

Master's and Exchange students: Language and communication studies at Åbo Akademi University

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The Language Centre in a nutshell

 Operates in **Åbo** and **Vasa**

 Offers courses in languages and communication, such as:

- **Academic Writing in English** (3 ECTS)
- **Swedish and Finnish as a Foreign Language**
- Other languages courses (*taught in Swedish*)

 Compulsory **language response** for Master's thesis

 Support services:

- Individual **text consultations**

The following information only applies to

MASTER'S STUDENTS

Academic Writing Skills in English for Master's students (3 ECTS)

- Builds awareness of **academic writing conventions**.
- Develops skills in **clear and correct academic English**.

 Compulsory for Master's students of Economics.

 Recommended if you plan to write your Master's thesis in English

Note! Check with your study advisor to confirm if you need the course!

Language response for Master's Thesis

- 📌 **Compulsory** for all Master's students writing their thesis
- **Helps you** identify strengths and challenges in your text
- Teacher feedback **supports you** in producing a well-written thesis

Note! Submit your text for language response **well before finishing your thesis!**

Text consultation

- Need feedback **before** the compulsory language response?
- Book an **individual text consultation in English**
- Get **personal advice** on language and structure
- Submit **5–7 pages** at least **five days before** your appointment

👉 More info on the [intranet](#).

National Master's students

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

...You'll need to show (according to Finnish Law):

- ✓ **Excellent** skills in your **secondary education language** (Swedish or Finnish)
- ✓ **At least satisfactory** skills in the **other national language** (Swedish or Finnish)

 Questions? → languageservices@abo.fi

The following information applies to

MASTER'S AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Language courses: Swedish

We offer Swedish as a foreign language, levels 1-4.

Note! If you have previous knowledge of Swedish and need to be tested, please contact the teacher: Charlotta.Sandberg@abo.fi

Swedish as a foreign language, level 1 (5 ECTS)

- Level A1 (CEFR)
- The course gives the students a basic knowledge of the Swedish language.
- Students are familiarized with the Swedish language and learn something about everyday life in both Finland and Sweden.
- Participants learn the basics of grammar (nouns, conjugations of adjectives, verb tenses, pronouns, numerals, and word order).

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg, Jane Wingren

Languages of instruction: Swedish and English

3 groups in the autumn, 2 in the spring

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Swedish as a foreign language, level 2 (5 ECTS)

- Level A1-A2 (CEFR)
- The students will obtain a functional everyday working vocabulary.
- Grammar points are extended to include past tense, perfect tense, comparative adjectives, and subordinate clauses.

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg

Languages of instruction: Swedish and English

1 group in the autumn, 1 in the spring

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Swedish as a foreign language, Level 3 (5 ECTS)

- Level A2-B1 (CEFR)
- The students learn to write syntactically more demanding texts and are also offered the opportunity to practice their oral skills in the form of discussions on current topics. An oral presentation is included. Students are also expected to be able to use authentic material in Swedish, such as newspaper articles.
- Grammatical structures that are introduced are, among other, semantic verb exercises, perfect participle, vara- and bli-passives and verbs in the s-form. All teaching is carried out in Swedish.

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg

Languages of instruction: Swedish

1 group in the autumn

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Swedish as a foreign language, level 4 (5 ECTS)

- Level B1-B2 (CEFR)
- In this level we learn vocabulary that covers the majors of the students in the group. We also read newspaper articles etc.
- The basic grammatical structures will have been covered in the previous courses, but word formation, prepositions of time as well as phrasal verbs will be topicalised.

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg

Languages of instruction: Swedish

1 group in the spring

Language courses: Finnish

We offer Finnish as a foreign language, levels 1-2.

Finnish as a foreign language, level 1 (5 ECTS)

- Level A1 (CEFR)
- The course gives the students a basic knowledge of the Finnish language and everyday life in Finland.
- Participants learn the basics of grammar (nouns, conjugations of adjectives, verb present tenses, pronouns and numerals).

Teacher: Nina Shpakouskaya

Languages of instruction: Finnish and English

1 group in the autumn, 1 in the spring

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Finnish as a foreign language, level 2 (5 ECTS)

- Level A1-A2 (CEFR)
- Participants learn to understand Finnish in various everyday situations, and they will be able to take part in short informal discussions. They will obtain a functional everyday vocabulary.
- Grammar points are extended to include, for instance, partitive plural, the object, neccessive clauses and infinitives.

Languages of instruction: Finnish and English
1 group in the spring

Important!

- Start your language studies early – plan them together with your other studies.
- Register for the correct course version in **Peppi**.
- Be present at the **first session**.
- Always check the [Study Guide](#) for the latest updates.

💡 Questions? Contact us at languageservices@abo.fi or reach out to our teachers!



Welcome to ÅAU!