

More than a degree - unique opportunities for Aalto students

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Aalto University offers you a unique way of studying: you have a great opportunity to build networks and encounter students of various fields and engage in a wide variety of practically oriented business projects, which allows you to tailor your degree to meet your needs while gaining unique experiences. **Think about the degree you want and need. What kind of expert do you want to develop into?**

This page showcases some of the multidisciplinary minors offered at Aalto as well as courses and communities that prepare you for entrepreneurship. As you plan your studies, keep in mind all your multidisciplinary possibilities and change the game!

Aalto Entrepreneurship Society Aaltoes

[Aalto Entrepreneurship Society Aaltoes](#) exist to build the next generation of entrepreneurs. Aaltoes organizes a variety of events and programs targeted university students and early-stage founders: incubators/accelerators, hackathons, inspirational events and meetups. The organization is run entirely by students: active members consist of a full-time board, selected for a calendar year, and team members, volunteers fascinated about entrepreneurship.

Aaltonaut

The goal of the [Aaltonaut](#) is to educate students about product development through hands-on projects and problem based learning. The minor offers bachelor's level students an opportunity to develop skills they will use in work life, such as communication skills and interdisciplinary team work.

Aalto Ventures Program AVP

[Aalto Ventures Program](#) prepares Aalto students for high-growth entrepreneurship through university-wide high-quality curriculum and co-curricular activities. AVP seeks to inspire and provide students with insight and experience needed to build bold new ventures either as new independent startup companies or within existing companies.

Creative Sustainability

The [international Master's Programme in Creative Sustainability](#) provides a multidisciplinary learning platform in the fields of architecture, business, design, built environment and real estate for dealing with the significant challenges of sustainability which background is in climate change, global poverty, social and economic inequality, demographic changes and rapid global economic changes.

Design Factory

[Aalto Design Factory](#) is a cross-disciplinary working environment in which problem-centred learning, combined with theory, practice and professional skills, takes centre stage. A place where students, researchers, entrepreneurs and businesses work together to solve real-life challenges, the Design Factory provides education for future global leaders in product development.

International Design Business Management IDBM

[International Design Business Management IDBM](#) Master's Degree Major & Minor Programmes challenge students from all six schools of Aalto University to experiment and expand on their core capabilities and interdisciplinary teamwork skills through courses and projects that demonstrate the significance of design in user experiences, business and life. IDBM Programme culminates to a six months long project provided by our renowned industry partners, in which students collaborate to design unique solutions and create value for the client and themselves.

Multidisciplinary Energy Studies (MES)

[Multidisciplinary Energy Studies \(MES\)](#) is an elective Minor subject for Master's students interested in energy and society. It approaches energy in a modern way from three key perspectives, namely science and technology, economics and business, social sciences and human behavior. At the same time, MES strives for increasing integrative understanding across a range of energy issues. MES aims at providing strong systemic thinking and multiple skills for dealing with the complexity of energy in a new way. The Multidisciplinary Energy Studies (MES) is a collaborative teaching effort between several disciplines at Aalto University. Examples of themes include Sustainable Energy, Green-ICT, Energy Markets, Behavioral Economics, Green Business, Smart Power, E-Mobility, among others.

Startuplifers

[Startuplifers](#) is a fully student-driven community and internship program that sends students from Finland and Sweden to intern at startups in California, Singapore, Shanghai, and Tokyo. The coordinator team consisting of 4–5 students collects a pool of talents and partner startups to match the best candidates with suitable open positions. The internships are all paid and in the fields of engineering, design, and business. The internships last from 3 to 18 months depending on the contract.

StartUp Sauna

[StartUp Sauna](#) accelerator takes in ambitious tech startups with the goal of making them capable of addressing global markets. The accelerator provides hands-on help from experienced entrepreneurs, in-depth industry knowledge such as how to or how not to successfully crowdfund campaigns or simply how to nail down the perfect B2B sales pitch among other things. Startup Sauna is a brand for an international community of entrepreneurs, investors and industry experts who want to give back to the ecosystem. Hence the accelerator is zero-equity.

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University Wide Art Studies UWAS

[University Wide Art Studies \(UWAS\)](#) offers every Aalto student an access to art-based thinking, creative practices, and culture. UWAS opens a possibility to include art and design studies to one's curriculum and broaden one's knowledge and skills beyond disciplinary boundaries. This ensures that Aalto University educates multidisciplinary graduates informed in and knowledgeable of how art and creative practices shape and define the world around us. There are no prerequisites for UWAS courses, so students from all Aalto schools are welcome to participate.