

Language Centre

Information to Exchange students

Åbo, August 2024

The Language Centre in a nutshell

- Operates in Åbo and Vasa
- Courses in languages and communication, for example:
 - Swedish and Finnish as a Foreign Language (max. 24 students/group)
 - Developing Thesis Writing Skills, 5 ECTS
 - Academic writing skills in English, 3 ECTS
 - Other foreign languages (taught in Swedish)
- Language response of degree theses
- Text consultation
- Language proficiency tests

Language courses: Swedish

We offer Swedish as a foreign language, levels 1-4.

Note! If you have previous knowledge of Swedish and need to be tested, please contact the teacher: Charlotta.Sandberg@abo.fi

Swedish as a foreign language, level 1, 5 ECTS

- Level A1 (CEFR)
- The course gives the students a basic knowledge of the Swedish language.
- Students are familiarized with the Swedish language and learn something about everyday life in both Finland and Sweden.
- Participants learn the basics of grammar (nouns, conjugations of adjectives, verb tenses, pronouns, numerals, and word order).

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg, Jane Wingren

Languages of instruction: Swedish and English

3 groups in the autumn, 2 in the spring

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Swedish as a foreign language, level 2, 5 ECTS

- Level A1-A2 (CEFR)
- The students will obtain a functional everyday working vocabulary.
- Grammar points are extended to include past tense, perfect tense, comparative adjectives, and subordinate clauses.

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg

Languages of instruction: Swedish and English

1 group in the autumn, 1 in the spring

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Swedish as a foreign language, Level 3, 5 ECTS

- Level A2-B1 (CEFR)
- The students learn to write syntactically more demanding texts and are also offered the opportunity to practice their oral skills in the form of discussions on current topics. An oral presentation is included. Students are also expected to be able to use authentic material in Swedish, such as newspaper articles.
- Grammatical structures that are introduced are, among other, semantic verb exercises, perfect participle, vara- and bli-passives and verbs in the s-form. All teaching is carried out in Swedish.

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg

Languages of instruction: Swedish

1 group in the autumn

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Swedish as a foreign language, level 4, 5 ECTS

- Level B1-B2 (CEFR)
- In this level we learn vocabulary that covers the majors of the students in the group. We also read newspaper articles etc.
- The basic grammatical structures will have been covered in the previous courses, but word formation, prepositions of time as well as phrasal verbs will be topicalised.

Teacher: Charlotta Sandberg

Languages of instruction: Swedish

1 group in the spring

Language courses: Finnish

We offer Finnish as a foreign language, levels 1-4.

Finnish as a foreign language, level 1, 5 ECTS

- Level A1 (CEFR)
- The course gives the students a basic knowledge of the Finnish language and everyday life in Finland.
- Participants learn the basics of grammar (nouns, conjugations of adjectives, verb present tenses, pronouns and numerals).

Teacher: Nina Shpakouskaya

Languages of instruction: Finnish and English

2 groups in the autumn, 1 in the spring

Registration for autumn courses by 1 September in Peppi.

Finnish as a foreign language, level 2, 5 ECTS

- Level A1-A2 (CEFR)
- Participants learn to understand Finnish in various everyday situations, and they will be able to take part in short informal discussions. They will obtain a functional everyday vocabulary.
- Grammar points are extended to include, for instance, partitive plural, the object, necessive clauses and infinitives.

Teacher: Zara Wessberg

Languages of instruction: Finnish and English

1 group in the spring

Finnish levels 3 and 4

- Finnish as a foreign language, level 3, 5 ECTS
 - Level B1 (CEFR)
 - The course provides students with the skills in oral and written Finnish at the B1 level that are required in Finnish working life. The course also increases students' cultural awareness of Finnish working life and the Finnish labour market. A digital pedagogical game is integrated into the course and constitutes a central element that supports the overall learning.
 - 1 group in the autumn
- Finnish as a foreign language, level 4, 5 ECTS
 - Level B1-B2 (CEFR)
 - The course is designed to help students achieve a proficiency that enables them to interact professionally within their own subject field. All teaching takes place in Finnish.
 - 1 group in the spring

Other languages offered

- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish-Finnish sign language

Good knowledge of Swedish is required!

eTandem for Foreign Languages

Level A2, 5 ECTS

Course aims:

- To give the student the opportunity to become familiar with the target language and the culture where it is spoken
- improve his or her communication skills in the target language
- teach the tandem partner his or her own language and culture
- promote the contact between students with another mother tongue
- prepare for exchange studies abroad
- help students from abroad to adjust to life in Finland

Organised in the spring 2025.

Enroll by filling out the [form](#) (registration by 17 January 2025).



Writing retreat



Take a leap towards finishing your thesis at our writing retreat!

We will spend five days writing in a supportive and motivating environment on campus. Language support will be available at all times, and you will also have the opportunity to discuss your writing individually with an English teacher.

When: December 2024, Spring 2025

Where: on Campus

Who: ÅAU students working on a longer text, such as a thesis. Participation is free of charge.

