

Presemo Q&A | Introduction to Master's Studies (Mon 6.9.2021)

Questions: Scientific writing

2021-09-06 13:14 » If I am a foreign student that has completed Bachelor's degree in Finland, do I also need to take courses for foreign language requirements?

2021-09-06 13:21 » You do not need to take courses for foreign language requirements, if you have completed Bachelor's degree in Finland. Only if the course is in major (in MEC there is one credit LC -course), that needs to be done). Of course, you can do language studies into electives (but you can select freely).

2021-09-06 13:27 » Do I have to take a language course as a double degree student? +4

Students with Finnish Bachelor's degree: Compulsory language studies are included as part of the Finnish Bachelor's degree for students who have studied in Finland and whose language of education is Finnish or Swedish. If the language studies have not been completed in the student's Bachelor's degree, the student must take 2 ECTS in the second national language and 3 ECTS in one foreign language, including both oral and written proficiency.

All other students: Students who have received their pre-university education in a language other than Finnish or Swedish, or received their education abroad, are required to complete only 3 ECTS in one foreign language, including both oral and written proficiency. Relevant courses (marked with 'o' and 'w') are offered by the Aalto University Language Center. There students who have received their education abroad and who already have excellent command of English (e.g. English as their first language) may choose 3 credits of Finnish or Swedish courses instead, hence not covering the requirement of oral/written proficiency but meeting the language requirement of the degree. If this applies to you, please contact your school's Learning Services for further advice. Language studies are included in students' elective studies and are agreed in the personal study plan (HOPS).

Questions: Residence permits and registration

2021-09-06 13:04 » What is DVV form?

Your personal data must be recorded in the Finnish Population Information System before a personal identification code can be given to you. See [here](#) more information and the "The registration information of a foreigner" – form.

2021-09-06 13:04 » Do Nordic Master Students from EU have to register at DVV? +3

Yes - if you are a citizen of a Nordic country (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland), register your right of residence at the [Digital and Population Data Services Agency](#). When you visit the Digital and Population Data Services Agency to register, you can also get a Finnish personal identity code. You need a personal identity code when dealing with the authorities, and it also makes it easier to attend to matters with banks and your employer. If you wish, and if you live in

Finland permanently (longer than 12 months) you can be assigned a municipality of residence

2021-09-06 13:09 » Do Nordic master students from EU have to pay the student healthcare fee at Kela?

Yes - the law is that if you are enrolled in a degree programme at a Finnish higher education institution and have registered as attending for the current term, you must pay the healthcare fee irrespective of where you live and even if you do not use student health services. Note that students are not billed for the fee, but are expected to pay it unprompted. See more information and how to pay the healthcare fee [here](#).

2021-09-06 13:17 » Do the students who are studying online from their home countries need to pay the student healthcare fee at Kela? +1 /

Yes - the law is that if you are enrolled in a degree programme at a Finnish higher education institution and have registered as attending for the current term, you must pay the healthcare fee irrespective of where you live and even if you do not use student health services. Note that students are not billed for the fee, but are expected to pay it unprompted. See more information and how to pay the healthcare fee [here](#).

2021-09-06 13:54 » Do the Non EU students of the EIT program need to register at the DVV in order to obtain or start a bank account ? and also how to obtain the KELA card ?

*Bank account: To obtain a bank account you need a personal identity number. If you are **not** a customer of the Finnish Immigration Service or have **not** been assigned a personal identity code in connection with a decision issued by the Finnish Immigration Service, visit the Digital and Population Data Services Agency to request a personal identity code. See more information and where to visit the DVV [here](#).*

Kela: When you move to Finland from another country, your entitlement to benefits from Kela is determined on the basis of how long you intend to stay in Finland, which country you come from and your reason for the stay in Finland. See Kela instructions and contacts [here](#).

Questions: International affairs and exchange studies

2021-09-06 12:50 » If I'm interested on exchange studies (for autumn 2022), how/when should I plan them in SISU?

