

Course	Digital Business Master Class (6 ECTS)
Location	Otaniemi campus, Espoo, Finland
Nomination period	20 January - 25 April 2026
Application period	1 February - 2 May 2026
Teaching period	29 June - 10 July 2026
Duration	2-week intensive
Eligibility	Completed bachelor's degree. Basic understanding of business.
Course fees	Programme fee 250€



More information on the course page on aalto.fi



Helsinki in summer
Photo: Jussi Hellsten, Tori Quarter



Digital Business Master Class

— 29 June - 10 July 2026
6 ECTS



Digital Business Master Class

is an interactive and fast-paced graduate-level course focusing on digital technologies as tools for building businesses.

During the course, students learn how companies transform their processes and systems by implementing digital technologies.

The program covers platforms and ecosystems, business design thinking, data-driven marketing, strategic management of technological innovation, data-intensive business and AI ethics.

Challenge-based learning

is an integral part of the program. Students work on company projects in international and multidisciplinary teams. The projects are done in collaboration with partner companies, ensuring that the themes are relevant to the current business environment.

Learning outcomes

- Explore and implement key topics in digital business
- Differentiate between digital transformation and digital optimisation
- Evaluate the constantly evolving digital business landscape both locally and globally
- Gain theoretical and practical knowledge on digital strategies
- Work in international multidisciplinary teams
- Apply project management in virtual and on-site projects
- Develop recommendations for a real-life case

The university's world-class teaching staff, the architectural elegance of the campus itself, as well as the staggering diversity of the cohort, were completely unexpected!

– Nidhi Chandra,
Digital Business Master Class
alum 2023, Australia

The Digital Business Master Class is an interactive course where students are encouraged to participate in discussions, share their ideas and work together.

Company projects around digital topics ensure challenge-based learning and international and multidisciplinary teamwork.

The classes are held at 9-12 from Monday to Friday. Classes include expert lectures, case examples and workshops. In addition to working on their digital business skills, participants get valuable experience of multidisciplinary teamwork and build their international communication skills.



Course schedule & workload

Pre-work, 1-21 June

- 10h pre-work exercise
- 10h project work
- 30h class preparation

Lecture weeks, 29 June - 10 July

- 40h contact hours
- 10h class preparation
- 40h project work (group work)

Post-work, by 17 July

- 10h post-course reflection
- 10h project work

Total: 160h (6 ECTS)

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Welcome to Digital Business Master Class!

Update your knowledge of digital business and technology while building your international competences and project management skills.

Digitalisation offers endless possibilities for doing our work better. From financial technology to maintenance processes and customer relationship management, digital business solutions offer ways to work more efficiently and reach results that would never be possible with traditional means.

Our mission at this course is to give you the tools to understand the exponentially changing global business environment. The course is a combination of expert lectures, peer learning and applying knowledge in real business cases.

According to our alumni, sharing experiences with a global cohort and creating solutions for the business cases are their favourite parts of the course. Experience Aalto University, update your skill set and prepare for invigorating international encounters!

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

**Digital Business Master Class team &
Aalto University Summer School team**

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Basic information



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Website	<u>Digital Business Master Class</u>

Practical arrangements

The course introduces students to different aspects of digital business with a strong focus on digital transformation. Throughout the course, the students will gain a deep understanding of key concepts related to platform business models, data-intensive business and digital marketing.

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Course workload

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- 15h Pre-work exercise
- 15h Project work
- 10h class preparation

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- 40h contact teaching
- 20h class preparation and reflection
- 40h project work (group work)

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Assessment

Pre-work

- Introduction video (5%, individual)
- Company and industry research – slide deck as a deliverable (15%, individual)

Intensive weeks

- In-class activity (10%, individual)
- Project pitch (10%, group)
- Final presentation (20%, group)

Post-course

- Project report – slide deck as a deliverable (30%, group)
- Reflection video (10%, individual)

The course is graded on a scale of 0–5, where

0 = fail

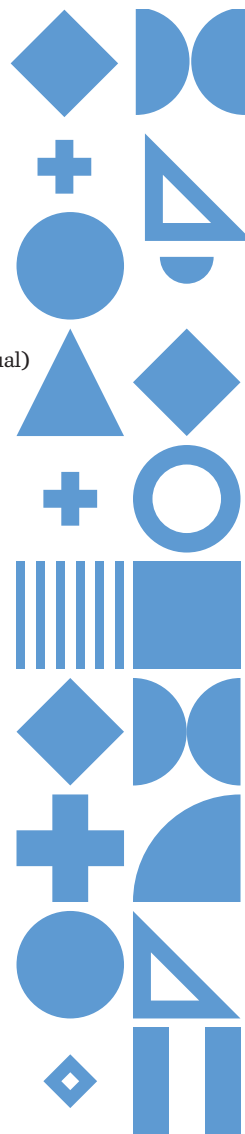
1 = poor

2 = satisfactory

3 = good

4 = very good

5 = excellent



Learning outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to...



Analyze how digital technologies transform markets and industries through innovation and disruption



Assess the ethical, social, and organizational implications of emerging technologies.



Justify data-driven approaches and tools to support business and strategic decisions



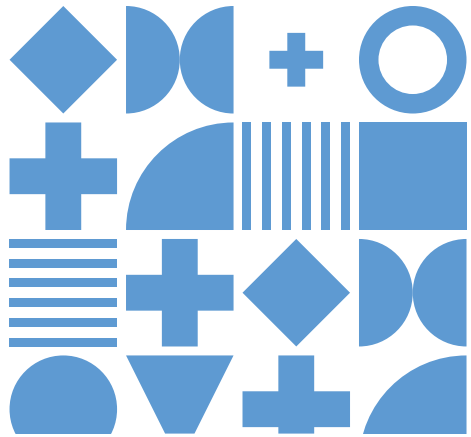
Solve business challenges using user-centered design methods and collaborative approaches



Demonstrate the skills necessary for effective collaboration and leadership in technology-driven organizations



Work effectively across diverse cultural and professional backgrounds to deliver innovative solutions





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Photo: Petri Anttila



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Student Testimonial

It may sound like a cliché, but the course has truly exceeded all my expectations. It was well-organised, and the communication between lecturer and students as well as among the students during our group projects was flawless. The general atmosphere during the lectures was easy-going and the main part of the focus lay on interaction, which helps you remember what you've learned."

Svitlana Chaplinska
Security and Cloud Computing
M.Sc. student
DBMC 2020 alumna





An intensive course is a great opportunity to combine academic ambition and career development with an unforgettable experience in Finland.



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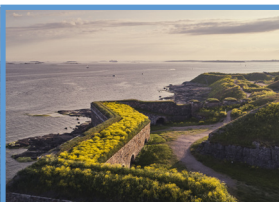
Social Program

Getting to know fellow students and business professionals from around the world is one of the best things about study abroad experiences. DBMC social program offers the perfect opportunities for networking and exploring Helsinki together with your new friends. See some examples of our activities below!



Welcome evening

Get to know the other course participants! After kicking off the course in class, the whole DBMC group gathers in central Helsinki for a relaxed welcome event.



Tour of Suomenlinna

Learn about Finnish history and enjoy the crisp sea air at the old fortress. Perhaps stay for a snack or visit the island brewery while you are there?



Farewell dinner

Toast to a job well done and bid farewell to your cohort. The farewell dinner offers the perfect opportunity to celebrate and plan your next trip to visit your new friends.

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Application instructions



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Your university nominates you to Aalto



Fill in your application online



Plan your trip to Finland and activate your student account after being accepted

