Leading the Way

With experience spanning more than a century and an established track record of conducting high-quality research, we at Aalto University School of Business are well-equipped to educate the influential leaders of tomorrow.

The School of Business is the leading business school in Finland and ranks among the best in Europe. The School provides students with a multidisciplinary, international learning experience. The focus is on teaching through real life challenges, real cases, consultancy projects, and internships, in close cooperation with the business community and the rest of the society. The School of Business is a community of 2,700 students and 103 faculty members with approx. 600 international students a year, totalling 16% of the student body.

Triple Crown status
Aalto University School of Business is the first business school in the Nordic countries to have received all three labels of excellence from the world’s leading business school accreditation bodies: AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. This Triple Crown status is an honour held by only a few business schools worldwide.

CEMS – global cooperation
CEMS is a global alliance of leading business schools and multinational companies. It constitutes of 30 academic institutions, 70 international corporate partners and 5 social members. The member schools together, in close cooperation, produce the CEMS Master’s in International Management (MIM) programme. At Aalto the CEMS programme provides students with two degrees – Master in Global Management (M.Sc.) and the CEMS MIM. The Aalto University School of Business is the only institution in Finland offering the programme.

PIM
Partnership in International Management (PIM), a consortium of 60 top business schools from around the world that share reputations for academic excellence regionally and globally. The expertise acquired within PIM permits member schools to enhance their international commitment. The School of Business is a select member of the network.

Aalto University Executive Education
Executive education and professional development services are provided under Aalto EE, Aalto PRO, and Aalto ENT. Aalto EE offers MBA programs in Finland, Singapore, Poland, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and Iran. Aalto EE is the most renowned actor in the field in Finland and offers its services in Asia and in a number of countries in Europe.

Departments and Fields

- **Department of Accounting**
  - Accounting
  - Business Law

- **Department of Economics**
  - Economics

- **Department of Finance**
  - Finance

- **Department of Marketing**
  - Marketing

- **Department of Information and Service Economy**
  - Information Systems Science
  - Logistics
  - Management Science

- **Department of Management Studies**
  - Organization and Management
  - International Business
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Organizational Communication
Course Offer
Over 160 English-taught business courses are available in many disciplines. In addition there are multidisciplinary courses available for exchange students.

Academic Evaluation and Credits
A full-time study program is 1600 hours per year, which equals to 60 ECTS credits. Most courses are 6 ECTS credits. One ECTS credit stands for approximately 27 working hours. These hours include all the work required for completing a course (lectures, projects, cases, exam, independent study). Full-time workload per term is 30 ECTS for undergraduate and graduate students.

Grading scale
ECTS Grade Definition Aalto Numerical Scale
A Excellent 5
B Very Good 4
C Good 3
D Satisfactory 2
E Sufficient 1
F/FX Fail 0

Programme Structures
Aalto University has a Bologna-based degree structure. The B.Sc. is a 3-year programme, the M.Sc. a 2-year programme and the Doctoral degree is a four-year programme.

Bachelor of Science Degree Structure: (180 ECTS)
Foundation core courses for all B.Sc. students: 60 ECTS
Specialization studies: 60 ECTS (incl. Thesis and Seminar)
Minor studies: 24-30 ECTS
Language and communication studies: 18 ECTS
Elective studies: 18-30 ECTS

Master of Science Degree Structure: (120 ECTS)
Programme studies: 84 ECTS (incl. Master’s Thesis and Seminar)
Minor studies: 24 ECTS
Elective studies: 12 ECTS

Academic Calendar 2019–2020
Autumn Term 2019
Exchange Student Orientation Days in Sep week 36 2019
Lectures: Sep 9 – Dec 13, 2019
Period 1: Sep 9 - Oct 25, 2019
Assessment Week: Oct 21 - 25, 2019
Period 2: Oct 28 - Dec 13, 2019
Assessment Week: Dec 9 - 13, 2019

