



JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

**ORIENTATION FOR OUTGOING EXCHANGE
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**LANGUAGE PREPARATION AND LANGUAGE
COURSES BEFORE AND DURING THE EXCHANGE**

Movi

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Language tests and certificates



- Language certificates for international exchange programs and internships, if required from host university / organisation/ programme (**check first from faculty coordinator if you need an official certificate / statement**)
- **ENGLISH:**
- Official English language tests (TOEFL, IELTS)
- Home university test and certificate (Movi)
 - Reading, writing and oral speaking, listening and interaction skills
 - Movi test and certificate costs 40eur
- **NOTE:** If you are studying in an English taught Master's programme you should send your TOEFL/IELTS/CAE/CPE or other validated test results if they are less than two years old.
- **OTHER LANGUAGES:**
- Official language tests and certificates might be required, check from hosting organisation what kind of certificate
- Possible Movi certificates for students who have attended Movi courses, might include testing and costs

Movi language testing and certificates for English



- You should register **no later** than 2 weeks in advance of testing (bilateral exchange student participants are forwarded by the International Office)

May 2026 test (for autumn 2026 exchanges)

- 1 May for the May test (elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi), exam date 12 May

September 2026 test

- 18 September for the September test (elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi), exam date 28-29 September

January 2027 test

- 15 January for the January test (elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi), exam date 26-27 January

April 2027 test

- + April for the April test (elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi), exam date 21-22 April

May 2027 test

- 30 April for the May test (elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi), exam date 11-12 May

NOTE: Movi certificates expire one year after the date of issue and are not used for any other purpose than outgoing exchange (i.e. not applicable for application to study degree programs).

- [Movi language testing and certificates for English | Jyväskylän yliopisto \(jyu.fi\)](https://www.jyu.fi/en/education/exchange-studies/movi)

Why do language preparation?

- Even though **most** universities offer courses in English, everyday life is usually managed in the local language.
- You develop better contacts with local and other students, local people and local culture.
- Language is **ALWAYS** an asset
 - If you have the skills, try to study and interact in the local language
 - Interact with other exchange students in their native language



Swedish and English



- It is recommended to have completed the mandatory courses required for your degree, if possible.
- Brushing up your skills with elective courses:
 - *XYHX005 Våga tala (1 op)*
 - *XRUX1002 Prata svenska (2 op)*
 - *Swedish e-modules*
- *XEN0022 Exchange Awaits - English for Outgoing Exchange Students*
- *English E-modules*
- *XENX1000 Gaining confidence in English*
- *XENX1002 Speak up: Improving your English through Spoken Interaction*
- *XENX029 Activate Your English (3 ECTS)*

Other languages



- Strengthening already existing language skills with advanced courses (French, German, Spanish, Russian, Movi course levels 1-4 or high school/matriculation background)
 - You can continue with preparatory courses activating existing language skills, or take special courses focusing on text skills, communication skills, various cultural aspects... you name it!
- Or start/continue from the basics (Arabic, Spanish, Hebrew, Dutch, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, French, Swedish, German, Slovak, Russian...)
- [Communication and language course offerings at Movi | University of Jyväskylä \(jyu.fi\)](#)

Courses on Intercultural Communication



- It is also important to prepare for cultural changes and understanding the various phenomena surrounding them
 - ***XYHX009 Intercultural Professional Competencies (especially for outgoing exchange students)***
 - *XYHX003 Fundamentals in Intercultural and Multilingual Communication*
 - *XYHX1003 Introduction to Intercultural and Multilingual Communication*
 - *XYHX1005 Multilingual and Intercultural Communication Competence*
 - *XYHX006 Multilingual Interaction. Use Your Languages*
 - *XENX017 Communication in a Multicultural Workplace*
- You can attend these courses popular with exchange students, possibility to make some friends before your departure...
- [Courses at Movi related to multilingualism and intercultural communication | University of Jyväskylä](#)

Each One Teach One, 3 ECTS

- Each one teach one (EOTO) is a way to meet international students, make connections with others from your host university/country while still in Jyväskylä and practice language skills, especially in languages not taught at Movi
- <https://movi.jyu.fi/eoto>



Other possibilities...

- Language courses at other Finnish higher education institutions' open universities (possibility to have the credits transferred to your JYU degree)
- Language courses at other institutions (no credit transfer)
- Online Linguistic Support (OLS) (onlinetest and courses)
- Various phone apps...





After the exchange – credit transfer

- Keep detailed course descriptions, only completed courses from HEIs can be transferred
 - ECTS, local credit amount or number of hours of work (in-class + homework)
- **Do not do similar /same courses already done at JYU**
 - Same course content cannot be transferred into your degree
 - Development of skills and competences is important
- Apply for credit transfer as soon as possible after getting the official transcript from host university

After the exchange – credit transfer

- Language course can substitute an equivalent Movi language and communication course (based on same/higher ECTS and course description and/or teacher evaluation)
- Language course can be included into your degree (no JYU / Movi equivalent)
- Courses can also go into Movi's study modules
 - Basic Studies in Japanese Language and Culture
 - German Language and Culture Studies,
 - Study Module in Language and Culture of the French-speaking Countries (if not transferred into the language major)
 - Study module Multilingual and Intercultural Communication Competence
- Also max. 8 ECTS if studying discipline courses (not language courses) in the local language: courses in English in the US, in French in France, in German in Germany. Divide the number of credits obtained by 2 to get the ECTS (XEN0099, XSA0099, XRA0099, XES0099, etc.)
- Also max. 4 ECTS if studying discipline courses (not language courses) in another language than local language: courses in English in France/ in Germany, etc. Divide the number of credits by 4 to get ECTS (usually English XEN0099)
 - Not applicable for language majors who get language training credits from Faculty for studying in that particular language



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After the exchange

- Continue developing your language skills and stand out from the crowd...
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