

# University Pathway Finland

## Terms and conditions 2023-2024

The University Pathway Finland (later Pathway) is a programme provided by Aalto University. Aalto University organises the Pathway courses in collaboration with Tampere University and the University of Oulu.

The programme has two routes: science & technology and economics.

This document describes the terms and conditions of the Pathway programme. To study the Pathway, the students must commit to the conditions described in this document.

### 1. Entering the Pathway programme

Students are selected separately for each route. Students may apply to both routes but can accept a study place in only one route. The student selection process for both routes is the same.

To enter the pathway programme, the students must

- Complete an online application, submit the required documents, and complete a pre-assignment within the given deadlines
- Complete the entrance exams and interview according to the given instructions
- Confirm the offered study place
- Pay the tuition fee according to the given instructions.

Aalto University will select the Pathway students based on the entrance exam results. Students must pass the online written exam, the oral exam, and the interview to be selected for the Pathway programme. They must also be eligible in admissions 2024 to university bachelor degree studies as specified in the Universities' Act and internal regulations.

### 2. Studying in the Pathway programme

#### 2.1 The programme

The study programme for both routes is the same. It consists of 30 ECTS as described below:

Mathematics

- Vectors and matrices (5 ECTS), provided by Tampere University

- Analysis A. Limit and Continuity (5 ECTS), provided by Tampere University
- Differential and integral calculus (5 ECTS), provided by Aalto University

#### Programming

- Programming I (5 ECTS), provided by the University of Oulu

#### Languages and Study skills

- English for Pathway Students (5 ECTS), provided by Aalto University
- Finland studies (2 ECTS), provided by Aalto University
- Survival Finnish (3 ECTS), provided by Aalto University

## 2.2 Pathway students' rights

The Pathway students have the right to a safe learning environment, including being treated equally, impartially, and with respect, and open and responsible communication. In case of any misconduct or conflict of interest, the students have the right to be heard.

The students have the right to study the Pathway programme courses and get teaching as described in the pathway course programme and course descriptions. They also have the right to get counselling and advice regarding the pathway studies and admissions process to degree studies.

The students will receive a diploma for completed pathway studies. If a student does not complete the entire programme, the student will receive a diploma for the completed courses.

Aalto University, Tampere University and the University of Oulu will provide students with the needed user accounts to access the learning environments and support services to study the Pathway courses.

## 2.3 Pathway students' responsibilities

The Aalto University Code of Conduct describes the values and establishes a common operational culture for the Pathway programme. The Pathway students shall commit to the principles described in it.

- [Code of Conduct - Values into practice | Aalto University](#)

The students shall respect the corresponding rights of other Aalto University, Tampere University and the University of Oulu community members and other stakeholders as described in section 2.2. Any violent, threatening or discriminatory behaviour, dishonesty, bullying, sexual or gender-based and other harassment or disturbing the teaching is prohibited.

It is the students' responsibility to have the means for online studying and accessing the self-study materials, learning environments and online classes and exams: a computer with a microphone and camera, an internet connection and a mobile number for multi-factor authentication.

The students must use the learning environments and communication channels provided by Aalto University, Tampere University and the University of Oulu, as described in the course descriptions. No other media or platforms are used for teaching and learning.

The students are responsible for regularly checking the provided communication channels throughout their studies.

The students are obligated to comply with the use policies of the provided information systems and the requirements concerning information security and data protection. They may not use the information systems for other purposes than the Pathway studies.

The students must keep their user accounts secure and not give their usernames and passwords out to third parties.

The language of tuition, examinations and all communication is English. The students must have sufficient English skills to study in the English language independently and note the language requirement for degree studies.

The students must commit to completing study assignments and exams without help from outsiders and accept that there is zero tolerance against fraud and cheating. The students are required to allow real-time video monitoring of exams, random video calls by the examiner during the examination and still photos of real-time video monitoring if the examiner suspects fraud. They must be prepared to show their identity documents during the exam. The students must allow the recording of oral exams.

