

Guide to Course Information

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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This guide is for students, mainly exchange students that require help with finding all the information about the offered courses, to help plan their exchange studies at Åbo Akademi University. Use this guide when preparing your study plan or learning agreement.



1 General Information

The official language of instruction at Åbo Akademi University is Swedish. Exchange students can either study in Swedish or complete a full year of studies in **English** by choosing among a wide variety of courses offered in English (approximately 250 annually).

Students that are proficient in Swedish can see the regular curriculum.

Students will receive **feedback on their study plan** and are encouraged to read their e-mail often as we expect answers within a few day.

Erasmus+ students are to remember within what agreement they are applying, and to choose courses accordingly.

A full-time course load for one semester is **30 credits**, for an academic year 60 credits. Åbo Akademi suggests planning a semester with 30 credits.

2 Studiehandboken

2.1 Getting Started

You can find all the currently offered courses in English in the Studiehandboken.

https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/18105

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2.1.1 Location of Study

Åbo Akademi has two campuses in Finland. Students studying at the Faculty of Education and Welfare studies will study at the Campus in Vasa. Whereas students studying at the Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics will take courses at the Åbo campus.

Combining courses from both campuses (Åbo and Vasa) is **NOT** possible (unless it is a self-study course), due to the distance.

2.1.2 Faculties

The subjects at Åbo Akademi are divided into 4 faculties, of which 3 of them are in Åbo and 1 in Vasa.

Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and	Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies
Economics (Åbo)	(Vasa)
SOCIAL SCIENCES - Political Science - Public Administration - Sociology - Information Studies	 WELFARE STUDIES Health Sciences Social Sciences Political Sciences
 LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS International Law and Human Rights Commercial and Maritime Law Public Law Private Law BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS Accounting Economics Information Systems International Marketing Organization and Management 	 EDUCATION General and Adult Education Pre-school Teachers Class Teachers Special Education Teachers Subject Teachers
Additional international master's programmes:	Additional international master's programmes:
- Governance of Digitalization, MSSc	- Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research,
- International Human Rights Law, MSSc	MSSc



Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology (Åbo)

HUMANITIES

- Art History
- Comparative Literature
- Comparative Religion
- Gender Studies
- History
- Musicology
- Nordic Ethnology
- Nordic Folkloristics
- Philosophy
- Logopedics
- Psychology

LANGUAGES

- English Language and Literature
- French Language and Literature
- German Language and Literature
- Russian Language and Literature
- Finnish Language
- Swedish Language

We offer basic courses in Swedish and in Finnish for exchange students/foreigners.

Faculty of Science and Engineering (Åbo)

BIOSCIENCES

- Biochemistry
- Bioscience, specialization in pharmacy
- Cell and Molecular Bioscience
- Cell Biology
- Environmental and Marine Biology

NATURAL SCIENCES

- Chemistry
- Geology and Mineralogy
- Mathematics
- Physics

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

- Analytical Chemistry
- Process Design and Systems Engineering
- Energy Technology
- Fibre and Cellulose Technology
- Physical Chemistry
- Industrial Management
- Materials Technology
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Paper Coating and Converting
- Process Chemistry
- Process Control
- Industrial Chemistry and
- Reaction Engineering
- Polymer Technology
- Wood and Paper Chemistry
- Thermal and Flow Engineering

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science

THEOLOGY

- Practical Theology
- Church History
- New Testament Exegetics
- Old Testament Exegetic and Judaic Studies
- Dogmatics
- Theological Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Additional international master's programme

- Social Exclusion, MA

Additional international master's programmes:

- Biomedical Imaging, MSc
- Chemical Engineering, MSc (Tech.)
- Information Technology, MSc (Tech.) or MSc



2.1.3 Picking your Location and Faculty

By clicking on the location, it opens up a menu with the different faculties.

sa: Courses in Englis	h	
	Centre for languages and communication, Vasa 2019-2020	
	Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies 2019-2020	
	Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics (Vasa) 2019-2020	
)/Turku: Courses in E	English	
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o/Turku: Courses in f	English Centre for languages and communication, Åbo 2019-2020 Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology (Åbo)	
o/Turku: Courses in f	English Centre for languages and communication, Åbo 2019-2020 Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology (Åbo)	

Students are welcome to mix courses from different faculties.

