

Åbo Akademi University

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Welcome & Introduction



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- Fast facts about Finland & Åbo
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Where are we?

2 campuses:

Åbo (Finnish – Turku)

- 3 Faculties

Vasa (Finnish – Vaasa)

- 1 Faculty

Distance: 350km

4 hours with the train



ORIENTATION WEEK SPRING 2026, EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Åbo Akademi University, Åbo



	Friday 02.01	Monday 05.01	Tuesday 06.01	Wednesday 07.01	Thursday 08.01
	<p>Warm welcome to Åbo Akademi University!</p> <p>ARRIVAL DAY</p> <p>ÅBO CAMPUS</p>	<p>ASA, A120, Stora auditoriet Fänriksgatan 3A 20500 ÅBO</p> <p>9:00 - 10:00 Welcome to Åbo Akademi University, presentation of tutors Tuija-Liisa Pohja</p> <p>10:00 - 10:15 BREAK</p> <p>10:15 - 11:00 Academic practices and study technique Katie Fagerström</p> <p>11:00 - 11:15 Rectors Greeting (recording)</p> <p>11:15 - group foto</p> <p>11:30 - 12:00 Introduction to ÅAUs ICT services and digital environment Jessica Laukkanen</p>	<p>Public Holiday in Finland University is closed</p>	<p>ASA, A120, Stora auditoriet Fänriksgatan 3A 20500 ÅBO</p> <p>10:15 - 10:45 TYS Housing Marja Aapalahti</p> <p>10:45-11:15 Courses at the Open University Carina Gräsback</p> <p>11:15 - 11:30 BREAK</p> <p>11:30 - 12:00 Safer study environment and support in cases of harrasment Jan Kraufvelin</p>	<p>ASA, A120, Stora auditoriet Fänriksgatan 3A 20500 ÅBO</p> <p>9:00 - 9:30 Student Union</p> <p>9:30 - 10:00 ESN - Erasmus Student Network</p> <p>10:00 - 10:15 BREAK</p> <p>10:15 - 10:45 - Welcome to Finland (ONLINE) Katie Fagerström</p> <p>10:45 - 11:00 BREAK</p> <p>11:00-11:30 Campus Sport Tero Martimo</p> <p>11:30 - 12:00 Q&A Tuija-Liisa Pohja</p>
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	<p>Registration with Tuija-Liisa Pohja at ASA B between 9-12 and 13-15.</p> <p>For registration please bring with you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your official ID - Student Union Fee receipt 	<p>13:30 - 14:30 Peppi session - How to register for courses Tuija-Liisa Pohja</p>		<p>13:30 - 14:30 Åbo Akademi library Eva Höglund</p>	

Fast Facts about Finland

- Independent Republic since 1917
- Population of 5.6 million
- EU Member since 1995, NATO member since 2023
- Official languages: Finnish and Swedish
- Swedish-speaking minority of 5 percent
- Small Sami minority in the north
- Current President is Alexander Stubb; Prime Minister is Petteri Orpo
- About 75% of Finland's surface is covered with forests
- "The land of a thousand lakes"
- Rich archipelago
- Happiest country
- Finland is known for being safe



Turku/Åbo and its 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 interdisciplinary University in Finland
- Two campuses – in Åbo (Fi: Turku) and Vasa (Fi: Vaasa)
- Approximately 5,700 students, of which about 1,500 are in Vaasa
- 1,100 employees; 650 professionals in education and research
- 1,300 scientific publications annually
- Rector – Gunilla Widén

Our Faculties

The Faculty of Humanities and Society

- Business and Economics and Law
 - Arts
 - Education
 - Social Sciences

The Faculty of Science and Engineering

- Bio- and Natural Sciences,
 - Health Sciences
 - IT and Engineering

Strategic Research Profiles



Minority Research



Technologies for a Sustainable Future



Solutions for Health



The Sea

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES



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



Student Life

- Active student union
- Over 60 student associations
- ESN Erasmus student network 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 + keys

-username, password and e-mail

The key can be collected/returned to the Facilities Management in Astra, Porthansgatan 3. Use the entrance opposite the *Ett Hem* museum (on the short side facing Biskopsgatan). Opening hours: weekdays 9am–12pm and 1pm–3pm.



Paying the Student Union fee

- **69€** for the entire academic year
- **34,50€** for the spring semester
- [Payment details](#) in info package in your email
- Membership benefits!

