

Introduction Course for Bachelor's students

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ECON-A1000 (1 cr)

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Topics for today

1. Planning of studies and personal study plan
2. Minor studies
3. Continuing to Master's programmes



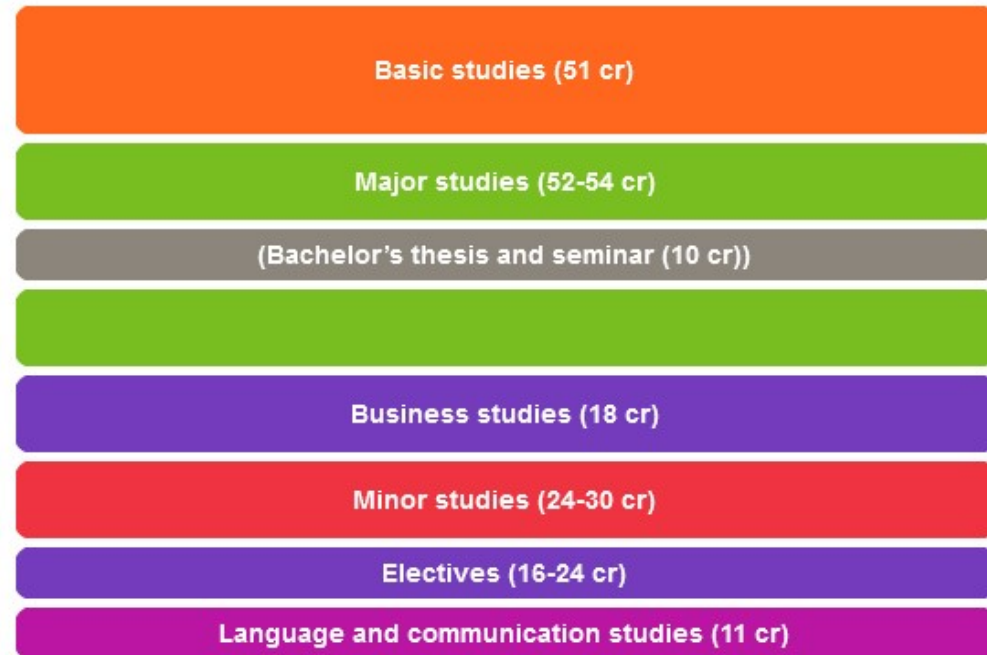
1. Planning of studies



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What to study?

- The curriculum determines what can be included in your degree
- The Economics BSc degree consists of six study modules
- Basic studies and major studies focus on economics and quantitative methods
- For business studies, minor, languages and electives you can choose more freely depending on your personal goals and interests



...and when?

- **Recommended timetable for Economics student > Student Guide (aalto.fi)**
- **It is recommended to spread the courses to 5 periods evenly > about 12 credits per period.**
- **Depending on your choices one period can be heavier than another.**
- **When there are less than 12 credits per period in the recommended timetable, you can choose economics electives, minor studies, language studies, business studies, electives.**
- **You can plan your schedule freely (but keep in mind KELA, study right, scholarships)**
- **Check for compulsory prerequisites to make sure you complete courses in the right order.**
- **Plan exchange studies well ahead of time.**

Planning your studies

- 1) Think about your interests, goals and life situation:**
What skills do you already have and what would you like to improve?
What are you interested in?
What goals do you have for your future studies and career?
- 2) Get to know the different study options, minors, exchange studies etc.**
- 3) Start drafting your personal study plan in Sisu, add the courses and study modules so your plan has 180/180 planned studies.**
- 4) Make a schedule plan in Sisu > add courses to the timeline for the academic year and teaching periods.**
- 5) Update your study plan on a regular basis as necessary. You can update the plan throughout your studies (even after it has been approved).**

Why is personal study plan needed?