Erasmus+ students are to remember within what agreement they are applying, and to choose courses accordingly.

NOTE:

Combining courses from both campuses (Åbo and Vasa) is **NOT** possible (unless it is a self-study course), due to the distance.



2.2 The Course Table Explained

2.2.1 General

After clicking on the desired faculty, the following pages opens up:

University of Turku Intranet	Nettiopsu	Old study guides	डप	EN
Study Guide		rt!		
Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics (A 2019 - 2020 Show description SHOW TIMING AS ACADEMIC YEARS	Åbo)			
	ECTS	1.ay		
Courses for bachelor students	0			
Information systems and Information science	0-25			
Introduction to Digital Business (in English)	5	~		
Usability Testing (in English)	5			
Development of Digital Services (in English)	5	~		

The course database is updated annually on August 1.

When planning for an exchange semester the Studiehandboken serves as a guide, to get an idea what courses are potentially going to be offered.

Course information is always subject to change; therefore, it is important that students have alternatives for flexibility.

2.2.2 ECTS

The column named ECTS indicates how many credits will be awarded upon completing the course. All the credits at Åbo Akademi are awarded following the references of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. Most of the courses have a study load of 5 ECTS, which is equal to 140 study load hours.



2.2.3 Show Timing as Semesters or Periods

To see the course table in either semesters or periods, click on the blue field that says "SHOW TIMING AS ACADEMIC YEARS".



2.2.3.1 Show as Semesters

By clicking on it, it opens a menu with 3 options. Pick **"SHOW TIMING AS SEMESTERS"** to display the courses in semesters.





One column has now been added to the right site of the table.

The academic year is divided into 2 semesters – autumn and spring. Each Semester is about 4 months long.

1.a stands for autumn.

- The Autumn term starts End of August/Beginning of September and ends at the End of December.

1.s stands for spring.

- The Spring term starts Beginning of January and ends Beginning/Mid of May.

Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Econom 2019 - 2020	ics (/	Åbo)	
Show description				
SHOW TIMING AS SEMESTERS AUTU	mn			Spring
	ECTS	1.a	1.s	
Courses for bachelor students	0			
Information systems and Information science	0-25			
Introduction to Digital Business (in English)	5	~		
<u>Usability Testing</u> (in English)	5			
Development of Digital Services (in English)	5		~	
User-centred Design of Information Systems (in English)	5		~	
Information Architecture and Strategies (in English)	5			
Organisation och Ledning: Grundstudier	0			
Change management (in English)	5			

If there is a check (\checkmark) in the column it means that the course is offered in the according semester.

If there is no check at all, it is either not offered, a self-study course or offered by the Open University.

However, to get an idea on when the course might be offered, there is also a <u>second way</u> to check.



2.2.3.1.1 View on the Phone (semesters)

It works the same way on the phone but the table looks slightly different. Instead of in columns on the right side, credits and the semester are written right **behind** the course name.



2.2.3.2 Show as Periods

To see in which period the courses are offered, click on "SHOW TIMING AS SEMESTERS" and pick "SHOW TIMING AS PERIODS".





In this case, the table gets additional columns on the right.

The academic year is divided into 5 periods. Each period is about 2 months long.

1.p stands for 1st period.

- The 1st period starts End of August/Beginning of September and ends at the End of October.

2.p stands for 2nd period.

- The 2nd period starts Beginning of November and ends End of December.

3.p stands for 3rd period.

- The 3rd period starts Beginning of January and ends Beginning/Mid of March.

4.p stands for 4th period.

- The 4th period starts Mid of March and ends Beginning/Mid of May.

5.p stands for 5th period.

- The 5th period starts Mid of May and ends End of August. (Athough classes might only be in May, a deadline for an essay might be in the summer)

				p	eriods	5
	ECTS	1.p	2.p	3.p	4.p	5.p
Courses for bachelor students	0					
Information systems and Information science	0-25					
Introduction to Digital Business (in English)	5		~			
Usability Testing (in English)	5					
Development of Digital Services (in English)	5				~	
User-centred Design of Information Systems (in English)	5				~	

If there is a check (\checkmark) in the column it means that the course is offered in the according semester. If there is no check at all, it is either not offered, a self-study course or offered by the Open University.

