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Aalto University
School of Chemical
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Master's Programme in Chemical, Biochemical and Materials Engineering

Fibre and Polymer Engineering Major

7.9. 2021 Thaddeus Maloney and Anna Mäkilä

Agenda

Who are we? Getting to know each other

Personnel of the major

Degree and major structure

Teaching in Autumn 2021

Study guidance and coaching

Practical study matters

Meeting the academic advisors

Who are we?

A short presentation of everyone present

Please tell briefly something about yourself to others, for example:

- Your name
- The country you are from
- Are you studying on campus or remotely?
- What do you expect from the forthcoming academic year 2021-2022?



Personnel of the major

Professors:

- Thad Maloney – professor in charge
- Mark Hughes
- Michael Hummel
- Eero Kontturi
- Mauri Kostainen
- Jouni Paltakari
- Lauri Rautkari
- Orlando Rojas
- Jukka Seppälä
- Monika Österberg

Other teachers:

- Eero Hiltunen
- Reetta Karinen
- Sami Lipponen
- Juan Valle Delgado



Learning services



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Degree structure and planning your studies

Major

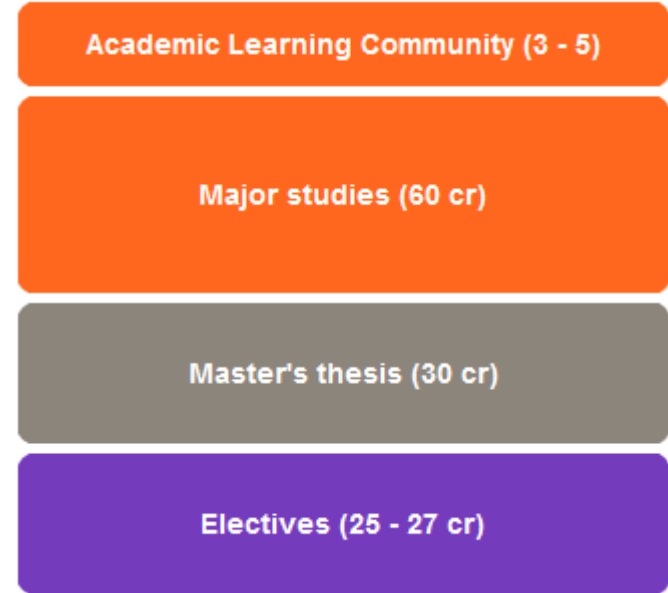
Fibre and Polymer Engineering – One of the most important industrial disciplines in the 21st century:

- Global Challenges: Sustainable materials, climate change, the new bioeconomy
- Personal opportunities: Global career opportunities in many fields of industry and beyond.
- A stimulating, flexible and fun academic environment.

Degree structure

120 ECTS credits:

- **Academic Learning Community (3-5 cr)**
 - *common to all students in Master's Programme in Chemical, Biochemical and Materials Engineering regardless of the major*
- **60 cr major dependent studies**
 - *Compulsory studies*
 - *Specialization studies*
- **30 cr Thesis**
 - *Approx. 5 months active work*
- **25 - 27 cr Elective studies**
 - *Can include a minor*



→ **Master of Science (Tech.)**

Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022
Academic Learning Community (3-5 credits)		Polymer Blends and Composites	Specialization Course
Polymer Synthesis	Product Development	Specialization Course	Thesis
Fibre and Fibre Products	Interfacial Phenomena in Biobased Systems	Elective	
Polymer Properties	Specialization Course	Elective	
Cellulose Based Fibres	Specialization Course	Elective	
Polymer Technology Labs	Elective	Elective	

Compulsory	From specialization course package	Freely chosen elective	Thesis work
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Specialization Courses

Wood and Wood Products	Wood Products: Application and Performance	Web-based Natural Fibre Products	Converting of Web-based Products
Polymer Reaction Engineering D	Biopolymers D	Computer Aided Visualization and Scientific Presentation D	Wood Specialization Course: A Project Work V D
Interfacial Phenomena in Renewable Materials Research Project V D	Materials for a World in Transition D	Coatings	Product development Project Course

Elective studies / Minor

- Elective studies (25-27 cr) → build your own degree
- Possible to include a minor (15-25 cr) into elective studies
- Minor not compulsory → degree without minor
- Some recommended minors
 - *Biotechnology CHEM3030*
 - *Chemarts CHEM3040*
 - *Functional Materials CHEM3034*
 - *Pack-Age ARTS3100*



Teaching in Autumn 2021

- Majority of courses is on-line
- Some courses are in hybrid mode
- Few courses on campus (e. g. laboratory courses)
 - **Please, check MyCourses pages!!!**
 - **If you have some question, please, contact teacher in charge**

Master's Thesis

Goal: master's thesis completed by the end of the 2nd study year

Before you start your master's thesis:

- complete all compulsory studies
- make sure your study plan is up-to-date

How to find a thesis position/topic:

- Be active!
- Start looking for a master's thesis position early, during the Spring of the 1st study year
- Be open to new ideas!
- Don't wait too long for the “perfect” master's thesis offer



CHEM-E0105 Academic Learning Community

Let's make this the best course ever!

