**estonian language and culture course (ESTILC) 2020/2021**

**organising institution’s information form**

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| **name of the institution:** | **Tallinn university of technology** | |
| **address:** | **Ehitajate tee 5, 19086 Tallinn** | |
| **country:** | **ESTONIA** | |
| **estilc language** | ***estonian*** |  |
| **level courses organised:** | ***level I (beginner)***  ***number of courses: 1***  ***dates: 06.08.2020- 25.08.2020*** | ***level II (intermediate)***  ***number of courses:***  ***dates:*** |
| **Web site** | ***https://www.taltech.ee/*** |  |

**Application link:**

[**https://forms.gle/vzwMRR6i48EMM2RJ7**](https://forms.gle/vzwMRR6i48EMM2RJ7)

**Application deadline 22.06.2020**

*Staff*

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***Part I: general information***

1. **description of town**

***- short history and location***

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| Tallinn is the capital city and main seaport of Estonia. It is located in the north-eastern part of the Baltic Sea region, 80 kilometres south of Helsinki, the capital of Finland.    Medieval Tallinn enjoyed a strategic location at the crossroads of trade between Western and Northern Europe and Russia. In 1285 the city became a member of the Hanseatic League as one of the most important Hanseatic trading towns. Due to its geographically strategic location, tallinn has always been an attractive target for its neighbouring countries. Tallinn was capitulated to Imperial Russia in 1710, but the local Baltic German rulers retained their cultural and economic autonomy within the Tsarist Russia. The 19th century brought industrialization into the city and the port kept its importance.  On 24 February 1918, Estonia declared its independence from Russia. In February of 1920 a peace treaty was signed with Russia, wherein Russia acknowledged the independence of the Estonian Republic. Tallinn became the capital of the independent Estonia. After World War II, Estonia was occupied by the Soviet Russia and Tallinn became the capital of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic.  In August 1991, an independent democratic Estonian state was re-established. Tallinn became the capital of an independent country once again. While 24 February 2018 officially marked one hundred years of the Republic of Estonia.  The picturesque old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the current novelty of the destination attract many tourists and facilities (hotels, cafes, bars, museums AND RESTAURANTS) have developed to meet their needs. English is widely spoken within the tourist areas. Tallinn's population is about 450 000.  More information: https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng |

***- main local/cultural events***

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| TALLINN OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY. ITS THEATRES AND CINEMAS, CONCERTS, FESTIVALS, EXHIBITIONS, MUSEUMS AND NIGHTCLUBS ARE OPEN YEAR ROUND TO THE VISITORS. NATIONAL OPERA’S SEASON LASTS FROM AUGUST TO JUNE. DURING SUMMER, LOTS OF DIFFERENT OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCES AND CONCERTS ARE HELD WHERE CLASSICS SHARE THE STAGE WITH POP AND ROCK CULTURE.  MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DIFFERENT EVENTS:  CONCERTS: HTTP://WWW.CONCERT.EE; HTTP://PILETILEVI.EE/ENG/  OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS: HTTPS://WWW.VISITTALLINN.EE/ENG/VISITOR/SEE-DO/EVENTS  EVENT IN TALLINN: HTTPS://www.inyourpocket.com/tallinn  EVENT CALENDAR: [WWW.CULTURE.EE](http://WWW.CULTURE.EE) |

***- how to reach town (links from the nearest airport, train or coach stations)***

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| **Arrival by Plane**  Tallinn is accessible from everywhere in the world by plane. Tallinn Airport is located just 3 km from the city centre. Bus No 2 operates between the airport, the city centre and the port from 7.00 until midnight every 20 minutes, fare (if bought from the driver) 2 EUR. Quick and affordable 15 minute taxi ride from the airport to the city centre would cost you approximately 10 - 15 EUR regardless of the number of passengers or baggage. Most taxis also accept credit cards, so please ask before you take a seat.  Tallinn Airport: http://www.tallinn-airport.ee  **Arrival by Sea**  Ferries and high-speed vessels cross the Gulf of Finland several times a day. The travel takes from 1.5 to 4 hours depending on the type of boat. Ferries between Tallinn and Stockholm depart every evening; the trip takes approximately 15 hours. Ferry terminals are located within walking distance from the city centre.  From the port to the city: Bus No 2 operates between the airport, the city centre and the A terminal of the port from 7.00 until midnight every 20 minutes. Taxi from the terminal to the city centre costs about 5 Euro.  **Arrival by Bus**  International bus lines ([Ecolines](https://ecolines.net/ee/en), [Lux Express](https://luxexpress.eu/et)) connect Tallinn to Berlin, Bremen, Cologne, Kaliningrad, Kaunas, Krakow, Kiev, Munich, Riga, St. Petersburg, Stuttgart, Vilnius and Warszawa. International bus lines arrive at and leave from Tallinn's Central Bus Station, located in the city centre.  From the bus station to the city: Take tram No 2 or 4, bus No 17 or 17A |

