

## Global Business Center MBA Direct Exchange Opportunities



### FINLAND (Helsinki) – Aalto University

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/Incoming+exchange+students>

#### Overview:

Aalto University is a multidisciplinary community where science and art meet technology and business. With six schools, around 20,000 students and 4,000 staff members, it is one of Finland's largest universities. The university has a strong focus on innovation and holds the 'Triple Crown' of accreditations – AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS – an accolade shared by only 0.5% of universities worldwide. Aalto University is strongly future-oriented, while building on the combined 300-year history of three highly-regarded universities. The university was created in 2010 through the merger of Helsinki University of Technology (established 1849), Helsinki School of Economics (established 1904), and the University of Art and Design Helsinki (established 1871).

#### Terms\* & Dates:

- Fall: M.Sc. exchange - August through December; MBA exchange - see information on module structure below
- Winter: MBA exchange - see information on module structure below
- Spring: terms do not align
- Summer: 2-week intensive *Digital Business Master Class* runs late June - early July

\*Note: Partner school terms shorter than 9 weeks during the Academic Year, and shorter than 4.5 weeks during Summer Quarter, do not qualify for federal Financial Aid.

### **Academics:**

#### Fall Term (M.Sc. Exchange):

Students can choose from courses from the following M.Sc. programs: Accounting, Business Analytics, Economics, Finance, Global Management (CEMS MIM), Information and Service Management (ISM), Marketing, People Management and Organizational Development, Strategic Management in a Changing World.

Most courses are 6 ECTS credits. One ECTS credit stands for approx. 27 working hours including all work required to complete a course (lectures, projects, cases, exam, independent study). Full time workload per term is 30 ECTS.

#### Fall/Winter/Spring MBA Exchange Modules: <https://www.aaltoee.com/programs/aalto-mba>

The Aalto MBA program has a modular structure that allows participants to focus on their specific learning objectives one at a time in individual courses. The program follows a six-week learning cycle. In-class sessions of each module are typically run once a month with five in-class sessions over a weekend. Classes primarily include two full days (Fri and Sat) and three evenings (Thu, Mon, and Tue) with a total of 30 contact hours. One Aalto MBA course is equivalent to 4.5 "European Credit Transfer System" (ECTS). Exchange students may take a maximum of four courses.

ECTS credit equivalencies are as shown:

13 ECTS = 10 UW credits

16 ECTS = 12 UW credits

19 ECTS = 14 UW credits

21 ECTS = 16 UW credits

Students may transfer up to 16 credits (21 ECTS) toward their UW MBA degree. *Check with the UW MBA Program Office to determine your overseas course load.*

#### Summer: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-at-aalto/digital-business-master-class>

The Digital Business Master Class is an interactive and fast-paced graduate-level course (6 ECTS) focusing on digital technologies as tools for building businesses. During the Master Class, students learn how companies transform their processes and systems by implementing digital technologies. Concepts covered include platforms and ecosystems, business design thinking, data-driven marketing, digital value creation, data-intensive business and agile development methods.

### **Housing:**

Student housing is not managed by Aalto University. However, there are a variety of options for exchange students. Student apartments are managed by HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region) and the AYY, Aalto University Student Union. These are the most affordable options but are first come first serve with early deadlines for Fall housing, so apply as soon as possible. HOAS housing is furnished while AYY housing is not. Both cost around 250-600 EUR per month, depending on the location of the apartment and if it's shared or not. Visiting students can also rent apartments privately if they do not want to live

in a student apartment. Students who are bringing dependents to Helsinki are responsible for organizing their own accommodation. More information on housing for exchange students can be found here:

<https://into.aalto.fi/display/enuudet/Housing+for+exchange+students>

### Career Services:

*Career office access*       *Internships*       *Recruiting fairs*

Inquire with Aalto exchange coordinator about availability of Career Services to exchange students.

### Exchange Office Services:

All exchange partners offer course registration assistance, transcripts, orientations, and paperwork necessary to obtain a student visa. Orientations are held for in-bound students in the fall. HSE will provide details to accepted students.

Depending on the nationality and the length of stay, the student may need a visa. Information about Finnish Consulates and Embassies can be found at [www.formin.finland.fi](http://www.formin.finland.fi). Proof of adequate health insurance is required of all students.

### Intro language:

Additional fees may apply. Language classes do not count toward UW MBA elective credits.

### Additional information:

[U.S. Dept of State Finland Information](#)