

Schedule | New Media | 2025–2026

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COMPULSORY ART & MEDIA PROGRAM COURSES 1ST YEAR	NEW MEDIA MAJOR (COMPULSORY COURSES) 2ND YEAR	CHOICES
COMPULSORY ART & MEDIA PROGRAM COURSES 2ND YEAR	NEW MEDIA MAJOR (OPTIONAL COURSES) 3 ECTS	INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INDEPENDENT WORK, PROJECTS, PRACTICES ETC.
	NEW MEDIA MAJOR (OPTIONAL COURSES) 3 ECTS	CHOICES

Degree Structure (120 ECTS)

MASTER'S THESIS 30 ECTS	
Master's Thesis	30 ECTS
COMPULSORY PROGRAMME STUDIES 21 ECTS	
Thinking Practices in Art & Media	6 ECTS
Doing Research in Art & Media	3 ECTS
Art of Writing	6 ECTS
Art & Media Master's Thesis Seminar	6 ECTS
COMPULSORY MAJOR STUDIES 12 ECTS	
Computational Art and Design	6 ECTS
Introduction to Media Art and Culture	3 ECTS
Interaction Design	3 ECTS

OPTIONAL MAJOR STUDIES 27 ECTS	
CHOOSE 18 ECTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES	
Storytelling	6 ECTS
Physical Computing	6 ECTS
The 21st Century Art & Science Lab	6 ECTS
Embodied Interaction	6 ECTS
Internet Technologies and Web Development	6 ECTS
Systems of Representation: Culture Lab	6 ECTS
Generative and Interactive Narratives	6 ECTS
Digital Fabrication I	6 ECTS
Digital Fabrication II	6 ECTS
CHOOSE 9 ECTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES	
Art + Media Studio	9 ECTS
Internship and Professional Experience	9 ECTS
Study Project	9 ECTS
Digital Fabrication Studio	9 ECTS

ELECTIVE STUDIES 30 ECTS	
STUDENTS CAN FREELY CHOOSE 30 ECTS	
Note that the Elective Studies are mainly done on your 2nd year, but you can take electives that fit your schedule at any point in your studies.	

Orientation Week [week 35]

	MONDAY 25.8.2025	TUESDAY 26.8.2025	WEDNESDAY 27.8.2025	THURSDAY 28.8.2025	FRIDAY 29.8.2025
9:15-12:00	ALTO ORIENTATION	ART & MEDIA ORIENTATION Yes	ART & MEDIA ORIENTATION Yes	ALTO ORIENTATION	ART & MEDIA ORIENTATION Yes
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00		Yes	NEW MEDIA ORIENTATION Yes		NEW MEDIA ORIENTATION Yes
15:15-17:00					
17:15-20:00					

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Congratulations for the admission and welcome to study at the Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture! On this page you will find instructions for starting your studies and the orientation programme. The orientation week will be held on...

Period I [weeks 36–41] | 02.09.–18.10.

	MONDAY 02.09.2025	TUESDAY 03.09.2025	WEDNESDAY 04.09.2025	THURSDAY 05.09.2025	FRIDAY 06.09.2025
9:15-12:00	NEW MEDIA Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS	Thinking Practices in Art & Media 6 ECTS		Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS	Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00			NEW MEDIA Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS		NEW MEDIA Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS
15:15-17:00	Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS				
17:15-20:00					

Workshop/Evaluation I [week 42]

	MONDAY 14.10.2025	TUESDAY 15.10.2025	WEDNESDAY 16.10.2025	THURSDAY 17.10.2025	FRIDAY 18.10.2025
9:15-12:00	Workshop Period 1: Physical Programming 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	Workshop Period 2: Physical Programming 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	Workshop Period 1: Physical Programming 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	Workshop Period 1: Physical Programming 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	Workshop Period 2: Physical Programming 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00					
15:15-17:00					
17:15-20:00					

1st Year MA Students Period I	
COMPULSORY PROGRAMME STUDIES 6 ECTS	
Thinking Practices in Art & Media	6 ECTS
COMPULSORY MAJOR STUDIES 6 ECTS	
Introduction to Media Art and Culture	3 ECTS
Computational Art and Design	3/6 ECTS*
ALTERNATIVE STUDIES 0–6 ECTS	
Storytelling	3/6 ECTS*
ELECTIVE STUDIES 0–3 ECTS	
Workshop Period 1	3 ECTS
(any elective course)	3 ECTS
STUDENT CHOICES 12–15 ECTS	
*Course is scheduled for multiple periods. The ECTS amount is the workload for this period/total.	

