



## COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Foreign Language (Estonian) B2 IV/IV / Užsienio kalba (estu) B2 IV/IV d.	

Academic staff	Core academic unit(s)
<b>Coordinating:</b> lecturer Svetlana Kass <b>Other:</b>	VU Faculty of Philology

Study cycle	Type of the course unit
Bachelor	Free Elective

Mode of delivery	Semester or period when it is delivered	Language of instruction
Seminars	Spring semester	English, Estonian

Requisites	
<b>Prerequisites:</b> English (B2)	<b>Co-requisites (if relevant):</b>

Number of ECTS credits allocated	Student's workload (total)	Contact hours	Individual work
5	130	64	66

### Purpose of the course unit

This is a course that provides the practical teaching of spoken Estonian: introduction to Estonian pronunciation, grammar, lexicology. Comprehension of written and oral texts, writing of various texts, comprehension of listening texts is taught. The structure of the Estonian language is introduced, learning to use different dictionaries of the Estonian language. Language skills are developed to level B2.

Learning outcomes of the course unit	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
On completion of the course the students will be able * to understand fast Estonian speech, TV news, social and political programmes and films. * to understand newspaper articles on topical issues, read and understand prose literature in Estonian. * to communicate spontaneously and freely in Estonian, participate actively in a discussion on a familiar topic, present his/her point of view in a clear and reasoned manner, describe events and situations in detail, and give a prepared presentation. As a result of these activities a student should reach the primary level of language skills (B2)	Interactive communication; pair work; practical exercises.  During a course the students read, talk, discuss, write texts, listen to topic related audio files, watch short films.	In order to be allowed to take the final exam students need to have: 1) handed in all home assignments in time; 2) passed 2 coverage tests; 3) write 3 texts; 4) participate in at least 75% of the classes.

Content	Contact hours	Individual work: time and assignments

	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Workshops	Laboratory work	Internship	Contact hours, total	Individual work	Tasks for individual work
<b>THE FIELD(S) OF STUDY</b>									
<p><b>1.</b> Introductory revision. What do we know about Estonia? What is what and who is who? The most characteristic phrases and sentences of the Estonian language. Speech expressions. Characteristics of the Estonian language. Tongue twisters. Proverbs. Idioms.</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Phrasal verb. Interpunction. Infinitives. Adjectives. Adverbs. Numerals. Compound verbs. Indicative. Present tense. Past tenses. Grammatical cases, declension. Singular and plural partitive.</p>			8				8	6	Reading, listening, translation. Comparing proverbs from Estonia and different countries. Preparing a presentation about a famous Estonian or an interesting sightseeing in Estonia. Grammar exercises. Short test in class.
<p><b>2.</b> Character and relationships. Personality traits. Self-characterisation. Friends and acquaintances. Interesting meetings. Invitations. Let's go out! Communicating with strangers.</p> <p>Education. Occupations. Employment. Job interview. Questionnaire.</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Declension. Adverbs, expressing time. Indicative. Translative and essive. Terminative. Expressions with numbers. Translation. Plural partitive. Imperative.</p>			8				8	6	Reading, listening, translation, writing texts about yourself and your best friend, using Present and Past tense. Writing a letter and invitation. Creating a CV. Reading short prose texts. Grammar exercises. Preparing for short test.
<p><b>3.</b> Home, pets, and wildlife. Life in town, in countryside and on islands. Travelling in Estonia, sightseeing. What are they like, Estonians? Interesting facts about Estonia and Estonians.</p> <p>Excerpts from "The Estonian Handbook". Debate. Watching the Estonian movie "Kirsitubakas" (Cherry Tobacco. Debate.</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Verb + case. Word order in a sentence. Indicative. Locative cases. Short illative (additive). Compound word. Phraseology.</p>			8				8	6	Listening, translation, preparing the discussion, preparing a presentation about your homeland, hometown or about your favourite place in Estonia. Watching Estonian animated films. Reading prose or poetry texts. Grammar exercises. Short tests.
<p><b>4.</b> Health, healthy lifestyle. Sports activities. Human body, diseases. What happened? In the sanatorium and water park. At the pharmacy and the doctor. Recipes. Medicines.</p> <p>Food. Estonian diet, national dishes. Birthday and holiday dishes. Figurative expressions. Excerpts from "The Estonian Handbook". Debate.</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> A short illative with an unusual ending (additive). Pronouns, their declension. Conditional. Use of partitive. Synonyms. Antonyms. Adpositions and postpositions. Adverbs. Phraseology.</p>			8				8	6	Reading, listening, translation, discussion, writing dialogues about going to the doctor, pharmacy, etc. Writing a story about what happened and how did you get help. Reading short prose stories. Grammar exercises. Short tests.
<p><b>5.</b> Parties and celebrations. Bon appétit! Let's go out! On a visit, in a restaurant, in a bar, in a café. Expressions of courtesy and wishes.</p> <p>Folk calendar. Estonian folklore: fairy tales, legends, folk jokes. Phraseology. Excerpts from "The Estonian Handbook". Debate.</p> <p><i>Grammar:</i> Inflection of distinctive adjectives. Conditional. Quotative. Singular and plural partitive. Compound</p>			8				8	6	Reading, listening, translation, preparing the discussion. Watching Estonian animated films and short folklore films. Reading fairy tales, legends, folk jokes. Writing a fairy tale.