→ 2021-09-06 13:00 » Please check from your programme's planning officer. You can find their contact information in Into in your programme's pages. Main thing is that you make sure you have enough space (24 ECTS) in your degree for the exchange studies. ()*

Questions: Study essentials

2021-09-06 12:31 » has anyone successfully used the space app? I went to the library today and could not reserve a room. (*)

→ 2021-09-06 14:37 » *Maybe your student tutors can help you with this? We, the staff, use it successfully, daily. More information of available spaces for students and instructions how to book them at <https://www.aalto.fi/en/news/aalto-space-instruction-for-space-reservation-for-students>. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:36 » The app says that due to corona, you can only reserve silent study places. Other spaces are not available

→ 2021-09-06 14:35 » *Correct, see more information of the available spaces and how to book them at <https://www.aalto.fi/en/news/aalto-space-instruction-for-space-reservation-for-students> (note that most spaces where only opened for reservations on 2 September). BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:37 » Is it possible to take course from Civil course though i am Geoengineering student? (I am interested to take course of Building technology i.e Mechanics of Beam and Frame, Concrete Technology , Basic of Design Structure). Thank you!

→ 2021-09-06 13:50 » *You can take also courses from other programmes into your electives. Of course, it is could to consider the timing (how to devide them during your study time) BR, Katri /LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:39 » I have the Land Use Planning Systems as compulsory course supposed to study this autumn in my program but there are no places left. Is it available later or only after one year?
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→ 2021-09-06 14:39 » *Could you present this question at your programme's own event tomorrow or Wednesday? I'm sure they can help you to find a solution or an alternative. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:39 » could you tell exactly witch course has deadline for registration today please?
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→ 2021-09-06 14:19 » *Unfortunately we don't have this information jointly gathered anywhere, but some programmes have informed you of the most critical deadlines by email. The quickest way to check this is to check each compulsory course beginning in period I in your curriculum (you can see them in your HOPS in Sisu or on the programme page in Into -> Curriculum 2020-2022), search for them in Sisu, go to COMPLETION METHODS tab, scroll down to the bottom to see the LECTURE information in an arrow, and open the REGISTRATION tab. If you miss the registration deadline to a compulsory course that you absolutely must take in this period, please contact the teacher and the LES representative (planning officer or study coordinator) of your programme. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:39 » is the student card the same as your HSL card (for exchange students) +6

→ 2021-09-06 14:22 » *No, it's not. Most students don't use or need a physical student card, but only the Frank app. Please note that this session is for new Master's degree students, and exchange students have their own event on Wednesday, see <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/Orientation+for+exchange+students>. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:39 » Will the exams be online this year? +5

→ 2021-09-06 14:10 » *Exams can be online or on campus, respecting the safe distances. Take a look at the list of exams e.g. at <https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=28417155> / BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:40 » Hi! For the exams, are plastic student cards mandatory? I have my student card in the Frank app. +6

→ 2021-09-06 15:09 » *No, it's not. The Frank App works as your student ID for all purposes. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:41 » Can we re-take courses to upgrade the grade? +4

→ 2021-09-06 13:42 » *It is possible. However, at the moment Sisu needs a technical acceptance, but it is possible. BR, Katri /LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:41 » If I'm interested on exchange studies (for autumn 2022), how should I plan them in SISU?

→ 2021-09-06 15:08 » *Could you present this question at the programme meetings tomorrow or Wednesday, or at the clinic on Friday? BR, Aino / LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:42 » On Sisu, only compulsory courses are available. There are not elective courses. When will be these courses add our program? +1

→ 2021-09-06 13:32 » *Hi, you have to pick them to your personal study plan. Optional course menu ("pick your courses from this list") appears when you select the respective module in Sisu by clicking the title. Free electives (not applicable in double degree programmes) have to searched in the search field of the elective module and attached to the study plan. See instructions at <https://wiki.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=120487461>. More information at the programme meetings and personal help at the clinics on Friday. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:42 » Will the official transcript record the highest grade of my exams or the latest exam for one course? Thank you +3

→ 2021-09-06 14:37 » *Always the highest grade. Br, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:42 » For courses with Lab exercises, how is it planned for Period I & II?

→ 2021-09-06 14:44 » *This varies by course. Please check the course information in Sisu. You can see this for example by searching the course in the main view, selecting COMPLETION METHODS, then scroll down to see the LECTURE information, and switch to GROUPS AND TEACHING TIMES tab. Br, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:42 » which mandatory courses have a deadline for registration today? +4

→ 2021-09-06 14:13 » *Could you please tell us which Master's programme you are in? A minority of the courses have a deadline today, and it could be that none of them are mandatory in your programme. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:43 » Do we need Finnish ID for the student card on Frank App? +5

→ 2021-09-06 13:28 » *No, you do not need. It asks for it, but if you do not have it, you can proceed without Finnish ID. BR, Katri /LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:43 » Will the exams be online? +6

→ 2021-09-06 14:11 » *Exams can be online or on campus, respecting the safe distances. Take a look at the list of exams e.g. at <https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pagelid=28417155> / BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:43 » How will the academic year be different for the students studying online from their home countries? In terms of exams and lab work etc? +5