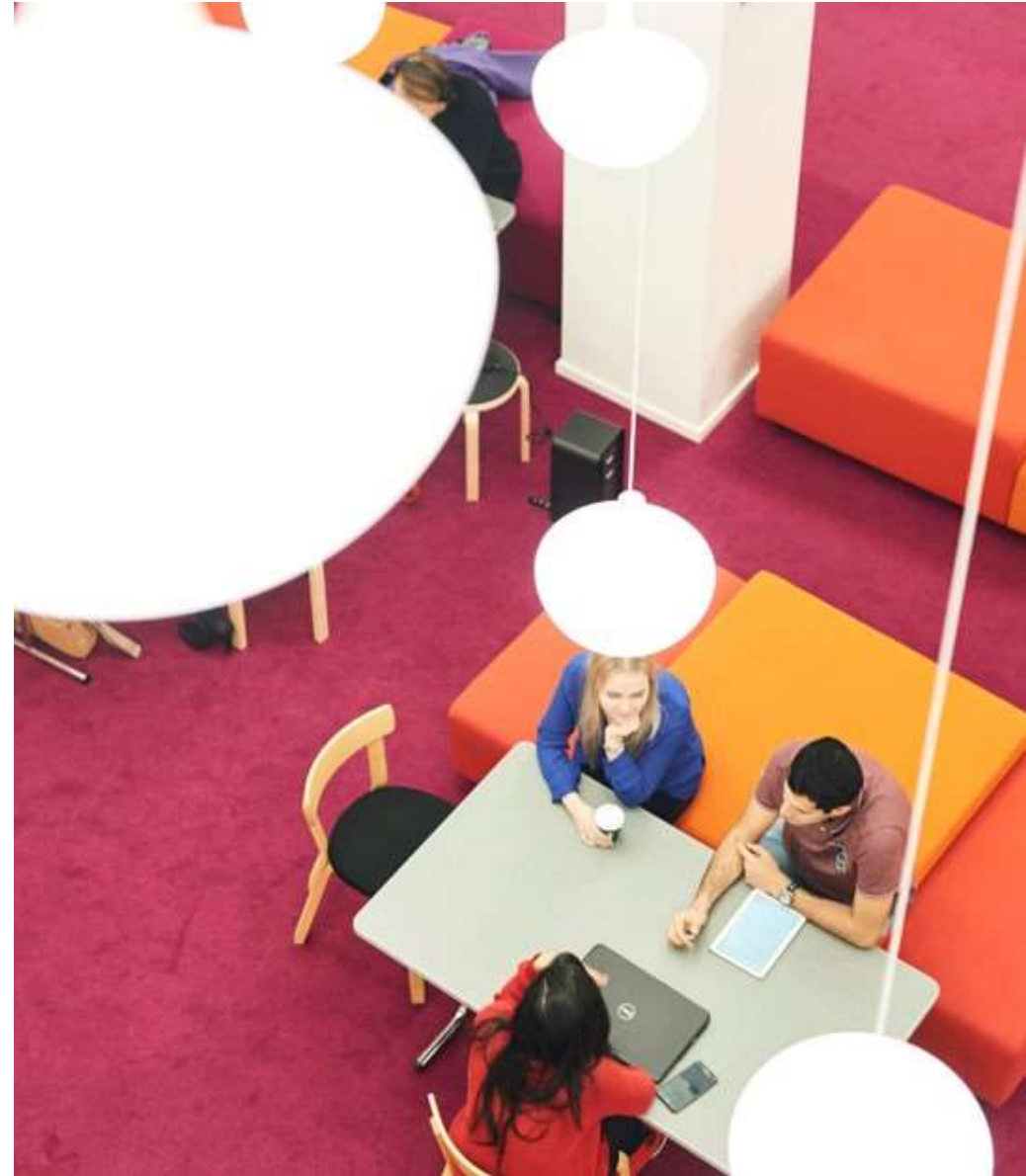
- **Personal study plan (PSP/HOPS) is a tool for *you* to plan and visualize your studies:**
 - you can follow the progress of your studies
 - you can plan your studies and see which courses you still have to complete
- **Used also for study counselling and administrative purposes:**
 - course enrollment
 - applying for exchange studies or credit transfer
 - graduation, your diploma will be compiled according to personal study plan
- **Students prepare their own personal study plans in SISU**
- **Planning officer approves the plan**
- **Study plan can be modified later**
- **Degree structure is the basis of the study plan**

Assignment - study plan in Sisu

- Get to know the curriculum and different study options
- Make your personal study plan (HOPS/PSP) in Sisu
- Send your study plan in SISU for approval by the end of February 2024
 - all the parts that require separate approval
 - Timeline will not be checked; this is a tool for you
- **Note! This study plan doesn't have to be your final plan and you can (and should) update it when needed**
- Help with study plan: Elina Yrjänäinen
 - email: elina.yrjanainen@aalto.fi
 - appointments: [MyStudies.aalto.fi](https://mystudies.aalto.fi)

Curriculum 22-24 and 24-26

- **Aalto University has a two-year curriculum cycle**
 - Economics degree structure and courses are planned and decided every two years
- **2024-2026 curriculum published in Spring 2024**
 - New courses, minors etc.
- **Students usually follow the curriculum of the academic year when they receive their study right (or start their studies)**
 - You can also choose the 24-26 structure/courses for major, minor and other studies.



