

Information sheet for academic year 2015-16

Aalto University School of Chemical Technology

Erasmus code: SF ESPOO12

Contact information and admissions for non-graduating exchange students

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Academic matters

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

Spring term January - July, periods III, IV, 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 from the links below.

Fields of study majors at the Master's Degree Programme in Chemical, Biochemical and Materials Engineering are Biomass refining, Fibre and Polymer Engineering, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Functional Materials, Sustainable Metals Processing, and Chemical Engineering.

The School of Chemical Technology also offers the major Biosystems and – materials to the Master's Degree Programme in Life Science Technologies

What can you study:	<p>Please check the information in schools' What can you study? Web page: School of Chemical Technology</p> <p>Links to other schools' What to study? webpages: School of Electrical Engineering School of Engineering School of Science</p> <p>Please check the full descriptions of the courses from WebOodi or MyCourses</p> <p>Please note that ¾ of courses should be from one field of study!</p>
Language courses	<p>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.</p> <p>The language center offers some Finnish courses for International students</p>
Grading scale:	1-5 or pass/fail
ECTS credits	<p>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.</p>
How many courses should I take?	<p>There are no limits, but a full study load is approximately 1600 hours per academic year which equals to 60 ECTS (=60 cr).</p>
Are students allowed to take courses from other schools of Aalto?	<p>Yes, 1 / 3 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, are NOT allowed to take courses from the School of Art, Design and Architecture or the School of Business.</p>
Can students take modules of different level?	<p>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 of the courses. Aalto University recommends at least 2 years of Bachelor's studies before arriving to Aalto University.</p> <p>Please note that in order to be accepted to and successfully complete a course students must have sufficient prerequisites!</p>

Applying

Application deadlines: **April 30** All applicants for the next academic year / autumn term

October 15: All applications for the spring term only.

Late or incomplete applications will not be handled after these dates.

The online application will open a month before the application deadline. The link to the online application will be send to nominated students only!

Application procedure: After the home university has sent a nomination to Aalto University exchange coordinator, the nominated students shall receive applying instructions and a link to the online application by email. The nomination should therefore always contain the student's name and email address.

Instructions for applying can be found on the web page of [the school of Chemical Technology](#).

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 stating that the student has sufficient language skills to study in English in the subject area. Minimum recommended level B1.

Application outcome The information about **the application result will be sent** to your home address (European students) **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, but only on request.**

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. Students must apply housing for themselves according to the housing instructions.

How to find accommodation?

Please see the webpages about housing for exchange students:
[School of Chemical Technology](#)

Visa requirements, cost of living and insurance

Who needs a Visa/
Residence permit?

Students coming outside of EU/EEA countries

Students from EU/EEA countries should register their EU citizens' right of residence at the local police department if they are staying for more than three months in Finland.

How to register the right of residence?

[Please visit the web pages of the Finnish Immigration services](#)

Insurance

EU citizens are required to bring the European Health Insurance Card with them.

As additional security, a private insurance is recommended. It should be bought in the home country before arriving in Finland.

[See for example SIP insurance.](#)

Estimated Monthly Expenses in local currency (euro, €)

Students should budget about 550-850 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 look for information from the pages for [Incoming Exchange students](#). They have a lot of important and useful information and the information on the web page is always the most current!