*If you have any questions, please contact
Loukia.Lindholm@abo.fi*

Language Café - Språkkafé

The popular language cafés for international students continue with new meetings during the autumn semester.

- Eight gatherings with various themes and activities are scheduled from September to December 2024.
- The language cafés offer international students the opportunity to practice spoken Swedish and Finnish in pleasant, relaxed and authentic situations, guided by ÅA students who serve as tutors during the sessions.

For more information about the language cafés, please contact the coordinator, Marit Vest-Sjöholm (marit.vest-sjoholm@abo.fi).

Important!

- Register for the course version you wish to attend via Peppi.
- Be present at the start of the first session, regardless of whether it is a physical or virtual session.
- Updated information about our courses can be found in the [Study Guide](#).

If you have any questions, please contact sprakcentret-abokansli@abo.fi or our teachers.

Not sure which CEFR-level is suitable for you?

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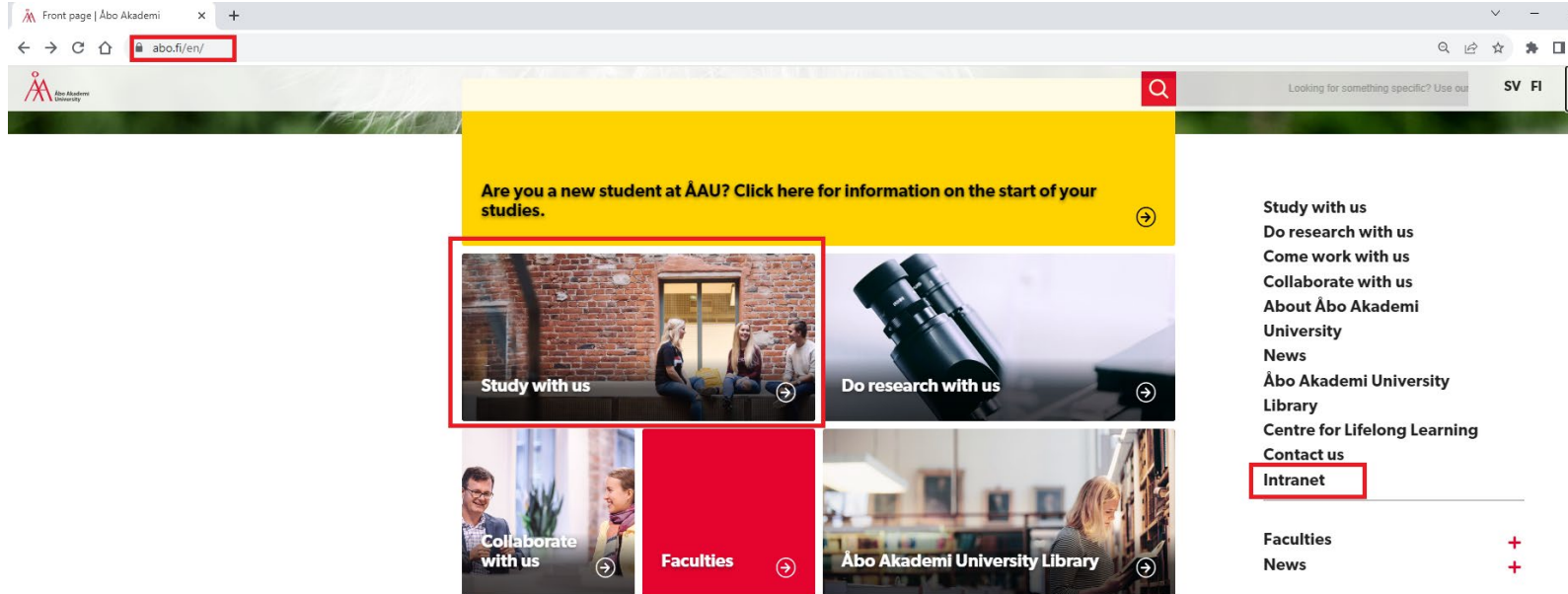


Communication channels

- Study Guide
- Language Centre webpages on the intranet
- Instagram
- News letter

Remember to read your abo.fi e-mail regularly!

Website abo.fi/en



The screenshot shows the website's front page with a navigation menu on the right. The main content area features a yellow banner for new students, followed by a grid of six tiles: 'Study with us', 'Do research with us', 'Collaborate with us', 'Faculties', and 'Åbo Akademi University Library'. The 'Study with us' and 'Intranet' links in the navigation menu are highlighted with red boxes.

Front page | Åbo Akademi

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Looking for something specific? Use our search

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Are you a new student at ÅAU? Click here for information on the start of your studies.

