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The boundary-breaking university

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Background
A strong need to secure higher education in Swedish for the country's Swedish-speaking population led to the establishment of the Åbo Akademi University Endowment and the new Åbo Akademi University in 1918. The university was founded with funds from private donors. The university remained a private university until 1981, when it passed into state ownership.

The university of today
Åbo Akademi University has 4 faculties. The faculties of:

• Arts, Psychology and Theology
• Education and Welfare studies
• Social Sciences, Business and Economics
• Science and Engineering

The university is located in Åbo, Vasa, Jakobstad, Helsingfors and Åland.

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Students: 5 500 undergraduate students, 780 postgraduate students, 500 Master's degrees and 75 Doctor's degrees per year.

Adult education: Open university 2 900 students; Centre for Lifelong Learning 5 900 participants.

Personnel: A total of 1 200 employees, 650 working in teaching and research.

Budget: The overall annual budget is approx. 101 million euros, including 38 million euros in external funding.

Publications: 1 400 scientific publications per year.

Research
Currently, for profiling purposes, Åbo Akademi University has identified three focal areas of research:

• Minority research
• Molecular process and material technology
• Drug development and diagnostics (in co-operation with the University of Turku)

Åbo Akademi University takes part in two national Centres of Excellence appointed by the Academy of Finland:

• The Centre of Excellence for Cardiovascular and Metabolic disease (2006–2019)

Åbo Akademi University has four internal Centres of Excellence (2015–2018):

• Brain Training: taking the next step
• YARG–Young adults and religion in a global perspective: A cross-cultural, comparative and mixed-method study of religious subjectivities and values in their context
• Future Refining of Forest Biomass
• Functional Materials at Biological Interfaces

International activities
Åbo Akademi University annually attracts more than 1000 international students representing a total of 80 countries, 380 are exchange students. The personnel is represented by 45 nationalities and intensive research contacts involve a wide variety of languages.

International Master's programmes:

• Biomedical Imaging
• Chemical Engineering
• Children of Abraham
• Computer Science
• Digital and Mobile Business (Economics and Business Administration)
• Embedded Computing
• Information and Knowledge Management (Economics and Business Administration)
• International Human Rights Law
• Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research
• Software Engineering

International students by home country
Source: Research and Education, 2015–2016

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Arts, Psychology and Theology

Culture, History and Philosophy

Philosophy | History | Gender Studies | Art History | Comparative Literature | Musicology | Nordic Ethnology | Nordic Folkloristics
Comparative Religion

Languages

English Language and Literature | Finnish Language | French Language and Literature | Russian Language and Literature | Swedish | German Language and Literature

Logopedics
Logopedics

Psychology
Psychology

Theology
Theology | Dogmatics | Old Testament Exegetics | Judaic Studies | Church History | New Testament Exegetics | Practical Theology | Comparative Religion | Theological Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Education and Welfare Studies

Class Teachers
Education

General Education and Adult Education
General Education and Adult Education

Health Sciences
Caring Science

Preschool Teachers
Early Childhood Education

Special Education Teachers
Special Education

Subject Teachers
Sloyd Education

Social Sciences
Social Policy | Developmental Psychology

Social Sciences, Business and Economics

Business and Economics
Accounting | Commercial Law | Economics | Information Systems | International Marketing | Organization and Management

Bachelor of Laws
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Social Sciences
Economics | Information Studies | Political Science | Private law | Public Administration | Public International Law | Public Law | Sociology

Master’s Programme
Master’s Programme in Public Sector Management

Science and Engineering

Biosciences
Biochemistry | Cell Biology | Environmental and Marine Biology | Cell and Molecular Biosciences

Information Technology

Natural Sciences
Physics | Chemistry | Geology | Mathematics

Pharmacy
Pharmacy | Bioscience, Specialisation in Pharmacy

Chemical Engineering
Materials Technology | Process Chemistry | Process and Systems Engineering | Energy Technology

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