Aalto-yliopisto
Kauppakorkeakoulu



Webinar: Bachelor's Programme in Economics

Welcome!

Introductions



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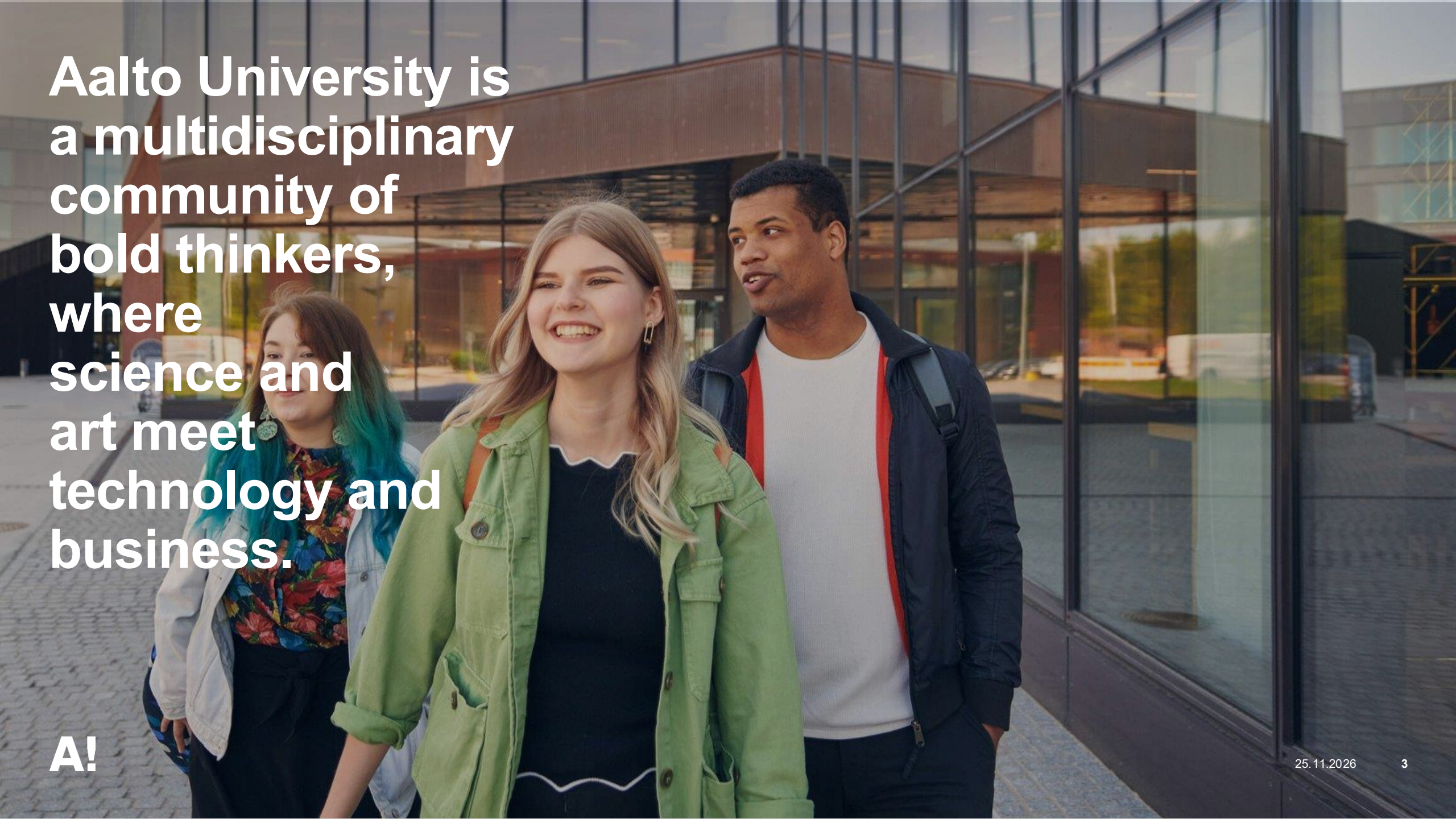

Aalto University is a multidisciplinary community of bold thinkers, where science and art meet technology and business.

