

MLE0010 Estonian Language and Culture

Extended syllabus

Course aims/objectives:	The aim of the course is to familiarize foreigners with the basics of the Estonian language (including grammar and pronunciation) and phrases for everyday communication and provide them with an insight into the Estonian culture and traditions in order for the learners to be able to participate in Estonian-based communication more effectively (Level 0>Level A1).
Learning outcomes:	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- can understand and use Estonian politeness formulas and elementary phrases for everyday communication;- can cope with everyday communicative situations (at the university, in a shop or cafe, in the street, etc) at the level of basic comprehension;- can introduce himself/herself and others in Estonian;- can ask and answer questions about familiar everyday situations (including place of living, acquaintances, and other personal themes);- can interact in a simple manner provided that the other person speaks clearly and slowly;- is familiar with the Estonian national symbols, traditions, and historical background.
Brief description of the course (topics):	Estonian as a Finno-Ugric language. The basics of Estonian grammar and pronunciation. Politeness formulas. Elementary phrases for everyday communication (shop, cafe, street, etc) and university-related communication. A short overview of Estonia (general facts, history, culture, and traditions).
Language of the course:	English
ECTS credits:	6 ECTS
Students:	This is an optional course.
Special needs:	Persons with disabilities can participate in this course. Please inform the professor(s) at the beginning of the course of any special instruction, or assessments of this course that may be necessary to enable you to fully participate.
Registration:	Students who would like to take the course should declare the course in the ÕIS (Student Information System) by deadlines set in the academic calendar and participate in the first class.
Prerequisite courses and/or knowledge:	-
Prerequisite resources:	-
Professor(s):	Ulvi Renser, lecturer, ulvi.renser@taltech.ee .
Contacting Professor(s):	Preferred means of contact email, responses provided within 3 workdays.
Schedule for classes:	According to the timetable.
Study process description:	Contact classes, week 1-16.

Course's e-support:	Course materials can be accessed via the e-learning environment Moodle under the course title Course: MLE0010 Estonian Language and Culture (2023/2024 Autumn; Ulvi Renser) Students can self-enroll in the course after declaring the course on ÕIS using the password provided by the lecturer. If you have no Moodle account yet, please create one by filling in the registration form at https://moodle.hitsa.ee/login/signup.php?lang=en
Study literature:	Marju Ilves, Leelo Kingisepp. Tule ja õpi! Eesti keele tööraamat. A1-tase, 2023. Marju Ilves, Leelo Kingisepp. Tule ja õpi! Eesti keele sõnavihik. A1-tase, 2023.
Continuous assessment:	Oral and written home and class assignments.
Evaluation criteria for continuous assessment:	Pass or fail assessment: all oral and written assignments have been submitted on time with a positive result.
Exam:	Pass/fail assessment.
Evaluation criteria for the exam:	http://ois.ttu.ee/aaine/MLE0010
Academic integrity:	As a student at Tallinn University of Technology, you have an obligation to conduct your academic work with honesty and integrity according to University standards. It is expected that all work you submit will be your own, and that you have actually done the work you are submitting. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Should you be found to be guilty of such activities, it will be followed with a grade "0" for the assignment/exam and a notice will be filed to the School's Committee for Handling Violations of Academic Practice and Contemptible Behaviour. Depending on the Committee's proposal, it may lead to Dean issuing a letter of reprimand or in case of repeated or very severe misconduct, exmatriculation from the University.

Detailed schedule and topics

The semester plan is preliminary and might be changed in case of cancellations, changes in available reading material, etc.

Week 1 - Introduction to the course. Course requirements. Estonian alphabet. Estonian language and other languages. Phrases of politeness. You and polite you.

Week 2 – Getting acquainted. Introducing oneself. The verb *be*, a possessive pronoun *minu*. Numbers 0-10.

Week 3 – Languages, countries, nations, knowledge of languages. Present verb forms.

Week 4 – Long and short vowels and consonants. Possessive pronouns. Estonia and Estonians. Estonian history.

Week 5 – How are you? Where are you? Estonian case system. Estonian political system and symbols.

Week 6 – Colours and patterns. Numbers 11-20.

Week 7 – What time is it? Days of the week and months. Holidays in Estonia.

Week 8 – In a shop. In a canteen. Seasons and weather.

Week 9 – My family. Adjectives. Estonian culture and music. Estonian song festivals.

Week 10 – How old are you? Professions. Estonian nature. Estonians and wood.

Week 11 – Food and drinks. Estonian food.

Week 12 – My day. I am going to work.

Week 13 – University. Studies.

Week 14 – Estonia and Tallinn.

Week 15 – Revision. Written final test.

Week 16 – Final test (oral part): talk about yourself, Estonia and your country