



UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

Competence in the language of the host country

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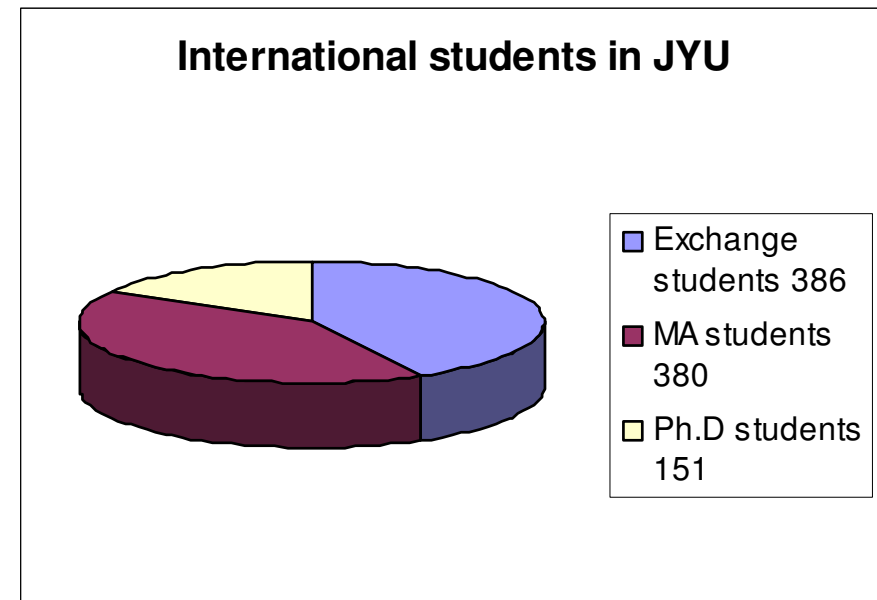
**Strategies for Innovation in higher education language
teaching and learning**

WORKSHOP

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International Students in JYU

- In JYU 2007-2008:
 - 917 international students
- Erasmus students
 - 280
 - from German, France, Spain, and Czech



University Language Policy (1)

The University is responsible for the education of experts for various functions in society who are communicatively competent and are aware of their responsibility for the way language is used.

