



## **Course Syllabus**

### **IS3001 – Finnish Language, History and Culture**

### **Summer 2009**

#### ***Instructor Information***

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**Course details:**

**May 4-8,** 1.30 – 3.15 pm. EERC B11

**May 18 – June 4,** 12.30 – 2.15 pm. Tampere University of Technology

#### ***Course material:***

Provided by the instructor

#### ***Course description, language:***

Students learn the basics of Finnish language, pronunciation and speaking in simple sentences. Grammar and vocabulary are also part of the course. There will be weekly vocabulary tests and quizzes.

#### ***Course description, history and culture:***

Students will get an understanding of Finland as a modern nation. The topics will include major historical periods of Finland, culture and mentality, education and politics.

#### ***Course objectives:***

- Develop an interest in Finland and Finnish language.
- Pronounce Finnish correctly.
- Not to be afraid of speaking in Finnish in simple sentences.
- Gain some knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.
- Identify major historical periods of Finland's history.

- Generally describe the political and educational system of Finland.
- Perform quizzes to keep the student and instructor updated about learning progress.

***Course expectations and other details:***

- Students are required to attend all classes. Missed classes cannot be compensated for. However, if you miss a class, you are responsible for finding out what you missed and what is for homework.
- Students are expected to be enthusiastic, take notes, read the day’s assignment, do the homework, study for quizzes, be active in class, take responsibility in learning and seek help when needed.
- Academic integrity will be expected from all students.
- No chattering, eating, being late for class. Exits and entrances during the class are very disruptive.

***Grading:***

Grading is based on attendance and participation, quizzes and vocabulary tests as follows:

- Quizzes 40%
- Vocabulary tests 40%
- Attendance and participation 20%

Grade breakdown below will be used in all grading:

<b><i>Letter Grade</i></b>	<b><i>Percentage</i></b>	<b><i>Grade points/credit</i></b>	<b><i>Rating</i></b>
<b>A</b>	93% & above	4.00	Excellent
<b>AB</b>	89% – 93%	3.50	Very good
<b>B</b>	85% – 89%	3.00	Good
<b>BC</b>	80% – 84%	2.50	Above average
<b>C</b>	75% – 80%	2.00	Average
<b>CD</b>	70% – 75%	1.50	Below average
<b>D</b>	64% - 70%	1.00	Inferior
<b>F</b>	63% and below	0.00	Failure
<b>I</b>	Incomplete; given only when a student is unable to complete a		

	segment of the course because of circumstances beyond the student's control. A grade of incomplete may be given only when approved in writing by the department chair or school dean.
<b>X</b>	Conditional, with no grade points per credit; given only when the student is at fault in failing to complete a minor segment of a course, but in the judgment of the instructor does not need to repeat the course. It must be made up within the next semester in residence or the grade becomes a failure (F). A (X) grade is computed into the grade point average as a (F) grade.

## ***Course Policies***

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Any absence from the class must be discussed in advance and absence without permission will affect negatively to the participation portion of the grade. The teams are expected to solve potential conflicts internally and are advised to approach the instructor for conflict resolution only when internal efforts haven't been effective.

## ***Collaboration/Plagiarism Rules***

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Collaboration on individual and group assignments is recommended. Cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, PDAs, or any other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom. Please make sure to bring a calculator with you to class. Calculators on other devices are strictly prohibited. Information exchanges on these devices during class are also prohibited and violate the Academic Integrity Code of Michigan Tech.

## ***University Policies***

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Academic regulations and procedures are governed by University policy. Academic dishonesty cases will be handled in accordance the University's policies. If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class or that requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please see me as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements. The Affirmative Action Office has asked that you be made aware of the following:

*Michigan Tech complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for equal access to education or services at Michigan Tech, please call the Dean of Students Office, at 487-2212. For other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department head or the Affirmative Action Office, at 487-3310*

### **Academic**

**Integrity:**[http://www.studentaffairs.mtu.edu/dean/judicial/policies/academic\\_integrity.html](http://www.studentaffairs.mtu.edu/dean/judicial/policies/academic_integrity.html)

### **Affirmative Action:**

<http://www.admin.mtu.edu/aao/>

### **Disability**

**Services:**[http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/studenthandbook/student\\_services.html#disability](http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/studenthandbook/student_services.html#disability)

### **Equal Opportunity Statement:**

<http://www.admin.mtu.edu/admin/boc/policy/ch3/ch3p7.htm>

### ***Course Schedule (tentative):***

(examples of topics; topics may change during the course):

Week 1, Houghton: greetings, telling about yourself, numbers, weekdays, verb to be, customs and manners, Finland under Swedish realm, Finland under Russian rule, The Kalevala.

Week 2, Tampere: I have structure, verb types, transportation, Time of independence.

Week 3, Tampere: more verbs, hobbies, into –form, education and politics.

Week 4, Tampere: weather, more verbs, forming questions, discussion about Finnish culture in general.