

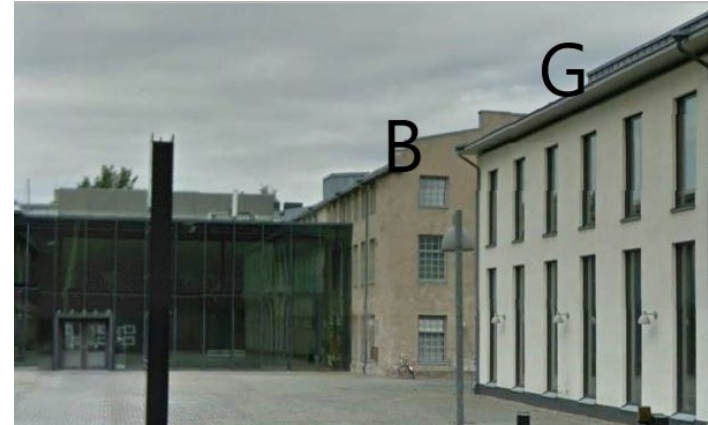
Language Centre Information

Åbo

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Location in Åbo/Turku

- Fabriksgatan 2, Arken
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Guidance and counselling

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The Language Centre in a nutshell

- Operates in Åbo and Vasa
- Swedish and Finnish as a Foreign Language
- English academic writing skills
- The course Developing Thesis Writing Skills
- Text consultation
- Language response of degree theses
- Other foreign languages
- Language proficiency tests
- Language regulations
- Department of the Centre for Lifelong Learning

Master's students

Academic Writing Skills in English for Master's students

- *Learning outcomes*
At the end of the course the learners are expected to be able to:
 - evaluate and analyse a wide range of authentic academic texts
 - locate, evaluate and make use of a wide range of authentic academic skills literature on the web and from other sources
 - compose a well-structured and well-written academic text related to their field
 - effectively present and explain aspects of their own work both in oral and written form
 - respond orally and in written form to authentic academic texts according to the conventions of academic discourse
 - better cope with the demands of research in an international environment.
- ***Please check with the study advisor of your Master's programme if you need to take the course!***
- Compulsary language response on your Master's thesis

Master's students with a Finnish Bachelor's degree

- If you have a Finnish Bachelor's degree and fulfilled requirements for the second national language
- One foreign language (level B2-C1)
- Communication skills
- Maturity test in Swedish or Finnish

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Academic Writing Skills in English for Master's students!***

Master's students with a Bachelor's degree from abroad

Master's students with a Bachelor's degree from abroad need to show their knowledge of their first national language and the second national language (Finnish or Swedish) according to F 794/2004

Language proficiency

A student shall demonstrate attainment of the following standards in the studies included in the programme for a Bachelor's or Master's degree, or in some other manner:

- 1) the proficiency in Finnish and Swedish language that is required of central government staff in bilingual public organisations under subsection 1 of section 6 of the Act on the Knowledge of Languages Required of Personnel in Public Bodies (424/2003) and that is necessary for their own field; and*
- 2) proficiency in at least one foreign language that enables students to monitor progress in their own field and operate in an international setting.*

The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a student whose school education was conducted in a language other than Finnish or Swedish, or to a student whose school education took place abroad. The universities shall determine the language proficiency of such students. Universities may either wholly or partly exempt a student from the language proficiency requirements laid down in subsection 1 where there are special reasons for doing so.

Developing Thesis Writing Skills

- *Learning objectives:*
At the end of the course, students should:
 - be able to set personal goals for their own writing and work consciously to reach them
 - have a better perception of their own language skills
 - be able to give and receive feedback on language and style in academic writing
 - know how to independently find answers to questions about language issues
 - understand how the academic writing process is structured

Teaching: 13.9-27.10.2022

Format: Hybrid teaching

Registration of interest by filling in the form: <https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/14566/lomake.html>

by September 4, 2022

Teachers: Malin Johansson, Christel Björkstrand

Text consultation

Individual academic text consultation

- If you need advice concerning your text before submitting it for compulsory language response, individual academic text consultation in English is available to degree students.
- Make an appointment for language response when your text is sufficiently completed so that the teacher will be able to properly review and comment on the language. Contact one of the teachers listed below and be prepared to submit 5–7 pages at least five days before the appointment.