Spring Term 2020
Exchange Student Orientation Days TBC, 2020
Lectures: Jan - May 29, 2020
Period 3: Jan 7 - Feb 21, 2020
Assessment Week: Feb 17 - 21, 2020
Period 4: Feb 24 - Apr 6, 2020
Assessment Week: Apr 6 - 10, 2020
Period 5: Apr 13 - May 29, 2020
Assessment Week: May 25 - 29, 2020

Application Information
Students interested in an exchange at the School of Business are first to contact the study abroad coordinator at their home universities. The School of Business accepts exchange students nominated by its partner universities only. After being nominated by the home universities the students will receive a letter to an online application form. Students are to provide a CV, a photo and a transcript of records as attachments. Once the application is completed and approved, the students will receive an official letter of acceptance. More information at info.aalto.fi/New students > Incoming Exchange Students.

Application Deadlines
Autumn Term - Application of Admission (incl. housing): April 30th
Spring Term - Application of Admission (incl. housing): October 1st

Visa Requirements
Depending on the nationality and the length of stay, the student may need a visa or a residence permit. Students should immediately proceed with the visa/residence permit application after receiving the letter of acceptance as the process takes up to 6 weeks. Travel arrangements should only be made once the visa/residence permit has been issued. Information about Finnish consulates and embassies can be found at formin.finland.fi.

Orientation and Tutoring
Orientation days are organized at the beginning of each semester. Two local student tutors lead tutor groups of approximately 10 exchange students. The tutoring service is organized in close cooperation with the Student Association.

On Campus Services
Group training and gym are offered on both campuses by Unisport. Career Services offers career counseling, Aalto CareerWeb for vacant positions, workshops on CV writing and job hunting skills.

Camps
The School of Business operates on two campuses in the Helsinki Metropolitan area and has one programme offered in the city of Mikkeli.

Otaniemi Campus
The undergraduate programme is offered at the Otaniemi Campus in Espoo, which is the main campus of Aalto University. The multidisciplinary spaces, Aalto Factories and the Aalto Startup Sauna are also located on Otaniemi campus. The campus is located 9 km from downtown Helsinki and can be easily reached by bus. A new metro line opened in Fall 2017 and Aalto University now has its own metro stop in Otaniemi.

Töölö Campus
The graduate and doctoral programmes are offered at the downtown Töölö Campus in Helsinki. The School of Business will move from Töölö to a new building in Otaniemi in February 2019. See more from website business3.aalto.fi.

Mikkeli Campus
The Bachelor’s Programme in International Business is offered at the Mikkeli campus which is situated 230 km north-east from Helsinki. Mikkeli is located in the largest lake district in Europe surrounded by untouched nature.

Housing
In the Helsinki region there are two large student housing organizations: HOAB (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region) and AYY (Aalto University Student Union) and Aalto cooperates with them. Student apartments typically consist of 3–5 bedrooms, a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom. Student apartments are situated around the Helsinki area. Students apply for housing directly through the above organizations.

Living expenses

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Programmes in English
Bachelor’s Programmes (B.Sc.)
Economics and Business Administration with specializations in Management, Accounting, Business Technology, Marketing, Finance and Economics (2nd and 3rd year in English)
Economics (English language Programmes)
International Business in Mikkeli (BSBA)

Master’s Programmes (M.Sc.)
Accounting, Corporate Communication, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Global Management (CEMIM), Information and Service Management (ISM), Management and International Business (MIB), Marketing

Multidisciplinary programs (M.Sc.):
Creative Sustainability (with School of Arts, Design and Architecture and School of Engineering), Strategy (with School of Science) and International Design Business Management (IDBM, with School of Arts, Design and Architecture and School of Science).

Double Degree Programmes
University of Cologne, ESADE, University of Queensland, University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business

Minor Programmes

Information Technology Program (ITP) - Summer Studies
From June until August at the Töölö campus with three tracks:
• Information & Service Business (ISB)
• Strategy & Experience Design (SED)
• Digital &Interactive Entertainment (DIE)
Each track is worth 24 ECTS (three courses and company project). Application is in March every year. More info at itp.aalto.fi or from Program Manager, Laura Sivula at laura.sivula@aalto.fi.

