Studies

Study environment

Aalto University is composed of six schools with altogether about 12,000 students and 4,000 staff, 400 of whom are professors.

Aalto University was born in 2010 out of the merger of three universities: Helsinki University of Technology, the University of Art and Design Helsinki, and the Helsinki School of Economics.

This gives you as an Aalto student the possibility to study a variety of fields: business, technology, art and design.

Bachelor’s degrees

At Aalto University, you can earn one of the following bachelor’s degrees:

- Bachelor of Science (Economics and Business Administration)
- Bachelor of Arts (Art and Design)
- Bachelor of Science (Technology)

The degrees are 180 ECTS in scope and should be completed in three years.

The languages of the bachelor’s programmes vary: in business and technology, Aalto offers bachelor’s programmes in English and Finnish while in art and design, bachelor’s programmes are available only in Finnish. You can find all Aalto bachelor’s programmes under Academic catalogue 2018–2020.

Master’s degrees

Master’s-level studies follow the bachelor’s-level studies:

- Master’s degree (120 ECTS)
- Bachelor’s degree (180 ECTS)

After earning a bachelor’s degree, you can continue studying in an Aalto University master’s programme to earn one of the following degrees:

- Master of Science (Architecture)
- Master of Science (Technology)
- Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration)
- Master of Science (Landscape Architecture)
- Master of Arts (Art and Design)

The degrees are 120 ECTS in scope and should be completed in two years. As a rule, the Aalto master’s programmes are taught in English, but there are a few taught in Finnish, too. You can find all Aalto master’s programmes under Academic catalogue 2018–2020.

If you have earned your bachelor’s degree outside Aalto University, you can apply for the Aalto University master’s programmes in the master’s-level admissions procedure.

If you have earned your bachelor’s degree at Aalto University, you can either transfer directly to an Aalto master’s programme linked to your bachelor’s programme or apply for admission to an Aalto University master’s programme that is not directly linked to your bachelor’s programme. Usually you can continue directly from a bachelor’s programme to a master’s programme in the same field. For detailed instructions, see ‘Transitioning to master’s programme’.

Doctoral studies

After earning a master’s degree, you can continue studies in an Aalto University doctoral programme to earn one of the following degrees:

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration)
- Doctor of Arts (Art and Design)
- Doctor of Science (Technology), Doctor of Science (Architecture)
The nominal scope of the degrees above is four years.

To be eligible for doctoral studies, you are required to hold a relevant master's degree and have to apply for admission to a doctoral programme. You can find all Aalto doctoral programmes under Academic catalogue 2018–2020.

Electronic study environment

- The virtual learning environment for the Aalto courses is MyCourses.
- The Aalto MOOCs have their own learning environment where you can register for the courses.