Download the [Frank app](#) or the [Tuudo app](#) to get your electronic student card!





Courses at UTU

- ÅAU students are welcome to take [courses at the University of Turku](#)
- There are some restrictions; you cannot take courses at the Turku School of Economics and Business, and language courses are only possible if they have available seats (UTU students are prioritised.)
- **Maximum 50%** of the total amount of your credits can be from UTU; the rest must be from ÅAU.
- [Apply for the right to take courses at UTU](#) by filling in an online application form, (link and instructions in info package)
- Some courses at UTU do not require a separate application! These courses have the text "*Students at Åbo Akademi university enroll to the course via Åbo Akademi university's course enrollment.*" in the course description in the Study Guide. Enroll for these courses in the ÅAU study planning tool Peppi.



Other courses

Remember that you can also take courses
at [UniPID](#), the [Open University](#) at ÅAU and
the [Hilma network](#) for gender studies!

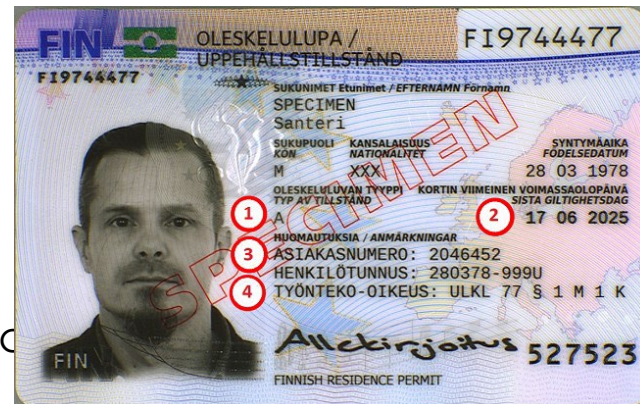
Registration with DVV

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 page)
3. Visit DVV to prove your identity



Meeting with DVV

ÅAU exchange students need to visit DVV and prove their identity at the following booked times:

➤ **14 January** between 9-15

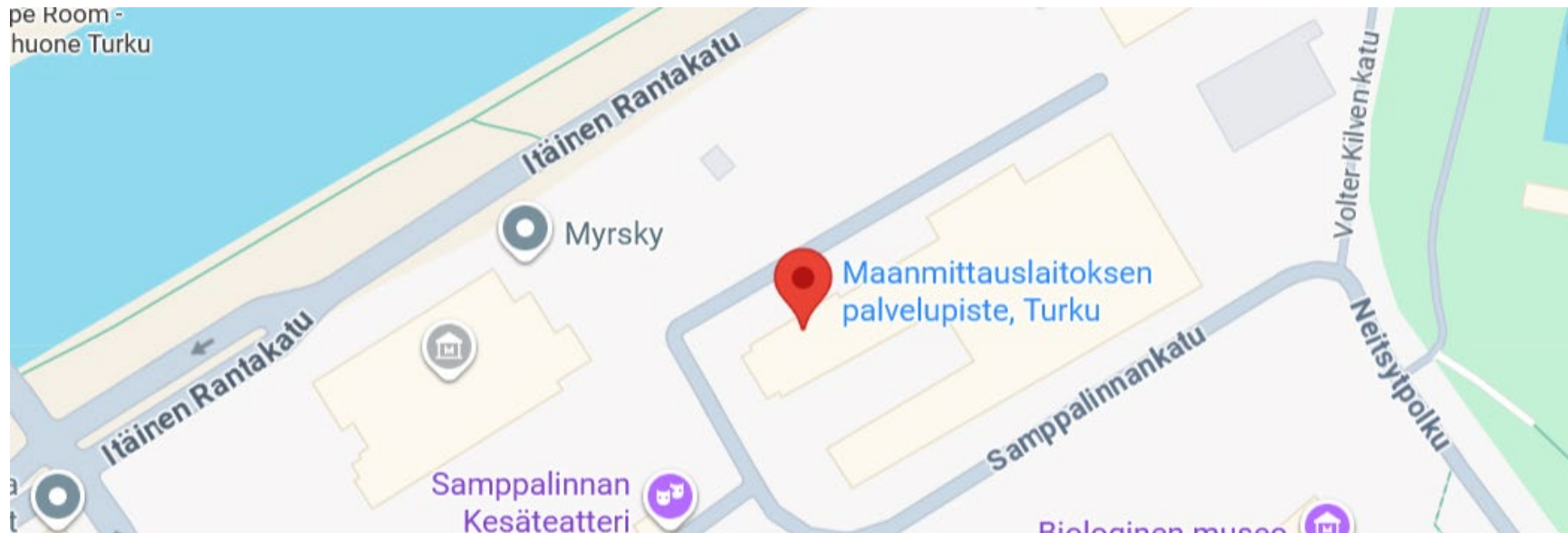
The address is Kulturgränden/Kulttuurikuja 1
20800 Åbo (1st floor)