Merger of three leading Finnish universities – bringing science, technology, art and business together to produce innovations



Six dynamic schools

School of Arts, Design and Architecture architecture, art and media, design, film

School of Business accounting and business law, economics, finance, information and service management, management studies, marketing

School of Chemical Engineering bioproducts and biosystems, chemical and metallurgical engineering, chemistry and materials science



School of Electrical Engineering electrical engineering and automation, electronics and nanoengineering, information and communications engineering

School of Engineering built environment, civil engineering, mechanical engineering

School of Science applied physics, computer science, industrial engineering and management, mathematics and systems analysis, neuroscience and biomedical engineering

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Aalto University School of Business

Aalto University School of Business

- Finland's leading business school
- Ranked among the best globally
- Triple Crown status and member of the CEMS alliance
- What matters to us:
  - high-quality teaching & cutting-edge research
  - promoting sustainable development
  - a diverse and international community
- Bachelor's programmes:
  - Economics (EN)
  - Finance (EN)
  - International Business (EN)
  - Kauppatieteiden kandidaatti (FI)
  - Technology, Business and Design (EN)

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Welcoming international community

Share of international students:

9% bachelor’s degree students

25% master’s degree students

41% doctoral degree students

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#53 most international university in the world

(THE Most International Universities Ranking 2026)

International Student Exchange

Partner Universities

- 140 partner universities in 6 continents and 44 countries
- 94% internationally accredited business schools by AACSB, Equis or AMBA
- Member of CEMS and PIM Networks
- 50% of graduates have completed an international minor (exchange semester)
- 470 incoming exchange students annually

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North America
Canada
Mexico
United States

South America
Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Peru

Europe
Austria
Belgium
Czechia
Denmark
France
Germany
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom

Asia
China
Taiwan
India
Israel
Japan
Malaysia *
Singapore
South Korea
Thailand
Vietnam

Africa
Egypt
Morocco
South Africa

Oceania
Australia
New Zealand

* Campus of an Australian university

Bachelor’s Programme in Economics

What is economics?

Economics is the study of how people make **choices** and how those choices shape societies.

It provides **tools** to think clearly about complex problems, test ideas against data, and make better decisions.

Economics ≠ Business

- Economics is a *social science*
- More technical than most business studies
- But: many economists work in business