→ 2021-09-06 15:02 » *We will do our best to make it possible for all the students to start their studies and progress in normal pace and do this safely. Exams can be arranged online and some lab exercises too, but this varies by course, so check the course information in Sisu. If there's something mandatory in your studies that you cannot complete online and you cannot come to Finland, please contact the course teacher or the planning officer of your programme and we will help you to find an individual solution or alternative. The biggest difference is probably the fact that those abroad will miss the physical student events organized by the guilds for example, and networking with other students. Br, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:44 » is it possible to take less than 30 credits? which is the minimum? thank you! +2

→ 2021-09-06 14:03 » *There is no minimum. There are only limitations to your study time in which you should complete the degree (or in case of double degree programmes, there are limitations to the time in which you should complete your Aalto courses). Also, if you are liable for paying tuition fees at Aalto and have a scholarship for your studies, these might set some conditions for your progress. Otherwise, balancing your workload and planning your study schedule is your own responsibility, but the Learning Services can support you with that. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:44 » Say you get voted out of courses with limited spaces, will you still be able to change/replace this course with one from the first period (since the registration period ends today) +1

→ 2021-09-06 13:59 » *Don't worry, we will figure out a solution or an alternative for you. This can be discussed at the programme orientation or at the clinics on Friday. Br, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:45 » What happens if all of the Prerequisites for the specified course doesn't meet? Will i be able to take the courses on this situation? +1

→ 2021-09-06 14:41 » *I would say this depends highly on the pre-requisites and if they are something that can be fixed. Could you present this question at the programme-specific meeting or contact the planning officer of your programme*

by email? I'm sure they can help you to find a solution or an alternative. BR, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 12:45 » can any course be dropped after registration if don't find it interesting or aligned with your goal? +1

→ 2021-09-06 13:40 » It is possible to drop. However, it is polite to send a message to the teacher's/course address, if you decide to drop out. And if there is a course with the limited access (for example, max number of students is restricted) consider before registration. BR, Katri /LES ()*

2021-09-06 12:45 » Hi! Will the Zoom lectures on courses being recorded? +8

→ 2021-09-06 13:34 » Their is variation. Therefore it is good to have this question in with every course in the beginning. It might be already mentioned on the Mycourses page. It is also good to keep in mind that not all "lectures" are "one person having a monolog type". The session called lecture can include various pedagogical solutions and active working by the students. BR, Katri /LES ()*

2021-09-06 12:45 » Are we supposed to enroll for all the electives of the program? Or do we need to enroll only for the courses we plan to take for period I and choose the electives as the degree progresses? +5

→ 2021-09-06 13:31 » At the moment you can only enroll to the courses in first period. So you need to decide them first. The study plan is the best possible plan at the moment. Of course it is good to have an idea of whole study process, but you can change your electives and options while the degree progress. So still have freedom to make selections while your information increases. You can also get good hints from your academic adviser. BR, Katri / LES ()*

2021-09-06 12:48 » How can I get my student card? +4

→ 2021-09-06 13:29 » Most students don't have the physical card anymore, but only a mobile app, which is called Frank. You can download it on your phone irrespective where you are physically located, but you don't necessarily need it for anything until you land in Finland. See <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/After+admission+to+Master%27s+studies#AfteradmissiontoMaster'sstudies-10.Applyforastudentcard>. BR, Aino / LES ()*

2021-09-06 12:49 » can i exceed the credit limit of the degree program? if yes then where shall i include those extra courses? +3

→ 2021-09-06 13:27 » You can exceed by 5 credits in the degree. However, you need to select before graduation which courses you are going to include into your degree, if you exceed with more credits. At the moment the best way is to change your study plan so that the courses are included while you need to take them (from registering to results). Best place is the electives (unless the courses are major courses. However, if you are planning to make an exchange period abroad I recommend to discuss with your coordinator/planning officer before taking all possible courses from Aalto. BR, Katri /LES ()*

2021-09-06 12:49 » How can I get student card as I haven't reached Finland yet because of travel restrictions? +2

→ 2021-09-06 13:28 » *Most students don't have the physical card anymore, but only a mobile app, which is called Frank. You can download it on your phone irrespective where you are physically located, but you don't necessarily need it for anything until you land in Finland. See <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/After+admission+to+Master%27s+studies#AfteradmissiontoMaster'sstudies-10.Applyforastudentcard>. BR, Aino / LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:50 » Will this semester be online? If not, for how much time it would be online and will exams be also online? +1

