

# Language Centre Information

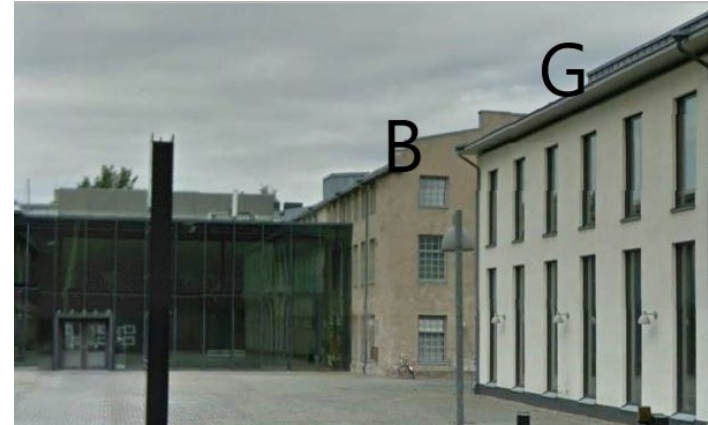
## September 2021

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# Location i Åbo/Turku

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# Guidance and counselling

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, guidance and counselling is mainly provided remotely

# The Language Centre in a nutshell

- Department of the Centre for Lifelong Learning
- Operates in Åbo and Vasa
- Swedish academic writing & Communication
- Swedish and Finnish as a Foreign Language
- Other foreign languages
- Language response of degree theses
- Language proficiency tests

# Staff in Åbo and Vasa

- 15 full time teachers
- 5-10 freelancers (Finnish, Swedish, English, Latin, language counselling, language response)
- Administrative director, study advisor, planning officer for educational affairs
- With the unit in Vasa the LC has about 20 full time teachers and 10-15 freelancers

# Swedish as a foreign language, level 1, 5 ECTS

*Learning objectives* (level A1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

- Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to do the following:
  - understand the main content of simple texts that contain familiar words and phrases
  - understand information regarding familiar everyday situations when spoken slowly
  - write a simple text about themselves and their life
  - express themselves adhering to basic rules and answer questions about topics that have been dealt with during the course
- **Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg**
- **Languages of instruction: Swedish and English**
- **1 group (909970.0-3017 and 909970.0-3018): both starting 6 September**
- **For more detailed information see: <https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909970.0/2256>**

# Swedish as a foreign language, level 2, 5 ECTS

*Learning objectives* (level A1-A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

- Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to do the following:
  - understand the main content of texts that deal with familiar topics
  - understand information in stories and discussions about familiar themes in clear Swedish that is not spoken too quickly
  - write about their life and their local environment
  - participate in conversations about familiar subjects
- **Teacher: Gabriella Nordlund**
- **Languages of instruction: Swedish and English**
- **1 group (909960.0-3011), starting 21 September**
- **For more detailed information see: <https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909960.0/2255>**

# Swedish as a foreign language, level 3, 5 ECTS

*Learning objectives* (level A2-B1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

- Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to do the following:
  - understand descriptions of events, simple factual texts and newspaper articles, etc.
  - comprehend the main points of discussions and media stories that deal with familiar topics
  - summarize a text in writing as well as produce a text about a familiar topic
  - tell an audience about a familiar topic and participate in a conversation if the subject is familiar
- **Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg**
- **Languages of instruction: Swedish**
- **1 group (909980.0-3004), starting 7 September ONLINE**
- **For more detailed information see: <https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909980.0/2257>**



# Swedish

Please contact the teacher

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for testing if you have previous knowledge of Swedish

# Finnish as a foreign language, Level 1, 5 ETCS

*Learning objectives* (level A1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

- Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to do the following:
  - understand the main content of simple texts that contain familiar words and phrases
  - understand information regarding familiar everyday situations when spoken slowly
  - write a simple text about themselves and their life
  - express themselves adhering to basic rules and answer questions about topics that have been dealt with during the course
- **Teacher: Niina Tammi**
- **Language of instruction: English, Finnish**
- **1 group (CS00BQ87-3010): starting 6 September**
- For more detailed information see <https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/CS00BQ87/10057>

# Spring 2021

- Swedish level 1, 2 and 4
- Finnish level 1 and 2

# Check your CEFR level here:

[Self-assessment grid - Table 2 \(CEFR 3.3\) : Common Reference levels \(coe.int\)](#)

Council of Europe:

*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

# Please note

- *Each course normally:*
- 14 weeks, 5 credits
- Student workload: 56 h in class, 74 h of self-study
- Max. 23 places
- Mid-term and final examination
- Make up exams
- Final examination passed => 5 credits
- Grading system - Scale: 5-1 and f (fail)
- No certificat of attendance

# Other languages offered:

- English
- French
- German
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish

***Good knowledge of Swedish is required!***

# E-tandem

Would you like to practice your language skills (e.g. Swedish/Finnish) with a native speaker, who would also like to improve his/her skills in your mother tongue?

The Language Centre arranges an eTandem course during the autumn term, where we try to form tandem pairs for students interested in learning each other's native languages. During the course, the participants will get tasks to communicate around with their pairs. To participate, you need to have language skills on a **CEFR A2** level in the language that you want to learn more of.

Are you interested?

Apply by filling out the form: <https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/13684/lomake.html> no later than 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Questions? Email [malin.johansson@abo.fi](mailto:malin.johansson@abo.fi)

## Course assistantship for international exchange students

- 1, 2 or 3 credits for assistantship
- 1 ECTS = about 25 hours of assistant work (one lesson = 45 minutes)
- You can enrol for assistantship in English, French, German, Russian, Spanish
- Contact your course teacher for more information



# Welcome to the Language Centre!



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