Please note: MATLAB module (1 ECTS) starts on Monday, Sep 13th, 8-10 am

What?

- Course for *all* master's students in CHEM
- 3-5 cr, depending on completed tasks

When?

- Periods I-V
- Starting on September 20th, 8:30-10 am

Why?

- Learning *general skills and knowledge*
- Helping you *succeed in your studies*

For more information: [MyCourses](#)



**Senior university lecturer
Kyösti Ruuttunen cannot wait
for the course to start!**

Photo: Kitty Norros

Language studies

- Mandatory in your degree if not part of your bachelor's degree (according to degree regulations)
- **3 ECTS** credits on certain level in one foreign language
- Only courses with letters O (for oral) and W (for written) fulfil the requirements
- English recommended, but other languages can be taken as well
- Finnish/Swedish: basic courses allowed
- Students with a Finnish bachelor's degree (including AMK students): usually obligatory language studies are part of the bachelor's degree



Laboratory Safety Course

Compulsory, unless part of your Aalto BSc degree.

**Include it into your elective studies in SISU:
CHEM-E0140 Laboratory Safety Course**

CHEM-E0140

Laboratory Safety Course

itsenäisesti suoritettava vastaava henkilökohtainen kurssi

Instructions to Digital Lab Safety Course

kirsi.yliniemi@aalto.fi

Academic Year 2021-2022

**There are two courses,
you need to pass only one of them:**

CHEM-A1010 Turvallinen työskentely laboratoriossa
(Finnish version for bachelor students)

OR

CHEM-E0140 Laboratory Safety Course
(English version, mainly for master level and exchange students)

PLEASE NOTE!

- **Access to CHEM buildings is automatically linked to Lab Safety Courses**
 - So even if you would take only theoretical courses in Aalto CHEM, you still need to pass the Lab Safety to be able to access the building
- **Also, you must have a Lab Pass before entering the labs of CHEM**
(more info can be found from course pages)

CHEM-E0140 Laboratory Safety Course

= 100 % digital course
= You can do it already now

It allows you to familiarise with the material and take the exam whenever you want:

- 1. Familiarize yourself with Virtual Lab Space**
(link in MyCourses)
- 2. Take the digital exam**
(in MyCourses)

**This is for you own safety
– and your friends' safety –
so please, study the material carefully**

What to do?

1. Add ***“CHEM-E0140 Laboratory Safety Course”*** to your personal study plan (HOPS) in SISU (sisu.aalto.fi)
 - CHEM.E Elective studies.
2. Register to the course ***“CHEM-E0140 Laboratory Safety Course”*** in SISU (sisu.aalto.fi)
 - NOTE! You must have signed into Aalto before you can sign into courses
3. Go to MyCourses page of ***“CHEM-E0140 Laboratory Safety Course”*** (mycourses.aalto.fi)
4. Follow the link to Virtual Lab Space
5. Take the Digital Exam in the MyCourses
 - You will be notified immediately whether you passed the exam (to pass: 65 % of the points).
 - You can take the exam as many times as you like...but the questions keep changing.
 - It is recommended that you have Virtual Lab open at the same time as you take the exam:

Try not to just guess → This is for your own safety

Make the course **this week**

– you need a Lab Pass to enter the labs

- **After** passing Lab Safety Course, you will be printed a Lab Pass



- You have to have Lab Pass visible on your lab coat when entering labs

(Note! The printing is done only after passing the course)

- Pick up your Lab Pass from Study Advisors' pop-up desk (CHEM main lobby, Kemistintie 1) during its opening times

Study period when you take the Lab Safety	Passes ready in Study Advisors pop-up desk
Orientation Week September 2021 (no later than Sun 12 th Sep)	WED 15 th September onwards
PERIOD I (no later than Sun 19 th Sep)	WED 22 nd September onwards
PERIOD II (no later than 7 th Nov)	WED 10 th November onwards
Orientation Week January 2022 (no later than Sun 9 th Jan)	WED 12 th January onwards
PERIOD III (no later than 16 th Jan)	WED 19 th January onwards
PERIOD IV (no later than 6 th March)	WED 9 th March onwards
PERIOD V (no later than 24 th April)	WED 27 th April onwards

Laboratory coats and glasses

- School will provide laboratory coat and safety glasses. These will be picked up before laboratory work and returned when leaving from laboratory.
- Laboratory coats and safety glasses can be found from
 - B112b hall
 - C113 hallway cabinet
- Laboratory coats and safety glasses will returned after work to boxes, which are located near the front door of the laboratory
- More information from course lecturer

Planning your studies → HOPS/PSP

All students are required to prepare a **personal study plan (PSP)** as a part of their master's studies and always keep it up-to-date.