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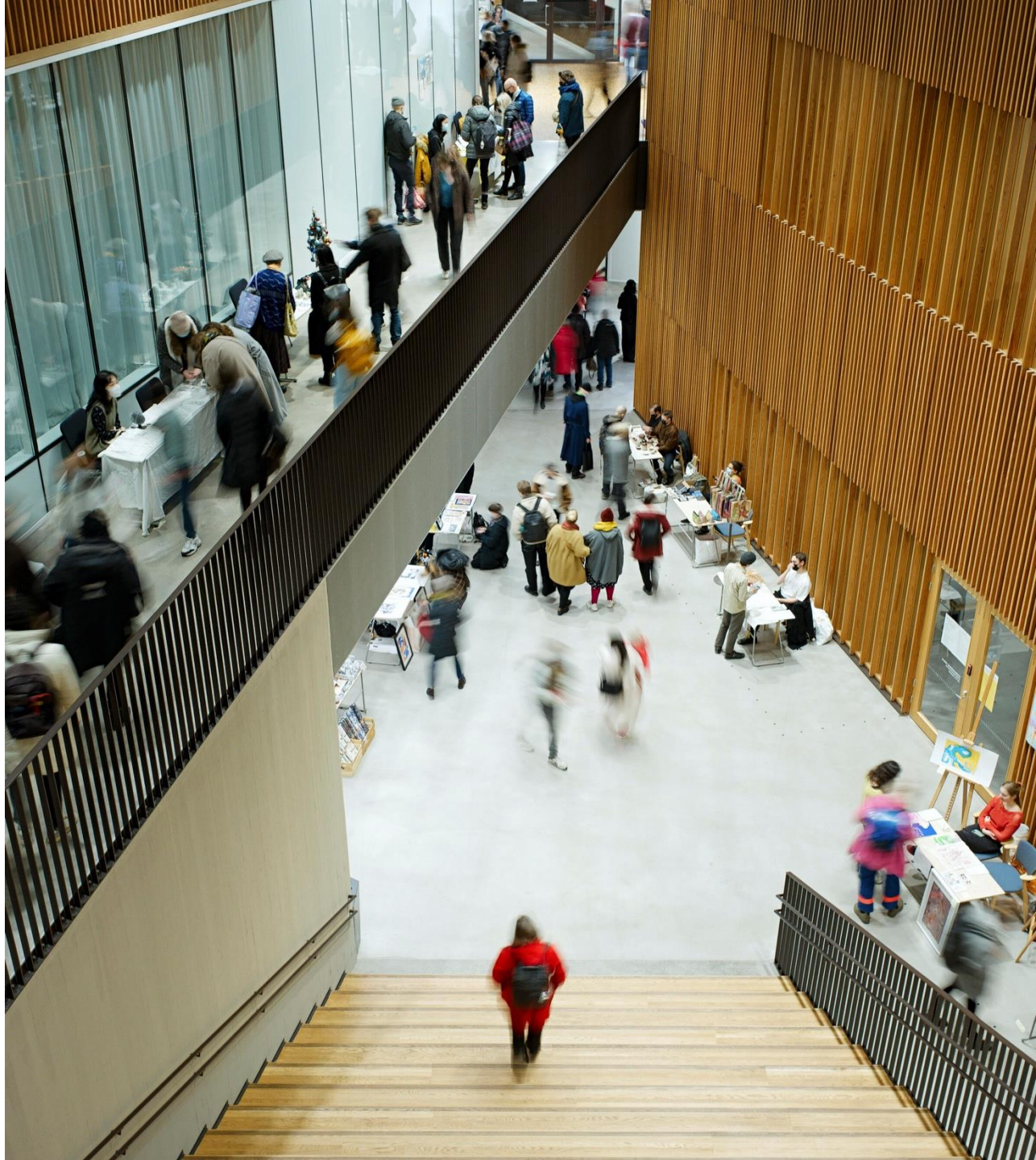

Should *you* study economics?

Are you intellectually **curious**?

- Why do individually rational choices sometimes lead to collective prosperity, and sometimes to disaster?
- How will AI change the labor market?
- What are the best ways to fight climate change?
- Why do supermarkets deliberately make their cheapest products look ugly?

Do you enjoy **analytical** thinking?

- Logic, mathematics, data

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Where should you to study economics?

Location and other students

Structure of the program

Quality of the teachers

Today's aim:

- help you to make informed choices



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Aalto BSc in Economics

Economics core:
(240h lectures + 128h exercise sessions)
- Principles of Economics I and II
- Principles of Empirical Analysis
- Economics of Global Challenges
- Intermediate Microeconomics I and II
- Intermediate Macroeconomics I and II
- Intermediate Econometrics I and II
- Bachelor thesis

Quantitative core:
- Differential and Integral Calculus
- Matrix Algebra
- First Course in Probability and Statistics
- Mathematics for Economists

Programming core:
- Basics in Programming (or Programming I)

Other:
- 2 economics field courses
- 3 courses of business studies
- 4-5 courses for minor (or an exchange term)
- Language, communication and elective studies

London School of Economics BSc in Economics

Economics core:
(210h lectures + 100h exercise sessions)
- Economic Reasoning
- Microeconomics I and II
- Macroeconomics I and II
- Econometrics I and II

