



RPL in the HEIs Project (AHOT korkeakouluissa -hanke)*
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP
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Recognition of formal learning: substitutions

This recommendation pertains to the language and communication studies required for degrees from institutions of higher education.

1. All language and communication studies required for higher education degrees may be completed through substitution, unless the institution of higher education decides otherwise.
2. Language and communication studies completed for a first-cycle degree from an equivalent or applicable field at a Finnish institution of higher education will be substituted fully for students entering second-cycle education, unless the institution decides otherwise.
3. If the student has demonstrated the competence required for the degree by completing language and communication studies of an equivalent level (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) at a Finnish institution of higher education in an equivalent or applicable field, the studies will be substituted fully despite minor differences in scope.
4. If the student has completed language and communication studies in another field at a Finnish institution of higher education and has demonstrated the level of competence required for the degree, supplementary field-specific language and communication studies are recommended. Any supplementary studies will be evaluated according to the practices of the institution in question. Degree studies in the official languages of Finland (Finnish/Swedish) will be evaluated according to the grading policy of the previous institution of higher education.
5. If the student has demonstrated the competence required for the degree through foreign language studies of an equivalent level (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) at an institution of higher education outside Finland in an equivalent or applicable field, full substitution of the studies is recommended despite minor differences in scope.
6. If the student has completed non-language studies outside Finland, he or she may not directly substitute for the language studies required for the degree. The working group suggests that an appropriate number of credits be substituted with such studies, if the studies include a clearly identifiable language or communication component and correspond to the learning outcomes of the foreign language studies required for the degree.
7. The working group further recommends that experts in language and communication teaching (e.g., language centres or the teachers of languages or communication) decide whether to recognise such formal learning.

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