Curriculum and instructions for creating your study plan in Sisu

Curriculum:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/bachelors-programme-in-economics/curriculum-2022-2024>

Minor study guide:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/minors#/>

Recommended study timetable:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/bachelors-programme-in-economics/recommended-timetable>

Instructions for creating the study plan in Sisu:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/applications-instructions-and-guidelines/sisu-instructions-front-page>

2. Minor studies



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Minor studies

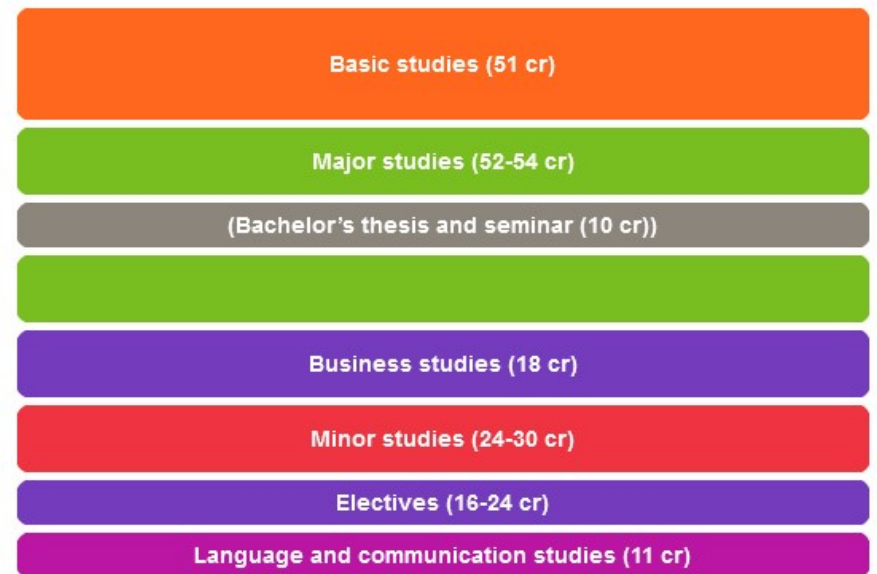
- **Minor studies is a compulsory part of the degree**
- **The extent of the minor is 24-30 cr**
- **Can be one of the following:**
 - 1) Minor from Aalto University (24-25 cr)
 - 2) International studies minor (exchange, 30 cr)
 - 3) Minor from another university in Finland (min. 24 cr)
- **You can choose anything else but minor in Economics**
- **Minor study guide: <https://www.aalto.fi/fi/sivuaineet#/>**

What should I choose as I minor?

- **Choose your minor based on your own interests and goals**
- **Can support your Economics studies or be completely different**
- **Note! Choice of minor might affect your MSc studies and what master's programmes are available to you**
- **Make sure to check course prerequisites before enrolling**
- **Popular minors of Economics students:**
 - Exchange studies, Data Science (SCI), Finance (BIZ), Accounting (BIZ)

What is the difference between minor studies, business studies and elective studies?

1. **Minor studies (24-30cr)** a collection of courses in some other field than your major (courses are confirmed in the curriculum).
2. **Business studies (18cr)** can be any bachelor level courses (except economics) from the School of Business (BIZ).
3. **Elective studies (16-24cr)** can be any basic, intermediate or advanced level courses from Aalto or other universities. Can include studies in economics, internship etc.



The business studies and elective studies can also be used to form a second minor from the School of Business.

Where to find suitable courses and minor options?

Student guide (aalto.fi)

