

# FINNISH FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS 2011 – 2012

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**Name:** Finnish as a second language / Suomi toisena kielenä (S2)

The objective of these courses is to provide students with language skills needed in working life, in upper secondary school and university studies. **S2** is a series of seven courses, each comprising 28 lessons.

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

**Teaching:** Teaching is given once or twice a week (two to five lessons per week), mainly in Finnish. The courses are part of the upper secondary school curriculum, they are graded using a scale from 4 (poor) to 10 (excellent). It is also possible to take the matriculation exam in Finnish as a second language.

**Course description and timetable:** The courses provide all-round education in the Finnish language, focusing on both written and spoken language at the upper secondary school level. The first period starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Course **S21** 1.9. – 10.10. Mon 16.30 – 17.50, Wed 19.00 – 20.50

Course **S22** 11.10 – 23.11. Tue 19.00 – 20.50, Thu 16.30 – 17.50

Course **S23** 24.11 – 18.1. Tue 19.00 – 20.50, Thu 16.30 – 17.50

Course **S24** 19.1. – 6.3. Tue 16.30 – 17.50, Thu 19.00 – 20.50

Course **S25** 7.3 – 17.4. Mon 16.30 – 17.50, Wed 19.00 – 20.50

Course **S26** 18.4. – 31.5. Tue 19.00 – 20.50, Thu 16.30 – 17.50

Course **S28** 1.9 – 10.10. Tue 16.30 – 17.50 and

24.11. – 18.1. Thu 19.00 – 20.50

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 study in upper secondary school and at university level or who need Finnish in working life.

**Requirements:**

**If you study only Finnish as a second language:** Your skills in Finnish should correspond to those of a Finnish comprehensive school leaver.

**If you intend to complete the whole upper secondary school studies:** In addition to the Finnish skills mentioned above, you should have equivalent knowledge of mathematics and of one foreign language taught in Kaarinan aikuislukio.

**Educational goals:**

- a) provide the students with sufficient language skills to study in a Finnish upper secondary school and to take the Finnish matriculation examination,
- b) enable the students to continue their studies in Finnish, eg in universities,
- c) give the students adequate language skills to manage in working life,
- d) strengthen the students' multicultural identity, and
- e) 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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