



Aalto University

# How to improve learning and teaching?

# Quality comes from

- ü *Planning your studies (HOPS) and studying actively*
- ü *Giving and receiving feedback on courses*
- ü *Supporting your fellow students*
- ü *Tutoring and academic advising*
- ü *Student services from admission to graduation*
- ü *Functioning IT systems (MyCourses, Oodi, Into etc.)*
- ü *Participating in university development as student representatives (halloped)*

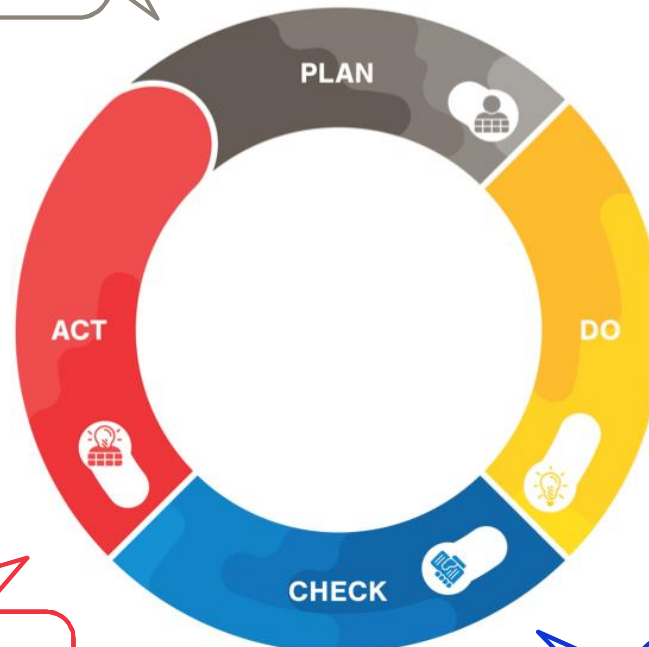
# Student's learning cycle

**PLAN** activities according to your goals:

- HOPS – plan your personal study path

**DO** what you have planned

- Study and learn
- Exercises, labs etc.
- Be innovative



**DEVELOP** activities

- Improve performance
- Renew and update the HOPS

**CHECK and EVALUATE** (how you succeeded). **GIVE** and **RECEIVE** feedback

- Results (grades, feedback)
- Course feedback, other surveys

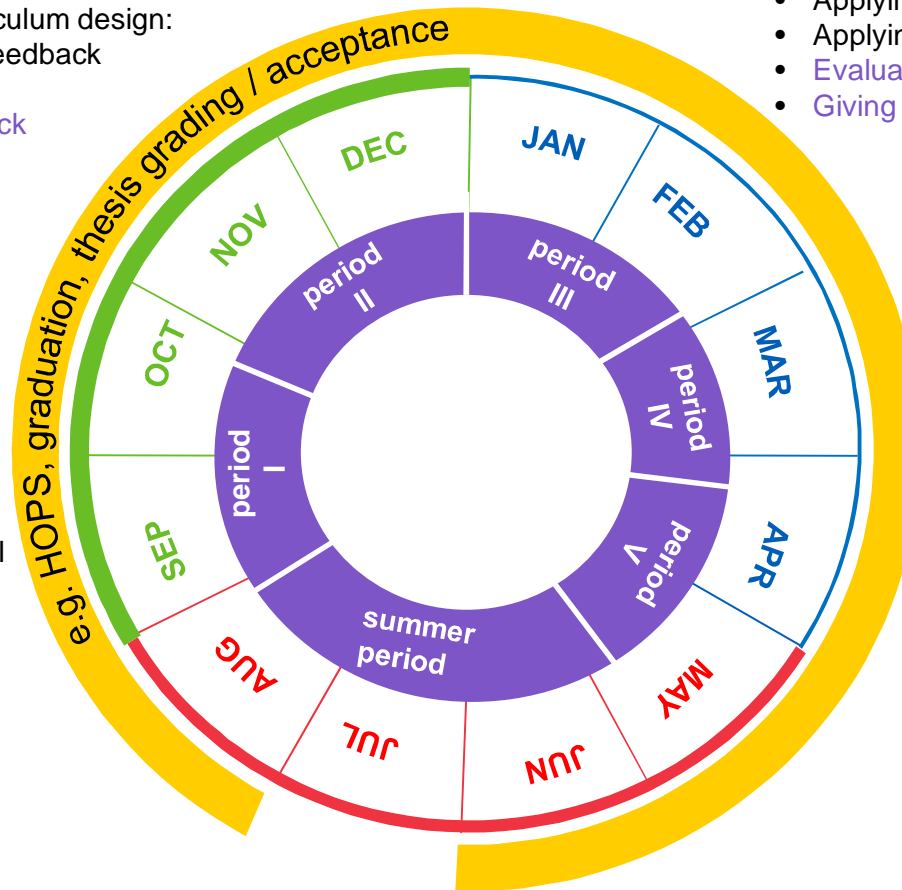
# Student's Annual Clock

## Period II

- Applying for Aalto internal mobility
- Preparations for curriculum design: considering student feedback
- Evaluation week
- Giving course feedback

## Period I

- Orientation week
- Applying for Aalto internal mobility
- Programme reviews: feedback (e.g. graduate surveys, course feedback) analysed on programme level
- Applying for JOO studies
- Applying for exchange studies
- Evaluation week
- Giving course feedback



## Summer period

- Course feedback of last semester analysed on course / programme level
- Study guides published
- Course timetables and examination timetables published on Into (except ARTS)
- Registration for the next academic year
- Teaching events and course descriptions in WebOodi on August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Giving course feedback

## Period III

- Application period for Master programmes in another School
- Course feedback of last semester analysed on course / programme level
- Applying for Aalto internal mobility
- Applying for exchange studies
- Evaluation week
- Giving course feedback

## Period IV

- Results for Master's admission published
- Evaluation week
- Giving course feedback

## Period V

- Applying for JOO studies
- Courses and minors offered through internal mobility in the next academic year published
- Applying for Aalto internal mobility
- Curricula approved on School level for next academic year
- Evaluation week
- Giving course feedback

# Quality Audit – What is it?

- Audit is an **independent and systematic** external evaluation
- Audit focuses on the **procedures** that Aalto uses **to maintain and develop** the quality of its operations
- Main purpose of the audit is to help the university identify its **strengths, good practices and areas that need improvement**
- Site visit **26.-28.1.2016 by international audit group** named by the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC)



More information:

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enaalto/Audit+2016>

*"Quality audit is like a vehicle inspection. But you don't maintain your car to pass the inspection, you maintain it to drive safe. Similarly, quality assurance and development work is not done to pass the audit, but to make Aalto a better place to study and work at."*

-Jouko Lampinen, Head of CS department, Aalto SCI