Summer Studies: Short-term Option
The Bachelor’s Program in International Business is offered in English in Mikkeli campus, situated 230 km from Helsinki. The courses, 6 ECTS each, are lectured in 3-week modules around the year.

MBA Programme
Aalto University Executive Education offers MBA studies and a variety of executive education. The MBA courses are offered in two-week modules around the year. The programme accepts exchange students from select partner universities only. More info at mba.aalto.fi.

Doctoral Programme
The Doctor of Science in Economics and Business Administration is a 4-year full-time doctoral programme. The School provides funding for the first two years. Info at info.aalto.fi/display/endorctoraldbiz. The specialization areas: Business, Economics and Finance comprise Common Studies and Disciplinary Studies. The Aalto Executive DBA offered by Aalto EE is a doctoral level program for experienced professionals who wish to merge professional practice with theoretical perspectives.

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Aalto unique features

The university emphasizes multidisciplinary teaching and learning and has introduced Aalto Cross-School Courses and University Wide Art Studies (UWAS) i.e. Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, Design and Creativity in Business, and Business and Society. UWAS courses offer access to design thinking for every discipline in the university. There are diverse cross-disciplinary activities to learn design thinking and gain insight into working in multidisciplinary teams.

Start-up scene

Startup Sauna and Aalto Entrepreneur Society (AaltoES), as well as Slush and Summer of Startups are examples of the genuine student-driven start-up scene at the university. Around 70-100 new companies are born at Aalto University each year.

Factories

Design Factory, Health Factory and Media Factory act as joint platforms combining the expertise of Aalto University’s schools in product development, health and wellbeing, and media. The Design Factory is an open environment for research and education on product development. The concept is implemented around the world.

Art and Creativity

Art, design and creativity drive innovation and entrepreneurship. These concepts radically challenge our society and culture. They generate new knowledge and understanding and create value by leveraging humane designs and viable solutions. The university develops and promotes art-based activities across disciplines, knowledge frameworks and communities. The School of Arts, Design and Architecture is ranked #13 by QS in the world.

Aalto University Facts and Figures

- Students: 20,000
- International students: 13 %
- Bachelor’s Degrees: 1,600
- Master’s Degrees: 2,000
- Doctoral Degrees: 250
- Faculty and Staff: 4,400
- Professors: 410
- 70-100 new startups annually

Aalto University Schools:

- School of Arts, Design and Architecture
- School of Business
- School of Chemical Engineering
- School of Electrical Engineering
- School of Engineering
- School of Science

Helsinki metropolitan area

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, is situated on the shore of southern Finland. It is the largest city with a population of over 600,000. The Helsinki metropolitan area consists of the cities Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa and Kauniainen with a population of 1.4 million. The city is ranked as one of the most liveable cities in the world in Monocle magazine’s Quality of Life Survey. The city has great cultural heritage and offers great outdoors: numerous islands, forests and greenery within easy reach of the city.

Useful Links

- MyHelsinki: myhelsinki.fi
- City of Helsinki: helsinki.fi
- Finnish Immigration Service: migri.fi
- Student Health Service: (YTHS) yths.fi
- Studying in Finland: studyinfinland.fi
- Helsinki Region Transport: hsl.fi
- Finnish Railways (VR): vr.fi
- Virtual Finland: virtual.finland.fi
- Helsingin Sanomat (newspaper): hs.fi/english/

Fall in love with Finland!

Finland is situated in northern Europe bordering Sweden, Norway and Russia. It is a republic and a member of the European Union since 1995. Finland has approximately 5.5 million inhabitants. The national languages are Finnish (89%) and Swedish (5.3%), but most Finns speak also fluent English. The Euro is used as currency.

Finland has one of the most advanced education systems in the world and has both a high standard of living and quality of life. The Finnish population is highly educated by international comparison, and education is valued in the society.

International rankings for Finland

- #1 the most stable country in the world
- #1 best governance in the world
- #1 in press freedom
- #1 the greenest country in the world
- #2 in transparency
- #2 in gender equality
- #3 in social justice in the EU
- #2 most innovative country
- #2 in global cleantech innovation
- #2 in the EU for quality of life