



**Aalto University**

## Information sheet for the academic year 2015-16

School of Chemical Technology  
School of Electrical Engineering  
School of Engineering  
School of Science

### Academic matters

<b>Autumn term</b>	August - December, periods I and II (teaching and exams 7 Sept – 19 Dec 2015)
<b>Spring term</b>	January - July, periods III, IV and V (teaching and exams 4 Jan – 28 May 2016)
<b>Language of instruction</b>	Finnish, Swedish and English. Information on courses in English is available online.
<b>Fields of study</b>	<p><b>School of Chemical Technology:</b> Biomass refining Fibre and Polymer Engineering Biotechnology Chemistry Functional Materials Sustainable Metals Processing Chemical Engineering Biosystems and -materials</p> <p><b>School of Engineering:</b> Real Estate Economics Geomatics Energy and HVAC Technology Mechanical Engineering Structural Engineering and Building Technology Transportation and Environmental Engineering</p> <p><b>School of Electrical Engineering:</b> Automation and Systems Technology Communications Engineering Electronics and Electrical Engineering Bioinformation Technology</p> <p><b>School of Science:</b> Computer Science</p>

Industrial Engineering and Management  
Engineering Physics  
Mathematics and Operations Research  
Biomedical Engineering and Neuroscience

**What can you study**

Information on courses offered in English is given on each school's Into portal:

**School of Chemical Technology**  
**School of Electrical Engineering**  
**School of Engineering**  
**School of Science**

Please check detailed course descriptions from

**WebOodi** or **MyCourses**

Study programmes are updated annually in the spring/summer for the following academic year and some changes in the course selection are likely every year. Hence, students must be prepared to make some changes to their study plans after arrival. Students can contact the schools' exchange coordinators for guidance.

**Language courses**

Exchange students may take language courses subject to availability and prerequisites. Especially English language courses may be very full and Aalto's degree students have priority to these courses.

The language center offers Finnish language and culture courses for exchange students.

**Grading scale**

1-5 (1 is the lowest passing grade and 5 the highest) or pass/fail

**ECTS credits**

The scope and workload of courses is given in ECTS (= European Credit Transfer System) credits. One credit corresponds to 27 hours of work, including lectures and other forms of instruction, exercises, seminars and independent work at home and in the library. The scope of a course can be 1-15 credits depending on its content.

**How many courses should students take?**

There are no set limits, but a full study load is approximately 1600 hours per academic year which equals to 60 ECTS credits. At least 2/3 of courses in the study plan should be selected from one field of study.

**Can students take courses from other schools at Aalto?**

Yes, 1/3 of courses can be taken from other schools, as long as the prerequisites and the courses are available in English. However, exchange students in the Schools of Chemical Technology, Electrical Engineering, Engineering and Science are not allowed to take courses from the School of Art, Design and Architecture or the School of Business. Interdisciplinary Aalto Courses are open for all students, including exchange students.

**Can students take courses from different levels?**

Yes. However, keep in mind that the majority of courses that are offered in English in the four technical schools of Aalto University are in the master level. Bachelor-level students may take master-level courses if they fulfill the prerequisites. Aalto University strongly recommends at least 2, in some cases 3 years of bachelor's studies before arriving at Aalto University.

If you have doubts about the correct level, please contact Aalto's exchange coordinator.

## Applying

<b>Application deadlines:</b>	(Always check the application date online, in case of updates!)  <b>April 30:</b> All applicants for the next autumn term/academic year. <b>October 15:</b> All applications for the spring term only.  Late or incomplete applications will not be handled after these dates. The online application will open one month before the application deadline. The link to the online application will be send to nominated students only!
<b>Application procedure:</b>	After the home university has sent a nomination email to Aalto University's exchange coordinator, the nominated students will receive application instructions and a link to the online application by email. The nomination should therefore always include the students' name and email address.
<b>Instructions for applying</b>	<a href="#">School of Chemical Technology</a> <a href="#">School of Electrical Engineering</a> <a href="#">School of Engineering</a> <a href="#">School of Science</a>
<b>Language requirements</b>	Exchange students from partner universities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• language of instruction at home university is English: no language certificate needed</li><li>• language of instruction at home university is other than English: an official language test certificate or a certificate from an English language teacher/professor stating that the student has sufficient language skills to study in English in his/her subject area.</li></ul> Freemover guest students from non-partner Universities, please see <a href="#">general language requirements</a>
<b>Application outcome</b>	Information about the application result will be sent to the student's home address (European students) or to the coordinator of home university (students from outside Europe) within one and a half month after the application deadline.
<b>Can students extend their exchange period?</b>	Yes, if certain conditions are fulfilled. Please contact the coordinator as early as possible for handling the practical matters.
<b>How to get official transcripts after the exchange?</b>	Please contact the coordinator or Student Services as soon as all your courses have been registered and we will send one to the address of your choice. Official transcripts are not sent automatically, but only on request.

## Accommodation

**Is university accommodation available?**

The university itself does not own any student housing but has reserved a quota of rooms from other housing providers for exchange students. The housing situation in Helsinki metropolitan area is difficult and we cannot guarantee accommodation for all exchange students. The housing situation is much better in the spring term than in the autumn term. Students must apply for housing themselves according to the instructions given by Aalto.

**How to find accommodation?**

Please see the webpages about housing for exchange students:

[School of Chemical Technology](#)  
[School of Electrical Engineering](#)  
[School of Engineering](#)  
[School of Science](#)

## Visa requirements, cost of living and insurance

**Who needs a visa/residence permit?**

Students coming outside of EU/EEA countries

**How to get one?**

[Please visit the web pages of the Finnish Immigration services](#)

**Insurance**

Must be bought in the home country before arriving in Finland. Students from non EU/EEA countries are required to have valid health insurance. This is compulsory requirement for obtaining residence permit for studies lasting more than 3 months.

[See for example SIP insurance.](#)

**Estimated Monthly Expenses in local currency (euro, €)**

Students should budget about 560-850 euros for living costs (housing, transportation, food & other daily necessities) per month.

**Student union**

Student Union ([AYY](#)) membership is compulsory for students who live in AYY apartments and highly recommended for all.

## Important links

[www.aalto.fi/en](http://www.aalto.fi/en)

Please remember to check our webpages for Incoming Exchange students. They have a lot of important and useful material and the information online is always most up-to-date.

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