

Åbo Akademi University

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Welcome & Introduction

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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

	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 ÅAU's ICT services and digital environment Jessica Laukkonen</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 Gråsbäck</p> <p>11:15 - 11:30 BREAK</p> <p>11:30 - 12:00 Safer study environment and support in cases of harrassment 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



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

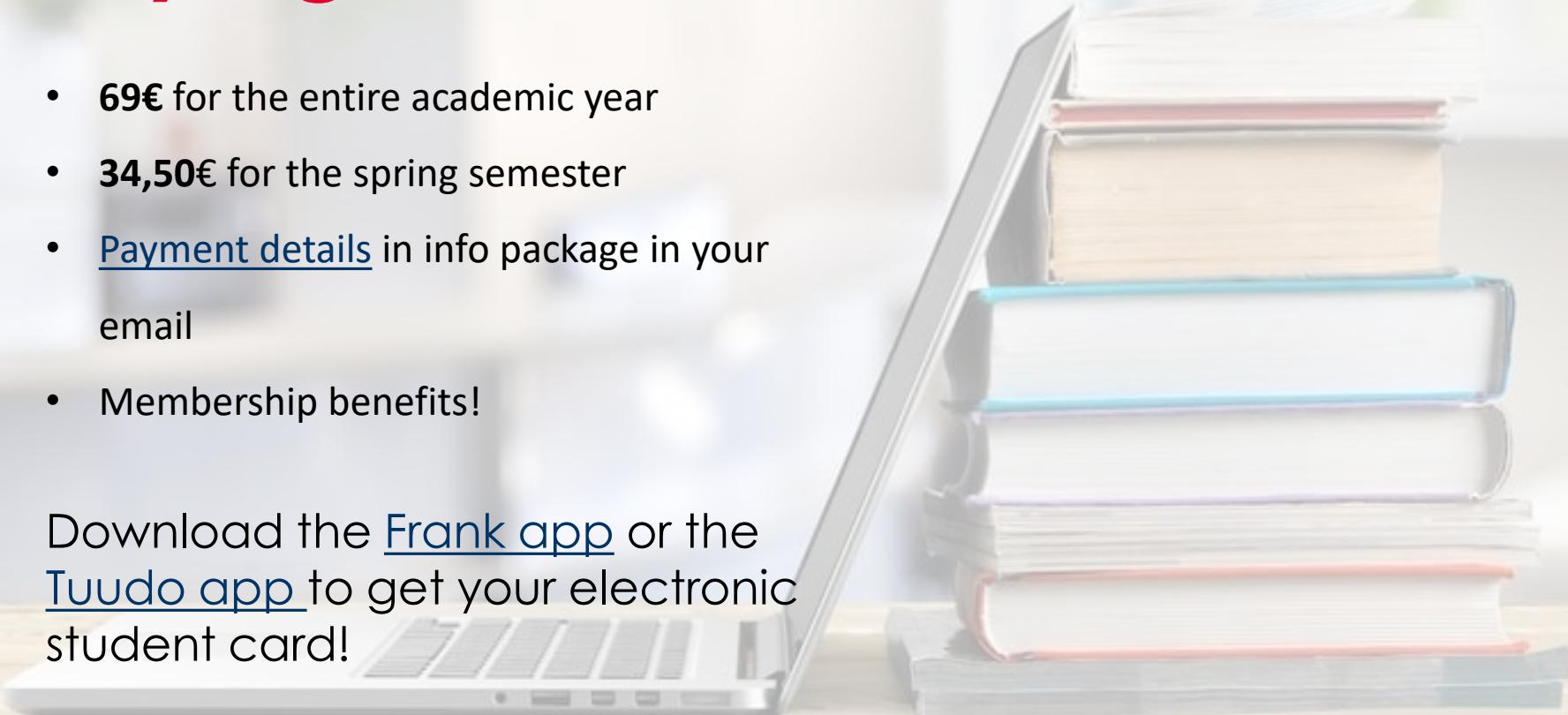
The key can be collected/returned to the Facilities Management in Astra, Porthansgatan 3. Use the entrance opposite the *Ett Hem* museum (on the short side facing Biskopsgatan). Opening hours: weekdays 9am–12pm and 1pm–3pm.



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?

