

Hello There,

My name is Felix Nygård and I will be one of your tutors during this upcoming fall semester. I study Computer Engineering, although I wouldn't say I'm great at coding xd. I'll be starting my 4th year this fall, which also marks the beginning of my master's studies, where I'll be focusing on Industrial Engineering and Information Systems.

Alongside my studies, I'm an active member of the Computer Engineering society, Datateknologerna (DaTe), which has honestly been a lifesaver. I'm not from Turku or Southwest Finland—I'm originally from a small city called Jakobstad in Ostrobothnia. When I first came to study in Åbo, I didn't really know anyone, but through DaTe I've made a lot of friends—some of whom I'll cherish far beyond my days at Åbo Akademi.

Outside of university, I do Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) at FinnFightersGym (FFG). I've been training for around 3.5 years and currently hold the rank of Blue Belt. Through FFG, I've also met friends I never would have crossed paths with at ÅA. We don't really hang out for burgers or beers, but we train hard and laugh daily. Other things I enjoy include playing video games, cooking (and some baking), and photography.

Like you, I've also been an exchange student. In the spring of 2025, I packed up and headed to Valencia, Spain, for a 6-month exchange. As a fellow exchanger, I have a few things to share. Your exchange will have both ups and downs—some of which you can't control. Try to meet new people through the different societies ÅA offers, or pursue a passion or hobby if you have one. Continuing BJJ during my own exchange was one of the best decisions I made. And finally—document your exchange! Take pictures, make memories. Take care, and until we meet again.

// Felix Nygård



