



Aalto University School of Business is the leading business school and largest of its kind in Finland. The University provides its students with an education that combines extensive theoretical studies and experience of real business life.

The University is located in Helsinki, a major urban centre and the northernmost capital of the European Union. According to most quality of life indicators, Finland and Helsinki are among the best places in the world to live. In Helsinki, travel is at your doorstep: the city has excellent connections to Stockholm, St. Petersburg, and Tallin, and it only takes a few hours by plane to visit many other European cities.

Website

- Main website: <http://www.aalto.fi/en/>
- Incoming exchange student information: <https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=7969662>

Contact

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Application Deadlines and Semester Dates

- Fall term (September - December): **April 30th**
- Spring term (January - May): **October 1st**
- Academic calendar: <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enmasterbiz/Academic+calendar>
- Application form: <https://into.aalto.fi/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=7969662>

Courses

At Aalto University School of Business, more than 160 English-lectured courses are available in many disciplines. To see a specific list of English courses, see: <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enmasterbiz/Incoming+Exchange+Students>

To browse the general course catalogue, see:

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enmasterbiz/Course+catalog+2016-2017>

The University uses the European Transfer Credit System (ECTS) where 6 ECTS is equivalent to 1 UPEI course. A full study load per semester is 30 ECTS. For more information on this system, see:

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enmasterbiz/ECTS+system+and+evaluation>

Aalto University Language Centre also organizes a course on Finnish Language and Culture aimed at exchange students.

English Language Requirements

Although Aalto University does not require any official test record of English like TOEFL or IELTS, the University expects students to be proficient in English both in writing and in communicating in the classroom in order to be able to fulfill the course assignments, equivalent to IELTS 6,5 (total) or TOEFL 92 (total).

Housing

Since Aalto University does not offer on-campus accommodation, most exchange students find accommodation through student housing organizations such as HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region) and AYY (Aalto University Student Union). These organizations have reserved furnished accommodation for exchange students. The typical type of accommodation is a furnished flat, where bedrooms are private, but the kitchen and bathroom are shared with 3-5 other students. As accommodation cannot be guaranteed for everybody, it is important to apply as early as possible.

Visa and Travel Information

Canadian citizens are required to obtain a student visa if they will be staying in Finland for over 90 days. It is recommended that you apply for a visa well in advance before booking your flight. You must be accepted to study at Aalto University before applying for your student visa.

For Finland travel advice and advisories, see: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/finland>

Insurance

Health insurance is a **mandatory requirement** for obtaining a residence permit (non-EU/EEA citizens) for studies lasting more than 90 days. This means that you must be covered when applying for a residence permit. For more information, see: <https://into.aalto.fi/display/enmasterbiz/Documentation+and+insurance>

Orientation

Orientation for exchange students will be organized before the start of each term. Before your arrival, Aalto will send you a travel plan form asking for detailed information on your arrival. This is extremely important so that your tutor will know when to meet you at the airport.

Cost of Living in Helsinki

Furnished accommodation through HOAS and AYY can range from €400 - €600 per month.

Restaurants

Meal (inexpensive restaurant)	€ 12
Meal (2 people, mid-range, three-course)	€ 70
McDonalds combo	€ 7

Markets

Milk (1 litre)	€ 0.98
Loaf of bread (500g)	€ 2
Rice (1kg)	€ 1.90
Eggs (12)	€ 1.98
Local cheese (1kg)	€ 6.20
Chicken breasts (1kg)	€ 10.75
Beef round (1kg)	€ 15.40
Apples (1kg)	€ 2.13
Potato (1kg)	€ 0.98

Transportation

One-way ticket (local transport)	€ 3.20
Monthly pass	€ 53

Other

City of Helsinki official website: <http://www.visithelsinki.fi/en>