

Language Centre Information to Exchange students

30 August 2023

The Language Centre in a nutshell

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

Staff in Åbo and Vasa

Language Centre staff consists of approximately 20 full-time lecturers across an array of foreign languages and language counselling, an additional 10-15 occasional instructors, and central administration.

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: English and Swedish**
- **3 groups : September–December 2023**
- **Registration by 1 September (at 12.00/noon)**

- **2 groups: January – April 2024**
- **Registration by 10 January, 2024 (at 12.00/noon)**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909970.0/2256?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
- **Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg**
- **Language of instruction: English and Swedish**
- **2 groups:**
 - September – December, 2023, registration by 1 September (at 12.00/noon)**
 - January – April, 2024, registration by 10 January 2024 (at 12.00/noon)**
- **For more detailed information see :**
- **<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/909960.0/2255?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 – December, 2023**
 - **Registration by 1 September (at 12.00/noon)**

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 – May, 2024**
- **Registration by 10 January, 2024 (at 12.00/noon)**
- **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: Veikko Latvakangas**
- **Language of instruction: English, Finnish**
- **2 groups: September – December, 2023**
- **Registration by 1 September (at 12.00/noon)**

- **1 group: January – May, 2024**
- **Registration by: 10 January, 2024 (at 12.00/noon)**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/CS00BQ87/10057?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: 15 January – 29 April, 2024**
- **Registration by 10 January, 2024 (at 12.00/noon)**

For more detailed information see:

<https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/CS00BT57/12225?period=2022-2024>

Finnish as a foreign language, level 3, 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**
- **Language of instruction: English, Finnish**
- **1 group: 6 September – 13 December, 2023**
- **Registration by 1 September, 2023**

For more detailed information see:

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

Finnish as a foreign language, level 4

Course to be offered in spring 2024

More information will be published in the study guide during the autumn term 2023.

Finnish

- Please contact the teachers if you have any questions concerning the courses:
 - Finnish 1: Veikko.Latvakangas@abo.fi
 - Finnish 2: Zara.Wessberg@abo.fi
 - Finnish 3: Zara.Wessberg@abo.fi

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
- 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
- Swedish-Finnish sign language

Good knowledge of Swedish is required!

etandem, level A2

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 in Finland

Autumn 2023:

Teacher: Marjaana Laaksonen

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

The enrolment period is August 1 – September 15, 2023.

First meeting/kickoff: Monday 21 September 16:00-17:30, Arken G 105

Course assistantship for international exchange students

- Contact the course teacher for more information:
- **Contact information:**
- <https://www.abo.fi/en/language-centre/contact-information/>

Guidance and counselling

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Jaana Huttunen

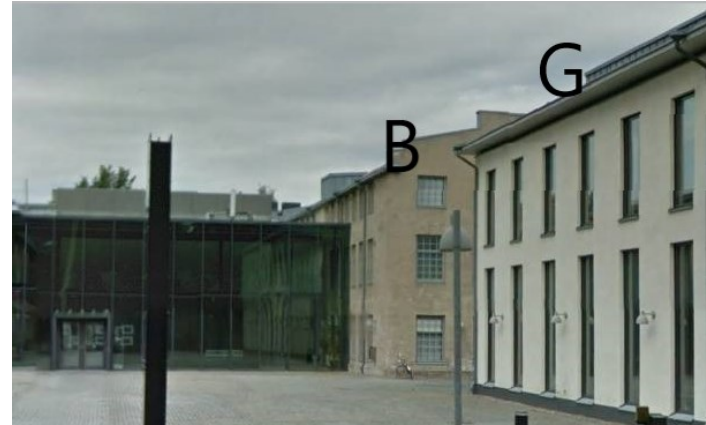
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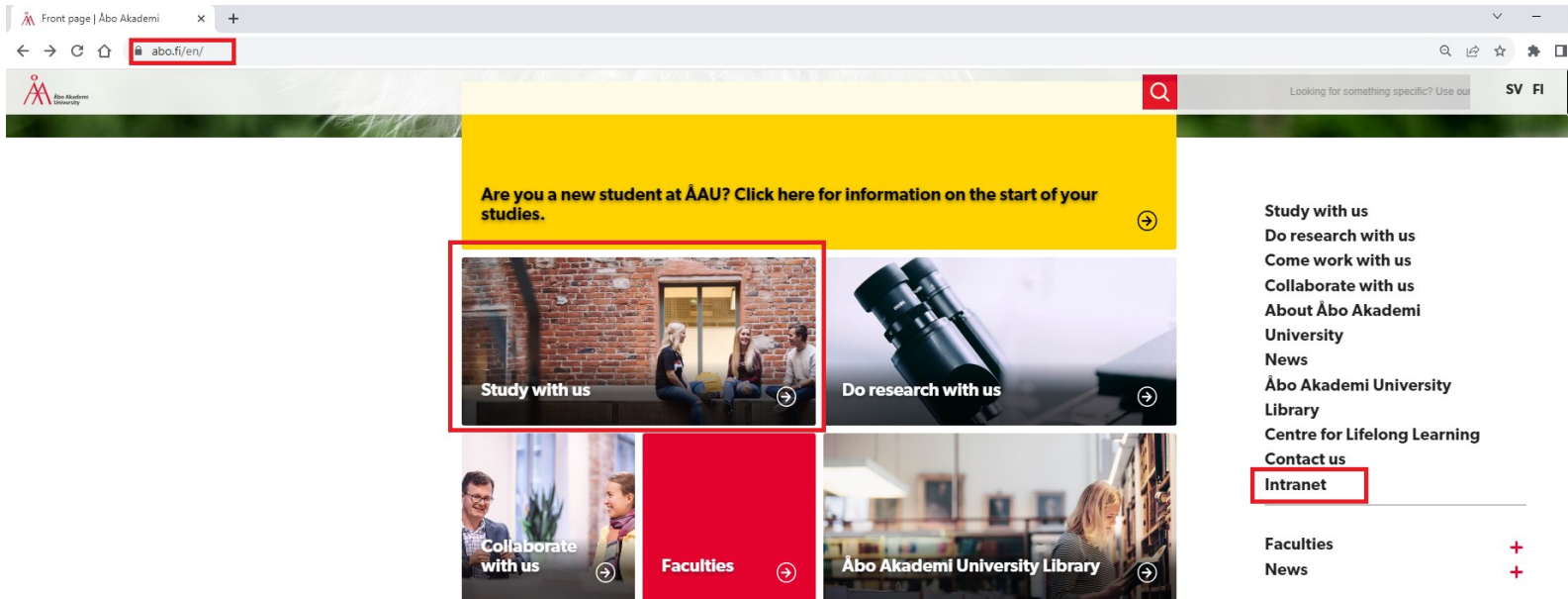
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Location in Åbo/Turku