However, to get an idea on when the course might be offered, there is also a <u>second way</u> to check.

When a course is offered period 1, 2, 3, 4, it usually implies that the course is a **self-study course** that can be taken anytime.



2.2.3.2.1 View on the phone (periods)

It works the same way on the phone but the table looks slightly different. Instead of in columns on the right side, credits and the periods are written right **behind** the course name.



2.2.4 The other way to find the time a course is offered

If not satisfied with the view in the course table or there is no check (\checkmark), the second option to find the semester/periods a course is offered is to look it up in the course description.

By clicking on a desired course, the following screen appears:





Right below the course number, name and credits there is for some courses a blue bar. This blue bar indicates that the course is offered in the ongoing semester. If there is no bar, it is not offered this semester.

457316.0 Development of Digital Se Course Units	rvices, 5 ECTS	in the ongoing semester
457316.0-3006 Development of Digital Services	16.03.2020 - 13.05.2020	
Snow past courses		
457519.0 Usability Testing, 5 ECTS	No bar – NOT offered in the ongoing semester	

By clicking on either the blue box or "Show past courses", it shows the times the course has been offered in the previous semesters/years.

The period that it is or has been offered previously can be found on the right side.

457519.0 Usability Testing, 5 ECTS Past courses	
457519.0-3001 Usability Testing	01.08.2018 - 29.10.2018
457519.0-3002 Usability Testing	05.09.2019 - 28.10.2019

This can be used as a reference. If a course has been offered the previous 2 years in the first period, it is very likely that it will be offered again in the first period of the upcoming academic year.

However, Course information is always subject to change; therefore, it is important that students have alternatives for flexibility.



2.3 Degree level

To find the courses that match the desired degree level, there is two options. Either in the course table or in the course description.

2.3.1 In the course table

The table usually starts with the bachelor courses, followed by master courses. It says in a black bar at the top "Courses for bachelor students". To find master courses simply scroll down until you see a bar that says "Courses for master students".

The other black bars tell which department the courses following below belong to.





Courses can be taken for any degree level as long as any possible prerequistes are obtained prior.

Please remember to choose courses to fit into the curriculum of the home university. The home institution must approve the study plan.

2.3.2 In the course description

To find out which degree level, programme, faculty or department a course belongs to you might also click on the course name and see in the course description under "This course belongs to the following programmes". It is usually found in the bottom right corner of the course description. It is possible that a course belongs to a bachelor as well as a master degree.





2.4 Course Information

2.4.1 General Information

By clicking on a course name in the course table, this window opens:

457316.0 Development of Digital Services, 5 ECTS

Course Units

457316.0-3006 Development of Digital Services

Show past courses

Learning outcomes

In the Digital services design course the students will learn to design digital services from identification of new revenue and valueproducing opportunities to changing of whole business models.

Study methods

Exercises and exam

Literature

- Haaker T., Reuver M de, Bouwman, H. (2018). Do-It-Yourself: Business Model Innovation; Hands-on Tools for your Business Makeover. TU Delft Library. 978-94-61-86878-7
- Rogers E. M. (2003). Diffusion of Innovations. Free Press. 978-0743222099
- Christensen C. (2016). The Innovator's Dilemma: When New Technologies Cause Great Firms to Fail. Harvard Business Review Press. 978-1633691780
- Ng Irene C. L. (2014). Creating New Markets in the Digital Economy: Value and Worth. Cambridge University Press. 978-1107627420

Content

Digitalisation is one of the trends, which are drastically changing the way business is being done. With this trend, digital services design is becoming a central business skill. In the Digital services design course the students will learn to design digital services from identification of new revenue and value-producing opportunities to changing of whole business models.

16.03.2020 - 13.05.2020

Implementation methods

Lectures and exercise classes

Evaluation scale

F-5

Languages

English

Subject

information systems

This course belongs to the following programmes

- Minor in Information Systems
- Master's Degree Programme in Governance of Digitalization
- Master's Degree Programme in Governance of Digitalization
 2019
- Bachelor's degree_EK 2019-20
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics (Åbo)
 2018 2019

Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics (Åbo)
2019 - 2020

Here general information about the course can be found. Information like learning outcomes, content of the course, study methods, literature used in the course and so on.



