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Aalto-yliopisto

Road to Aalto 5/2026 – Orientation

Dear new Master's student,

The summer is here! In this letter, you'll find information on how to get oriented for your studies during the summer. To start your studies smoothly, remember to follow the instructions on your admissions letter and on our [New Master's students' page](#). In July, when you have activated your Aalto user account, you can access the self-study **pre-orientation** material in Aalto's MyCourses platform.

Join our Welcome to Finland webinar on 11 June to help prepare for your relocation and the start of studies. Before the orientation week, during the summer, your student tutor will contact you. **Orientation week for new Master's students is organised on campus from 24 August to 28 August 2026.** During this week, you will meet your fellow students and get all the information you need to start your studies. Please contact us, if you cannot attend the orientation week. You can find our orientation week programme from your own Master's programme webpage, Starting your studies section.

We hope that you'll have a relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you on campus in the autumn!



Webinars for international students

There have been several interesting and useful webinars for newly admitted Master's students throughout the spring. Recordings are available on the [Events and resources page](#).

On Thursday 11 June at 1 PM (EEST), we will organise a Welcome to Finland webinar. In this webinar, you'll learn what makes Finland a great place to live and study, get practical tips for everyday life, receive an overview of the key bureaucratic steps, and hear first-hand experiences from international Aaltonians.

If you are an international student from the EU/EEA area, join us also on Wednesday 10 June at 1 PM (EEST) for a webinar specifically for EU/EEA citizens.

The School of Chemical Engineering will organise two webinars to help you to plan your studies. The content in these webinars is same so you only need to attend the one which fits better to your schedule. Webinars will be held in English and links to the webinars will be published on orientation webpage in August.

- School of Chemical Engineering webinar A: Planning your studies in Sisu: Tuesday 18 August 2026 at 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm (EEST)
- School of Chemical Engineering webinar B: Planning your studies in Sisu, Thursday 20 August 2026 at 3.30 pm - 5 pm (EEST)

→ [See the upcoming and past webinars on the Events and Resources page](#)



Get ready to plan your studies

The core information system for students and teaching at Aalto University is called Sisu. Sisu is used for e.g. planning your studies and course registrations.

In our next newsletter, sent out in August, you will get detailed instructions on how to plan your studies. In the meantime, we strongly recommend that you get familiar with the structure of your studies and create your first version of your study plan. You can do so as soon as you have activated your Aalto user ID (see instructions below). When you plan your studies, use the most recent curriculum of your degree programme.

→ [Link to Sisu](#)



Activate your Aalto user ID

In July, Aalto IT will send you a link to activate your Aalto user account. This activation link will be sent to students who have enrolled as attending.

If you use the activation method **without** strong authentication and you do not receive the activation code, please check that your phone number is in the correct format on the activation email. If not, contact studentservices@aalto.fi.

If you have problems with the activation, please contact [Aalto IT Services](#), also available via chat.

[Activation instructions](#)

Complete the pre-orientation

From 1 July onwards, you can access the pre-orientation on the MyCourses online learning platform. Within the pre-orientation, you will get acquainted with the campus and study facilities, key information systems, and student services.

You can explore the material independently online at your own pace. The material will be available to you throughout your studies.

[Pre-orientation on MyCourses \(from 1 July\)](#)



Pay the healthcare fee

For each academic term, university students who are entitled to the Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS) are required to pay a student healthcare fee to Kela (the Social Insurance Institution of Finland). All students who are enrolled as attending for the current term and who study for a Bachelor's or Master's degree, are entitled to FSHS services. Please note that you need to pay the fee even if you use other health services.

[Read more](#)



July is holiday season in Finland

Please note that July is the main holiday season in Finland, which may result in delays in responses from Finnish authorities.

Student services in the School of Chemical Engineering are open throughout the summer with some delay in responses. If you have urgent questions related to your studies during the summer, please contact studies-chem@aalto.fi.

[Living in Finland](#)

Get to know the Finnish university system

The Finland Studies course is designed for international students and anyone interested in Finnish higher education. Within the course, you'll get an introduction to the Finnish university system and academic culture.

Adapting to a new study environment requires effort from both students and the university, and this course helps ease the transition and provides a concise, well-organised information package.

[Read more](#)



Learning Finnish

Language learning has many benefits: it develops thinking skills, increases creativity and helps to understand the local culture, which in turn can make integration and social inclusion easier—and of course, employment. In Finland, you can get by well in English at first, but over time Finnish language skills will become more important. It is therefore a good idea to start learning Finnish!

→ [Learn Finnish](#)

Free prepaid SIM for international students

Mobile operator Elisa is offering arriving international students a free prepaid SIM card (value €6). You can pick up your SIM at Starting Point from 1 August 2026 onwards. Please check Starting Point's opening hours before you visit!