Quantitative core:
- Methods in Calculus and Linear Algebra
  OR Mathematical Methods
- Elementary Statistical Theory I

Other :
- LSE100
- 3 units of economics-related electives
- 3 units of other electives

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Tenured Professors


Juuso Välimäki


Otto Toivanen


Pauli Murto


Matti Liski


Kristiina Huttunen


Marko Terviö


Tuukka Saarimaa


Matti Sarvimäki

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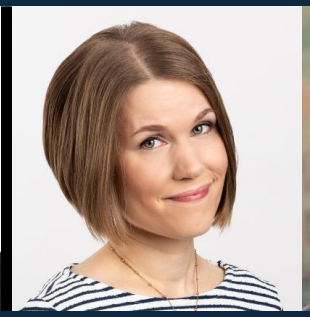
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Helsinki Graduate School of Economics

Academic initiative bringing together

- Aalto University, Hanken School of Economics, University of Helsinki

Coordinates teaching across the schools

- Courses available to students of all schools
- Research Master track, PhD program

Research groups across the participating institutes



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How to apply?

Admission: Based on high school diploma grades (Finnish high school diploma/IB/EB) or SAT/ACT scores

Application: Separate application on opintopolku.fi / studyinfo.fi

Timeline: January 7 – January 22, 2027

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Student life

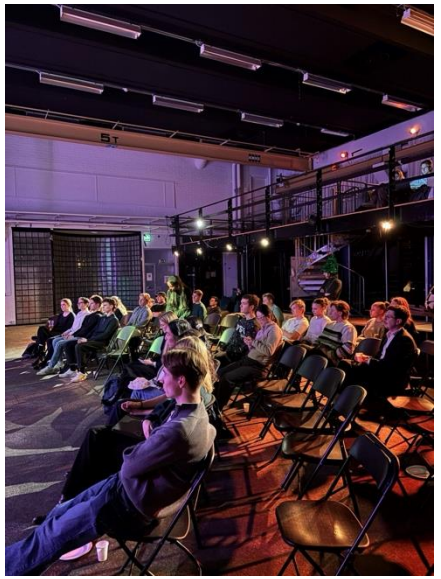
Iiris Nuutinen

Why I study Economics at Aalto?

- Relevant combination of social sciences, mathematics and analytical thinking
- Interest in societal issues but like theoretical approach
- Diverse career opportunities
  - Private Sector (banks, consulting, different firms)
  - Public sector (ministries, government agencies etc.)
  - Research (in University, VATT, smaller research hubs)







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Iiris Nuutinen

What Makes Economics at Aalto Unique?

- English program
- The curriculum is modelled after those of leading universities around the world
- Possibility to do a minor or elective courses from field of engineering or arts
- Finnish Student Life







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Iiris Nuutinen

Student life

- Orientation week in the beginning of studies
  - Getting to know your fellow students
  - Lifelong friendships and a strong sense of community
- Unique Finnish student traditions and events
- Lots of opportunities to do get involved
  - Clubs, Subject Clubs, Committees, Board
- KY and AYY







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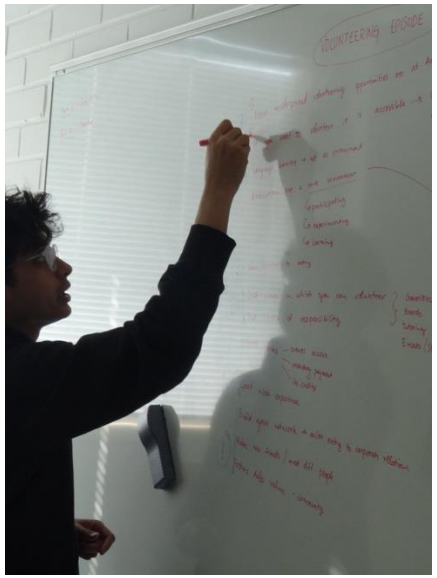
My schedule example