- Fabriksgatan 2, Arken
- Building B, 2nd and 3rd floors
- Building G, 1st and 2nd floors

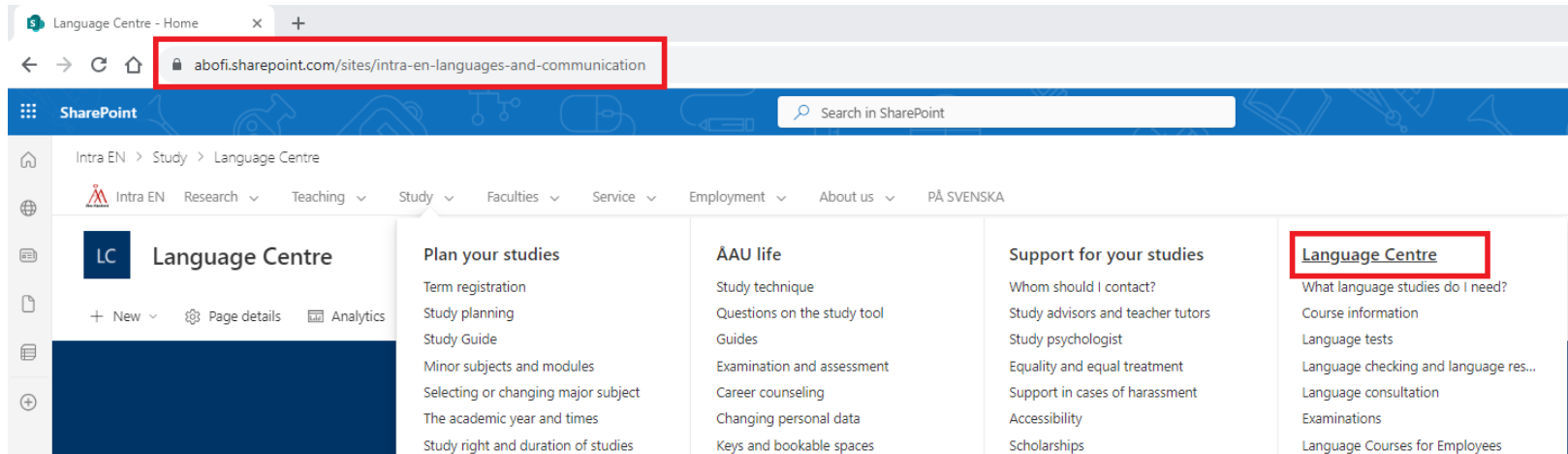


Website abo.fi/en



The screenshot shows the front page of the Åbo Akademi University website in English. The browser address bar shows abo.fi/en/. The main navigation menu on the right includes: Study with us, Do research with us, Come work with us, Collaborate with us, About Åbo Akademi University, News, Åbo Akademi University Library, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Contact us, and Intranet. The Intranet link is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation menu, there are several content tiles: 'Study with us' (highlighted with a red box), 'Do research with us', 'Collaborate with us', 'Faculties', and 'Åbo Akademi University Library'. A yellow banner at the top of the main content area reads: 'Are you a new student at ÅAU? Click here for information on the start of your studies.' with a right-pointing arrow.

Intranet



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `abofi.sharepoint.com/sites/intra-en-languages-and-communication` highlighted in red. The page is the SharePoint Intranet for the Language Centre. The breadcrumb trail is `Intra EN > Study > Language Centre`. The navigation menu includes `Intra EN`, `Research`, `Teaching`, `Study`, `Faculties`, `Service`, `Employment`, `About us`, and `PÅ SVENSKA`. The main content area features a 'Language Centre' header with a search bar and a list of links. The 'Language Centre' link in the list is highlighted with a red box. The list of links includes:

- Plan your studies
 - Term registration
 - Study planning
 - Study Guide
 - Minor subjects and modules
 - Selecting or changing major subject
 - The academic year and times
 - Study right and duration of studies
- ÅAU life
 - Study technique
 - Questions on the study tool
 - Guides
 - Examination and assessment
 - Career counseling
 - Changing personal data
 - Keys and bookable spaces
- Support for your studies
 - Whom should I contact?
 - Study advisors and teacher tutors
 - Study psychologist
 - Equality and equal treatment
 - Support in cases of harassment
 - Accessibility
 - Scholarships
- Language Centre
 - What language studies do I need?
 - Course information
 - Language tests
 - Language checking and language res...
 - Language consultation
 - Examinations
 - Language Courses for Employees



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Welcome to the Language Centre!