***- transport in town (brief information on the main means of transport available)***

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| Central Tallinn is very compact and easy to get around, and reaching farther out destinations is simple thanks to the city's network of buses, trolleys and trams.  The public transport network operates from 6:00 to 23:00 (some lines until 24:00). The ticket system works on a random-inspection basis, so you can board via any door and don't have to show anything to the driver. You must, however, have a validated ticket or you risk a €40 fine.  ÜhiskaartÜhiskaart2 We suggest students to purchase a 30-day Smartcard THAT costs €30+ deposit €2 to enjoy an unlimited ride in Tallinn. The green, plastic Smartcard (Ühiskaart) is a fare card that lets you use the electronic ticket system. Buy it at any R-Kiosk, post office or the Tallinn City Government customer service desk for a €2 deposit and then load it with enough credit. |

1. **short description of the organising institution**

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| Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) is one of Scandinavia’s premier technical universities with a strong focus on high-level research in engineering, technology and innovation-related fields. Established in 1918, this public university celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2018.  **Internationally successful university**  taltech is a modern university of engineering and technology, with a dynamic synergy rooted from interdisciplinary education and research of engineering, natural, exact, social and health sciences. taltech is comprised of 4 schools and Estonian Maritime Academy, offering higher education at bachelor, master and doctorate level close to 11 000 students (of which 15% are International students) and over 1800 employees (academic staff almost 60%). it is the only technological university in Estonia, is the flagship of Estonian engineering and technology education.  **High-quality programs and successful alumni**  Study and teaching is based on internationally recognized research and the graduates are highly rated on the labour market. The University’s approximately 70,000 alumni have shaped the economic landscape of present-day Estonia.  **Excellence in research and innovation**  taltech is a university, which by relying on academic competencies and professional management, responds actively to the needs of the rapidly developing society and is involved in tackling the challenges of the digital era.  **Inspiring environment**  taltech offers its students exciting student and cultural life and the best accommodation and sporting opportunities in the Baltic Sea region. taltechs campus is also a home to more than 200 high-tech companies (e.g. Skype).  **Creating the future**  taltech is in charge of nurturing the next generation of engineers and advancing engineering culture in Estonia, contributing to the sustainable development of the society and increased national prosperity with its innovative services. Our vision is innovative Estonia in a sustainable world.  taltech website: [www.taltech.ee](http://www.taltech.ee) |

1. **accommodation**

***- short description of the accommodation offered (hotel, apartments, student halls, others; if there are***

***cooking facilities) and on the rent to be paid per week***

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| During the course, students will be accommodated at the taltech Academic Hostel in the university campus (address: Akadeemia tee 11/1) https://www.academichostel.com/en/ .  Attention to those ESTILC participants who will continue exchange studies at taltech: you will receive additional instructions about accommodation from the mobility Centre of taltech.  The hostel is located in the taltech campus, about 3 minutes from the university where the classes take place. it is easy and convenient to reach the city centre by public transportation. trolleybus no 3 stops right in front of the hostel and takes you straight to the city centre. Students will live in single rooms that are equipped with all necessities. There is a public kitchen and dining area with stoves, oven, sink, microwave, and necessary kitchen utensils.  The price for the accommodation in a single room for the period of estilc is €14,80 per night. The cost for the duration of the ESTILC course (6.08.2020-25.08.2020) per person is €296 (20 nights).  more info: https://new.taltech.ee/en/exchange-studies/accommodation |

1. **meals**

**- *short description on the services offered (university canteens, restaurants, bars, others)***

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| Students can usually enjoy a comfortable life with around 350 EUR per month for food. Each student can determine food expenses individually, depending on their needs. There are 4 canteens at Tallinn University of Technology (2 open during the summer months).  Daily specials in cafeterias and cafes: 2,00-5,00 EUR. A meal at medium level restaurant ranges between €8 and €15. Students can also use the public kitchen facilities in the Hostel to prepare their own meals. |

1. **reception of students**

***- meeting point (place, date and time of first meeting - for each course where different*)**

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| THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MET IN FRONT OF THE HOSTEL ON THE FIRST MORNING OF THE CLASSES. |

