

# Study Finnish in Central Finland

What do OsaajaKS educational institutions offer immigrants in Finnish language and culture?



## Jamk University of Applied Sciences

### Jyväskylän ammattikorkeakoulu

In Jamk Open Studies, you can study Finnish at various levels and with different goals. Jamk also organizes preparatory education for higher education studies in Finnish.

**This is for you if:** You are willing to improve your Finnish, or an immigrant whose goal is to apply for studies at a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

**Language proficiency level:** Depends on a course. Beginner courses are taught in English.

**Time & place:** 1–2 times a week online or in person. Preparatory education is full-time studies.

**Price:** Free or 10–15 € / credit.

[jamk.fi/avoin](https://jamk.fi/avoin)

Jamk's preparatory education for higher education studies in Finnish:

[jamk.fi/mava](https://jamk.fi/mava)

## Before you get started

- If you are a customer of Employment Services, talk to your personal coach or official about applying for studies.
- Check from your personal coach or official in the Employment Services if you can participate in the integration training for immigrants.

## Find your level

- Beginner (A0-A2)
- Intermediate (B1-B2)
- Advanced (C1-C2)

You can tell by the colours which level of education the institution offers.



## Summer University of Jyväskylä

### Jyväskylän kesäyliopisto

Summer University of Jyväskylä offers intensive courses in Finnish language and culture, preparation courses for the YKI test, and various online courses for improving your general language skills. For immigrants, there is also integration training and social and language education.

**This is for you if:** You are an adult interested in Finnish language and culture or preparing for the YKI test. Immigrant training is for clients of the TE office and integration services of Central Finland's municipalities.

**Language proficiency level:** Depends on a course. Intensive courses have no requirements.

**Time & place:** 1–2 times a week online (online courses and YKI test preparation) or full-time in person (intensive courses and immigrant training).

**Price:** Online courses and YKI test preparation 60–170 €, intensive courses 350–695 €, immigrant training is free.

[kesayo.jyu.fi/fi/koulutukset/suomen-kieli](https://kesayo.jyu.fi/fi/koulutukset/suomen-kieli)



## Gradia

In Gradia, you can learn about a profession or find a profession that suits you while practicing Finnish language. Gradia provides various labour market training where you aim for a specific profession and learn the vocabulary of the field. In the degree preparatory education (TUVA) you can find out about different professions and high school studies. You can practice Finnish language also in Gradia's basic education and high school education for adults.

**This is for you if:** You are interested in studying a profession, completing primary school or high school, or studying Finnish at any level.

**Language proficiency level:** A2.2 in TUVA, 0–A2.2 in basic education, 0–B2.2 in high school education, varies in labour market training.

**Time & place:** Full-time or 1–2 times a week in the evenings.

**Price:** Free of charge or an annual fee of 95 € (studying individual subjects in adult high school).

[gradia.fi/oppimaan/maahanmuuttajille](https://gradia.fi/oppimaan/maahanmuuttajille)

## The Settlement of Jyväskylä

### Jyväskylän Setlementti

Jyväskylä provides opportunities to learn Finnish language and culture, strengthen your everyday management skills, and expand your social network. Finnish language is taught in small groups. In Kotokolo courses you study Finnish functionally, in KotoSuomi you learn working life skills on the side of Finnish language, and in Suomi tutuksi you practice work-related language and working life skills.

**This is for you if:** Kotokolo is for clients of Kuntakokeilu or immigrants on their integration period. KotoSuomi and Suomi tutuksi are for immigrants who have exceeded their integration period. KotoSuomi supports those whose Finnish and/or working life skills are not yet sufficient for employment or vocational training.

**Language proficiency level:** No requirements in Kotokolo, A1.2 in KotoSuomi, and functional basic language skills in Suomi tutuksi.

**Time & place:** Four days a week in contact education.

**Price:** Free of charge.

[jyvala.fi/maahanmuuttaneille](http://jyvala.fi/maahanmuuttaneille)

## Jyväskylän Adult Education Centre

### Jyväskylän kansalaisopisto

Jyväskylän Adult Education Centre provides various courses in Finnish language with different levels and formats.

**Language proficiency level:** 0–B2.

**Time & place:** Online or in person, 1–4 times a week.

**Price:** 0–43 € plus a possible course book.

[uusi.opistopalvelut.fi/jyvaskyla/en](http://uusi.opistopalvelut.fi/jyvaskyla/en)

## Humak University of Applied Sciences

### Humanistinen Ammattikorkeakoulu

At Humak you can study Finnish language focusing on the fields of NGO and youth work, social issues and social work. You will expand your vocabulary and comprehensively develop your written and spoken Finnish. The course is self-paced, so you can study at any time and place you like, but there is still interaction with other students through written and spoken assignments.

**This is for you if:** You know Finnish well and are interested in NGO and youth work, social issues and social work.

**Language proficiency level:** B1–B2, target level C1–C2.

**Time & place:** Independent online studies.

**Price:** 75 €

[kauppa.humak.fi/tuote-osasto/avoin-amk/kieliopinnot/](http://kauppa.humak.fi/tuote-osasto/avoin-amk/kieliopinnot/)

## Alkio College

### Alkio-opisto

Alkio College offers both integration training for immigrants and language training for those who have exceeded their integration period. You will study Finnish language and communication in a group of international students. You can also study other courses offered by the college.

**This is for you if:** You are a motivated immigrant whose goal is to study or work in Finland. You have completed secondary education or university studies in your home country or Finland. Integration training requires an integration plan.

**Language proficiency level:** min A2.2

**Time & place:** 4–8h/day at the college in Korpilahti.

**Price:** Free of charge. You also get a free daily lunch and a travel card or the opportunity to live in the college dormitory.

[alkio.fi/reitit/maahanmuuttajille](http://alkio.fi/reitit/maahanmuuttajille)

## University of Jyväskylä

### Jyväskylän yliopisto

Movi, the Centre for Multilingual Academic Communication at JYU provides various courses in the Finnish language from basics to academic Finnish for students, staff members and their spouses, and for people outside the university community.

**This is for you if:** Courses are primarily intended for JYU students, staff and staff spouses. The more advanced academic Finnish courses are also open for others based on prerequisites and availability. Please note, that at university level the ability to study independently in an academic setting is required.

**Language proficiency level:** 0–C1

**Time & place:** Movi courses include contact education and independent assignments.

**Price:** Free of charge (JYU students, staff and staff spouses), for others course fees apply.

[movi.jyu.fi/en/courses/languages/finnish](http://movi.jyu.fi/en/courses/languages/finnish)

JYU.INTEGRA for immigrants who have completed or are qualified for higher education and aim to finish their interrupted degree studies or complement a prior degree in compliance with Finnish qualification requirements: [movi.jyu.fi/fi/kehittamistyo/integra](http://movi.jyu.fi/fi/kehittamistyo/integra)

## Other organizations

In addition to OsaajaKS educational institutions, Finnish language education is offered by many other institutions, commercial operators and NGOs. There are also various integration training and labour market training opportunities.

[jyvaskyla.fi/tyollisyyspalvelut/maahanmuuttaneet/hyodyllista-tietoa/opiskele-suomen-kielta](http://jyvaskyla.fi/tyollisyyspalvelut/maahanmuuttaneet/hyodyllista-tietoa/opiskele-suomen-kielta)