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

**organising institution’s information form**

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| **name of the institution:** | **Eesti kunstiakadeemia / *Estonian academy of arts*** | |
| **address:** | **Põhja pst 7, tallinn, 10412, Estonia** | |
| **country:** | **Estonia** | |
| **estilc language** | ***estonian*** |  |
| **level courses organised:** | ***level I (beginner) X***  ***number of courses: 1***  ***dates: 06.-22.01.2021* X** | *level II (intermediate)*  *number of courses:*  *dates****:*** |
| **Web site** | [***https://www.artun.ee/en/home/***](https://www.artun.ee/en/home/) |  |

**please note that all student applications for our estilc course should be filled in electronically**

<https://forms.gle/HzKKHtY69fbPFU1y9> **Application deadline 07.12.2020**

*Staff*

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***Short description of the course structure:***

*Due to the COVID-19 virus the structure of the ESTILC course has been changed and the upcoming course will be divided in two different parts and study forms:*

*I part (06-15.01.21) – online learning - daily language lessons in ZOOM*

*II part (16-22.01.21) – regular learning – lessons on-site at EKA combined with intensive cultural program*

*As the second part (physical form) of the language course will start on January 16 then all participants need to be out of the 10-day self-isolation due that date. Therefore EKA kindly asks participants to arrive in Estonia according to the regulation. No test results will be accepted.*

***Part I: general information***

1. **description of town**

***- short history and location***

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| Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, is located in Northern Europe Baltic Sea region. Area of Tallinn - 159,2 km² (Estonia 45 227 km²). Population: appr. 435 000 people.  In 1154 Tallinn was marked on the world map. During medieval ages the town belonged to the Hanseatic league which was a commercial and defensive union including a number of market towns along the coastal areas of Northern Europe including Lübeck, Hamburg, Krakow, Antwerp, Riga, London, etc.  On 24 February 1918 the independence manifesto was proclaimed in Tallinn, followed by German occupation and a war of independence with Russia. On 2 February 1920 the Tartu Peace Treaty was signed with Soviet Russia, wherein Russia acknowledged the independence of the Estonian Republic. Tallinn became the capital of the independent Estonia. After World War II started, Estonia was occupied by the USSR in 1940, and later occupied by Nazi Germany in 1941-44. After Nazi retreat in 1944, it was occupied by the USSR again. After the annexation into the Soviet Union, Tallinn became the capital of the Estonian SSR. In August 1991 an independent democratic Estonian state was re-established and a period of quick development to a modern European capital ensued. Tallinn became the capital of a de facto independent country once again on August 20, 1991.  Tallinn’s Old Town, belonging to UNESCO’s World Heritage list, is a magnificent blend of a medieval streetscape and modern convenience, with cafes, restaurants, shops, museums and street fairs all easily accessible inside the impressive city walls. Through the ages, Tallinn’s culture has been moulded by its many rulers from east and west. Today the dynamic life of the city pays tribute to its various historical influences.  Besides the Old Town people can also explore different neighborhoods which enrich and enliven Tallinn’s cityscape. It gives an opportunity to experience and understand Estonian culture in depth as well as shows how beautiful Tallinn is. For example, the area of Kalamaja with small wooden houses offers pleasant hipster atmosphere, a walk in Kadriorg is a must for people who want to admire the beautiful park and castle built by the Tsar Peter the Great of Russia, Pirita and Rocca al Mare enable a picturesque walk along the seaside etc. |

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

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| Winter in Estonia is cold, dark and usually snowy time. Therefore people like to stay inside with fireplace on and cup of tea in their hands. But that doesn’t mean there are no events going on in Tallinn. Usually numerous cultural events are taking place every week, which you can find in the culture calendar (<http://www.culture.ee/en/>). Due to the COVID-19 virus the selection is currently quite small and using face mask is required at the indoor events. Also visitors must take into consideration that changes in arrangements can be made in very short notice, incl. cancellation of events.  If the weather is snowy and clothing proper then winter sports are a good way to spend some time outdoors. Estonians like to have fun in snow and most popular activities include skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, sledding and also making big snow mans. |

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

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| **Arrival by aircraft**: Tallinn airport locates within a 3 km distance from the centre of town. Tram no 4 leaves the airport for the city every 10 minutes, and operates from 5.30 am until midnight. Schedule: [https://transport.tallinn.ee/ - tram/4/b-a/en](https://transport.tallinn.ee/#tram/4/b-a/en)  Bus no 2 leaves the airport for the city and port every 30 minutes, and operates from 7 am until midnight. A taxi stand is located in front of the airport. The fare from the airport to the city centre is about 10 eur. More information <http://www.tallinn-airport.ee/>  **Arrival by bus**: Tallinn bus station is in the centre of the city, from the bus station to the city goes tram no 2 or 4, bus no 17a, 23 or 23a. You can find schedule here: <https://transport.tallinn.ee/#tallinna-linn/en>  Information about international bus lines: [www.ecolines.net](http://www.ecolines.net/) and [www.eurolines.ee](http://www.eurolines.ee/). You can buy a ticket from internet.  **Arrival by train:** The railway station is near Old Town and harbour. From the railway station to the city tram no 1 or 2 or walk just 10 minutes through the Old Town.  **Arrival by ship:** Tallinn Old City Harbour is near the Old Town. <http://www.portoftallinn.com/>  Estonia also connects Finland and Sweden by ferry lines. The terminals are located within 10 minutes walking distance from the centre of town. The ferry lines include <http://www.vikingline.ee/> , [http://www.eckeroline.ee](http://www.eckeroline.ee/) , [http://www.tallink.ee](http://www.tallink.ee/) |

