



Aalto University

Aalto University School of Business Mikkeli Campus

Bachelor's Programme in International Business Fact Sheet 2023–2024

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Aalto University School of Business is one of the leading business schools in Europe. With over a century of experience in higher education and research, we train experts and leaders for the future and influence society through impactful research and long-term partnerships.

The School conducts high-quality research on important business and societal challenges and provides students with a multidisciplinary learning experience in an international context. The focus is on problem-based teaching and learning, theories are used to analyse and solve real-life challenges through cases, projects and hackathons. The School of Business is a community of 4000 students and 200 faculty members with a international students representing 16%.

The Bachelor's Programme in International Business

The Bachelor's Programme in International Business (the BScBA Programme), located at the Mikkeli campus, is one of the leading academic programmes in Finland. The programme is offering cutting-edge approaches to business education in a vibrant learning environment. Comprehensive teaching methods, international business studies and co-operation with local and international companies provide a solid foundation for working in demanding and international business environment around the world. The programme offers a unique experience for students with an international atmosphere and beautiful four seasons in the lake area of Finland. The students in the programme all major in international business and the language of instruction is English.

Triple Crown Status

Aalto University School of Business is the first business school in the Nordic countries to have received all three labels of excellence from the world's leading business school accreditation bodies: AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. This Triple Crown status is an honour held by only a few business schools worldwide.

Networks

The Global Alliance in Management Education [CEMS](#), brings together 34 leading business schools and almost 80 multinational companies and NGOs, who jointly offer the top-ranked, international and practice-oriented CEMS Master's in International Management (MIM) programme. At Aalto students can do CEMS MIM as the Master in Global Management or include CEMS in any other major.

Partnership in International Management, [PIM](#) is a consortium of 65 top business schools from around the world that share reputations for academic excellence regionally and globally. The expertise acquired within PIM permits member schools to enhance their international commitments. The School of Business is a select member of the network.

Aalto University Executive Education Ltd

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Aalto University School of Business The BScBA Programme

aalto.fi/studies/mikkeli

Information for incoming exchange students on Student Guide ([aalto.fi](#))

General: [Exchange students | Aalto University](#)

Mikkeli specific: [Information on Aalto Mikkeli Campus](#)

Instagram: [@aaltomikkeli](#)

Facebook: [@BScBAMikkeli](#)



Academic Information

Degree Structures

Aalto University adopted the Bologna-based degree structure in 2005. The B.Sc. is a three-year programme, while the M.Sc. is expected to be completed in two years. The Doctoral degree is a four-year programme.

Bachelor's Degree Structure: (180 cr)

- Fundamentals of Business Knowledge, 71 cr
- Courses in International Business Major, 52 cr
- Minor Studies (completed abroad), 30 cr
- Language and communication studies, 15 cr
- Elective studies, 12 cr

Courses

At the Mikkeli Campus the academic year is divided into 15 three-week modules and courses are offered throughout the year, also during the summer. The students study one course at the time in each 3-week module. For a typical module, classes for a 6 ECTS course are scheduled for three hours a day, five days a week, for a total of 45 contact hours, which includes examinations. Due to the intensive modular structure, attendance is mandatory and only few absences are allowed per course.

Each 6 ECTS course satisfies the ECTS student workload requirement of 160 average student working hours. The entire course related work (including exams) will be completed within the three-week module. There are no separate exam periods.

Summer Studies

Summer studies in Mikkeli offer unique experiences for exchange students with international atmosphere and beautiful endless summer days in lake area of Finland. During the summer, students can choose to come to study for 3–13 weeks (1–4 courses) and get 6–24 ECTS credits (no tuition fee).