Remember to bring

- Passport/ID card
- Study Certificate ([download in Peppi](#))
- Complete Finnish address (rental agreement)
- Residence permit if you have one, or a certificate of your right of residence if you have submitted a mobility notification to the

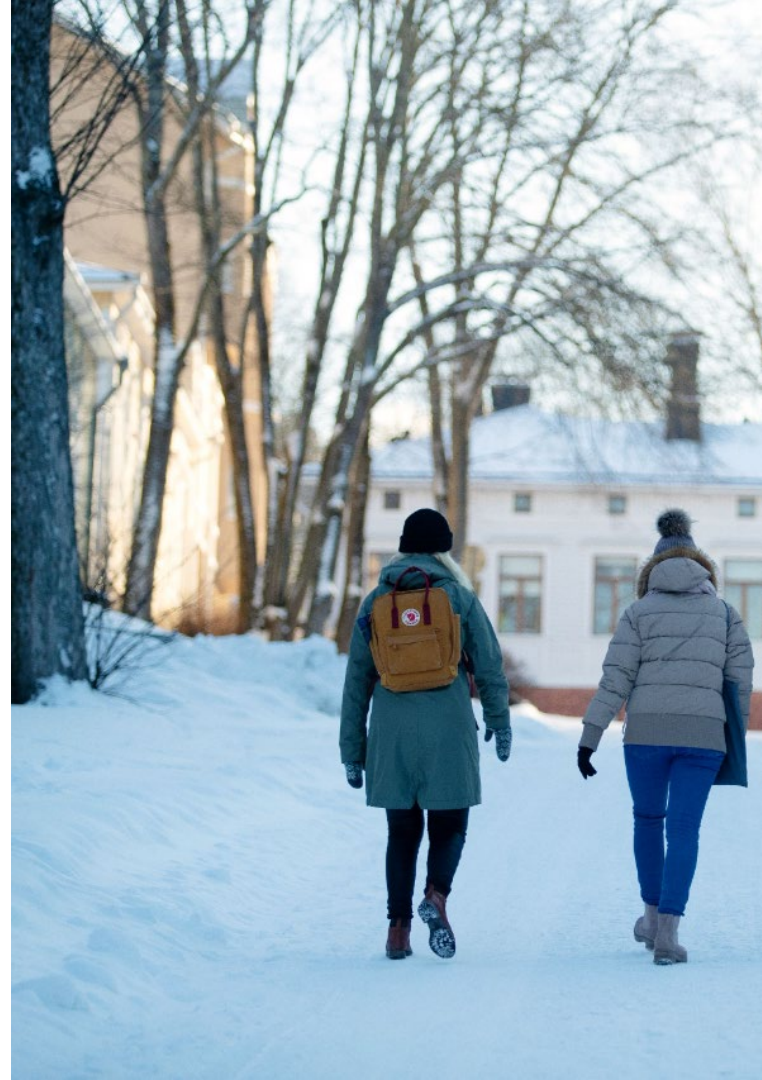


Kulttuurikuja 1



Exchange student support services

- Student tutors (before and during exchange)
- Starting packages – organised by the student union of Åbo Akademi University
- Orientation week
- Student accommodation close to campus and cheaper price
- Åbo Akademi Sports (40€ autumn / 45€ spring)
 - Discounts on all sports activities
 - Free to use the city gym every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday (and classes)
- Student benefits (when you pay the student union fee)
 - Student priced lunches
 - Discounts at shops and restaurants
 - Discounts on trains and buses in Finland & more....
- Close cooperation with ESN Vasa
 - ESN Vasa many trips each year and lots of student parties, get togethers etc.





FURTHER INFORMATION



- <https://www.abo.fi/en/study/study-abroad/exchange-students/>



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS at ÅAU



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