Teachers:

Ream Barclay

Iris Lindahl-Raittila

Text Lab

- The Text Lab offers “drop-in” language consultation.
- You are welcome to drop in if you are producing a text in **English or Swedish** and want help with the language or style.
- It can be a thesis paper, but also, for example, an essay you are writing for a course or an oral presentation you are preparing.
- *More information:*
- <https://abofi.sharepoint.com/sites/intra-en-languages-and-communication/SitePages/Language-consultation.aspx>

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, Jane Wingren**
- **Languages of instruction: Swedish and English**
- **3 groups : September–December 2022**
- **Registration by September 1 (at 23.59)**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/language-and-communication/13550?period=2022-2024>

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
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- **Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg**
 - **Language of instruction: Swedish and English**
 - **1 group: September 5–December 14, 2022**
 - **Registration by September 1 (at 23.59)**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/language-and-communication/13550?period=2022-2024>

Swedish as a foreign language, Level 3, 5 ECTS

Learning objectives Level A2-B1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Language

- Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:
 - 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
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- **Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg**
 - **Language of instruction: Swedish and English**
 - **1 group: September 9–December 15, 2022**
 - **Registration by September 2 (at 23.59)**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909980.0/2257?period=2022-2024>

Swedish as a foreign language, Level 4, 5 ECTS

Learning objectives (level B1-B2 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:
 - find information in longer texts, e.g. newspaper articles and factual texts, especially in their own field of study
 - answer questions based on longer talks, lectures, TV shows, radio programs, etc. delivered in standard language if the topic relates to their own field of study or current events
 - write texts and summaries of articles about current events or subjects that are study related or of professional interest
 - present a relevant topic within their own field of study and participate in discussions about general topics or of global political interest
- **Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg**
- **Language of instruction: Swedish and English**
- **1 group: January 10–April 27, 2023**
- **Registration by January 5, 2023**
- **For more detailed information see:**
- **<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909990.0/2835?period=2022-2024>**

Swedish

If you have previous knowledge of Swedish and need to be tested,
please contact the teacher:

Charlotta.Sandberg@abo.fi

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: Carina Kristola-Backlund, Roni Hermo**
- **Language of instruction: English, Finnish**
- **2 groups: one online, one on campus, September 5 – December 14, 2022**
- **Registration by September 1 (at 23.59) for the online version, September 2 for the campus version**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909990.0/2835?period=2022-2024>

Finnish as a foreign language, Level 2, 5 ETCS

Learning objectives (level A1-A2 according to the Common European Framework of References for Language)

- 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 Finnish that is not spoken too quickly
 - write about their life and their local environment
 - participate in conversations about familiar subjects
- **Teacher: Zara Wessberg**
- **Language of instruction: English, Finnish**
- **1 group: January 9 – April 26, 2023**
- **Registration by January 5, 2023 (at 23.59)**

For more detailed information see :

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/CS00BQ87/10057?period=2022-2024>

Finnish for working Life, Level B1, 5 ETCS

- Target level: B1 according to the European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- ***Learning objectives:***
- Upon completion of the course, students are expected to have acquired a knowledge of Finnish that makes them competitive in the Finnish labour market and attractive for expert assignments in working life
- ***Prerequisites:***
- A2 according to the European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- **Teachers: Zara Wessberg, Laura Vahtera**
- **Language of instruction: English, Finnish**
- **1 group: September 5 – December 15, 2022**
- **Registration by September 4, 2023 (at 23.59)**
- **Sign up for the course by completing the following online form:**
- **<https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/14593/lomake.html>**

For more detailed information see :

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/CS00BQ87/10057?period=2022-2024>

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

Finnish

- Please contact the teachers if you have any questions concerning the courses:
 - Finnish 1: Carina.Kristola-Backlund@abo.fi (on campus)
 - Finnish 1: Roni.Hermo@abo.fi, (online course)
 - Finnish 2: Zara.Wessberg@abo.fi
 - Finnish for Working Life: Zara.Wessberg@abo.fi, Laura.Vahtera@abo.fi

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
- Re-take exams
- Final examination passed => 5 credits
- Grading system - Scale: 5-1 and f (fail)
- No certificate of attendance

Other languages offered:

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

Good knowledge of Swedish is required!

Course aims:

To give the student the opportunity to

become familiar with the target language and the culture where it is spoken

improve his or her Communication skills in the target language

teach the tandem partner his or her own language and culture

promote the contact between students with another mother tongue

prepare for Exchange studies abroad

help students from abroad to adjust to life i Finland

Autumn 2022:

Teacher/Charlotte Stormbom

Enroll by filling in the form at: <https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/12001/lomake.html>

The enrolment period is August 1 – September 14, 2022.

Kickoff:

Fri 23.09.2022 12:30-16:00 ARK-B206, Arken Lorelei (B206)

Spring 2023:

Sarah Mattila

Enroll by filling in the form at: <https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/14629/lomake.html>

The enrolment period is December 1, 2022 – 23 January, 2023.

First meeting/kickoff Monday 30 Jan 2023, 12-13

Course assistantship for international students

- You can enrol for assistantship in English, French, Russian, Spanish
- Contact the course teacher for more information
- **Contact information:**
- <https://abofi.sharepoint.com/sites/intra-en-languages-and-communication/SitePages/Contact-information.aspx>

Welcome to the Language Centre!