



HANKEN



# Language Studies at Hanken

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# *Language studies at Hanken*



- » Hanken is well known for the high quality of its language education
  - » The high quality of the language education gives good results – but the students also need to work for it
  
- » Emphasis on business communication
  - » The language studies at Hanken aim at preparing the students for a business career in an international context



# *Language studies within the MSc degree at Hanken*



- » Hanken has a requirement of a minimum of 6 credits of language studies within the MSc degree
- » You are free to choose which language you wish to study and at what level
- » You can choose among the seven languages offered at Hanken:
  - Swedish, Finnish, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish
- » Some of the programmes recommend the course *Academic Writing for Business Studies* (6 credits)

# Language courses at Hanken



- » The language courses are generally open for all students, but as the different courses are aimed at specific groups of students, there are some restrictions:
  - » Most courses in the two domestic languages, Swedish and Finnish, require a high level of proficiency (at least B1-B2 according to CEFR)
  - » Knowledge of Swedish is required for many of the "foreign language" courses, especially the beginner level courses
  - » Generally a limit of 20 students per course, or per group if there is more than one group in the course



# *Language studies for our international students*

- » Swedish and Finnish
  - » Useful for you as an international student to study Swedish and/or Finnish in order to feel more at home within Hanken and in Finland in general
  
- » Intercultural Communication Skills
  - » Hanken offers a course in intercultural communication skills that is aimed at a mixed group of students consisting of both domestic and international degree students as well as exchange students
  
- » Academic Writing for Business Studies
  - » The course is offered in both semesters
  - » Diagnostic test at the beginning of the course



# *Swedish and Finnish*

- » *Swedish as a Foreign Language* is offered at three levels (I-III)
  - » The beginners course is offered both in the autumn and in the spring semester
  - » Swedish III can also be taken by Finnish students who wish to improve their knowledge of Swedish
  - » Emphasis on oral communication and cultural aspects
  
- » *Elementary Finnish*
  - » Offered in the spring semester
  - » Beginners level only



# Language studies for Finnish students



- » Students who have obtained their school education in Finland must demonstrate such proficiency in Swedish and Finnish as is required of civil servants in bilingual public agencies
- » Excellent knowledge of the language of your school education
  - » Shown through maturity test written in connection with your MSc thesis
- » Satisfactory knowledge of the other domestic language
  - » Can be shown by taking a course or through a test
- » Many of you fulfill these requirements through your Bachelor's degree



# Language studies for Finnish students



- » Possible to take courses in Swedish and Finnish aimed at our domestic students within the integrated BSc and MSc programme, as long as your proficiency level is high enough and the course is not full
  - » Contact the teacher in advance
  
- » Finnish
  - » Diagnostic test for Swedish-speakers (next test 12 October)
  - » Also Finnish business communication for students with Finnish as their mother tongue



# Recognition of previous language studies

- » As a rule, you should complete the required 6 credits of language studies at Hanken
- » It is also possible to study a language that is not offered at Hanken and apply for it to be recognised and transferred to your degree at Hanken
- » Previous language studies can in some cases be recognised at Hanken
  - » Please note that language studies that were included in your previous degree cannot be transferred to your degree at Hanken



# *Each one teach one*

- » Hanken offers each one teach one-courses (also known as tandem courses) within most of the languages offered at the School
- » The aim of the course is to improve the students' oral communication skills
- » Course concept: two native speakers of different languages meet informally to learn each other's language
  - » One of the languages is always Swedish
  - » The students within the course follow a course plan and report to the teacher



# *Welcome to Hanken*



Business skills and  
small talk

*Berlin, Zürich, Wien: Sprichst  
Du Deutsch? Na klar!*

*De Paris à Tahiti, pour le  
français, dites oui !*

Ja sama suomeksi, kiitos!

*Nå, sidu morjens!*

А вот по-русски!

*¡Venga, vamos, chicos,  
que todo el mundo  
habla español!*