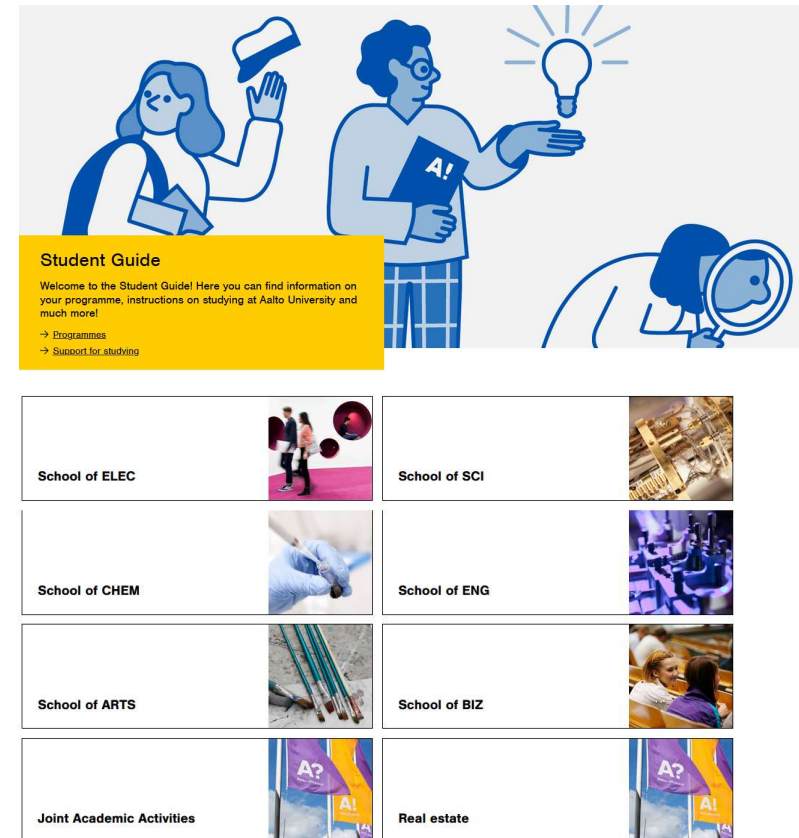
- <https://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide>
- [Economics curriculum 2022-2024](#)
- Minor study guide: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/minors#/>

Course catalogue

- [Courses.aalto.fi](https://courses.aalto.fi)
- Active degree-level teaching of Aalto University

Sisu course search

- Also courses without active teaching & historical data



4. Continuing to Master's programmes



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Continuing to Master's programmes

- Economics BSc students have the right to study for a Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration) degree.
- Students notify of their choice of MSc programme when applying for BSc graduation.
- You can start thinking about your MSc studies already during your BSc studies
 - the choices you make in the bachelor's degree have an impact on the master's programmes that are available to you.
- Criteria for MSc programmes for Economics BSc students:
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/programmes/bachelors-programme-in-economics/graduation#3-continuing-to-master-s-programmes>

Master's programme	BSc in Economics eligibility / requirements to meet (Students whose study right has started 1.8.2022 or later)
Accounting	Courses Laskentatoimen perusteet, Kirjanpito (<i>Introduction to Financial Accounting</i>) and Johdon laskentatoimi I (<i>Management Accounting I: Profitable Decision Making</i>) or Johdon laskentatoimi II (<i>Management Accounting II: Planning and Performance Management</i>) included in the BSc degree with minimum GPA of 3,50. If the student has both Johdon laskentatoimi I and Johdon laskentatoimi II, better grade will be counted.
Business Analytics	At least 18 credits in programming (eg. Programming I, Basics in Programming Y1), basics of Excel, statistics (e.g. First course in Probability and Statistics), mathematics (e.g. Mathematics for Economists), data management (e.g. MySQL for Data Analytics)
Economics	Eligible
Finance	Courses Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Fundamentals of Investments and Fundamentals of Financial Markets included in the BSc degree with a minimum GPA 4,50.
Information and Service Management (ISM)	Eligible
Marketing	A grade point average 3.50 or higher in the BSc studies
People Management and Organizational Development	A grade point average 3.50 or higher in the BSc studies
Strategic Management in a Changing World	A grade point average 3.50 or higher in the BSc studies
Yritysjuridiikka (Business Law)	A minor in Business Law (Yritysjuridiikka) as part of the BSc degree

MSc programmes with separate admission process (BIZ)

- Creative Sustainability
- Global Management, CEMS
- International Design Business Management (IDBM)

- Application once a year
- More information:
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-at-aalto/applying-to-masters-programmes>

What next?

- Make your study plan in Sisu by the end of February
 - Send for approval all the parts that require separate approval
- You can also think about courses for periods IV & V
 - Economics of Global Challenges (IV)
 - Economics electives / Business studies / Minor studies / Language and communication studies / Elective studies
- Is there a need for study plan clinic?
- **Important!** Give feedback on the course



Who can help?



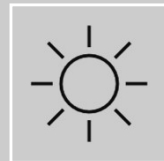
Study counselling: Elina Yrjänäinen

- Programme specific information
- Personal study plans (HOPS/PSP)
- Timing of studies etc.
- Book a meeting: mystudies.aalto.fi



Academic advising

- Teacher tutor
- Course teachers for their own courses



- Starting point of wellbeing
- Study psychologist
- Career services
- Aalto Economics subject club