



# The Open University at Åbo Akademi University

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# What is the Open University at Åbo Akademi University?

## Aim:

Promote educational and regional equality by offering university courses to **the general public**

## How?

Offers basic, intermediate and some advanced level courses from many different fields

Open to everyone, regardless of age and educational background

Follows the curricula of Åbo Akademi University, and the content, quality and level of the courses are equivalent to undergraduate studies

# The structure of the courses

- The courses have been planned to accommodate adult learners.
- Most courses are completely offered online (online lectures, assignments on learning platforms or equivalent).
- Teaching is organized mainly in the evenings and at weekends.
- Flexibility in time and place where needed.



# Course fees

- Degree students at Åbo Akademi University do not need to pay the course fee, including exchange students.
- Open University courses have a course fee for adult learners (60-120 euros).



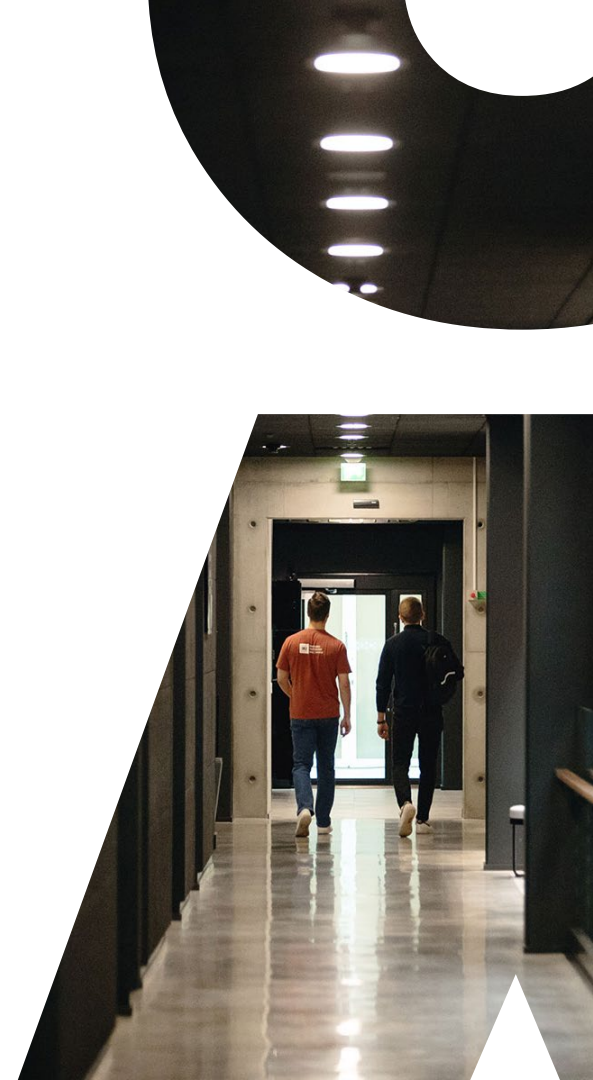


## Some statistics

- Annually more than 3500 students and in total 225 courses within 54 subjects
- All courses in English are offered online

# Courses in English

- We offer 33 courses in 11 different subjects in English in 2025-2026
- For enrolment for Open University courses use Peppi (ÅAU's study planning tool)
- Enrolment for spring term is open



# Look out for these courses

## Study of religions

- Tantra and Hatha-yoga, 27.1-24.3.2026
- (5 ECTS), online course.
  - Enrolment 17.11.2025-20.1.2026
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/open-uni-subject/study-of-religions/>

## Welfare technology

- Sustainable health care and welfare technology, 3.2-15.3.2026
- (5 ECTS), online course.
  - Enrolment 17.11.2025-26.1.2026
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/open-uni-subject/welfare-technology/>



# Look out for these courses

## Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research

- Domestic violence: War in the homes, 2-30.3.2026
- (5 ECTS), online course with distance teaching
  - Enrolment 17.11.2025-24.2.2026.
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cil-subject/peace-mediation-and-conflict-research/>

## Sustainability studies

- Sustainable and Circular Economy, 2.3-24.5.2026
- (5 ECTS), online course.
  - Enrolment 17.11.2025-23.2.2026.
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cil-subject/sustainability-studies/>





# Look out for these courses

## Animal Law

BASIC STUDIES, 25.8.2025–30.5.2026

- Introduction to Animal Law (5 ECTS), online course.
- Animal Law Theory (5 ECTS), online course.
- Multidisciplinary Perspectives to Animal Law (5 ECTS), online course.
  - The courses have continuous enrolment 11.8.2025–15.3.2026.
  - Admission to each course is made once a month, around the 20th.
  - No previous knowledge needed
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cli-subject/animal-law/>



# Look out for these courses

## Intercultural communication

- Introduction to Intercultural Communication, 1.9.2025–31.7.2026
- (5 ECTS), online course.
  - Enrolment 11.8.2025–13.5.2026
  - Registration to the course takes place continuously during the year.
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/open-university/subject/intercultural-communication/>

## Chemistry

- Energy Transition and Sustainable Economies, 2.9.2025–31.5.2026
- (3 ECTS), MOOC \*.
  - Enrolment 2.9.2025–30.4.2026
  - \*MOOCs are distance courses, which can be completed entirely online. The courses often allow you to start whenever you want within a certain period, and submission dates are flexible.
  - <https://www.abo.fi/en/open-university/subject/chemistry/>



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