



Can learning Finnish help me to find a job?

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Learning Finnish helps you to find a job & progress

- Lack of language proficiency is the most important factor limiting the employment and social integration of international workforce in Finland (based on several studies).
- Language proficiency affects career progress.
- Language proficiency is appreciated even in workplaces where the working language is English.

Learning Finnish supports social integration

- International experts feel that language is the most important factor hindering social integration ([E2 Research, 2023](#)).
- Individuals who have learned the language well consider it a significant factor in their social integration.

Learning Finnish is possible

- It takes effort to learn a new language as an adult
- Finnish is maybe different from the languages that you already know

BUT:

- Even elementary language proficiency is useful
- A language can be used in everyday situations from the very beginning
- Learning a new language can be interesting and fun
- UH provides support for language learning

Learning Finnish can be fun

- Learning a new language opens new ways to see the world.
- When learning a language, you learn lots about the culture and society.
- Learning a language in the country where it is spoken can be very rewarding.
- Joining a language course can give you friends for life.



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When to start?

- It is a good idea to begin language studies even if you are not sure whether you will be staying in Finland.
 - If you decide to stay, your language studies will already be underway.
 - Even if you don't stay, you will get more out of your time in Finland

Finnish courses at UH

Choose the course according to your needs:

Finnish for International students

- Teaching twice a week
- Study points
- Many tasks in addition to the lessons
- Faster progress
- <https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/article/finnish-international-students>

Finnish for staff members

Teaching once a week + small group meetings

Study points?

Moderate amount of homework

Finnish for busy people

<https://flamma.helsinki.fi/fi/group/kirjasto-ja-kielipalvelut/henkiloston-kielikoulutus#menu2>

Other language activities at UH

- Pizza Fridays
- Language walks
- On-call Finnish teacher

Finnish teachers at UH are for you!

- Let us know what you need; share your ideas!
- Ask for help!
- suomenkurssit@helsinki.fi (courses for UH students)
- suomenkurssit-staff@helsinki.fi (courses for UH staff)

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- <https://www.kielibuusti.fi/en>

Kiitos!

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