## 2.4 Grading of courses

The students' course attainments are evaluated and graded based on the learning outcomes, completion and grading described in the course guide. Teachers provide more detailed instructions about completing the course and grading at the beginning of the course.

The students have the right to obtain information about the application of evaluation criteria to their course attainments. They are allowed to see the evaluated written or otherwise recorded course attainment. A student dissatisfied with the grading of course attainment should first contact the teacher to get feedback and information about the evaluation.

The student may ask the teacher for a re-evaluation of course attainment. The student must present grounds for the re-evaluation, specifying what kind of an error has been committed in the evaluation. The student must submit the request within 14 days of the date the student has been offered the opportunity to see the results and the evaluation criteria applied to the course attainment.

A student dissatisfied with the teacher's conclusion may submit an appeal according to the processes of the university responsible for the course in question. The Aalto University Vice President for Education will make the final decision on the completion of the Pathway programme on the basis of the final course evaluation. The Vice President may delegate authority to a person designated by him.

Students have the right to retake a course examination once as described in the course description. Exemption to this right is described in paragraph 2.5.

## 2.5 Misconduct and handling misconduct cases

The University Pathway Finland students must follow the guidelines described in this document. The teachers are liable to follow the guidelines and instructions of their respective universities.

The Aalto University Vice President for Education is responsible for ensuring that any disruptions or conflict situations regarding the University Pathway Finland activities are conducted by following the principles of good administration and governance and for deciding on follow-up measures. The Vice-President appoints a Manager for the Pathway programme. The Vice President may delegate authority to a person designated by him.

Students who experience or otherwise observe misconduct by another member of the university community may report the issue to the manager of the Pathway programme.

The manager of the Pathway programme will investigate any reported inappropriate behaviour by a student or a member of staff or any suspected violation of the University Pathway Finland terms and conditions. The Aalto University Vice President for Education will make the decisions concerning the right to study the Pathway programme.

The University responsible for the course shall follow its guidelines concerning fraud in studies and examinations. Failing or not receiving a grade for a course due to cheating may lead to the student not being able to complete the programme. If the student disagrees with the decision made by the University, the student may report the case to the Pathway Programme Manager.

The respective University shall address suspected misconduct by employees according to the relevant legislation regarding employment and occupational health and safety.

## 3 Progression to degree studies

After completing the Pathway programme at the required level, the students gain eligibility for route-specific degree programmes and majors in the separate admissions 2024. The admissions criteria 2024 of these programmes describe the exact requirements.

There are two progression programmes and five majors in the science & technology route:

Science and Engineering, Tampere University (Bachelor's and Master's degree 3+2 years)

- Natural Sciences and Mathematics major
- Computing and Electrical Engineering major

Digitalisation, Computing and Electronics, University of Oulu (Bachelor's and Master's degree 3+2 years)

- Electronics and Communications Engineering major
- Computer Science and Engineering major
- Information Processing Science major

The science & technology route students must apply to all five majors in the separate admissions to secure a degree study place in one of them.

The economics route has one progression programme and a major

- Economics, Aalto University (Bachelor's and Master's degree 3+2 years)

Students may only apply to the progression programmes and majors of their route.

#### 4 Force majeure

Aalto University shall not be considered to be in breach of these terms if it is prevented from fulfilling its obligations by force majeure. This shall be considered to exist, inter alia, if an event prevents the performance of the work on time or renders it difficult. It includes, inter alia, war, insurrection, natural disaster, pandemics, epidemics, widespread infectious diseases, travelling restrictions issued by an authority, interruption in general energy supply, fire, strike, embargo, a material restriction imposed by the State budget or by the State on the activities of Aalto University and other uncommon reason beyond Aalto University's control. Aalto University will notify the affected students of any force majeure without delay. Pathway Applicant or Student is always solely responsible for having a suitable network connection to participate in the Pathway program admissions or teaching sessions.



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