

Dear student,

## Revised education portfolio at the School of Arts, Design and Architecture as of 1 August 2022

The School of Arts, Design and Architecture (ARTS) has revised its education portfolio. As of 1 August 2022, ARTS will have four new bachelor's programmes and four new master's programmes, all of which include several majors. ARTS' joint programmes with other schools and departments will remain unchanged.

### Transitional period

The transitional period applies to all ARTS students except those who study in the following programmes: Master's Programme in Creative Sustainability, Master's Programme in International Design Business Management, Master's Programme in Urban Studies and Planning, Master's Programme in Nordic Visual Studies and Art Education.

The transitional period only applies to you with regards to the degree requirements if you are studying in the Bachelor's Programme in Design and you started studying before 1 August 2022. You may complete your studies in accordance with the former degree structure and degree requirements while the transitional period is still ongoing. If you do not complete your degree by 1 November 2024, you will be transferred to complete your degree in accordance with the new degree requirements. You do not need to submit a separate application for this transfer.

If you are a student in one of the following programmes, which will continue as master's programmes, the transitional period only applies to you with regards to the degree requirements: Master's Programme in Film and Television, Master's Programme in Animation, and Re:Anima – European Joint Master Degree in Animation. If you started your studies before 1 August 2022, you may complete them in accordance with the former degree requirements while the transitional period is still ongoing. If you do not complete your degree by 1 November 2023, you will be transferred to complete your degree in accordance with the new degree requirements. You do not need to submit a separate application for this transfer.

### Transferring to the new programmes

The renewal of the education portfolio includes a transitional period (1 August 2022 – 31 October 2024 for bachelor's degree students and 1 August 2022 – 31 October 2023 for master's degree students). The new programmes and the majors included in them will enter into force on 1 August 2022. *If you wish, you have the right to transfer to a new programme to continue your studies there, even before the transitional period ends*, in accordance with the transition path decided for the programme in the transitional provisions. If you wish to transfer to a programme that begins on 1 August 2022, contact us in the spring of 2022. If you wish to transfer, fill in the form linked below and submit it to us on **31 May 2022 at the latest**.

Instructions on filling in the form: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/students-aalto-arts-education-portfolio-to-be-renewed>

### Graduation in accordance with the former degree requirements during the transitional period

You may complete your degree during the transitional period according to the old degree requirements. While the transitional period is ongoing, you can graduate from your current programme in accordance with its current degree requirements, enabling you to flexibly complete your studies. Transferring to a new programme is not recommended if you are studying according to the old degree requirements and degree structure and you will graduate during the 2022–23 academic year.

**Please note: if you do not graduate from your current programme by the end of the transitional period, you will be automatically transferred to a new programme in accordance with the transitional provisions.**

### If you will graduate with a bachelor's degree on 31 July 2022 at the latest

If you will graduate with a bachelor's degree in the spring term (on 31 July 2022 at the latest), you may already in the graduation stage notify ARTS of transferring to a new master's programme that begins on 1 August 2022 instead of continuing your studies in one of the old programmes that will be discontinued.

## **Studying and completing studies when transferring to new programmes**

If you transfer to a new programme in the middle of your studies while the transitional period is still ongoing, you have the possibility to utilise your degree studies and modules that you have completed according to the former degree requirements.

When you transfer to a new programme, you will not be required to complete extra studies during the transitional period just for the sake of the transfer. When you transfer, you must try to have all of your completed studies counted towards the new degree.

If you are able to meet the required scope in credits and learning outcomes of the new degree, the individual scopes of the courses required in the old programme may differ from those described in the new degree requirements.

## **Notification of transfer to a new programme**

After you have familiarised yourself with the renewed education portfolio, you may choose to transfer to a new programme. To do so, you need to notify us. Instructions on filling in a notification form are available on this page: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/students-aalto-arts-education-portfolio-to-be-renewed>

Please note: you can only use the notification form to transfer within your major, in accordance with the transfer paths described on the website.

## **Further information**

All degree programmes will organise information events and advice clinics over the spring and autumn. Your programme will email you an invitation to its information event at some point in March or April. The dates and times of the events and clinics will also be published online.

The decision on the establishment of the new degree programmes and the discontinuation of the old ones was made by the president of Aalto University on 31 May 2021 (D/557/02.01.00.01/2021).

**Best regards,  
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