verbs. Origins of Estonian words. Foreign words, loanwords.								Grammar exercises. Textbook tests.
<b>6.</b> From morning to night. A typical day. Daily schedule. At work and at home. At the hair salon. Grocery, clothes shop, shoe shop. On the market. Eco-friendly thinking. Videos on gender stereotyping. Discussion. Proverbs and figurative expressions. <i>Grammar:</i> Expressing the time of day, the most common expressions related to it. Quotative. Translative and essive. Terminative.		8			8		<b>6</b>	Reading, listening, translation, preparing the discussion, writing texts about everyday life, about shopping, saving <i>etc.</i> Writing an essay on gender stereotyping. Reading media texts about climate and nature. Grammar exercises. Short tests.
<b>7.</b> Meetings in real life and online. “Where are you?”: promises, agreements; lateness, reasons for lateness, explanations. Social media. Calls, emails and messages. Theatre, cinema, concerts. Watching the Estonian movie “ <i>Seltsimees laps</i> ” (The Little Comrade). Debate. <i>Grammar:</i> Expressing the time. Present. Past tense. Quotative. Imperative. Expressing the future.		8			8		<b>6</b>	Reading, listening, translation. Reading social media texts, writing, or telling your opinion based on them. Preparing the discussion on movie. Writing messages. Grammar exercises. Short tests.
<b>8.</b> In traffic. On foot or by car, bus, <i>etc.</i> How to get to your destination faster. Peak hour. Jams. Vehicles, traffic safety rules. Travel planning. Different ways to travel. Sport, leisure, and hobbies. <i>Grammar:</i> Quotative. Imperative. Locative cases. Comitative. Adpositions (prepositions, postpositions). Word formation. Synonyms of compound words.		8			8		<b>6</b>	Reading, listening, translation, preparing the discussion, forming dialogues. Writing texts about your day and activities, about favourite way to spend your time, about traveling, <i>etc.</i> Short tests.
<b>INDIVIDUAL WORK OF STUDENTS</b>								
Mina ja minu sõbrad (~150 words)								<b>2</b>
Tulevikus tahaksin olla... (~150 words)								<b>2</b>
Muinasjutt (~150 words)								<b>2</b>
Mina ja roheline mõtlemine (~150 words)								<b>2</b>
Lähme välja! (~ 150 words)								<b>2</b>
Minu unistuste reis (~150 words)								<b>2</b>
Preparation for the final exam								<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>64</b>					<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Cumulative evaluation:			
Participation in seminars /class work, homework	15 %	during the semester	Students must attend at least 75 % of the seminars, hand in homework on time.
Tests	35%	during the semester	Students have to pass all small and big tests.
Written exam	25 %	during the examination session	Positive result is at least 55% of correct answers.
Oral exam	25%	during the examination session	Assessment according to a 10-point scale: 10 (excellent). Excellent, exceptional knowledge and abilities. 95-100% of questions answered correctly. 9 (very good). Very good knowledge and abilities. 85-94 % of questions answered correctly. 8 (good). Knowledge and abilities are above average. 75-84 % of questions answered correctly. 7 (average). Average knowledge and abilities; there are a few not essential mistakes. 65-74 % of questions answered correctly.

			6 (satisfactory). Knowledge and abilities are below average; there are mistakes. 55-64 % of questions answered correctly. 5 (weak). Knowledge and abilities meet the minimum requirements. 51-54 % of questions answered correctly. 4, 3, 2, 1. Minimum requirements are not met.
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Author (-s)	Publishing year	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing house or web link
<b>Required reading</b>				
1. Mall Pesti	2018	K nagu Kihnu	1	Kiri-Mari Kirjastus
2. Mall Pesti, Helve Ahi	2018	L nagu lugemik	1	Kiri-Mari Kirjastus
3. Mare Kitsnik, Leelo Kingissepp	2023	... pooleks ("Naljaga... õpiku II osa)	1	Iduleht ja Mare Kitsnik
4. Elina Peial	2024	Eesti keele vihik	1	Elina Peial
5. Material and handouts provided in the classes				
<b>Recommended reading</b>				
Tiina Kattel (vadovė) Giedrė Priks Reda Šmitaitė	2015	<i>Estų-lietuvių kalbų žodynas</i>	1	VILNIUS
Jelena Kallas, Mai Tiits, Maria Tuulik, Madis Jürviste, Kristina Koppel	2014	Eesti keele põhisõnavara sõnastik	1	EKSA
Autorite koolektiiv: Karin Kaljumägi, Tiina Alekõrs, Liina Lepsalu, Maria Murumaa-Mengel, Lauri Tankler, Eve Tisler, Maarja Valk, Maike-Liis Piirits, Külli Park, Kristin Parts, Andra Siibak, Inger Pürjema, Triinu Palo		Praktiline eesti keel (digimaterjal Taskutargas): <a href="https://www.taskutark.ee/study/veebikursus-praktiline-eesti-keel/">https://www.taskutark.ee/study/veebikursus-praktiline-eesti-keel/</a>		Tallinn/Tartu: Kirjastus Maurus
Eesti keele e-kursus		<a href="http://www.keeleklikk.ee">www.keeleklikk.ee</a>		
Keeleõppija sõnaveeb		<a href="http://www.sonaveeb.ee/lite">www.sonaveeb.ee/lite</a>		
Estonian movies				

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