→ [Starting point opening hours](#)

Suomeksi

Tie Aaltoon 5/2026 – Opintojen aloitus

Hyvä uusi maisteriopiskelija,

Kesäinen tervehdys Aalto-yliopistosta! Tässä uutiskirjeessä kerromme opintojen aloittamisesta ja käytännön asioista siihen liittyen. Muistathan seurata hyväksymiskirjeesi ohjeita ja [uusien maisteriopiskelijoiden sivua](#), jotta voit aloittaa opintosi mahdollisimman sujuvasti. Kun olet aktivoinut Aalto-tunnuksesi heinäkuussa, pääset suorittamaan **alkuorientaation** MyCourses -alustalla.

Tutorisi ottaa sinuun yhteyttä kesän aikana. **Orientaatioviikko uusille opiskelijoille järjestetään 24.–28.8.2026 kampuksella.** Viikon aikana tapaavat uudet opiskelukaverisi ja saat paljon opintoihisi liittyvää tietoa. Ilmoitathan

meille, jos et pääse osallistumaan orientaatioviikolle. Löydät orientaatioviikon ohjelman oman maisteriohjelmasi sivuilta, Starting your studies -osiosta.

Toivotamme sinulle rentoa kesää. Nähdään elokuussa kampuksella!



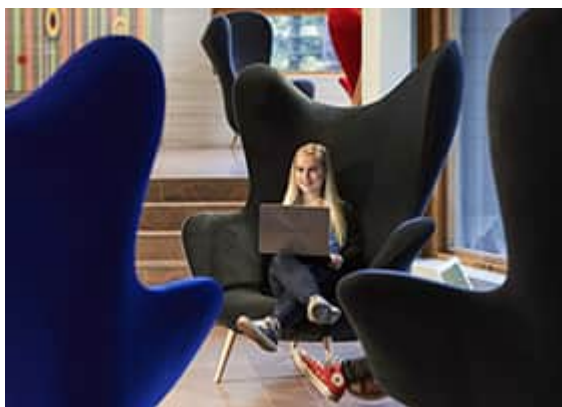
Webinaarit

Kevään aikana uusille opiskelijoille on järjestetty erilaisia webinaareja. Tallenteet ovat nähtävissä [Tapahtumat Aaltoon valituille opiskelijoille -sivuilla](#).

Kemian tekniikan korkeakoulu järjestää kaksi webinaaria opintojen suunnitteluun liittyen. Molempien webinaarien sisältö on sama, joten voit osallistua siihen, mikä sopii paremmin aikatauluusi. Webinaarit järjestetään englanniksi ja linkit päivitetään elokuussa orientaation nettisivuille.

- Kemian tekniikan korkeakoulun webinaari A: Planning your studies in Sisu, ti 18.8.2026 klo 12.00 - 13.30.
- Kemian tekniikan korkeakoulun webinaari B: Planning your studies in Sisu, to 20.8.2026 klo 15.30 - 17.00.

→ [Tapahtumat Aaltoon valituille opiskelijoille](#)



Aktivoi Aalto-tunnuksesi Suorita alkuorientaatio

Kun olet ilmoittautunut läsnäolevaksi lukuvuodelle 2026–2027, Aalto IT lähettää sinulle heinäkuun aikana linkin, jonka avulla saat aktivoitua Aalto-tunnuksesi.

Alkuorientaatiota pääset suorittamaan 1.7.2026 alkaen MyCourses-oppimisalustalla. Alkuorientaatiossa tutustutaan mm. kampukseseen ja opiskelutiloihin, keskeisiin tietojärjestelmiin ja opiskelijan

Jos sinulla on ongelmia aktivoinnissa, voit olla yhteydessä [IT-tukeen](#).

[Tutustu ohjeisiin](#)



Maksa terveydenhuolto- maksu

Suomalaisessa korkeakoulussa tutkintoaan suorittavat läsnäolevat opiskelijat, jotka ovat oikeutettuja käyttämään Ylioppilaiden terveydenhuoltosäätiön (YTHS) palveluja, maksavat terveydenhuoltomaksun Kelalle jokaisena lukukautena. Huomioithan, että maksu täytyy maksaa, vaikka käyttäisit YTHS:n sijaan muita terveydenhuoltopalveluja.

[Tutustu ohjeisiin](#)

palveluihin. Pystyt tutustumaan materiaaliin itsenäisesti verkossa oman aikataulusi mukaisesti. Materiaali on tukenasi koko opintojesi ajan.

[Suorita alkuorientaatio \(1.7. alkaen\)](#)



Valmistaudu opintojen suunnitteluun

Aalto-yliopiston opintotietojärjestelmä on nimeltään Sisu. Sisua käytetään esimerkiksi opintojen suunnitteluun ja kurssi-ilmoittautumisiin. Saat lisätietoa opintojen suunnittelusta elokuun uutiskirjeessä, mutta suosittelemme kuitenkin tutustumaan opintojesi rakenteeseen jo nyt. Kun olet aktivoinut Aalto-käyttäjätunnuksesi, tee alustava versio ensimmäisestä opintosuunnitelmastasi.

[Tutustu Sisuun](#)

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