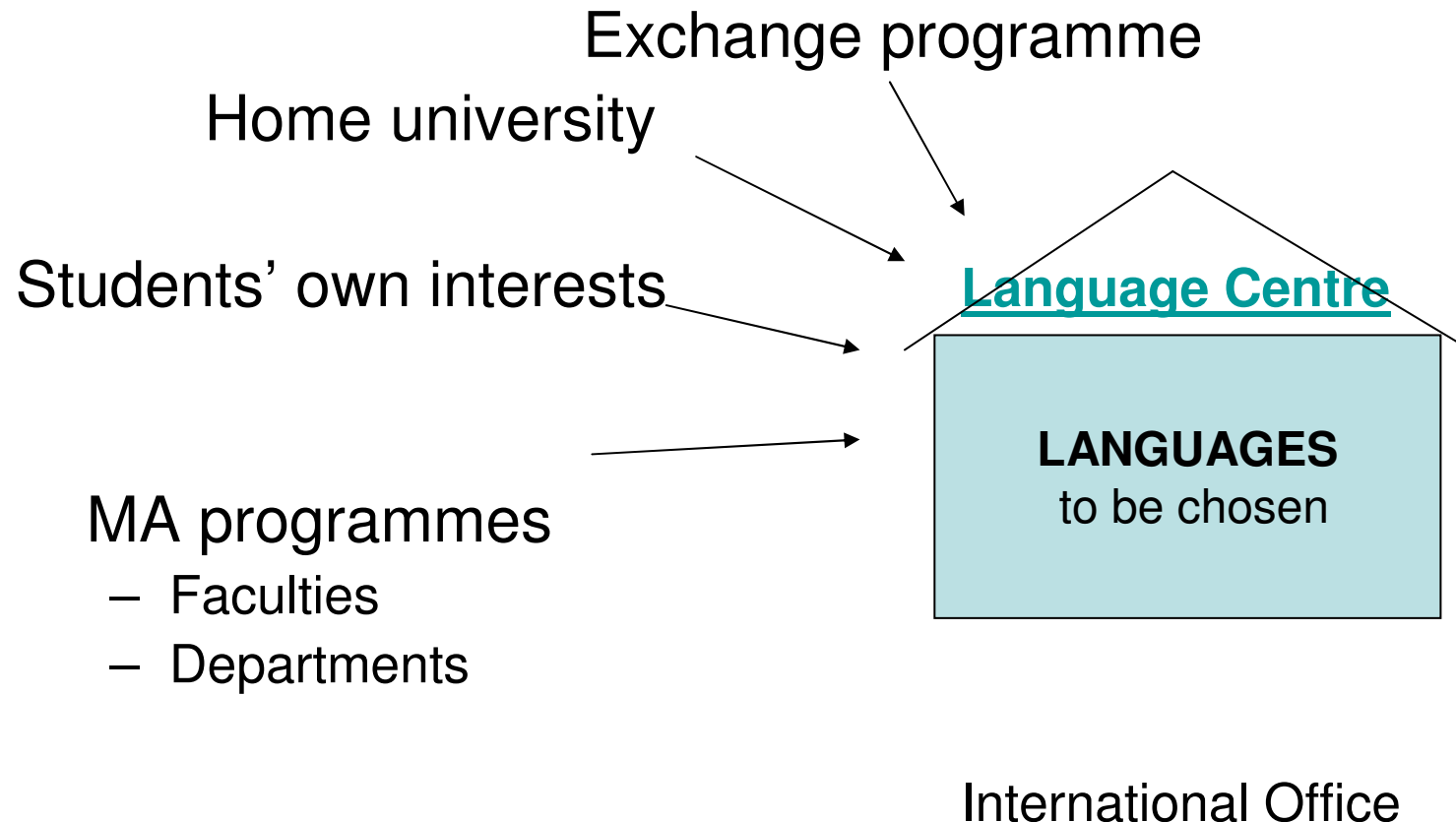


University Language Policy (2)

The University is to provide its **foreign students** – both exchange students and degree students – **good opportunities to study the Finnish language** and to acquaint themselves with Finnish **culture**.

Similarly, the **language and cultural resources of foreign students will be tapped in teaching and the development of skills and competence required abroad**. Foreign students who are admitted to do full Finnish degrees will be given a chance to carry out studies of the Finnish language at the beginning of their studies to the extent that they will be able to attain a level of competence in Finnish necessary for participation in programmes taught in Finnish.

Study Planning for International Students at JYU Language Centre



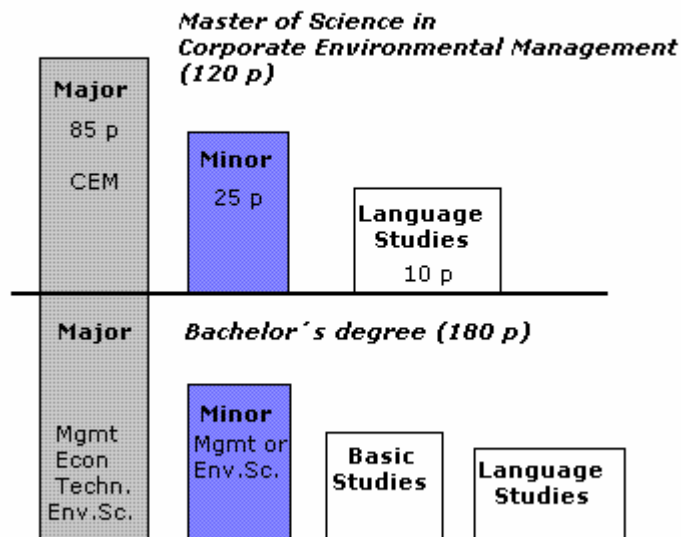
Language Studies at JYU Language Centre

- Finnish as a Second Language
- English
- Swedish as a Second/Foreign Language
- Other languages (French, German, Spanish...)
- Independent language learning opportunities
 - Learning Centre
 - E-learning opportunities



Example: Corporate Environmental Management

Structure of the Programme:



All students:	
English	ECTS
Academic Reading	3
Communication Skills	3
Professional Reporting	4
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+ International students	
Finnish	
Finnish 1	5
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Native English speakers	
Other languages	10
Finnish	5

Finnish as a Second Language

- Students and university staff members on the courses 470-500 (2007)
 - 2486 ECTS
 - 1785 teaching hours

- Learning
 - to learn Finnish
 - to communicate in Finnish
 - to study and work in Finnish
 - to know Finnish culture
 - to plan Finnish language studies

(Examples)

Challenges

- The second language context is not obvious
 - Studies in English
 - International friends
 - English spoken widely in Finland

- Negative attitudes towards Finnish language studies (departments, working life)
 - Level of Finnish needed
 - Economic issues
 - Graduating

