



**Aalto University**

## Information sheet for academic year 2013-14

**School of Chemical Technology**  
**School of Electrical Engineering**  
**School of Engineering**  
**School of Science**

### Academic matters

**Autumn term:** August - December, periods I and II  
(teaching Sept – Dec)

**Spring term** January - July, periods III, IV and V  
(teaching Jan – May)

Please check the exact dates from our academic calendar in INTO webpages.

**Language of instruction:** Finnish, Swedish and English. Links to courses held in English can be found in course related information for Exchange students –section.

**Fields of study**

**School of Chemical Technology:**

Chemical Technology  
Bioproduct Technology  
Material Science and Engineering

**School of Engineering**

Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Energy Engineering and HVAC  
Geomathics  
Real Estate Economics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Structural Engineering and Building Technology

**School of Electrical Engineering:**  
Automation and Systems Technology  
Communications Engineering  
Electronics and Electrical Engineering

**School of Science**  
Computer Science and Engineering  
Industrial Engineering and Management  
Engineering Physics and Mathematics

**What can you study:** Please check the information in each school's What to study? Web pages:

**School of Chemical Technology**  
**School of Electrical Engineering**  
**School of Engineering**  
**School of Science**

Please check the full descriptions of the courses from [WebOodi](#) or [Noppa](#)

**Language courses** Exchange students may take language courses subject to availability and prerequisites. Please note that especially English language courses may be very full and degree students have priority to these courses.

The language center offers some Finnish courses for International students

**Grading scale:** 1-5 or pass/fail

**ECTS credits** The extent of the courses is given in ECTS (= European Credit Transfer System) credits. One credit corresponds to 27 hours of work, including lectures and other forms of instruction, exercises, seminars and independent work at home and in the library. The scope of a course can be 1-15 credits depending on the content of the course.

**How many courses should I take?** There are no limits, but a full study load is approximately 1600 hours per academic year which equals to 60 ECTS (=60 cr).

**Please note that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of courses should be from one field of study!**

**Are students allowed to take courses from other schools of Aalto?** Yes,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of courses can be taken from another school as long as the student fulfills the prerequisites and the courses are available in English. However, the exchange students in School of Chemical Technology, School of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and School of Science are NOT allowed to take courses from the School of Art, Design and Architecture or the School of Business.

**Can students take modules of different level?**

Yes. Please note that most of the courses offered in English in the four technical schools of Aalto University (School of Chemical Technology, School of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and School of Science) are in the Master's level. Bachelor's level students may take Master's level courses if they fulfill the prerequisites. Aalto University recommends at least 2 years of Bachelor's studies before arriving to Aalto University.

## Applying

**Application deadlines:** **NOTE! Please check the application date online for academic year 2014-15. There might be some changes!**

**April 15** Applicants from outside Europe (bilateral agreements with North America, South America, Asia, Oceania, GE4 and Magalhães/SMILE networks)

**October 15:** All applications for the spring term only. Late or incomplete applications will not be handled after this date.

**Language requirements** Exchange students from partner universities:

- language of instruction at home university is English: no requirements
- language of instruction at home university is other than English: certificate from an English language teacher/professor or an official language test

Free mover guest students from non-partner Universities, see [general language requirements](#)

**Application method**

Application forms and more information on applying can be found on the web pages:

[School of Chemical Technology](#)  
[School of Electrical Engineering](#)  
[School of Engineering](#)  
[School of Science](#)

**Application outcome**

The information about **the application result will be sent** to your home address (European students) or to the coordinator at your home university (students from outside Europe) **within one and a half month after the deadline.**

**Can students extend their exchange period**

Yes, if certain conditions are fulfilled. Please contact the coordinator as early as possible for handling the practical matters.

**How to get official transcripts after the exchange?**

Please contact the Planning officer or Student Services as soon as all your courses have been registered and we will send you one into the address you wish. Please note that we do not send the Official Transcripts automatically.

## Accommodation

### Is university accommodation available?

There are some apartments reserved for exchange students. However, please note that the housing situation in Helsinki metropolitan area is difficult and we cannot guarantee accommodation for all exchange students. The housing situation is better in the spring term than in the autumn term.

### How to find accommodation?

Please see the webpages about housing for exchange students:

**School of Chemical Technology:**  
**School of Electrical Engineering**  
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## Visa requirements, cost of living and insurance

### Who needs a Visa/ Residence permit?

Students coming outside of EU/EEA countries

### How to get one?

**Please visit the web pages of the Finnish Immigration services**

### Insurance

To be bought in the home country before arriving in Finland. Students from non EU/EEA countries are required to have a valid health insurance. This is compulsory requirement for obtaining residence permit for studies lasting more than 3 months.

**See for example SIP insurance.**

### Estimated Monthly Expenses in local currency (euro, €)

Students should budget about 560-850 euros for living costs (housing, transportation, food & other daily necessities) per month

### AYY membership fee

Compulsory for those students who live in AYY apartments and highly recommended for all. **AYY weblink**

## Important links

<http://www.aalto.fi/en/>

Please remember to check our webpages for Incoming Exchange students. They have a lot of important and useful material and the web pages always contain the most current information!

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