Period II [weeks 43–48]

	MONDAY 09.11.2025	TUESDAY 10.11.2025	WEDNESDAY 11.11.2025	THURSDAY 12.11.2025	FRIDAY 13.11.2025
9:15-12:00	NEW MEDIA Introduction Design 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA The 21st Century Art & Science Lab 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA Introduction Design 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA Introduction to Media Art and Culture 3 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00		NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA Art & Media Thesis Seminar 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS	NEW MEDIA Storytelling 3 ECTS
15:15-17:00	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS		NEW MEDIA ONLY 2ND YEAR STUDENTS		
17:15-20:00					

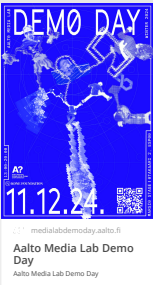
Workshop/Evaluation II [week 49]

	MONDAY 1.12.2025	TUESDAY 2.12.2025	WEDNESDAY 3.12.2025	THURSDAY 4.12.2025	FRIDAY 5.12.2025
9:15-12:00	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)	NEW MEDIA Physical Computing 3 ECTS (Can also attend workshop options)
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00					
15:15-17:00					
17:15-20:00					

1st Year MA Students Period II	
COMPULSORY MAJOR STUDIES 6 ECTS	
Interaction Design	3 ECTS
Computational Art and Design*	3/6 ECTS*
ALTERNATIVE STUDIES 0–6 ECTS	
Physical Computing	6 ECTS
The 21st Century Art & Science Lab	6 ECTS
Storytelling	3/6 ECTS*
ELECTIVE STUDIES 0–6 ECTS	
Game Design Workshop	3 ECTS
(any elective course)	3 ECTS
STUDENT CHOICES 9–15 ECTS	
*Course is scheduled for multiple periods. The ECTS amount is the workload for this period/total.	

Media Lab Demo Day + Exhibitions [week 50]

	MONDAY 2.12.2025	TUESDAY 3.12.2025	WEDNESDAY 4.12.2025	THURSDAY 5.12.2025	FRIDAY 6.12.2025
9:15-12:00					
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00			Aalto Media Lab Demo Day		
15:15-17:00			Media Stage, Open Studio, Digital Studio		
17:15-20:00					



Period III [weeks 2-7]

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:15-12:00	AD-0004 Using Research in Art & Media 6 ECTS		AD-0005 Internet Technologies and Web Development 6 ECTS	AD-0006 History of Digital Media 6 ECTS	AD-0007 Internet Technologies and Web Development 6 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00		AD-0008 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0009 Embodied Interaction 6 ECTS	AD-0010 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0011 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS
15:15-17:00	AD-0012 Embodied Interaction 6 ECTS	AD-0013 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0014 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0015 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0016 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS
17:15-20:00			AD-0017 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0018 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0019 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS

Workshop/Evaluation III [week 8]

	MONDAY 16.02.2025	TUESDAY 17.02.2025	WEDNESDAY 18.02.2025	THURSDAY 19.02.2025	FRIDAY 20.02.2025
9:15-12:00	AD-0020 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS	AD-0021 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS	AD-0022 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS	AD-0023 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS	AD-0024 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00					
15:15-17:00			AD-0025 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS		
17:15-20:00			AD-0026 Workshop Period I 6 ECTS		

1st Year MA Students Period III	
COMPULSORY PROGRAMME STUDIES 3 ECTS	
Doing Research in Art & Media	3 ECTS
ALTERNATIVE STUDIES 0-6 ECTS	
Embodied Interaction	3/6 ECTS*
Systems of Representation: Culture Lab	3/6 ECTS*
Generative and Interactive Narratives	3/6 ECTS*
Internet Technologies and Web Development	6 ECTS
Digital Fabrication I	6 ECTS
ELECTIVE STUDIES 0-3 ECTS	
Workshop Period 3	3 ECTS
(any elective course)	3 ECTS
STUDENT CHOICES 9-15 ECTS	
*Course is scheduled for multiple periods. The ECTS amount is the workload for this period/total.	

