

# 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](mailto: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-Learn-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)  
<https://www.finlex.fi/sv/laki/alkup/2004/20040794>



# 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:
- <https://abofi.sharepoint.com/sites/intra-en-languages-and-communication/SitePages/Text-consultation,-language-checking-of-theses.aspx>

# 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-Raittila in Åbo to ask if there is a possibility to join her classes online.

[Iris.lindahl-raittila@abo.fi](mailto:Iris.lindahl-raittila@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)

*Compulsory course for T-Learn.*

*Optional for PEACE-students and exchange students.*

**Please, register** for the course in Peppi.

**Enrolled students** will have a **Zoom-link** if you prefer not to come to campus.

# Optional language courses

- French level 1, 5 ECTS
- Target level A 1 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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- 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)
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# Language studies outside ÅA

- Information and registration:
- <https://www.univaasa.fi/en/education/linguavaasa>

# Language Centre

- Questions about language studies?

Mail [kgranste@abo.fi](mailto:kgranste@abo.fi)

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Thank  
you for  
your  
attention!