STUDY LIFE 
- GO ABROAD!
How many of you have already decided to go for exchange?

Yes, I have already decided I want to apply.

No, not sure yet.
We already have the BEST DEAL

WHY BOTHER?
EMPOWER NETWORK REFRESH GET PREPARED STAND OUT
You will take a big step ahead of those who stay at home.
"I SPEAK TO MY NEIGHBOUR TODAY"

FINNISH APRIL FOOL'S JOKE

FINNISH NIGHTMARES

WHEN YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOUR APARTMENT BUT YOUR NEIGHBOUR IS IN THE HALLWAY

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http://finnishnightmares.blogspot.com/
Ethnocentrism 101

How do I get to the other side?!!

You are on the other side!
MANY WAYS TO MAKE YOUR STUDIES INTERNATIONAL
✔ Student exchange at foreign university
✔ Summer and intensive courses abroad
✔ Internship abroad
✔ Double degree programmes
✔ Master’s Thesis abroad
✔ Aalto’s own international community
What is student exchange?

- One term or one academic year abroad
- At Aalto's partner university or at university sought by yourself (free mover exchange)
- Part of your degree at Aalto
- No degree from abroad, except in Double Degree –programmes
- Possible to apply to the same destination with a friend (may depend on destination)
• Erasmus+ exchange: Europe, Nordic countries
• Nordtek: Nordic countries
• Bilateral destinations:
  • Switzerland, Africa (Namibia), Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam), Australia, Northern (Canada, US) and Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru), Russia
• Destination Database: https://aalto.moveon4.com/publisher/9/eng
When can I apply?

**Bachelor students:**
- min. 30 ECTS
- present one term at Aalto
- Min. GPA 2,00 (can vary, always check)

**Calculation of Academic Index:**
Credits / number of semesters attended* x GPA
*current term not counted

Apply!
September
November
January
• Be awake early enough!
• Europe: bachelor level studies in the native language, master studies in English
• Asia: plenty in English on bachelor level too
• TOEFL / IELTS tests universal tests with fees and on certain dates every month – register early enough!
• ALWAYS check the updated requirements before planning to apply!

Language skills?

Complete English course as soon as just possible – no need for English language certificate for most destinations and a requirement for many destinations.
What can I study?

- Bachelor students: 30 ECTS/ term
- Master students: 24 ECTS / term
- Note: even one course to bachelor's degree
  >> 30 ECTS requirement
- Easiest: minor studies or electives
- Most common: on 3rd year, between bachelor and master studies
- International Studies Minor
  https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=7149390
One shot, two degrees – 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 agreements, no recognition process of studies
• **You need to apply for the specific master’s programmes** – check application periods & requirements per programme
  Take a look!
WILL I MANAGE?
DO I HAVE THE COURAGE?
Will I make it financially?

- Aalto scholarship 1500 € / 2500 €
  - In Erasmus+ even more..
- Student benefits if you get them in Finland (study grant, housing benefit, study loan)
- Accessibility support already in Erasmus+ and Nordtek programmes, coming to bilateral exchanges too
- Support for green travel in Erasmus+
- Save.
Will I make it mentally?

- Courses on Intercultural Communication
- Pre-departure and Return Orientations
- Exchange coordinators at reach during the exchange
Get prepared!

- Plan 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 (for most destinations)
- Learn the language of the country where you wish to study
- Save money
- Study fast and with good grades to get a good Academic Index.
- Dream!
EASY STEPS TO STUDENT EXCHANGE

001 Start early! Will the exchange fit into your degree?

002 Check exchange options!

003 Need help? Talk to your school’s exchange expert.

004 Prepare the needed documents.

005 Apply for exchange in Aalto.

006 Wait for the selection information from Aalto.

007 Apply to the exchange destination.

008 Attend the departure orientation.

009 Get prepared for moving abroad after you receive your admission letter.

010 WOOHOO! Make the most of your exchange!
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Let's make your studies a success story!