1. **extra activities**

***- site visits***

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| **IN Tallinn:**   * Walking tour in Tallinn old town * Visit to vabamu museum of occupation and freedom * bicycle tour in tallinn   **Some out of town trips:**   * Two day trip to the islands of Muhu and Saaremaa, including overnight stay   **AND MANY-MANY OTHER EXCITING TRIPS, VISITS AND EVENTS!** |

***- sports facilities (swimming, tennis, gymnasium; opening days and available information)***

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| taltech has its own sports centre where the students are welcome to use its facilities for a fee in their spare time.  The campus is surrounded by parks and recreation areas for walking, jogging, playing basketball, volleyball, soccer, roller skating or bike riding. |

***- entertainment******(cinema, theatre, etc.; brief information on places and student facilities****)*

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| Living in the city centre gives students plenty of opportunities to explore what the city has to offer.  Tallinn´s theatres and cinemas, concerts, festivals, exhibitions, museums and nightclubs are open year round to the visitors. During summer, lots of different open-air performances and concerts are held where classics share the stage with pop and rock culture.  More information about different events:  Concerts: [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee); <http://piletilevi.ee>  Other cultural events: [www.visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/see-do/events](http://www.visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/see-do/events) |

***Part II: course(s) description***

***course no:***

***level:***

*I: Beginner course*

*II: Intermediate course*

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| Period: | 06.08.2020 | 25.08.2020 |

1. **language component**

**- *short description of language component: objectives and teaching methods***

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| The Intensive Estonian Language Courses (ESTILC) is held before the new semester begins and facilitates exchange students´ social, cultural, and academic integration into Estonia.  By attending ESTILC, the students will learn basic Estonian vocabulary, grammar, as well as history, culture, customs and traditions of Estonia. In addition, it serves as a great opportunity to develop students´ personal competences, encourage them to make new friends, and assist them to be well prepared for upcoming academic lessons.  **Methods of teaching:**  The learner-oriented course is based on communication. At the same time taking into account the individual level and needs of each student. Teaching methods include communicative games, conversation exercises, dialogues, and simulations of situations. A variety of audio-visual materials, presentations, and worksheets are used.  Part of the learning takes place outside of the classroom – shopping, asking for directions and time, meeting and introducing people, etc. The contents of the course are not subject specific but intended for students from different fields of study because the participating students are from various education backgrounds. |

**- *subject-specific language elements yes  no***

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

If Yes, specify**:**

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**- *duration***

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| Total number of classes | h. 60 (11 classes in total) |
| Hours in classroom | h. 55 |
| Hours of practice conversation/language laboratory | h. 5 |
| other (please specify) |  |

**- *assessment (specify if the assessment is made by written/oral examination, assignment, etc.)***

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| At the end of the course, each student will prepare a written project. In the first part of the project, students introduce themselves and the country they come from. In the second part, students will write aspects they liked most about the Intensive Estonian Language Course and Estonia.  The projects will be illustrated with pictures, which the students have taken during the course, as well as some illustrative materials from the local newspapers and magazines. The students will present their projects orally in front of their fellow students who are encouraged to ask questions from the presenter.  The final grade will consist of three parts – the final project, the oral presentation, and the participation in the lectures.  Recognition:  Each student will be given a Certificate of Participation at the closing event of the course. The students will be awarded 4 ECTS credits upon successful completion of the final test. |

1. **course facilities**

**-  *teaching aids***

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| **audio/video materials** |
| **computer/software** |
| **handouts/printed texts** |
| **transparencies** |
| **other : (specify)** |

**-  *library* yes  no**

***if yes, specify:***

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| times | 10:00-16:00 |  |
| opening days | MONDAY-FRIDAY |  |
| address | AKADEEMIA TEE 3, TALLINN |  |

***- language laboratory* yes no**

***if yes, specify:***

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| times |  |
| opening days |  |
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1. **cultural component**

**-  *short description of the cultural elements included in the course: objectives and teaching methods***

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| Cultural component is closely tied with the language programme. Students’ attention is drawn to cultural and historic aspects during their classroom lectures as well as during the numerous sightseeing trips, museum visits, and social events. For example, topics covered will include life in Estonian islands and surrounding villages in the past (trip to Saaremaa and Muhu islands). the first era of awakening, the Soviet occupation and Estonian-Russian relations (documentary film Singing Revolution), songs and folk dances (performance by “Kuljus”, the taltech folk dance group, learning some patriotic songs like “Eestlane olen ja eestlaseks jään”) and Estonian cuisine (at different restaurants and the international dinner). |

**- *duration***

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| Total hours of activities | h. 25-30 |

1. **teachers and support staff**

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|  | Number of...: |
| Teachers | 1 |
| administrators | 2 |
| Students |  |