



*STUDY LIFE* ✨

— *GO ABROAD!*





**WHY  
BOTHER?**

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**EMPOWER  
NETWORK  
REFRESH  
GET  
PREPARED  
STAND OUT**



**You will take  
a big step  
ahead of  
those who  
stay at  
home.**

# The Finnish worldview explained

**Some people think I'm  
unhappy, but I'm not.  
I just appreciate silence  
in a world that never  
stops talking.**





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Aalto-yliopisto  
Aalto-universitetet  
Aalto University



**MANY WAYS  
TO MAKE  
YOUR  
STUDIES  
INTER  
NATIONAL**



- ✓ **Student exchange at foreign university**
- ✓ **Summer schools**
- ✓ **Internship abroad**
- ✓ **Double degree programmes**
- ✓ **Master's Thesis abroad**
- ✓ **Practise your global skills at Aalto**



# What is student exchange?

- One term or one academic year abroad
- No degree
- Possible to apply to the same destination with a friend (SCI destinations)
- Europe: bachelor level studies in the native language, master studies in English
- Asia: mostly in English on bachelor level too
- part of your degree at Aalto
  - Goal 30 ECTS/ term

# Destinations

- Erasmus-exchange: Europe
- Nordtek: Nordic countries
- Bilateral destinations:
  - Switzerland, Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan), Australia, Africa (Namibia), Northern and Latin America
- Destination Database:  
<https://aalto.moveon4.com/publisher/9/eng>

# What can I study?

- Minor studies (20-25 op) or electives (25-30 op),
- Common: on 3rd year, between bachelor and master studies
- Note! SCI project course and bachelor seminar!
- Not recommended: major studies abroad
- *International Studies Minor*
- You can go for exchange both during bachelor and master studies.

# Language skills?

- Be awake early enough!
- **Complete Aalto English language course as soon as just possible** – no need for English language certificate to most destinations & requirement to some destinations
- **ALWAYS** check the updated requirements before planning to apply!

A photograph of a brick wall at night. A neon sign is mounted on the wall, glowing with a warm orange-red light. The sign reads "THIS IS THE SIGN YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR" in a stylized, hand-drawn font. Below the sign, there are some decorative items, including a skull-shaped object and a small sign that says "TANK OVER".

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WILL I  
MANAGE?  
DO I HAVE  
THE  
COURAGE?

# Will I make it financially?

- Aalto scholarship 1500 € / 2500 €
- Student benefits if you get them in Finland (study grant, housing benefit, study loan)
- Special Needs Grant in Erasmus-, First- ja Nordtek programmes
- Family benefit in Erasmus-exchange 200 €/month
- Be prepared

# Will I make it mentally?

- Courses on Intercultural Communication
- Pre-departure and Return Orientations
- Aalto University exchange coordinator at reach during the exchange

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# After exchange

- What skills did I learn during the exchange and how to make them visible for employers?





**FIND THE  
PERFECT  
DESTINATION  
- FOR YOU**

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- My language skills? In which language I am able to study 30 / 60 ECTS?
- What do I want to study during my exchange and from which university I find suitable courses? (> *Destination Database*)
- Exchange for one term or for two terms?
- Expenses?
- Do I fill in the applicant requirements set by the host university?
- Hints from professors, staff?
- My personal points of interest: in which country I would like to live? Which culture I want to learn more about? What I want to do on my free time? What kind of experience would benefit best my future working life?

# When can I apply?

At the time of applying (latest during the deadline day):

- Bachelor students: 60 ECTS
- Students accepted directly for master level studies: 25 ECTS, present at Aalto for one term
- Everyone: GPA minimum 2.00
- Some long distance destinations: Study Index\* 40,00

# Get prepared!

- ✓ Plan your studies already now in the beginning of your studies: how and where to include exchange studies in your degree
- ✓ Complete an English course at Aalto asap, so you can proof your English skills
- ✓ Learn the language of the country where you wish to study
- ✓ Save money
- ✓ Study fast and with good grades to get a good Study Index.





**Apply!**  
*September*  
*November*  
*January*

# Two degrees, one shot – why not!

- Go for exchange and get a double-degree
- 2-year Master's programme in English, two universities & countries
  - E.g. 1st year abroad, 2nd year at Aalto → graduate DI from Aalto + Master of Science from partner university
- Tight, ambitious, international peer community: studies, events and graduation together
- Scholarship opportunities up to 1000€/month
- “Package solution” – (semi)fixed curriculum, no learning agreement, no recognition process of studies
- You need to apply for the specific master's programmes – check application periods & requirements per programme
  - Have a look! <https://www.aalto.fi/en/admission-services/international-joint-degree-programmes>



**Well, that was a bit compact!**





Let's make  
your studies  
a *success*  
story!

Questions?

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopinnot/Exchange+studies>

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