swedish course!
Compulsory language courses

- **Finnish PEACE students** who have their BA from Finland do not have any compulsory language courses if they have fulfilled the requirements:
  - Second National Language (Finnish or Swedish)
  - One Foreign Language level B2-C1 according to CEFR
  - Communication Skills (Finnish or Swedish)
  - Maturity test in Swedish or Finnish
Compulsory language courses

• Finnish PEACE-students who have their BA from abroad need to show their knowledge of their mother tongue (maturity test) and the Second National Language (Finnish or Swedish).

• (according to F 794/2004)
Language Response

• You write your degree thesis in English.

• Not only the contents but also the language will be assessed according to requirements at Åbo Akademi.
Language Response

• The pilot project for obligatory language response currently involves all master's theses at Åbo akademi.

• If you are studying in an international master's programme in English, a Swedish summary is not required.

• Submit your thesis for language response well in advance, before you finish writing!

• You will have more information about the Language Response, when you write your thesis.
Language consultation

• In order to get feedback about your language while writing your thesis, you can contact the Language Center (max. 3 times per student).

• More information:

Language Response

• Please observe, that it is your own responsibility to check the spelling, grammar and the proof-reading.

• The Language Centre just give feedback on your language.

• If you need proof-reading etc you have to pay for it yourself.
Academic Writing Course

If you would like a course in Academic Writing, please contact

Ms Iris Lindahl-Rafttila in Åbo to ask if there is a possibility to join her classes online.

Iris.lindahl-rafttila@abo.fi

For the moment we cannot offer Academic Writing Courses in English at Åbo Akademi in Vasa.
Language courses

• **Swedish as a Foreign Language level 1, 5 ECTS**

• starts 9.9 at 14:15, room C 214 (5 ECTS)

Please, register for the course in Peppi. Enrolled students will have a Zoom-link if you prefer not to come to campus.

Compulsory course for T-Learn. Optional for PEACE-students and exchange students.
Optional language courses

- **French level 1, 5 ECTS**
- Target level A1 according to CEFR.
- Starts 8.9 at 8.15

- **Please register in Peppi!**
- Enrolled students will have a Zoom-link and the course will be mainly online.
- We will meet online twice a week.
Optional language courses

- English Preparation Course, arranged online in Åbo.
- If you feel that your level in English is not B2..

- Please contact sarah.mattila@abo.fi for further information.
Optional language courses

- There might be a possibility to participate in the courses English for Social Sciences, English for Special Education, English for Early Childhood Education.
- Target level B2-C1

**Enroll in Peppi:**
- Accepted students will get a Zoomlink, as the teaching is online at least during period 1.
Optional Language Courses

• **Spanish 1 and 2** will start in Åbo week 36 (31.8-). The courses will be online.

• The teacher, Marjaana Laaksonen especially wants to welcome students to the level **Spanish 2**, start level A 1, target level A2.

Contact: [marjaana.laaksonen@abo.fi](mailto:marjaana.laaksonen@abo.fi)

Enroll in Peppi!
Optional language courses

Introduction to the National Languages

• Starts in January 2021

• Please contact kgranste@abo.fi if you are interested – and register in Peppi.
Language studies outside Åbo Akademi

• JOO-application:

You can apply for courses at Hanken, the University of Vaasa, VAMK (Vaasa U A) and Novia U A
Language studies outside Åbo Akademi

At the University of Vaasa you can study:

- Autumn 2020
  - KESP5001 Elementary course in Spanish 1 (3 ECTS) - contact teaching
  - KVEN5051 Elementary course in Russian 1 (2 ECTS) - online
  - KKII5001 Elementary course in Chinese 1 (3 ECTS) - online

- Spring 2021
  - KESP5052 Elementary course in Spanish 2 (2 ECTS)
  - KVEN5052 Elementary course in Russian 2 (2 ECTS)
  - KKII5052 Elementary course in Chinese 2 (2 ECTS)
Language studies outside ÅA

• Information and registration:

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• Questions about language studies?

Mail kgranste@abo.fi
Start something epic. Thank you for your attention!