Grading scale

ECTS Grade	Definition	Aalto Numerical Scale
A	Excellent	5
B	Very Good	4
C	Good	3
D	Satisfactory	2
E	Sufficient	1
F/FX	Fail	0

Academic Calendar 2023–2024

	Fall semester 2023 & Academic year 2023–2024	Spring semester 2024	Summer studies 2024
Nomination deadline	19 May 2023	29 September 2023	29 February 2024
Application deadline	9 June 2023	13 October 2023	18 March 2024
Recommended date of arrival	During the weekend, 19–20 August 2023	During the weekend, 6–7 Jan 2024	At latest during the weekend before the course starts
Orientation	During the week 34 (21–25 August 2023)	January 2024, dates to be confirmed	Upon arrival
Courses start	28 August 2023	8 January 2024	Every three weeks: 20 May, 10 June, 1 July and 29 July 2024
Courses end	8 December 2023	17 May 2024	Every three weeks: 7 June, 28 June, 19 July and 16 August 2024
Break week		Spring Break, 1–5 April 2024	Summer Break, 22–26 July 2024
Lectures cancelled due to a public holiday	Independence Day, 6 December 2023	Easter Friday, 29 March 2024 Easter Monday, 1 April 2024 May Day, 1 May 2024 Ascension Day, 9 May 2024	Midsummer Eve, 21 June 2024

Application and Admission

Application Information and Requirements

Students interested in an exchange at the School of Business should first contact the study abroad coordinator at their home universities. The School of Business accepts exchange students nominated by its partner universities only. After being nominated by the home university, the students will receive a link to an Online Application Form for Incoming Exchange Students.

The documents to be uploaded with the online application are:

- official transcript of records
- curriculum vitae
- certificate of English Proficiency or copy of the language test report
- photo

Once the application is completed and approved, the students will receive the official letter of acceptance by e-mail.

More information on the application process on Student Guide (aalto.fi) [Information on Aalto Mikkeli Campus](#)

Please note: Aalto University School of Business Mikkeli Campus exchange students are not able to take courses at the Otaniemi Campus and vice versa.

Language Requirements

Although no official test records of English like TOEFL or IELTS are required, we expect nominated students to be proficient in English both in writing and in communicating in the classroom in order to complete the course assignments.

The home institution verifies students' proficiency prior to nominating them to Aalto. The expected level of English proficiency is equivalent to IELTS 6.5 (total), TOEFL 87 (total) or CEFR B2.

Visa or Residence Permit Requirements

Depending on the nationality and the length of stay, the student may need a visa or a residence permit. Students should immediately proceed with the visa/residence permit application after receiving the letter of acceptance as the process may take up to six weeks.

The application can be sent via the e-service of the Finnish Immigration Service and after that the student needs to visit the Finnish Embassy or consulate in their home country. Travel arrangements should only be made once the visa or residence permit has been issued.

Information on the process can be found on Finnish Immigration Service webpage: migri.fi

Students from an EU country or Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland may reside in Finland for a maximum of three months without registering their right of residence.

Students from the other Nordic countries do not need a visa or a residence permit to live or work in Finland. Nordic citizens must register their stay if residing in Finland for more than six months.

Orientation and Tutoring

Orientation days are organized at the beginning of each semester. The tutoring service is organized in close cooperation with the Student Organization Probba. Each exchange student is paired up with a local student, who will act as a personal tutor. The tutor will contact the exchange student before their arrival. The tutor will meet the exchange student when they arrive in Mikkeli and helps them to settle in at the beginning of the semester and with various issues throughout the exchange period.



Services on Campus

The building provides adequate space for a wide range of academic activities and student uses. On the campus there are also a library, a cafeteria, administrative support offices and student study rooms. IT services are provided in cooperation with Aalto IT, and the Mikkeli Campus is a part of the Aalto University network offering the same services as other campuses.

Benefits for Students

Exchange students are entitled to discounts in transportation and student-priced meals in student cafeterias. Students may join the Aalto University Student Union (AYY). The student union organizes many leisure time activities such as parties, field trips, sports and cultural activities.

Probba is the official student organization of the School of Business BScBA Programme at the Mikkeli Campus. The main responsibilities of the organization include promoting the general well-being of students, organizing events, being a link between the staff and the students and arranging orientation and tutors for incoming exchange students.

