

# Getting started with your studies

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## Orientation and the Opening of the academic year

Aalto University organises orientation for new students in the beginning of the autumn semester (for exchange students also in January).

Complete **Aalto Pre-orientation** in MyCourses before your arrival to campus, after you have activated your IT credentials. Self-study material guides you through our tools and services and helps you prepare for your studies. If you are unable to complete the Pre-orientation before orientation week, you will have time to complete it later. Orientation continues with on-campus orientation in the beginning of the semester.

All new students are strongly advised to fully participate in the Pre-orientation and **Orientation week**. The orientation includes important information on studies and practical matters, as well as useful information on living in Finland for international students. It is a good opportunity to get to know the relevant people and places, meet other students and learn about the student services available to you. You will also meet your tutors and have a chance to discuss any issues you may have about starting your studies at Aalto.

Your programme's orientation schedule and information about where to report on orientation week 36 (the week of 31 August 2020), can be found at the "Starting your studies" and "Key dates" page for [your programme](#).

It is recommended that if you have any prior studies or learning demonstrated in some other manner, you should apply for credit transfer as soon as possible, preferably during the orientation week or even before that. [Further information about credit transfer](#)

## Take the key data systems for students in use

### Study guides explain your study options

See [the study guide for your degree programme](#) for information on the structure and content of your degree and descriptions of the study modules and the courses they include. In the study guide you'll find instructions for taking care of your study affairs and also the contact information for your programme.

In the [International students](#) section you'll find specific information about [arrival and settling in](#), [studying at Aalto](#) and [Living in Finland](#). Please find also information about [Tuition fees and scholarships](#).

### Oodi is the record of your studies

[WebOodi](#) ([oodi.aalto.fi](http://oodi.aalto.fi)) is the student information system, where you can view your personal details, make a personal study plan (HOPS), register for courses and examinations and order a transcript of records. WebOodi also includes important course information, such as the content, timetable and teaching location for each course. The university uses the contact details you have provided in WebOodi for all communication, and therefore it is important that you keep them up to date at all times.

### MyCourses collects the online workspaces of the courses

[MyCourses](#) ([mycourses.aalto.fi](http://mycourses.aalto.fi)) is a system, where you can find work spaces and home page of each course. You can also browse the courses in MyCourses.

### Register for your Aalto email

[WebMail](#) ([mail.aalto.fi](http://mail.aalto.fi)) is the Aalto email service. You can access your Aalto mail when you have activated the Aalto IT account in August. For further information, please visit the following page: [After admission to Bachelor's studies](#) or [After admission to Master's studies](#)

Your Aalto email is the first point of contact between you and the university, so it is crucial to read it regularly. [You can, however, forward the emails sent to your Aalto e-mail to another mailbox if you wish.](#)

## Support for day-to-day activities and help in difficult situations

While a student at Aalto, the university provides a wide range of services that support your studies and day-to-day activities. The relevant links to student support services are listed below.

## Academic support

For study advice, please contact the [student services](#) of your school.

Some other useful services of the university:

- Read more about Aalto University [IT services for students](#)
- You can access the course books, an extensive selection of e-books and other library services via Aalto University [Learning Centre](#)
- The compulsory and elective language studies included in the degree are organised by the Aalto University [Language Centre](#)
- [The Psychology Service](#) offers help and support in terms of your mental welfare, time management and study skills
- The university is committed to providing [accessible studies and services and equal working and study environment](#) for everyone.
- Specific workshops are organized for [study skills](#) and related issues
- Aalto University [Career Services](#) offers you information and training in job hunting, recruitment events, jobs and internships and much more.

## Well-being and health

- [The Starting Point of Wellbeing](#) offers students advice and guidance on services related to wellbeing

More information about [well-being](#) and [health services](#) in the section [for international students](#).

## Student organisations

More information on [student organisations](#) is available in the section [for international students](#).

## Campus

Aalto University's main campus Otaniemi is located in the city of Espoo. Information on and maps of the campus are available [here](#). There is also [Aalto Space](#) mobile application available for Otaniemi Campus. It helps you navigate the campus and allows you to book facilities for studying and group work.

More information about [public transportation](#) in the section [for international students](#).

Aalto is active in the development of a sustainable campus area. You can also make an impact in your own environment by the choices you make. [Welcome to sustainable Aalto!](#) (pdf)

Read more about [campus development](#).

## Contact information

The school in which you are admitted as a student will guide and advice you in your studies. It is best to deal with all matters relating to your studies with the student services of your own school (or the coordinator of your programme), but of course you may ask general advice from [any student service of any school](#). Please note, however, that the school practices will vary on a wide range of issues and that therefore you should always use the forms and procedures of your own school unless otherwise specified.

In the [study guide of your programme](#) you'll find the contact information for your programmes staff.