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

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| **Bus, Trolley and Tram**: For public transport in town, please visit schedule here: <https://transport.tallinn.ee/#tallinna-linn/en>  Public transport operates from 5.30-00.00.  Info about the transport tickets you can find here: <http://www.tallinn.ee/eng/pilet/transport-ticket-information>  **Taxi service**: Taxi stands are located at major intersections and in front of bigger hotels. Passengers can choose any of the available taxis at a taxi stand. Taxis can be also ordered by phone or hailed on the street. starting fare 1,90-4,50 eur, price for 1 km is about 0,50 eur. The price list for taxi services is determined by the taxi operator; that is, prices are not uniform for all taxis. In order to avoid misunderstandings, be sure that the approximate cost of the trip to your destination is clear in advance. You can also use driver’s apps like Uber and Wolt in Tallinn.  **Biking**: For biking tracks, please see: [http://www.tallinn.ee/eng/bicycle](http://www.tallinn.ee/eng/Bicycle). For getting a used bicycle, please see here: [https://www.facebok.com/jalgratas](https://www.facebook.com/jalgratas)  **Trains:** For regional trains, please see <http://www.elron.ee/> . |

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

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| Estonian Academy of Arts (<https://www.artun.ee/en/home/>) was established in 1914. It is the only university in Estonia which is providing BA-, MA- and PhD level higher education in art, design, architecture, media, art history and conservation fields. Estonian Academy of Arts is aiming to be the leading national and international innovative centre in the fields of visual culture. Currently we have more than 150 partner institutions globally, Erasmus+ programme is by far the most frequently used for student exchange.  At the moment there are appr. 1200 students studying at the Estonian Academy of Arts, many of whom improve themselves in foreign universities during their study period under Erasmus or other exchange programs. The EAA is a member of various international associations and networks.  Intensive language courses have been organized at the EKA since 2007. Since 2018 August EKA is situated in new top-notch campus, in an inspiring environment at hip Kalamaja region next to Tallinn Old Town and 10-minute walk from sea side and Telliskivi creative area |

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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| EKA has a dormitory in the centre of Tallinn, called Muusa Majutus (the address is Kuhlbarsi 1).  <http://www.yhikas.ee/>  It is possible to walk or take a tram to the school building.  The classes take place in our main building, address Põhja pst 7, Tallinn – Google Maps  <https://goo.gl/maps/CkWLP4JeBcV4LWVU9>  Accepted language course participants will receive further information about registering to the dormitory (do not register before receiving confirmation of your acceptance!).  In the selection you can find suites, twin and triple rooms. Please note that you will have to bring or buy your own bed linen, pillows and blankets (set available also in the dormitory).  However, everyone are welcome to find their own housing as well. Just keep in mind that recently there has been scam cases with foreign students in Estonia and therefore please stay alert. |

1. **meals**

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

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| There are many dining options nearby the university. To point out some of them:  **EKA’s canteen** – located on the ground floor of the EKA where you can have well-priced and delicious meals every day.  **Balti Jaama Turg** – freshly renovated market just few steps from the EAA. You can find fresh goods, antiques shops, different eating stands, a supermarket etc. Trading takes place on three floors inside the market hall and in the kiosks and stands outside the building.  **Telliskivi Creative City** – trendy and hip place among the young Estonians. Located in an old factory area close to Kalamaja area, it is Estonia’s biggest creative economic enterprise centre. Over there you can find different restaurants, indie shops, a theatre, organic ice-cream factory, start-up businesses, photographic art center etc.  **Ülo –** even thoughcarrying a slightly old-fashioned Estonian men’s name, the restaurant itself is far from being outdated. Everything is modern – design, customer service and even menu which gives you suprising. yet amazing taste experiences. Mainly vegan but also meat and fish lovers can find something for them.  **Boheem –** little café just next to Ülo. With their homely and warm atmosphere this is the place where to escape when the weather outside is snowy and cold. Pastas, salads, wraps, crepes etc are all delicious and reasonably priced. |

1. **reception of students**

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

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| 6th of January at 10.00am **in Zoom**. Additional information will be given with the confirmation of acceptance letter. |

