Studies
Degree structure: 40 ECTS of studies + thesis

General Research Studies 15-25 ECTS
Compulsory:
ARTS-L0100 Introduction to Doctoral Studies, 1-2 ECTS
ARTS-L0102 Doing Research, 6 ECTS
LC-L1010 Research Ethics for Doctoral Students, 1-2 ECTS

Research Field Studies 15-25 ECTS
Compulsory:
Department’s / Research field’s doctoral seminar, min. 4 ECTS
General research studies, optional courses

General courses, methods and methodology
ARTS-L0110 Research through Art and Design, 2-4 ECTS
ARTS-L0111 Methods of Qualitative Research, 6 ECTS
AXM-L1006 Artistic and Art-Based Research, 4 ECTS

Philosophy and theory
ARTS-L0603 Philosophy of Science, 4 ECTS
ARTS-L0606 Knowing Aesthetics, 6 ECTS
AXM-L1001 Contemporary Theories for Art Research, 4 ECTS
ARTS-E0604 Global Perspectives: Re-mapping the History of Art, 4 ECTS
ARTS-E0708 Sculpture Now! 5 ECTS

Writing and presenting doctoral research
More about these during Aalto Orientation Days
Courses on transferable skills and competences listed at: https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-at-aalto/being-a-doctoral-student-at-aalto#6-organisation-of-the-doctoral-pathway
Research Field Studies, optional courses

ARK-L5003 Planning Theory, 6 ECTS
ARK-L5004 Urban Studies, 6 ECTS
AXM-L1000 Department of Art and Media Doctoral School
MUO-L0010 Department of Design Thematic Research Seminar, 3 ECTS
MUO-L1001 Positioning in the Fields and Practices of Design Research 2-ECTS,
AXM-L1002 Art, environment and activism, 4 ECTS
AXM-L1003 Curating and its Futures, 4 ECTS
AXM-L1004 Perspectives on Art Pedagogy, 4 ECTS

+ Optional master’s level courses which can be included in the doctoral degree (to be discussed with supervisor)
Other ways to complete the module

- Winter/summer schools, thematic research seminars
- Courses from other Universities, Aalto Master’s level courses
- Literature, either according to the department’s literature list or as agreed with the professor
- Reflective report on art and creative practices related to thesis topic
- Conference paper/presentation or publications (not included in the doctoral thesis)
- Teaching at a university, preparing a lecture or a series of lectures on history, theory or methods of the student’s own research field, thesis advising
Studies elsewhere

• Studies taken in another Aalto School or other university may be included in the degree
• If you are interested, first discuss with your supervising professor
• After taking studies outside Aalto, you always need to apply for credit transfer, even if you agreed about them in advance: https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/Credit+transfer
• Custom course credit
  • Conferences etc.
  • See Sisu HELP for technical instructions
International studies

- Exchange studies through partnership agreements: same process and mobility grants as for Master’s level students
- Visiting researcher positions
- Shorter research visits through projects

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Basics

- www.sisu.aalto.fi
  - Aalto username and password

- Sisu HELP: