Summer studies 2025

Every three weeks:
- 13 December 2024
- 2 September 2024
- 16 May 2025

Spring Break, 31 March – 4 April 2025

Helsinki office coordinates operations in Europe, while Asia-Pacific operations are led from open enrolment programmes, and customized solutions are offered by Aalto EE. The Aalto University Executive Education Ltd, a community of 4000 students and 200 faculty members with international students representing around 40%.

The Bachelor’s Programme in International Business

The Bachelor’s Programme in International Business (the BScBA Programme), located at the Mikkeli campus, is one of the leading academic programmes in Finland. The programme is offering cutting-edge approaches to business education in a vibrant learning environment. Comprehensive teaching methods, international business studies, and project-based learning give students the skills and experience to succeed in today’s global business environment.

Academic calendar 2024–2025

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Application and admission

Application information and requirements

Students interested in an exchange at the School of Business should first contact the study abroad coordinator at their home universities. The School of Business accepts exchange students nominated by their partner universities only. After being nominated by the home university, the students will receive a link to the online application.

The documents to be uploaded with the online application are:
- Official transcript of records
- Curriculum vitae
- Certificate of English proficiency or copy of the language test report
- Photo

Once the application is completed and approved, the students will receive the official letter of acceptance by e-mail.

More information on the application process on the Aalto Student Guide (aalto.fi).

Please note: Aalto University School of Business Mikkeli Campus exchange students are not able to take courses at the Otaniemi Campus and vice versa.

Language requirements

Although no official test records of English like TOEFL or IELTS are required, we expect nominated students to be proficient in English both in writing and in communicating in the classroom in order to complete the course assignments.

The home institution verifies students’ proficiency prior to nominating them to Aalto. The expected level of English proficiency is equivalent to IELTS 6.5 (total), TOEFL 87 (total) or CEFIR B2.

Visa or residence permit requirements

Depending on the nationality and the length of stay, the student may need a visa or a residence permit. Students should immediately proceed with the visa/residence permit application after receiving the letter of acceptance as the process may take up to six weeks.

The application can be sent via the e-service of the Finnish Immigration Service (migri.fi) and after that the student needs to visit the Finnish Embassy or consulate in their home country. Travel arrangements should only be made once the visa or residence permit has been issued.

Information on the process can be found on Finnish Immigration Service webpage: www.migri.fi/en/home

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Orientation and tutoring

Orientation days are organized at the beginning of each semester. The tutoring service is organized in close cooperation with the Student Organization Probbra. Each exchange student is paired up with a local student, who will act as a personal tutor. The tutor will contact the exchange student before their arrival. The tutor will meet the exchange student when they arrive in Mikkeli and helps them to settle in at the beginning of the semester and with various issues throughout the exchange period.

Services on campus

The building provides adequate space for a wide range of academic activities and student uses. On the campus there are also a library, a cafeteria, administrative support offices and student study rooms. IT services are provided in cooperation with Aalto IT, and the Mikkeli Campus is a part of the Aalto University network offering the same services as other campuses.

Benefits for students

Exchange students are entitled to discounts in transportation and student-priced meals in student cafeterias. Students may join the Aalto University Student Union (AYY). The student union organizes many leisure time activities such as parties, field trips, sports and cultural activities.

Probbra is the official student organization of the School of Business BScBA Programme at the Mikkeli Campus. The main responsibilities of the organization include promoting general well-being of students, organizing events, being a link between the staff and the students and arranging orientation and tutors for incoming exchange students.

More information on AYY and Probbra:

The Aalto University Student Union (AYY): www.ayy.fi

Probbra: www.probbra.org

Housing and living costs

Accommodation is arranged by the local student housing company, MOAS Ltd. Students apply for the accommodation through MOAS: www.moas.fi

Normally students stay in shared apartments near the campus. In shared apartments, students will have their own lockable bedroom and share the kitchen and bathroom with 1–2 students. There are also single apartments available. The rent varies from 280–335 euros for a shared apartment and approximately 430 euros for a single apartment (the rent includes furniture, electricity, water, Internet, use of laundry and sauna). A monthly budget for exchange students would be approximately 600–800 euros per month (including accommodation, living expenses, course materials and personal expenses).

Health insurance

Citizens of non EU/EEA countries who are studying longer than three months in Finland are required to have a valid health insurance when applying for residence permit. Students from EU/EEA countries are entitled to medical care while staying temporarily in another EU/EEA country with European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Private insurance is however strongly recommended as an additional security.

Facts and figures of Aalto University

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Fall in love with Finland

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Useful Links

Studying in Finland: www.studyinfinnland.fi

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