- Register at Åbo Akademi
- Complete an online application form (link in info pack)
- Visit DVV to prove your identity



Meeting with DVV

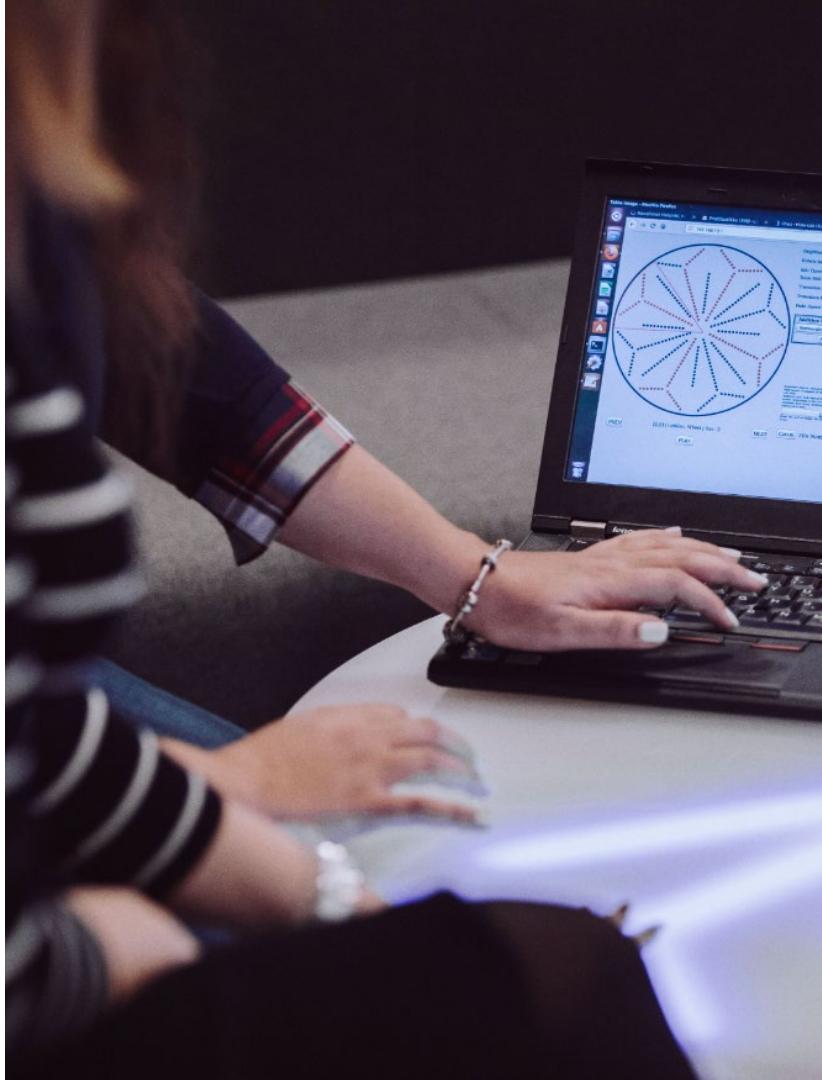
ÅAU exchange students need to visit DVV and prove their identity at the following booked times:

- **14 January** between 9-15

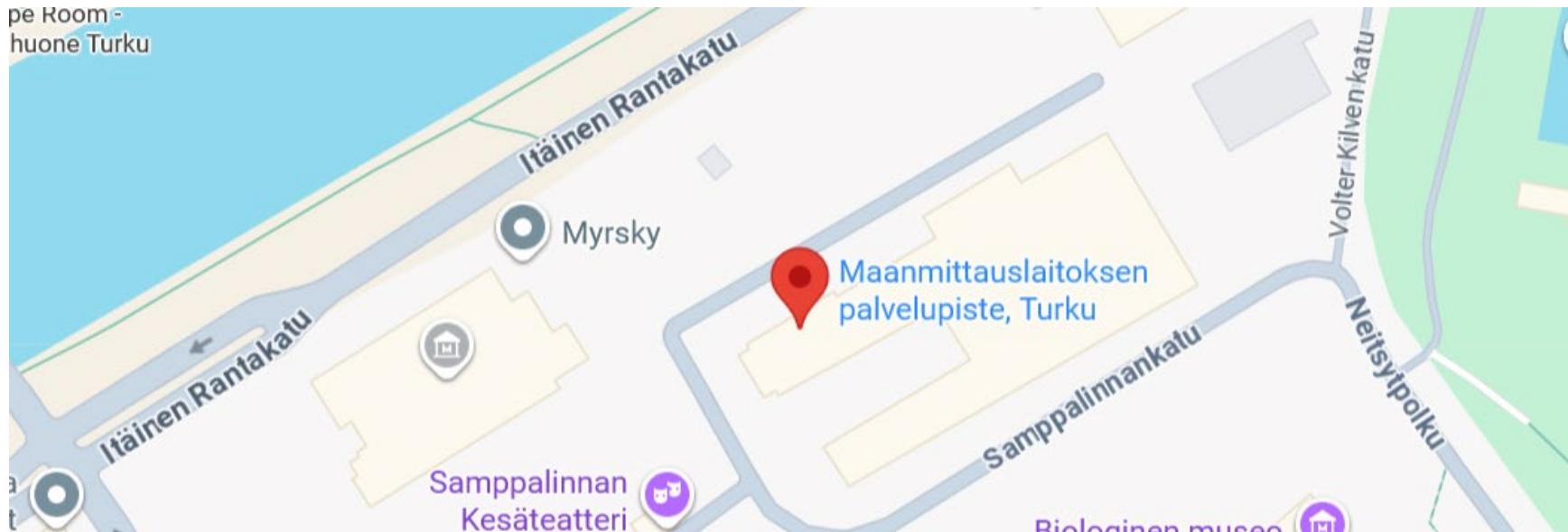
The address is Kulturgränden/Kulttuurikuja 1
20800 Åbo (1st floor)

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

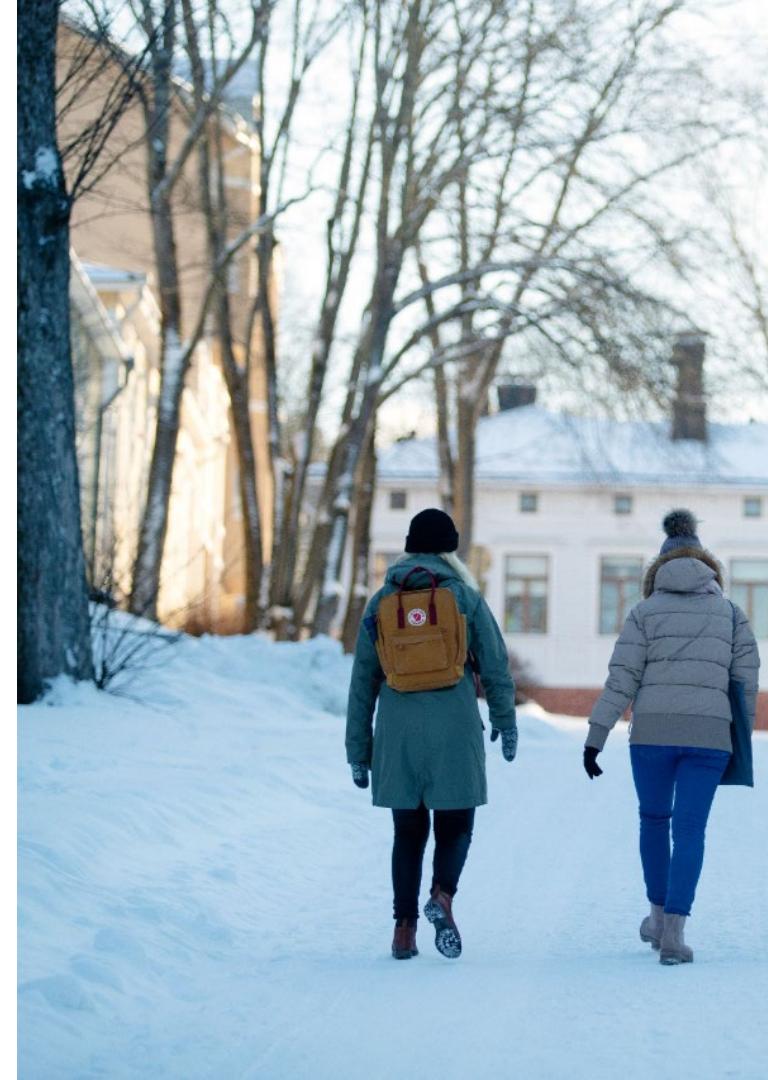


Kulttuurikuja 1



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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