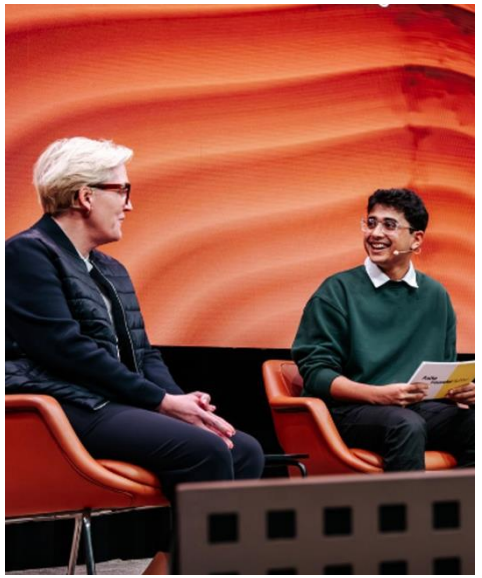
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00	Work		Work	Work	
10:00	Microeconomics / Behavioural Economics	Assignments	Microeconomics	Assignments	Lunch + Assignments
12:00	Lunch + Assignments	Lunch + Assignments	Lunch + Assignments	Lunch + Assignments	Behavioural Economics
14:00	Assignments		International Trade	International Trade	
16:00	Free time	Free time	Aalto Economics Board Meeting	Assignments	Evening with friends
18:00					

Malhar Bagi

Why Aalto and Economics?

- Grew up in Bangalore, India. Was interested in economics and design in high school
- Wanted a degree with some academic freedom
- Aalto let me build my own path
  - BSc: minors in Computer Science and Finance
  - MSc: minor in IDBM, plus the PDP project course
- Economics here mixes theory, maths and data, and you take courses with engineers and designers







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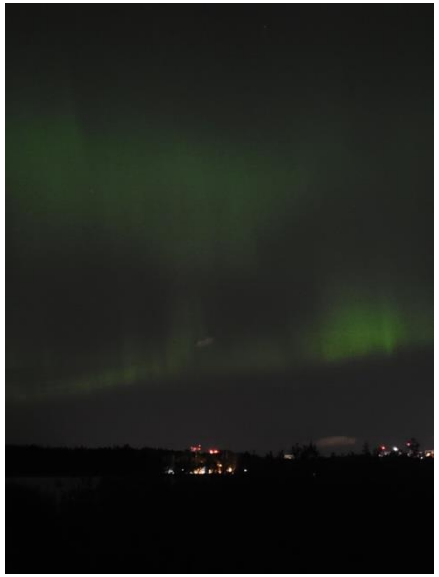
Malhar Bagi

Why Finland?

- I wanted to study abroad. Finland was not on my radar at first
- Fell in love with it once I got here: the snow, saunas and a balanced pace of life
- Safe, practical and organised. Trains and buses run on time
- Low hierarchy. You call professors by their first name and they are easy to approach
- English works everywhere, so you get by without Finnish
- Nature is close: lakes, forests and northern lights
- Helsinki 10 minutes away from the campus by metro







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Malhar Bagi

Life outside lectures

- Two years on the board of the Design Student Association
- Student ambassador: campus tours, webinars and school visits
- Friends from every field, since all of Aalto shares one campus
- Finnish student traditions: overalls, sitsit, Wappu
- Running events, climbing at UniSport and summer cottage trips









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Student life at Aalto

A wide range of affordable services and discounts for students, such as:

- public transport discount
- affordable student housing
- free or low-cost student healthcare and mental health services
- sports and wellness services by UniSport
- discounts to numerous stores, services, events, and transportation

Aalto University Student Union (AYY) & KY

- Over 200 student organisations
- Events and activities for every day of the year!
- Communities you can be a part of or run yourself

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Stay connected with Aalto!

Scan the QR and find links to:

- General admission information
- Programme pages
- Tuition fees
- Chat with students and Admissions on Unibuddy
- Newsletter signup



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Ask us anything!





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