

# WELCOME TO ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY

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# Welcome & Introduction



- This week's schedule
- Fast facts about Finland&Turku
- ÅAU
- Get to know each other pair/group discussion
- Registration with ÅAU
- Student union fee/student card
- Courses a UTU
- Registration with DVV
- Registration with Immigration services
- Wise & Revolut
- Healthcare
- Wifi
- Tutor presentation

#### ORIENTATION WEEK 2023, Exchange students

#### Åbo Akademi University, Åbo 25.8.2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28.8	29.8	30.8	31.8	1.9
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	9.00-10.00 Welcoming words, presentations of		session for this day!	Tuesday!
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	Ms. Astrid Kalland	Ms. Astrid Kalland		9.00-10.30 Inclusion session
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	10.00-10.15 BREAK	10.00-10.15 BREAK		EXVONED
DAY				10.30-11.00 BREAK
	10.15-11.00 Academic practices	10.15-10.45 Support in case of harassment		10.30-11.00 BREAK
	Ms. Astrid Kalland	Mr. Jan Kraufvelin		11.00-11.30 Welcome to Finland
				Ms. Astrid Kalland & Ms. Katie Fagerström
	11.00-11.15 Rector's Greeting	10.45-11.00 Student Union		,
		11.00-11.10 International committee		11.30-12.30 Q&A
	11.15-11.30 BREAK	11.00-11.10 International committee		Ms. Astrid Kalland & Ms. Katie Fagerström
		11.10-11.20 ESN		
	11.30-11.50 ICT services	11.10-11.20 ESN		
		11.20-11.30 BREAK		
	11.50-12.05 TYS	1110-11100 BREAK		
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	12.05-12.25 Campus Sport	,		
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	12.25 Group photo	Mr. Andreas Granberg & Ms. Rebecca Karlsson		
		12.10-12.30 Language Centre		
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	ONLINE			
Registration at Gripen	Link to Zoom			
9.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00		STUDY IN TURKU FAIR 10.00-16.00	Campus and library tour with the tutor group	14.00-16.00 Guided bus tour
	13.30-14.00 Introduction to ÅAU: s digital			Start from Arken, Fabriksgatan 2
For students arriving earlier, registration can also				
be done on Wednesday 23.8 9.00-12.00 and	Ms. Anna Granberg			
13.00-15.00				
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			17.00 Programme with your tutors. More	



For what subject	Time	Place	With whom
Psychology	31.8 at 9.00-10.00	Stansen ASA B121 (Fänriksgatan 3)	Ms. Petra Grönholm-Nyman and Ms. Yasmin Nyqvist
All FSEJ programmes (divided into groups, you will get information on which group you are in later)	31.8 8.30-12.00 (30 min for each group)	Galvani ASA B123 (Fänriksgatan 3)	Ms. Tuija-Liisa Pohja

## Fast Facts about Finland

- Independent Republic since 1917
- Population of 5.5 million
- EU Member since 1995
- Official languages: Finnish and Swedish
- Swedish-speaking minority of 5 percent
- Small Sami minority in the north
- Current President is Sauli Niinistö; Prime Minister is Petteri Orpo
- About 75% of Finland's surface is covered with forests
- "The land of a thousand lakes"
- Rich archipelago
- 11 out of 12 lost wallets are returned to their owner
- Aims to be carbon neutral by 2035



# Turku and surroundings

- Turku is the oldest city of Finland and was founded in 1229.
- About 200 000 residents
- More than 100 nationalities in the area.
- Every fourth person is either a student or professional in a HEI
- **40 000** higher education students
- Over 4000 international degree students or exchange students every year
- 2 universities, 4 universities of applied science



## **Åbo Akademi University**

- The only Swedish-language multidisciplinary university in Finland
- Two campuses in Åbo (Fi: Turku) and Vasa (Fi: Vaasa)
- Approx. 5,700 students, of which approx. 1,500 in Vasa
- 1,100 employees; 650 working in education and research
- 1,300 scientific publications annually
- Rector Professor Mikael Lindfelt

### Our campuses

- Situated in the old parts of Åbo and by the waterside of Vasa
- Donated residential homes and old factory buildings, also modern buildings
- Academill in Vasa, an old renovated mill



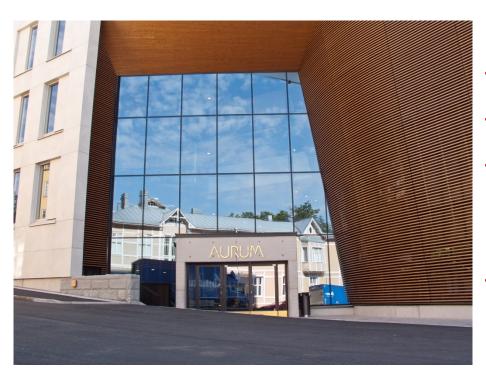




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### **University Structure**





- Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology, Åbo/Turku
- Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies in Vasa
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Business. Economics and Law
  - the Department of Political Science with
     Mass Communication in Vasa
- Faculty of Science and Engineering
  - the Department of Energy Technology in Vasa

# Strategic research profiles & university strategy



Åbo Akademi University focuses its research on four strategic themes:

**Technologies for a Sustainable Future** (earlier name: Molecular Process and Material Technology), focusing on chemical engineering and material aspects in the bioeconomy.

**Solutions for Health** (earlier name: Drug Development and Diagnostics), focusing on bioimaging, functional materials, health economics, IT in health and targeted therapies and diagnostics.

**Minority Research,** interdisciplinary research on the complexities involved in the production and construction of minority positions, identities, and rights.

