



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).

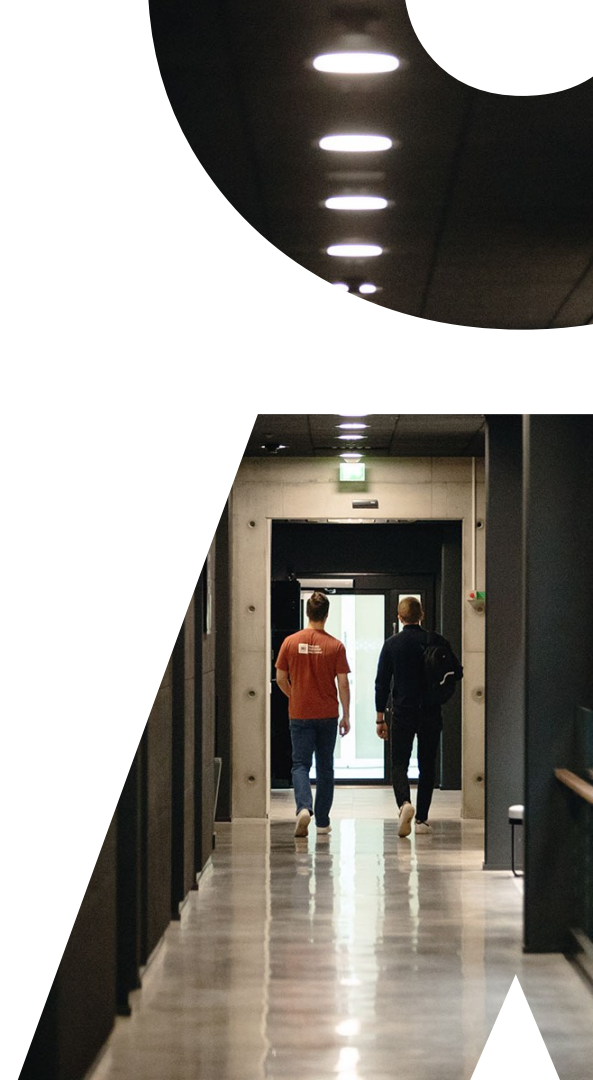


Some statistics

- Annually more than 3500 students and in total 250 courses within 45 subjects
- All courses in English are offered online

Courses in English

- We offer 43 courses in 10 different subjects in English
- For enrolment for Open University courses use Peppi (ÅAU's study planning tool)
 - Enrolment for autumn term is open
 - Enrolment for spring term opens on November 16th.



Look out for these courses

Chemistry

- From clay to ceramics in a wood-fired kiln (5 ECTS), online with 2 contact study weekends (5 ECTS), online course
 - Enrolment 10.8–24.8.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/open-uni-subject/chemistry/>

Gender Studies

- #Feminism – Studying social media from a feminist perspective (5 ECTS), online course.
 - Enrolment 10.8–29.9.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cll-subject/gender-studies/>

Information technology

- Artificial Intelligence (5 sp), online course with distance teaching.
 - Enrolment 10.8–18.10.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/open-uni-subject/information-technology/>



Look out for these courses

Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research

- Refugee psychology (5 ECTS), online course with distance teaching
 - Enrolment 10.8-27.9.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cii-subject/peace-mediation-and-conflict-research/>

Psychology

- True crime and legal psychology (5 ECTS), online course with distance teaching.
 - Enrollment 10.8–14.9.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cii-subject/psychology/>



Look out for these courses

Study of Religions

- **Specialisation in Yoga (5 ECTS), online course.**
 - Enrolment 10.8–16.9.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cll-subject/study-of-religions/>

Sustainability studies

- Introduction to ESD – Education for Sustainable Development (5 ECTS), online course.
 - Enrolment 10.8–7.9.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cll-subject/sustainability-studies/>
- The Baltic Sea Environment – Challenges and Solutions (5 ECTS), online course.
 - Enrolment 10.8–20.9.2026.
 - <https://www.abo.fi/en/cll-subject/sustainability-studies/>



Look out for these courses

Animal Law

BASIC STUDIES

- 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 10.8.2026–14.3.2027.
 - 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/>



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