→ 2021-09-06 13:22 » *At least in Period I, lectures will be held primarily online. Contact teaching and learning is planned to take place in groups of no more than 40 persons. The goal is to be back to normal capacity by the start of Period II. Please follow your email - covid-19 related updates are sent to the whole community regularly, and study-related measures are also published at <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/Coronavirus+-+information+for+students>. Exams can be online or on campus, respecting the safe distances. Take a look at the list of exams e.g. at <https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=28417155> / BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:52 » My students details has not been updated in Frank app. What should I do and whom to contact? +6

→ 2021-09-06 13:16 » *Try first updating your details in Sisu. Send email to studies-eng@aalto.fi to add your Finnish ID number in Sisu. However, NOTE that the transfer of student information from Sisu to Frank has been delayed. Repairs are underway, <https://wiki.aalto.fi/display/SISEN/SISU>. BR, Aino / LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:53 » Hi! I have enrolled as non-attending and I am aware that only attending students can complete studies. Is there a way I can study before I reenroll as an attending?

→ 2021-09-06 13:14 » *Not really. Of course you can check if the courses have some material openly accessible in MyCourses and familiarize with that, but getting credits or completing any transactions at the university (e.g. applying for Master's thesis topic) requires enrolment as attending. BR, Aino / LES (*)*

2021-09-06 12:53 » As an incoming exchange student, how can I get the student card? +1

→ 2021-09-06 13:54 » *This session is for new Master's degree students. Incoming exchange students, you have your information event on Wednesday, see <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/Orientation+for+exchange+students>. This question will surely be answered there! Br, Aino / LES. (*)*

2021-09-06 12:55 » I need help in transaction to kela card? whom to contact to get the help? Didn't find their email on kela website.

→ 2021-09-06 13:35 » *Unfortunately this is not in our domain (Aalto University / LES). There are multiple ways to contact Kela, such as by phone or chat, but I*

don't think they have a straight-forward customer service email. See <https://www.kela.fi/web/en/customer-service>. BR, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 12:59 » Summer school is a mandatory part of the program for EIT-M. But it isn't available in SISU. what can be done about that?

→ 2021-09-06 13:09 » The summer school is organized jointly for all students in the EIT Manufacturing Master School and it does not have a course code at Aalto. The Master School will provide instructions how to register there and once you have completed, we will register the credits for you at Aalto and let you know how to add them to your Sisu study plan. BR, Aino / EITM. ()*

2021-09-06 13:05 » Can you order self test for covid from somewhere? (in the netherlands it was free for students)

→ 2021-09-06 13:48 » For the time being, we don't have a service like this organized by the university. Please contact the student tutors in your guilds. Coronavirus tests are provided for free by public health stations also for international students and we recommend to get tested even with mild symptoms. To book an appointment, you have to answer to a questionnaire where you describe your symptoms, and the system gives you guidelines based on your answers. See <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/Effects+of+the+coronavirus+on+studies%3A+questions+and+answers#Effectsofthecoronavirusonstudies:questionsandanswers-Healthandwell-being>. BR, Aino / LES. ()*

→ 2021-09-06 13:53 » <https://www.omaolo.fi/> select language there english and read "Do you think you have the coronavirus infection?" If you have symptoms, you can get a test done by the authorities of your home municipality. The self tests are sold in markets. The one I have seen, was around 6 euros. But if you suspect that might have corona, I recommend test by the health authorities. BR Katri /LES ()*

2021-09-06 13:09 » There are multiple instances in the study plan where two classes are happening at the same time what can be done in this case?

→ 2021-09-06 13:25 » It depends what kind of classes they are. If this are lectures and one is compulsory and the other is elective / optional, the default solution is to prioritize the compulsory course and choose some other course as elective (or take this elective course at a later occasion, if possible). If these are exercise, you can usually choose which exercise group you attend, and you don't have to go to all of them. You can discuss this more in detail at the programme's own orientation meeting. BR, Aino / LES ()*

2021-09-06 13:53 » I have taken 5 courses till October. Is that a good idea to take those much courses ?

→ 2021-09-06 13:56 » It is quite a lot. Of course, if one of them is language course and the other lasts whole year, you might be able to do it, but in average we recommend max 30 credits for whole autumn. So talk with your programme.

