

MASTERS STUDENTS
ORIENTATION WEEK 2024
TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ART AND MEDIA!

MA PROGRAMMES

MA Programme in Art and Media

Nordic Master in Visual Studies and Art Education
(joint programme with Aalborg University)

Re-Play (Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme)

MA Programme in Art and Media

7 MAJORS

Visual Communication Design

Kuvataidekasvatus

New Media

Sound in New Media

Game Design and Development

**Visual Cultures, Curating and
Contemporary Art**

Photography

I invite you to get back to this note you just made in a few weeks time, maybe before the winter holidays and see if anything has changed.

MAKE A NOTE

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?

WHAT ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT?

Degree structure for Master of Arts ↗

Major studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Major advanced studies 60 crThesis 30 cr	90 cr
Elective studies	30 cr
Total	120 cr

Major advanced studies 60 cr

Compulsory studies 21 cr MA LEVEL				
AXM-E0001	Thinking Practices in Art & Media	YEAR 1	6	I
AXM-E0006	Doing Research in Art & Media	YEAR 1	3	III
AXM-E0003	Art of Writing	YEAR 1	6	IV-V
AXM-E0004	Art & Media Thesis Seminar	YEAR 2	6	I-III

Compulsory studies - major level
Optional major studies - major level

LINK TO MA ART AND MEDIA
CURRICULUM 2024-2026

DAM WELCOME PARTY

TODAY
TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2024
4-6PM

Metallimiehenkuja 2
Valimo

Snacks provided
Come hang out with your new classmates and teachers



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MA ART AND MEDIA – Heads of Majors

Visual Communication Design - Rupesh Vyas

Kuvataidekasvatus - Tiina Pusa

New Media - Matti Niinimäki

Sound in New Media - Antti Ikonen

Game Design and Development - Miikka Junnila

Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art -
Bassam El Baroni (from 1.10.2024 Lucy Davis)

Photography (no first year orientation) – Donald Weber

Orientation: Study Affairs



Master's Programme in Art and Media

Jaakko Kõlhi

ARTS Learning Services – Student Services

August 2024



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Orientation: Study Affairs

- **People at the Student Services**
- **Structure of the MA programme**
- **Where to find information**
- **What's next**

Art and Media Student Services



Jaakko Kölhi



Viivi Poutiainen



Mervi Palva

studentservices@aalto.fi

Scheduling appointments: mystudies.aalto.fi

Structure of the MA degree 120 cr

Major studies 60 cr

Master's thesis 30 cr

Elective studies 30 cr

Master's degree, 2 years

1st year

Major studies

Elective and language courses

2nd year autumn

Thesis seminar

Electives / minor / exchange

2nd year spring

Thesis seminar (continues)

Master's thesis

Recommended study timetable

Master's Programme in Art and Media

Programme main page	Curriculum ^	During your studies v	Graduation	Contact
Curriculum 2024–2026	Curriculum 2022–2024	Recommended timetables	Course substitutions	
Recommended timetables				
Art Education				+
Photography				+
Game Design and Development				+
New Media				+
Sound in New Media				+
Visual Communication Design				+
Visual Cultures, Curating and Contemporary Art				+

Elective studies 30 cr

(not for Art Education / Kuvataidekasvatus)

Courses that you choose yourself! Your elective studies can include:

- **Elective courses of your own major**
- **Elective art and theory studies (TAITE)**
- **A minor**
- **Courses from other programmes/majors at Aalto University**
- **Language courses**
- **Courses from other Finnish universities (JOO)**
- **Exchange studies**
- **Internships (in Finland and abroad)**

Minor 18-30 cr

- **Part of the elective studies**
 - E.g. if you complete a 18 cr minor, you have 12 cr left for other elective courses
- **Can be from any field of study**
 - List of minors at students.aalto.fi
- **Some minors are “open”, some require application**
 - Read carefully the information on each minor
- **Application period for ARTS minors in April-May 2025**
 - aalto.fi: “Instructions for applying for ARTS Minors”



Exchange studies

- Possible to apply for student exchange for one semester (autumn 2025) to one of Aalto's partner institutions
- Exchange studies are included in the degree, typically as elective studies
- Interested in exchange? Start planning well in advance
- Application period for next autumn is in January 2025
- More information on the destinations, application criteria and other practicalities at students.aalto.fi:
-> Other studies -> Exchange studies

Language requirements

Students educated in Finnish or Swedish

A) If completed as part of a Finnish BA degree: no language requirements.

B) If not completed in previous BA degree, the language requirements are:

- 9 credits: 3 cr in written and oral communication, 3 cr in the second national language of Finland, and 3 cr in one foreign language.

Students educated in other languages than Finnish or Swedish

- 3 cr in one foreign language
- Minimum CEFR level B1, for English B2, for Finnish or Swedish any level

Language courses are part of the elective studies

students.aalto.fi -> Language and communication studies

Credit transfer

If you have completed individual courses in other universities, you can transfer them to Aalto and include them in your elective studies.

As a rule, you cannot transfer credits from your BA degree.

students.aalto.fi:

-> Applications, instructions and guidelines -> Credit transfer



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Sisu – sisu.aalto.fi

- **Student and study information system**
- **Planning your studies**
 - Create and follow your personal study plan (PSP)
 - See your weekly schedule and lecture locations
- **Registering for courses**
 - Add courses to your plan and register for them
 - Check your completed credits
- **Submitting applications**
 - Apply for credit transfer, course substitution, graduation
- **Sisu clinic on Thursday at 10-12 am in room R102 (Väre)**
- **Detailed Sisu instructions at students.aalto.fi**

Where to find information?

students.aalto.fi

- curriculum, academic calendar, rules and regulations, instructions

sisu.aalto.fi

- personal study plan, course registration, grades, applications

mycourses.aalto.fi

- course homepages, assignments, materials

mail.aalto.fi

- newsletters, events, application periods

mystudies.aalto.fi

- services for students, scheduling appointments

Your academic advisor

- A faculty member in your own major
- Assigned to you in the beginning of your studies
- Your primary contact for questions related to the **contents** of your studies and your personal study plan
 - What optional/elective courses should you take
 - Which minor would be suitable for you
 - What courses would support your career goals
 - Practical training / Internships
 - Thesis process

Student Services

- **Structure** of your studies: what is possible, what is not
- Technical issues with Sisu and other platforms
- How to? Apply for a minor, for student exchange, for credit transfer...

ARTS Learning Services

Väre building, M wing, 3rd floor, room M311
studentservices@aalto.fi

Book an appointment: mystudies.aalto.fi

What's next?

Welcome Party today at 16:00 at Valimo (Metallimiehenkuja 2)

Major specific orientation sessions

Thursday:

10.00-11.30 Study counselling clinic, IT Classroom R102 in Väre

13.00-13.45 Language and Communication studies, Lecture hall C, Otakaari 1

14.30-15.30 Better Student Life at Aalto, Lecture hall A, Otakaari 1

10.00-15.00 Aalto Welcome Fair, Otakaari 1 lobby

Thank you!

Questions?



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27.8.2024