**The Sea,** towards a living lab for marine and maritime research – society, nature, and technology.





## INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



- In total 152 exchange students for the autumn 23 semester/whole academic year 23-24
- 129 exchange students in total to our Åbo campus – 23 to Vasa
- 9 International Masters programmes
- Over 900 international students
- 150 ÅAU students study abroad annually



#### **MASTER DEGREES**



#### Åbo:

**Information Technology** 

**Biomedical Imaging** 

Governance of Digitalization

International Law and Human Rights

Sustainable Chemical and Process Engineering

**Social Exclusion** 

#### <u>Vasa:</u>

**Teaching and Learning** 

**Advanced Practice Nursing** 

Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research

### **Student Life**

- Active student union
- Over 60 student associations
- ESN for exchange students
- Excursions, parties, language exchange, traditional student festivities







### Get to know each other

- Who are you?
- Where do you come from?
- What do you study at home? What will you study here in Abo?
- Plans for the future How will you benefit from this experience in your future career?
- Common interests? What do you enjoy doing? Hobbies?

### Registration at Åbo Akademi

Visit the student service desk in Gripen,
 Hämeenkatu 13. Open 9-12 and 13-15 during the orientation week, after that Monday-Friday 9-12.

#### Bring:

 ID and proof that you have paid the student union fee (for example a screenshot of the bank transfer)

#### Receive:

- Computer username and password + ÅA email address
- Study certificate
- Welcome bag
- Key (from facility services after registration)

#### Note!

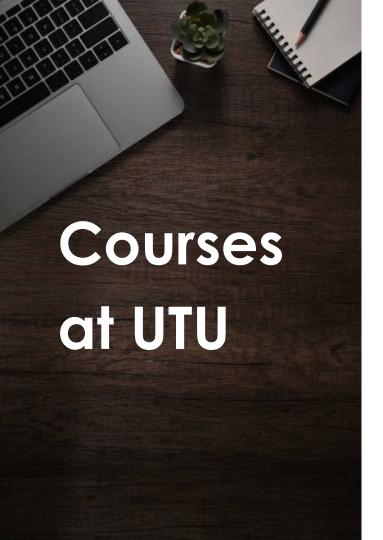
 Please print out any documents you need us to sign!



### Paying the student union fee

- 69€ for the entire academic year
- 34,50€ for the autumn semester
- Payment details in info package
- Lots of membership benefits!

<u>Download the Frank app to get</u> <u>your electronic student card!</u>





- ÅAU students welcome to take courses at UTU
- There are some restrictions; you can not take courses at the Turku School of Economics and Business, and language courses are only possible if they have available seats (UTU students are prioritized.)
- Maximum 50% of the total amount of your credits can be from UTU; the rest have to be from AAU.
- Apply for the right to take courses at UTU by filling in an online application for, (link and instructions in info package)

### Registration with DVV



#### All exchange students must obtain a Finnish personal identity code

- Exception: most students with a **residence permit already have a Finnish ID code** on the backside of the residence permit card. A personal identity code is a number sequence with 11 characters, formed on the basis of one's date of birth and gender.
- The code is mandatory for our university systems

#### How to apply?

- 1. Register at Åbo Akademi
- 2. Complete an online application form (link in info package)
- 3. Visit DVV to prove your identity



### Meeting with DVV

### <u>DVV have booked two dates for ÅA exchange</u> students

- Thursday 31.8.2023 at 9-12 and 13-15
- Thursday 14.9.2023 at 9-12 and 13-15

The address is <u>Itsenäisyydenaukio 2</u>.

#### Remember to bring

- Passport/ID card
- Certificate of study (you will get it after registering)
- Complete Finnish address
- Residence permit if you have one, or a certificate of your right of residence if you have submitted a mobility notification to the Finnish Immigration Service



## EU CITIZENS: Application for right of residence at the Finnish Immigration Services (Migri)

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EU citizens (except for Nordic citizens) need to register of the right of residence of a citizen of the European Union

- Complete application form and attach all required documents at the Enter Finland website <a href="https://enterfinland.fi/eServices/info/europeancitizens">https://enterfinland.fi/eServices/info/europeancitizens</a>
- Select the service point where you need to go to prove your identity.
- What do you need for registration at Migri?
- National proof of identity or passport
- Certificate of study from ÅAU (you will get it when you register)

Registration costs 54 euros

#### Wise & Revolut

- Students from within the EU often do not experience problems in making cross border transfers, while students from outside the EU often face problems trying to make cross border payments.
- We recommend students to use the following international payment providers:
  - WISE
  - REVOLUT
- Opening a bank account in Finland is hard and can take a long time.







# Healthcare during your exchange





#### **EU Citizens**

You will need to book an appointment to visit a health care professional. You will need to show your **European Health Insurance Card**, so please make sure you bring the card with you and that it is in date.

Start with contacting your local health station! <a href="https://www.turku.fi/en/health-and-social-services/appointments-and-advice">https://www.turku.fi/en/health-and-social-services/appointments-and-advice</a>

#### **Non-EU Citizens**

You should contact your health insurance provider that you organized insurance with for your stay in Finland. Your health insurance company will be able to give you more information on what private health care services you should contact in Finland for your needs.

## WIFI and EDUROAM

- You can access our WiFi called Eduroam. Many universities use this, so you can try with our own credentials or then use <u>username@abo.fi</u> (the **short** version) and your password.
- Use your Åbo Akademi University username and password to access all our systems.
- TYS Student Village: You have wired internet ready in the apartments, you need to have RJ45 cable to use it. If you want to make the connection wireless, you need a wireless router. In addition, Iltakajo and Yo-kylä exchange student buildings have Eduroam wireless as well.



#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**





## Information for accepted exchange students

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- Information Package
- Survival Guide
- https://www.abo.fi/en/study/study-abroad/exchangestudents/

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES-INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



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### **QUESTIONS?**





### **TUTORS!**







### Break 10-10:15