

Introduction to Finnish Society and Culture, 2 ECTS

Course contents:

The course is intended for international students who wish to gain comprehensive understanding of Finnish society and culture. The lectures are held by various experts in the topical themes of the course syllabus e.g. Finnish culture, technology, education, art, business development in Satakunta region and environment. All international students studying at the higher education institutions in Satakunta may attend the course.

Requirements for completing the course:

Active participation in lectures and completing a written assignment/oral presentation based on lectures. Study material will be given separately by each lecturer during the course. Completion parts must belong to the same implementation.

The lectures (24 hours) are held on **Tuesdays at 16.30-18.00 starting on September 8th 2015 in the premises of University Consortium of Pori** (UCPori, Pohjoisranta 11 A). Detailed programme will be published in June.

Learning outcomes of the course:

The students are introduced to the contemporary Finnish society and culture as well as its historical development. After completing the course, students will have basic knowledge of Finland's societal, cultural and economic background from thematically various perspectives. In addition, the students will gain understanding of the cultural and industrial specificities of the Satakunta region. The aim of the course is to help the student make most of their exchange period by an increased understanding of Finnish customs, culture and contemporary issues.

The course will be assessed as pass or fail. Lectures and a written assignment/oral presentation based on lectures/given material will be worth 2 ECTS credits.

Additional information:

The credits follow the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One credit refers to an input of approximately 27 hours of work, which consists of lecture hours, exercises, other forms of instruction and independent work.

The lecture series is organized by Tampere University of Technology Pori Department, in cooperation with University of Turku, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences, and Diaconia University of Applied Sciences Pori Unit. PhD Kimmo Ahonen (Tampere University of Technology Pori Department) is coordinator of the course (kimmo.ahonen@tut.fi).

Please note that the course is originally intended for international exchange and degree students (of the University Consortium of Pori, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences and Diaconia University of Applied Sciences Pori Unit) who wish to gain deeper insight to the society and culture of contemporary Finland.