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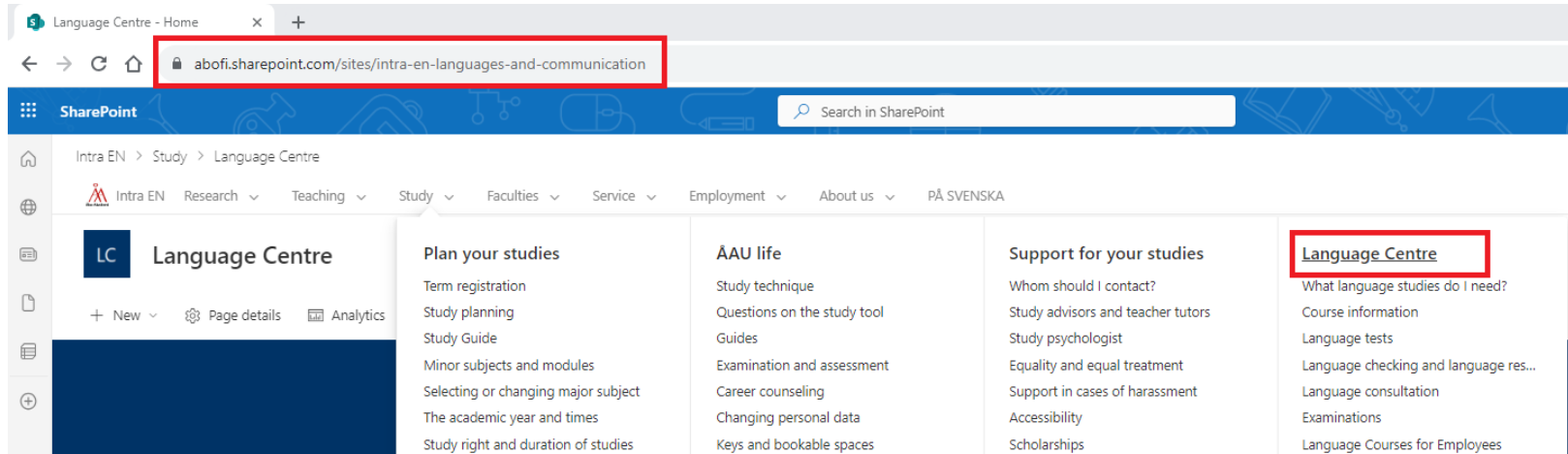
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Intranet



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SharePoint Intranet page for the Language Centre. The browser's address bar shows the URL `abofi.sharepoint.com/sites/intra-en-languages-and-communication`, which is highlighted with a red box. The SharePoint interface includes a blue header with the 'SharePoint' logo and a search bar. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Intra EN > Study > Language Centre'. The main navigation menu includes 'Intra EN', 'Research', 'Teaching', 'Study', 'Faculties', 'Service', 'Employment', 'About us', and 'PÅ SVENSKA'. The 'Language Centre' page is displayed with a dark blue header and a sidebar containing '+ New', 'Page details', and 'Analytics'. The main content area is divided into five columns: 'Plan your studies', 'ÅAU life', 'Support for your studies', and 'Language Centre' (highlighted with a red box). The 'Language Centre' column lists various services such as 'What language studies do I need?', 'Course information', 'Language tests', 'Language checking and language res...', 'Language consultation', 'Examinations', and 'Language Courses for Employees'.

Language Centre - Home

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Language Centre

Plan your studies

- Term registration
- Study planning
- Study Guide
- Minor subjects and modules
- Selecting or changing major subject
- The academic year and times
- Study right and duration of studies

ÅAU life

- Study technique
- Questions on the study tool
- Guides
- Examination and assessment
- Career counseling
- Changing personal data
- Keys and bookable spaces

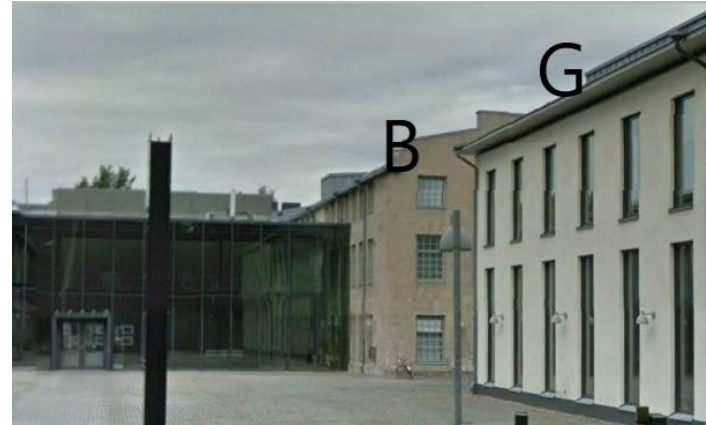
Support for your studies

- Whom should I contact?
- Study advisors and teacher tutors
- Study psychologist
- Equality and equal treatment
- Support in cases of harassment
- Accessibility
- Scholarships

- What language studies do I need?
- Course information
- Language tests
- Language checking and language res...
- Language consultation
- Examinations
- Language Courses for Employees

Location in Åbo/Turku

- Fabriksgatan 2, Arken
- Building B, 2nd and 3rd floors
- Building G, 1st and 2nd floors



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>Welcome to the Language Centre!