- The study plan is a **binding agreement** on both parties: the student and the university.
- Students can, at any time of their studies, **update** their study plan → approval if needed → *send an email to a planning officer*
- The study plan should at all times correspond to the student's current plan for his/her studies.
- Changes to the study plan should always be done before participating in courses → *not possible to enroll to a course, if it is not in your study plan*

Planning your studies → HOPS/PSP

The study plan includes:

1. Major courses, based on curriculum
Compulsory courses and specialisation courses
2. Elective courses
Possible to include a minor in the elective studies (minor not compulsory)
3. Timing of all chosen courses and the master's thesis

Study plans are created in **SISU**

Some parts require approval

Approved by the planning officer, deviations from the curriculum need to be separately approved by the professor in charge of the major

More instructions: <https://into.aalto.fi/display/encbme/Planning+your+studies>

- If a part of your study plan requires an approval
- If you have some questions to the content
→ send an email to anna.makila@aalto.fi

Why should you earn your degree within two academic years?

Requires an average of 60 credits per year

WHY?

- It shows your potential future employers that you are able to commit to your studies and that you can acquire a wide spectrum of new knowledge while keeping to an agreed schedule
- CHEM rewards students for degree completed within target time -> 500€
- It's a fast track to summer jobs at departments



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Student guidance and coaching in Aalto CHEM

Academic advising

The academic advising at Aalto CHEM is organised in connection with the course CHEM-E0105 Academic Learning Community.

- *Two compulsory individual meetings with your academic advisor (academic advisor organizes)*
- *Support!*



Academic advising

Most students felt that they benefit from the meetings (86%)

Most students have met their academic advisor two times, some 3-5 times

Benefits for a student

- *Help, advice, tips, support ...*
- *have a mentor, someone confidential supporting you*
- *get feedback and ideas, other opinion*
- *good possibility to talk, to share feelings*
- *building an academic network*

“feeling more confident about my studies and future career”

“Discussion about the Master’s thesis, overall feelings and concerns, stress management, discussion/advising about summer job and career plans.”

“Guidance for the future.”

“Has helped me clear up my mind immensely”

“feeling of being heard”

All in all, I feel like academic advising is needed and welcome!

Academic advising groups

Eero Hiltunen

Cui, Fujiao
Huomo, Kaarlo
Hyvärinen, Ida
Joshi, Arnav
Ollikainen, Veera
Ruismäki, Winnie
Suur-Hamari, Sara
Zhang, Shiyang

Sami Lipponen

Astapov, Daniil
Hatakka, Sandra
Hart, Emily
Icar Mariam
Pilkkinen, Elli
Sharma, Ritesh
Tuominen, Monika

Thad Maloney

Chen, Manglin
Handiso, Berhane
Honkavaara, Iiris
Metsola, Tilda
Pirinen, Lotta
Raipale, Noora
Siivola, Sara
Yildirim, Zalal

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Practical study matters

Student feedback



Be active in providing your feedback regarding courses and also the major as a whole



Course feedback is collected after every course and is valuable for course development



Feedback sessions with students and teachers will be organized

Twice in an academic year.

These sessions are a part of CHEM-E0105 Academic Learning Community course.

Be active and successful student!

- Prepare to study full-time
- Prepare to hear English spoken with Finnish, American, British, Austrian, Spanish, ... accent
- Obey the universities' regulations and statutes
- Follow the curriculum → INTO, SISU, MyCourses
- Read your **aalto.fi e-mails**
- Take responsibility of your studies and be independent
- Can't find information or unsure -> please, ask!
- Participate actively in your courses and challenge your teacher!



In case any problems occur...

Notify your planning officer and your academic advisor immediately of any changes in circumstances which may affect your ability to follow the programme (i. e. you must suddenly leave home for personal reasons etc.)

And if necessary, see a doctor immediately! Not only for your own health and wellbeing, but also because notifications in retrospective (“I was so sick last semester that I couldn’t attend the courses” don’t help).

What's next?

- **Thur 9.9. at 10.00-12.00** IT services and course registration (*compulsory for students from outside Aalto, recommended for Aalto bachelors*)
- **Thur 9.9. at 13.00-15.00** Orientation to Services and Wellbeing, “Service fair” (*intended for students from outside Aalto, optional for Aalto bachelors*)
- **Fri 10.9. at 9:30-10:00** Student union (AYY) introduction (*optional for all*)
- **Fri 10.9. at 10.00-12.00** Q&A - session with Learning Services
- TeekkariLife lecture **~30 min** (*optional for all, you can watch at any time*)

Meeting the academic advisors



In small groups

- Getting to know each other
- Study plan
- Free discussion



In zoom breakout rooms

1. Eero Hiltunen
2. Sami Lipponen
3. Thad Maloney
4. Jukka Seppälä (N5T)

Welcome to begin your Master Studies at Aalto University !

