PLANNING YOUR STUDIES

SCI-A1010 Intro course for BSc Students

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Topics for this lecture

- Planning your studies and creating a study plan
- Choosing a minor and elective studies
- What is academic advising and how it contributes to planning your studies?
- Senior students present their minors
SCI-A1010 Introduction Course for BSc Students

Timeline 2022-2023

Sep–Oct 2022
- Orientation and lectures
  - Orientation week
  - Lectures on period I

Nov 2022
- Time-management
  - DL to submit the assignment on time-management

Feb–Apr 2023
- Planning your studies
  - 16 Feb, lecture on planning your studies and choosing a minor
  - Meeting with the Academic advisor and filling up the study planning template
  - Assignment on choosing a minor (DL 31 March)

April 2023
- Creating a study plan
  - Creating a study plan in Sisu system (DL 26 April)

May 2023
- Feedback
  - Course is graded
  - Course feedback is collected
Study planning in the first year of studies (and thereafter...)

**Study planning reflection (template)**
- DL 26 April
- DL 31 March
- March - April

**Meeting with the academic advisor**

**Creating a study plan of your complete BSc degree in Sisu**

**Familiarizing yourself with the minor selection and completing the assignment**

In the future, the study plan must be kept updated. You will need it when:
- enrolling for courses
- applying for credit transfer
- applying for exchange
- graduating
STUDY PLANNING
Study planning

**INFORMAL**
- What are my goals?
- What do I dream of?
- What do I want to do after finishing my studies?
- What am I good at?
- What do I want to learn?...

Through reflection, studying, discussions, reading, writing, working...

**FORMAL** (Universities Act, Aalto regulations, policies and practices...)
- Degree requirements
- Degree structure
- Minors
- Master’s programmes

Through study plan in Sisu with the help of Curriculum in aalto.fi
MINOR STUDIES

- Major: 65 ECTS
- Basic studies: 65 ECTS
- Minor: 20–25 ECTS
- Elective studies: 25-30 ECTS
What should I choose as a minor? (informal)

- What do you want to learn or study!
- Can support you major or be something completely different
- Top 5 minors of Aalto BSc Tech students
  1. Computer Science (not for DS students)
  2. Data Science (not for DS students either)
  3. Mathematics
  4. Bioinformation Technology
  5. Economics

→ over 50 different minors chosen!

- Talk to your peers, friends, parents, academic advisor, LES…
What can I choose as a minor? (formal)

• A minor (20–25 ECTS cr) is a compulsory part of the BSc degree
• Minor studies can be chosen from
  1. Aalto University
  2. Another Finnish university through flexible study right (if subject not offered in Aalto)
  3. University abroad while attending exchange (International Studies minor)
• Minor cannot be from the field of the major
• BSc level as a rule
• Cannot include courses overlapping other courses (note e.g., programming courses)
• May affect your master's programme options (check the criteria!)
• TECH and BIZ minors chosen through primary study plan, ARTS minors may have separate application process
Student Guide

Welcome to the Student Guide! Here you can find information on your programme, instructions on studying at Aalto University and
ELECTIVE STUDIES
Elective studies

➢ University level degree courses
➢ Language Centre language and communication studies
➢ BSc level courses recommended
➢ Courses of other English BSc majors or minors as elective studies
➢ Elective minor (total two minors)
➢ Check course prerequisites and other criteria on Sisu!
➢ Prerequisite courses for MSc programmes (CHEM)
➢ What is not allowed
  ➢ Courses that overlap with compulsory or other courses
  ➢ University MOOCs for wide audience
What do I need to do in Sisu now?

- draft a plan of your complete BSc degree including a minor and elective studies in Sisu
  - DL 26 April (assignment on SCI-A1010!)
  - Remember to check the degree requirements from the Curriculum
  - We will check and comment on your plan

- some parts of the study plan require approval → apply for approval once your plans are (at least almost) finalized

- You can update the optional and elective parts of your study plan at anytime

- Study plan must be kept up-to-date e.g. for course enrollment and graduation

- Drafting a timing for your BSc degree studies is also recommended but not compulsory nor checked by us
Study plan in Sisu system in the center of study planning
Programmes

Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology

This site contains the student study guide for Aalto Bachelor's Programme in Science and Technology. Here you will find the programme curriculum as well as detailed guidelines for planning your studies. All the materials and instructions are for the students in all the majors of the programme. If you are interested in applying to the programme, follow the links on the bottom of the site to the application pages.
ACADEMIC ADVISING
What is academic advising?

An Academic Advisor is a teacher in students' own field of study who can support the student with study related issues by:

➢ giving general advice on studies at Aalto,
➢ offering support when making decisions on your studies
➢ discussing study and career plans,
➢ sharing their own experience and expertise

Academic advising creates a link between students and staff so that:

➢ students are recognized as an integral part of the academic community
➢ we collect feedback about the programme.

AA is not a databank with the right answers, but more like a mentor/coach helping you finding the right answer.
Need help with the study plan?

- Take advantage of the AA meetings
- Book a meeting with the coordinators (LES) via MyStudies or email us at bsc.tech@aalto.fi

Example:
Recommendation for a minor to choose? → AA
What minors are there to choose from? → LES
How to use SISU? → Sisu instruction on aalto.fi

Need support with study skills or study-related issues?

➢ Practical help with studies and study planning
  Programme’s LES, i.e Hanne-Maaria and Paavo

➢ Starting Point of Wellbeing
  https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-at-aalto/starting-point-of-wellbeing

➢ Study Skills
  https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-at-aalto/study-skills

➢ Beat the Blues -events → next Thu 16.3 at 16-18!

➢ Contact us @ bsc.tech@aalto.fi if you don’t know who to contact or where to find help!
Answer the lecture quiz on MyCourses by Fri 17 Feb 23:59
THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?