Period IV [weeks 9-15]

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:15-12:00		AD-0027 Art of Writing 6 ECTS	AD-0028 Embodied Interaction 6 ECTS	AD-0029 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS	AD-0030 Embodied Interaction 6 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00		AD-0031 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0032 Art + Media Studio 6 ECTS	AD-0033 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0034 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS
15:15-17:00		AD-0035 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0036 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS	AD-0037 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0038 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS
17:15-20:00		AD-0039 Art + Media Studio 6 ECTS	AD-0040 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0041 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0042 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS

Workshop/Evaluation IV [week 16]

	MONDAY 13.04.2025	TUESDAY 14.04.2025	WEDNESDAY 15.04.2025	THURSDAY 16.04.2025	FRIDAY 17.04.2025
9:15-12:00	AD-0043 Workshop Period IV 6 ECTS	AD-0044 Workshop Period IV 6 ECTS	AD-0045 Workshop Period IV 6 ECTS	AD-0046 Workshop Period IV 6 ECTS	AD-0047 Workshop Period IV 6 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00					
15:15-17:00			AD-0048 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS		
17:15-20:00			AD-0049 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS		

1st Year MA Students Period IV	
COMPULSORY PROGRAMME STUDIES 6 ECTS	
Art of Writing	3/6 ECTS*
ALTERNATIVE STUDIES 3-9 ECTS	
Systems of Representation: Culture Lab	3/6 ECTS*
Generative and Interactive Narratives	3/6 ECTS*
Embodied Interaction	3/6 ECTS*
Digital Fabrication II	6 ECTS
Art + Media Studio	3/9 ECTS*
ELECTIVE STUDIES 0-3 ECTS	
Workshop Period 4	3 ECTS
(any elective course)	3 ECTS
STUDENT CHOICES 9-15 ECTS	
*Course is scheduled for multiple periods. The ECTS amount is the workload for this period/total.	

Period V [weeks 17-22]

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:15-12:00		AD-0050 Art of Writing 6 ECTS	AD-0051 Art + Media Studio 6 ECTS	AD-0052 Art + Media Studio 6 ECTS	AD-0053 Art + Media Studio 6 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00		AD-0054 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0055 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS	AD-0056 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0057 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS
15:15-17:00		AD-0058 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0059 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS	AD-0060 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0061 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS
17:15-20:00		AD-0062 Art + Media Studio 6 ECTS	AD-0063 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0064 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS	AD-0065 Systems of Representation: Culture Lab 6 ECTS

Workshop/Evaluation V [week 23]

	MONDAY 1.6.2025	TUESDAY 2.6.2025	WEDNESDAY 3.6.2025	THURSDAY 4.6.2025	FRIDAY 5.6.2025
9:15-12:00	AD-0066 Workshop Period V 6 ECTS	AD-0067 Workshop Period V 6 ECTS	AD-0068 Workshop Period V 6 ECTS	AD-0069 Workshop Period V 6 ECTS	AD-0070 Workshop Period V 6 ECTS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:15-15:00			AD-0071 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS		
15:15-17:00			AD-0072 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS		
17:15-20:00			AD-0073 Digital Fabrication II 6 ECTS		

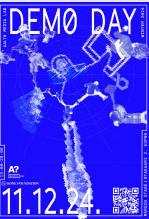
1st Year MA Students Period V	
COMPULSORY PROGRAMME STUDIES 6 ECTS	
Art of Writing	3/6 ECTS*
ALTERNATIVE STUDIES 6-9 ECTS	
Art + Media Studio	6/9 ECTS*
Digital Fabrication Studio	9 ECTS
STUDENT CHOICES 12-15 ECTS	
*Course is scheduled for multiple periods. The ECTS amount is the workload for this period/total.	

Autumn 2025

Teaching/evaluation period	Dates	Week numbers
Orientation Week/First evaluation period	25 Aug - 31 Aug 2025	35
Period I and workshop/evaluation week	01 Sep - 19 Oct 2025	36-42
Period II and workshop/evaluation week	20 Oct - 07 Dec 2024	43-49
Second evaluation period	08 Dec - 14 Dec 2024	50

Spring 2026

Teaching/evaluation period	Dates	Week numbers
Period III and workshop/evaluation week	5 Jan - 22 Feb 2025	2-8
Period IV and workshop/evaluation week no teaching or examinations 2-8 April 2026 (Easter holiday)	23 Feb - 19 Apr 2025	9-16
Period V and workshop/evaluation week	20 Apr - 5 Jun 2025	17-23



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