More Information on AYY and Probba:

The Aalto University Student Union (AYY): avyy.fi
Probba ry: probbas.org

About Living in Mikkeli and Finland

Housing and Living Costs

Accommodation is arranged by the local student housing company, MOAS Ltd. Students apply for the accommodation through MOAS: moas.fi

Normally students stay in shared apartments near the campus. In shared apartments, students will have their own lockable bedroom and share the kitchen and bathroom with 1–2 students. There are also single apartments available. The rent varies from 280–335 euros for a shared apartment and approximately 430 euros for a single apartment (the rent includes furniture, electricity, water, Internet, use of laundry and sauna). A monthly budget for exchange students would be approximately 600–800 euros per month (including accommodation, living expenses, course materials and personal expenses).



Health Insurance

Citizens of non EU/EEA countries who are studying longer than three months in Finland are required to have a valid health insurance when applying for residence permit. Students from EU/EEA countries are entitled to medical care while staying temporarily in another EU/EEA country with European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Private insurance is however strongly recommended as an additional security.

Facts and Figures of Aalto University

Aalto University School of Business, Mikkeli Campus

• Students	240
• International Degree Students	72
• Incoming Exchange Students	70
• Visiting Professors	70
• Administrative Staff	10

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• Students	12,611
• Bachelor's Degrees	1,509
• Master's Degrees	1,831
• Doctoral Degrees	182
• Faculty and Staff	4,651
• Professors	395

Aalto University has six schools

• School of Arts, Design and Architecture	• School of Chemical Engineering
• School of Business	• School of Electrical Engineering
• School of Science	
• School of Engineering	

Explore Mikkeli

Mikkeli is located 230 kilometres from Helsinki, and it is easy to reach due to its great public transportation connections and close location to the capital area.

Mikkeli is located in the largest lake district in Europe surrounded by untouched nature. The municipality has a population of 54,000. The city, which was founded in 1838, is well-known especially for its military history. In contrast to this, Mikkeli also has beautiful manors and numerous destinations of beautiful nature. Today, the beautiful Lake Saimaa nature and services of the area attract numerous travellers year-round. The city offers great outdoor possibilities within easy reach around like canoeing, skiing, swimming and hiking. The famous quiet and beautiful Finnish nature is definitely worth experiencing for yourself.

Fall in love with Finland!

Finland is situated in northern Europe bordering Sweden, Norway and Russia. It is a republic and a member of the European Union since 1995. Finland has approximately 5.5 million inhabitants. The national languages are Finnish (89%) and Swedish (5.3%), but most Finns speak also fluent English. The Euro is used as currency. Finland has one of the most advanced education systems in the world and has both a high standard of living and quality of life. The Finnish population is highly educated by international comparison, and education is valued in the society. For five years straight, starting in 2018, the World Happiness Report has singled out Finland as the happiest country on the planet.

International rankings for Finland

- #1 Happiest country in the world
- #1 Most stable country in the world
- #1 Best universities in the world
- #1 in Political and civil freedom
- #1 in Sustainable development
- #1 in Environmental health
- #2 in Gender equality
- #2 in Press freedom
- #3 in Quality of life
- #3 in Social justice in the EU

Useful Links

Studying in Finland: studyinfinland.fi
Finland's Official Travel Guide: visitfinland.com
Information on Finland and Finnish society: finland.fi
Mikkeli Tourist Information: visitmikkeli.fi
The Finnish Immigration Service: migri.fi
Yle (Finnish National Broadcasting Company): yle.fi/news

Train and Inter-city Bus Services:

Finnish Railways (VR): vr.fi
Matkahuolto Buses: matkahuolto.fi

Accommodation in Mikkeli:

MOAS: moas.fi

Distances

Helsinki - Mikkeli 230 km
Mikkeli - Turku 365 km
Mikkeli - Rovaniemi 650 km

