

Aalto University Admission Criteria 2024 for University Pathway Finland

Study option:

Admission to Economics, Bachelor of Science (Economics and Business Administration) and Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration) studies based on University Pathway Studies

In this admission group, a maximum of 5 new students will be chosen. Applicants eligible in this group are those who have attained or will attain the general eligibility for higher education as defined in the Universities Act (558/2009, §37) by the spring of 2024. The applicants' eligibility will be verified when they apply for the University Pathway Finland Programme.

An applicant who already has the right to study for a Bachelor's and/or Master's degree in Business Administration at Aalto University School of Business cannot be admitted in this admission group.

Student selection is based on the applicant's successful completion of paid University Pathway Finland Studies that are offered as supplementary education. The studies are organised in collaboration between Aalto University, Tampere University, and the University of Oulu. Students are selected for the Pathway studies based on their eligibility for higher education, an online exam, and an interview.

To be eligible in this admission group, the student must have applied and been accepted to Economics-route in Pathway studies in the summer of 2023 and completed the below-mentioned studies (30 ECTS) according to the Pathway schedule 2023-2024.

The studies to be completed (organised by the respective university):

Mathematics 15 ECTS:

- Vectors and Matrices 5 ECTS (Tampere University)
- Analysis A. Limit and Continuity 5 ECTS (Tampere University)
- Differential and Integral Calculus 5 ECTS (Aalto University)

Programming 5 ECTS:

- Programming I 5 ECTS (University of Oulu)

Languages and Study Skills 10 ECTS:

- English for Pathway Students 5 ECTS (Aalto University)
- Finland Studies 2 ECTS (Aalto University)
- Survival Finnish 3 ECTS (Aalto University)

The required studies must be completed during the academic year 2023-2024 for the applicant to be eligible for selection in the spring 2024 admissions. The studies must be completed and recorded in the study records no later than 3 June 2024. To be accepted, the courses in mathematics and programming (totaling 20 ECTS) must be completed with a weighted average of at least 3.50/5.00. The average is calculated as a weighted average of the credit points of the relevant courses. Other pathway studies (language and study skills courses) must be completed successfully.

An admission offer will be granted to all students selected for Economics Pathway programme who successfully complete the required courses by the deadline and meet the aforementioned threshold criteria.

Applicants must complete the qualifying degree according to the Finnish national admission schedule of spring 2024. The selection decision will be made conditionally for those applicants whose qualifying degree is still in progress at the time of making the selection decisions. If the qualifying degree is not completed or if the required attachments are not submitted by the given deadline, the offered study place will be revoked.

Language Proficiency Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in the English language during the application phase. Sufficient language proficiency can be demonstrated only with the following certificates. Any other certificates will not be accepted.

- **TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition**
at minimum 78
- [IELTS Academic or IELTS Indicator](#)
at minimum 6.0
- **Pearson Test of English, PTE Academic, PTE Academic Online**
minimum score 54
- **C1 Advanced, previous as CAE**
minimum: C
- **C2 Proficiency, previous as CPE**
minimum: C1
- **National Certificate of Language Proficiency by Finnish National Board of Education**
- Skill level 4 in the following subtests; reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- Language proficiency can also be demonstrated without completing the entire matriculation examination (except for cases where the applicant demonstrates language proficiency in the IB examination language). The following methods can be used:
 - In the Finnish matriculation examination:
- Long syllabus (A-language) English exam passed with a minimum grade of magna cum laude approbatur (M).
 - In the IB examination:
- Completing the examination in English.
- Passing the A-level English exam (literature / language and literature / literature and performance).

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- Passing the B-level English exam with a minimum grade of 5 (good).
 - In the EB examination:
- Successfully completing L1 language (English).
- Successfully passing L2 or L3 language (English) with a minimum grade of 7.
 - In the RP examination (Helsinki German School):
- Sufficient English language proficiency is considered to be met if the applicant has completed English as an A-language (or equivalent result from the future DIA examination):
 - o In written form with an approved grade.
- Orally with a minimum grade of 8.
- Additionally, sufficient English language proficiency can be demonstrated through the following international standardized tests:
 - SAT test with a minimum score of 1200 (total score)
 - ACT test with a minimum score of 25 (composite score)
- A language test is not required if the applicant has received their education or completed a higher education degree in English in an EU/EEA country, the United States, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, or Switzerland.