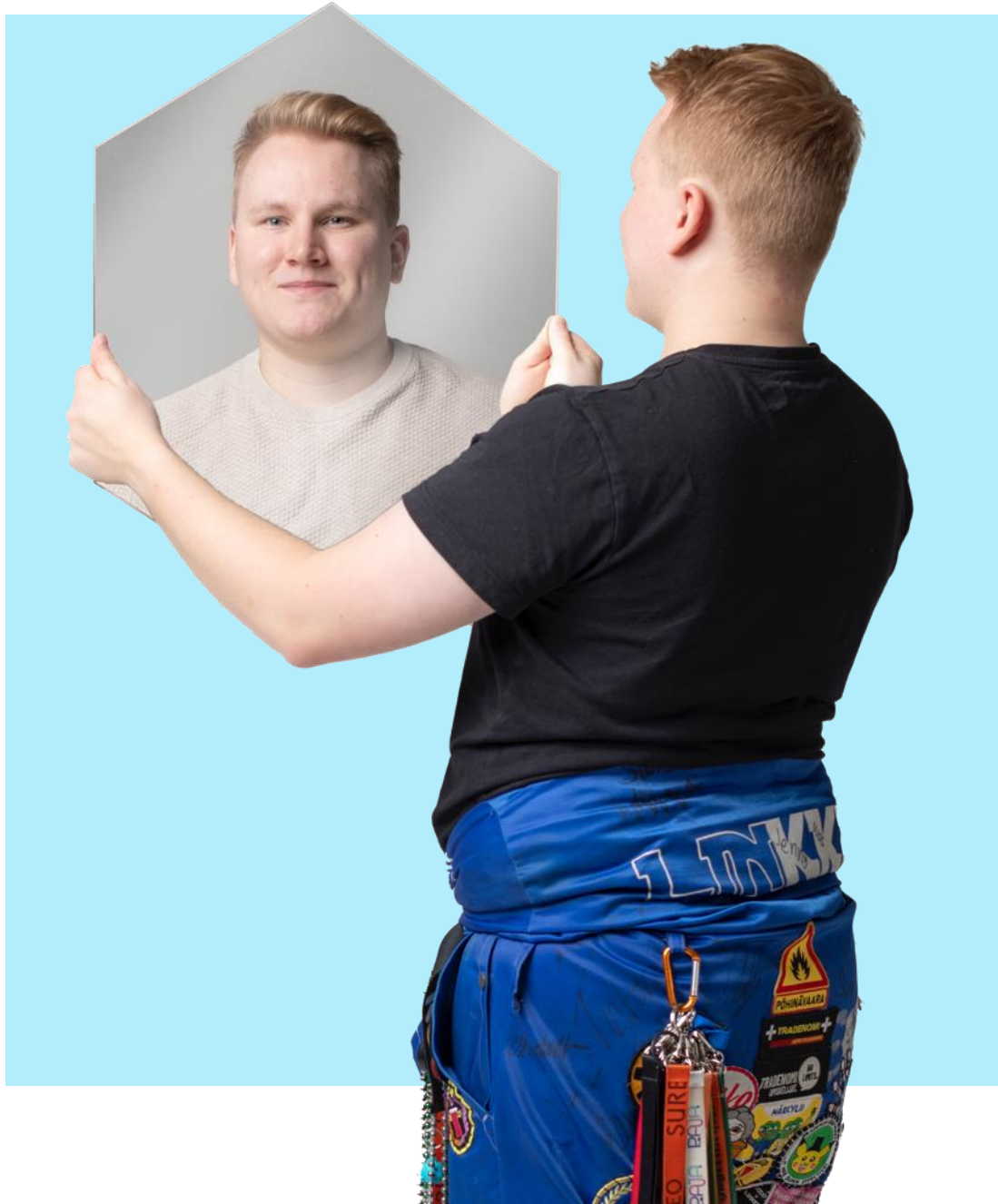


Language and Communication Studies in Bachelor's Programmes at LAB University of Applied Sciences

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What is the *Language Centre*?

- We are experts in teaching professional language and communication skills essential for study and work.
- We design and teach language and communication courses for Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology (LUT) and LAB University of Applied Sciences.
- We are here to help you improve your language and communication skills.

Broaden your horizons and enhance your creative thinking.

Learn more about languages, communication and cultures.



You can study nine languages with us.

Language courses can count towards your complementary competence credits (i.e. electives) for the degree.

We teach:

- Chinese
- English
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish

Why study languages and communication?

- **Good language and communication skills are in high demand** in business – now more than ever with the rise of generative AI.
- Japanese, French, German, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian are all highly valued in business.
 - If you plan to stay in Finland, **learning Finnish** is essential.
- Knowing more than one or two languages is an asset that can help **you get ahead at work.**
- Learning more languages helps **develop your cognitive abilities.**
- Studying languages can help you **make new friends.**
- And more...

Compulsory language and communication studies

All students:

- English for Professional/Academic Communication
- Intercultural Awareness



Finnish students:

- Asiantuntijan viestintätaidot
- Swedish language

International students:

- Finnish language

Note: Compulsory language and communication courses may vary depending on the degree programme.
Please see your degree programme's curriculum for the most up-to-date information.

Your steps to learn Finnish

Level A1 to A2

- Finnish 1 / Self-study Finnish 1*
- Finnish 2 / Self-study Finnish 2*
- Finnish 3
- Finnish 4
- Elementary Conversation in Finnish

* Online course, independent study

Level A2

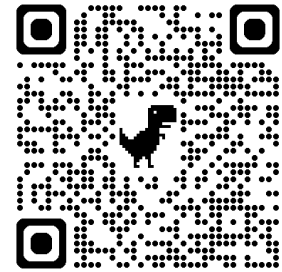
- Finnish 5
- Finnish 6
- Pre-intermediate Conversation in Finnish

Level B1

- Finnish 7
- Intermediate Self-study in Finnish
- Academic Writing in Finnish

More information here:

- [eLAB](#)



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Recognition of Prior Learning

Two options

Credit Transfer

= You have prior university-level studies

Criteria:

- Only university-level credits accepted (*university/university of applied sciences*).
- Course content and objectives must be comparable to those at LAB.
- Official documents (e.g. a transcript of records) and a description of course content are required.
- Transfer credits cannot be more than **10 years** old.

Demonstration of Language Skills

= You have professional experience

Criteria:

- You must have experience in using the language (English/Swedish) in a professional capacity (i.e. at work).
- No preparatory study package offered. Skills must be demonstrated based on your prior experience.
- If your demonstration results in a *failing* grade, you must take the course later.
- For more information, contact the teacher responsible for the specific course.

Exemption from Compulsory Language Studies

- **No exemption** from **English language** courses, but personal study plans may be discussed in certain cases.
 - Contact the teacher responsible for the specific course.
- **Finnish students** may be exempt from compulsory **Swedish** courses by the Director of the Language Centre:
 - No prior studies in the language.
 - A severe reading and writing disability.
- In case of exemption, you are required to take other (language) studies.



Further Information

1. Language and communication teachers

2. Language Centre managers:

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3. Language Centre on eLAB:

- [Language Studies for LUT and LAB Students](#)

Welcome to language and intercultural communication studies!

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