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# LANGUAGE CENTRE APPROACH - SMOOTH START TO LANGUAGE STUDIES

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## LANGUAGE CENTRE SUPPORT FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Some language studies are required in all BA/MA degrees: Finnish/Swedish, foreign language(s). All students have different language learning skills and needs. They can think about them beforehand by using an LC language learning reflection tool: Kaleidoscope

All new students receive an info letter from the LC when accepted to the University. It contains information about the language requirements in degrees and the various courses students can take. LC teaching periods, sign-up instructions for the courses, and self-access language learning opportunities are also in the letter. Students can ask the LC staff more about the language studies at Faculty orientation sessions.

LC study advisors offer general guidance and advising on two campuses. Teacher tutors help students with classroom or self-access studies and specific language learning issues, including learning difficulties or anxieties.

The LC pages on the intranet, Flamma, are the best information source about language studies for students. The intranet, along with the electronic information system, WebOodi, forms the LC "study guide".

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## LANGUAGE CENTRE (LC) IN A NUTSHELL

- Courses in 17 languages
- 14,000 students from 11 faculties, 35,000 credits completed annually
- Instruction on all four campuses
- Language studies required in university degrees: Finnish/Swedish, foreign language(s)
- Language requirements vary from 3 to 25 credits
- Self-Access Centre
- 8 Language Units, Pedagogical Support for Teaching and Learning, Administration, Academic Affairs, Language Services