*If you think that the normative progress is 60 credits per study year (in 5 periods)
you are going to do 50 % of it within one period... BR, Katri /LES (*)*

2021-09-06 13:55 » in one course called " Energy and Environmental Economics" the lecture part will be on 19.4.2022, but the exam parts will be on 9.9.2021 and 22.10.2021, how is it possible?

→ 2021-09-06 13:58 » The lectures organized 9.9.2021 and 22.10.2021 are remake exams for those who have studied it last spring. If you click open the lecture part you can see that there are also an dedicated exam after spring 2022 lectures. BR Katri /LES ()*

2021-09-06 13:59 » Should we have had a study advisor assigned to us? I have heard that yes, but have not received information about it.

→ 2021-09-06 14:50 » We have many people who can advice you in your studies: study advisors (students working part-time in Learning Services), planning officers and coordinators of your programme, and academic advisors. More information of academic advisors will be given at the programme meetings tomorrow and on Wednesday. If you're unsure who to contact with your question, it's always best to start with Learning Services: studies-eng@aalto.fi if it's a general question, and your planning officer / study coordinator if it's a programme-specific question. Contact information and links to Vihta bookin system on your programme's page in into.aalto.fi -> Contact. Br, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 14:01 » I am a student of EIT-M, and we have very specific electives defined in the curriculum, Can we replace them with other programs? If yes, Then what is the procedure for it???

→ 2021-09-06 14:24 » This is a programme-specific question so let's take this at the programme's own session (Wednesday at 9 am). Br, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 14:04 » is there any advisor for study plan to help us and check if our study plan is proper?

→ 2021-09-06 14:27 » Yes, this exactly what the Learning Services are for! if you're technically done with the study plan (for technical help, we have the Sisu Help Wiki <https://wiki.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=120487461> and the Sisu advisors' chat) but want to check it before submitting, book an appointment with your programme's planning officer or study coordinator, or come to our clinic on Friday. Information of this will be published in MyCourses, <https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=25130>. BR, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 14:05 » What happens if all of the Prerequisites for the specified course doesn't meet? Will i be able to take the courses on this situation?

→ 2021-09-06 15:08 » I would say this depends highly on the pre-requisites and if they are something that can be fixed. Could you present this question at the programme-specific meeting or contact the planning officer of your programme by email? I'm sure they can help you to find a solution or an alternative. Br, Aino / LES ()*

2021-09-06 14:23 » I have applied for credits transferring for several courses since August. When could I know the results?

→ 2021-09-06 14:54 » *There is quite a backlog with credit transfers as far as I've understood and it takes a while for us to get used to the new study information system Sisu and new methods for credit transfer. We are not prioritizing the most urgent questions concerning the start of the semester for our students: helping everyone to enroll, and to register on courses. Please wait patiently, and if this is urgent for some reason, please contact the planning officer of your programme.*

BR, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 14:24 » If I can't participate in evaluation week of a period I and period II, for instance, because I have enrolled as non-attending, can I pass that evaluation later, after I reenroll?

→ 2021-09-06 14:31 » *You should be enrolled as attending when you study. Even if some material is public in MyCourses, you cannot submit assignments or take part in group work if you are not registered to the course. You cannot register to the course if you are not enrolled as attending. Completing a course is not only about taking the exam, but yes, there are multiple re-take exams during the year. Note that you can change your enrolment from non-attending to attending at any time, even outside the enrolment period. More information at*

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/Annual+enrolment#Annualenrolment-Changingyourenrolmentinformationduringtheacademicyear>. BR, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 14:26 » Will these recorded orientation sessions be uploaded somewhere to watch later as well?

→ 2021-09-06 14:32 » *The links to the recordings as well as all the material of the orientation week will be published on the MyCourses page*

<https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=25130>. BR, Aino / LES. ()*

2021-09-06 14:36 » Hi ! What is the minimum number of courses that can be taken per semester? thanks

→ 2021-09-06 14:46 » *There is no minimum. There are only limitations to your study time in which you should complete the degree (or in case of double degree programmes, there are limitations to the time in which you should complete your Aalto courses). The Master's programme is designed to be completed in two years, and succeeding in this requires full-time studies for four semesters. Also, if you are liable for paying tuition fees at Aalto and have a scholarship for your studies, these might set some conditions for your progress. Otherwise, balancing your workload and planning your study schedule is your own responsibility, but the Learning Services can support you with that. BR, Aino / LES. (*)*

12:29 (6.9) » has anyone successfully used the space app? I went to the library today and could not reserve a room.

There was a technical issue with the user's registration – but it should be fixed by now and [here](#) you will find instructions if now working still (updating your phone number and re-installing the app).