1. **extra activities**

***- site visits***

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| Upcoming course will be slightly different than previous ones. Due to the COVID-19 virus the cultural program has been pushed to the last week of the course when everyone are out of the compulsory self-isolation period. Yet during that week the program will be intense as every day after the language lesson there will be different excursions and visits to culturally significant locations in Tallinn and its surroundings. Afternoon excursions during weekdays will introduce the students to Estonian art, culture, sports and way of living. We have planned walking tours in different city districts, visits to museums, and if possible then do some winter activities in the snow.  Also, a weekend field trip will be arranged before the start of second part of language course. It would give a great overview of Estonian nature and lifestyle in the countryside as well as smaller cities in Estonia. |

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

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| The academy doesn’t have its own gym, but there are plenty of sport facilities around (spas, fitness centres). The closest one is in Balti Jaama Turg and named MyFitness (gym, pool, group trainings). It has clubs all around the city, many of them in the city centre. Also you can always take a walk to the beach. Jogging is possible in parks and along the coast of gulf of Tallinn (Pirita road). |

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

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| Since the EKA is located in the heart of Tallinn, it means you’ll be in the hotspot of Tallinn’s cultural life. Information about cultural events: <http://www.culture.ee/en/>  Estonian Concert Hall: [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee/)  Cinemas in Tallinn: [www.forumcinemas.ee](http://www.forumcinemas.ee/); <http://www.apollokino.ee/eng/>; [www.kino.ee](http://www.kino.ee/); [www.kinosoprus.ee](http://www.kinosoprus.ee/) - movies are usually shown in original language with Estonian subtitles.  Center for Contemporary Arts, Estonia: <http://www.cca.ee/en/center>  Contemporary Art Museum of Estonia: <http://www.ekkm.ee/en/>  Von Krahl Theatre and Concert place (+ bar): <http://www.vonkrahl.ee/en/>  Photographic art centre Fotografiska (+ restaurant): <https://www.fotografiska.com/tallinn/en/>  Estonian National Opera and Ballet: <http://www.opera.ee/en/>  Art Museum of Estonia: <https://kumu.ekm.ee/en/> Tallinn TV Tower (great for the view): <https://www.teletorn.ee/en/>  Estonian Open Air Museum: https://evm.ee/eng/home |

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

***course no:***

***level:***

*I: Beginner course X*

*II: Intermediate course*

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| Period: | 06.01.2021 | 22.01.2021 |

1. **language component**

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

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| After the course a student:   * will understand common phrases which are used in everyday situations (food, places, family). * can understand short and simple texts, therefore will find information from simple everyday texts like commercials, menus, timetables of different transportations. * can manage typical everyday communication situations * will know how to answer questions about himself/herself, his/her family, background etc.   Teaching methods:  Reading, writing, listening, asking and answering questions, role plays, watching and analysing videos, group and pair work.  Learning content by different topics:   1. Pronouncing Estonian language. Alphabet. 2. Introducing yourself. Background, language skills, age, activities etc. 3. Numbers. Time. 4. Familiar words around us (street, refrigerator). Foreign words, loanwords. 5. Period: weekdays, months. Arranging a meeting. 6. Countries, nationalities, languages. Estonian geography. 7. Food and drinks. Colours. I like…. Buying from grocery. 8. Ordering food at a café. 9. Hobbies. I like…. 10. Where are you? Places. 11. My family. 12. Transportation, buying a ticket. Asking direction and leading the way. |

**- *subject-specific language elements***

* ***yes***

***X 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 | 13 (8 in Zoom and 5 on site at EKA) |
| Hours in classroom | 60 academic hours |
| Hours of practice conversation/language laboratory | 40 h. |
| other (please specify) | Individual work 25h, exam 5h  Total (hours + credits): 130 hours, 5 ECTS |

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

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| Assessment: oral examination (presentation). Attendance (minimum 60%), activity in class, independent initiative will also be taken into consideration. Assessment result is either “pass” or “fail”. Students who have successfully passed the exam, will receive 5 ECTS. |

1. **course facilities**

**-  *teaching aids***

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

**-  *library***

**X yes**

* **no**

***if yes, specify:***

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| times | 10.-18.00; 11.-15.00 |
| opening days | Mon-Fri; Saturday |
| address | Põhja pst 7 |

***- language laboratory***

* **yes**

**X no**

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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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| During the language course a brief overview of historical and linguistic background will be given as well as an overview of Finno-Ugric languages; use of foreign words in Estonian language; influences of other languages. Peculiarity of Estonian street and local names will be pointed out. One important objective is to get acquainted with Estonian contemporary everyday culture, practicing situations in immediate discussion. The structure of the course and each lesson is dynamic and flexible – grammar exercises, dialogs, readings will be taught through different games and group works. National holidays and traditions will be introduced as well as national cuisines. Cultural programme will be as much in accordance with the teaching programme as possible. |

**- *duration***

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| Total hours of activities | 130 h. |

1. **teachers and support staff**

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