

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

	Monday 28.8	Tuesday 29.8	Wednesday 30.8	Thursday 31.8	Friday 1.9
	<p>Welcome to Åbo Akademi University!</p> <p>ARRIVAL DAY</p>	<p>ARMFELT, Arken Fabriksgatan 2</p> <p>9.00-10.00 Welcoming words, presentations of tutors <i>Ms. Astrid Kalland</i></p> <p>10.00-10.15 BREAK</p> <p>10.15-11.00 Academic practices <i>Ms. Astrid Kalland</i></p> <p>11.00-11.15 Rector's Greeting</p> <p>11.15-11.30 BREAK</p> <p>11.30-11.50 ICT services</p> <p>11.50-12.05 TYS</p> <p>12.05-12.25 Campus Sport</p> <p>12.25 Group photo</p>	<p>ARMFELT, Arken Fabriksgatan 2</p> <p>9.00-10.00 Peppi registration for courses <i>Ms. Astrid Kalland</i></p> <p>10.00-10.15 BREAK</p> <p>10.15-10.45 Support in case of harassment <i>Mr. Jan Kraufvelin</i></p> <p>10.45-11.00 Student Union</p> <p>11.00-11.10 International committee</p> <p>11.10-11.20 ESN</p> <p>11.20-11.30 BREAK</p> <p>11.30-11.50 Library</p> <p>11.50-12.10 Open University <i>Mr. Andreas Granberg & Ms. Rebecca Karlsson</i></p> <p>12.10-12.30 Language Centre</p>	<p>Scroll down to the next page to find your own session for this day!</p>	<p>ONLINE Link to Zoom</p> <p>Notice that this is not the same room as on Tuesday!</p> <p>9.00-10.30 Inclusion session <i>Ekvalita</i></p> <p>10.30-11.00 BREAK</p> <p>11.00-11.30 Welcome to Finland <i>Ms. Astrid Kalland & Ms. Katie Fagerström</i></p> <p>11.30-12.30 Q&A <i>Ms. Astrid Kalland & Ms. Katie Fagerström</i></p>
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	<p>Registration at Gripen 9.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00</p> <p>For students arriving earlier, registration can also be done on Wednesday 23.8 9.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00</p>	<p>ONLINE Link to Zoom</p> <p>13.30-14.00 Introduction to ÅAU: s digital environment <i>Ms. Anna Granberg</i></p>	<p>STUDY IN TURKU FAIR 10.00-16.00</p>	<p>Campus and library tour with the tutor group</p> <p>17.00 Programme with your tutors. More information from your tutor.</p>	<p>14.00-16.00 Guided bus tour Start from Arken, Fabriksgatan 2</p>

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



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

Vasa:

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 Åbo?
- 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!

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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!

Download the Frank app to get your electronic student card!





Courses at UTU

- 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 ÅAU.
- 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

DVV have booked two dates for ÅA exchange students

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

The address is Itsenäisyydenaukio 2.

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

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

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 <https://enterfinland.fi/eServices/info/europeancitizens>
- 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.



 **wise**


Revolut

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! <https://www.turku.fi/en/health-and-social-services/appointments-and-advice>

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 username@abo.fi (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

Information for accepted students



- Information Package
- Survival Guide
- <https://www.abo.fi/en/study/study-abroad/exchange-students/>

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES- INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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QUESTIONS?



TUTORS!





Break 10-10:15