

# ELEMENTARY FINNISH FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS 2011 – 2012

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**Name:** Finnish as a second language / Suomi toisena kielenä (S20)  
(elementary courses in Finnish prepare for S2-courses and working life)

**Time and duration:** 1.9.2011 – 31.5.2012  
S20 is a series of 5 courses, each comprising 28 lessons.

**Organizer:** Kaarinan aikuislukio (Kaarina Upper Secondary School for Adults)

**Course description and timetable:**

The courses are elementary, starting from the introduction to Finnish. Teaching is given mainly in English at the beginning. The courses provide all-round education in the Finnish language, focusing on both written and spoken language at the elementary level. The first period starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Course S201: 1.9. – 10.10. Monday to Thursday from 18:00 to 18:50  
Course S202: 11.10. – 23.11. Monday to Thursday from 18:00 to 18:50  
Course S203: 24.11. – 6.3. on Mondays and Wednesdays from 18:00 to 18:50  
Course S204: 7.3. – 17.4. Monday to Thursday from 18:00 to 18:50  
Course S205: 18.4. – 31.5. Monday to Thursday from 18:00 to 18:50

Further information about the timetable can be found in our "kurssitarjotin" (course schedule). The contents of the courses are described in "kurssiselosteet" (course descriptions).

**Target group:** Immigrants, remigrants, and other foreign language speakers, young or adult, who intend to take S2- courses in upper secondary school or need Finnish in working life.

**Requirements:**

- No previous studies in Finnish expected, but some elementary oral skills will be an advantage
- Basic skills in spoken English
- Ability to use the Finnish writing system (the Latin alphabet).

**Educational goals:**

- a) enable the students to continue their studies in Finnish at upper secondary level (S2-courses)
- b) give the students elementary language skills for working life,
- c) strengthen the students' multicultural identity, and
- d) form a basis for functional bilingualism.

**Enrolment:** Contact the school office by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Office hours Monday to Thursday from 2pm to 6pm, except from June 8<sup>th</sup> till August 11<sup>th</sup> between 1pm and 4 pm. The office is closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> June till 28<sup>th</sup> July, due to summer vacation.

**Costs:** Education is free for those who are not secondary school graduates, ie those who have not yet taken the Finnish matriculation examination, unless they study full-time somewhere else.

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