2.4.2 Further Information

By clicking on the blue bar or one of the past courses, another menu with even more information is opened.

457316.0-3006 Development of Digital Services	16.03.2020 - 13.05.2020
Teacher	Teaching language
Anssi Öörni	English
Learning materials and recommended	Students' workload
IITERATURE Thurston, Robert H. (1886). A History of the Growth of the Steam-Engine 2nd ed. D. Appleton and Company. (Project Gutenberg, URL: http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/35916).	Lectures: 26 h Self study (reading/information seeking/written assignments/other independent work): 105 h Written or oral examination: 4 h
Rogers E. M. (2003). Diffusion of Innovations. Free Press. ISBN 978-0743222099	Teaching methods Lectures and exercise classes
Christensen C. (2016). The Innovator's Dilemma: When New Technologies Cause Great Firms to Fail. Harvard Business Review Press. ISBN 978-1633691780	Evaluation criteria and methods Exercises and exam
Evans, David C. (2017). Bottlenecks; Aligning UX Design with User Psychology. Apress. ISBN 978-1-4842-2579-0	Group ,
Duchowski, Andrew T. (2017). Eye Tracking Methodology; Theory and Practice 3rd ed. Springer. ISBN 978-3-319-57881-1	Teaching Mon 16.03.2020 13:30-15:00 AsaB311, ASA B311 Athena Wed 18.03.2020 13:30-15:00 AsaB311, ASA B311 Athena Mon 23.03.2020 13:30-15:00 AsaB311, ASA B311 Athena Wed 25.03.2020 13:30-15:00 AsaB311, ASA B311 Athena Mon 30.03.2020 13:30-15:00 AsaB311, ASA B311 Athena

Here information like the teacher's name, the expected workload and how it is divided, teaching methods, evaluation criteria and the actual dates and time and even classroom in which the course is held in, are displayed.



2.5 Language Courses

Åbo Akademi also offers language courses in both national languages, Swedish and Finnish to exchange students.

To find this course, instead of choosing a faculty, choose Centre for languages and communication at the desired location.

Courses for exchange students



Swedish is offered on 4 different levels and Finnish on 2 different levels.

	ECTS	1
Swedish and Finnish as a foreign language	30	
Swedish as a foreign language, level 1 (in English)	5	
Swedish as a foreign language, level 2 (in English)	5	
Swedish as a Foreign Language, level 3 (in English)	5	
<u>Swedish as a foreign language, level 4</u>	5	
<u>Finnish as a foreign language, level 1 (in English)</u>	5	
<u>Finnish as a foreign language level 2 (in English)</u>	5	
Other language courses	5	
eTandem for Foreign Languages Level A2 (in English)	5	



3 Courses at the University of Turku

Exchange students at ÅAU can take part of courses at University of Turku, free of charge.

NOTE:

You cannot take courses from the Turku School of Economics and Business, and language courses are only possible if they have available seats (UTU students are prioritized).

Maximum 50% of the total amount of your credits can be from UTU; the rest has to be from ÅAU.

You can list the courses you wish to take in your learning agreement, but we will **NOT** process them before your arrival in Åbo/Turku. You have to **apply yourself for the right to study at UTU**, and the right to take the courses you wish to take upon arrival.

3.1 University of Turku's Studiehandboken

Good thing, the <u>Studiehandboken</u> of the University of Turku looks and works exactly the same way Åbo Akademi's does.

You can find it through this link: https://opas.peppi.utu.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/24345

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gree Studies	SHOW TIMING AS PERIODS 1ST YEAR						
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ster's Degree Programmes	Courses in English	0					
graduate Studies	Knowledge about Finland	3	~				
age and Communication Studies	North American Studies	0					
subjects and Other Modules	Basic Studies	0					
s for exchange students	Crossing the Atlantic (in English)	4	~	~			
	Introduction to North American Studies (in English)	3	1	~			
	North American Identifies (in English)	5	1	~	~	~	~
	Historical Currents (in English)	5	~	~	~	~	4
	North American Society. Politics. and Culture (in English)	5	~	~	~	~	~
	Current Issues in North America (in English)	1	1	~	~	-	~
	American Voices Seminar (in Diplini)	1	~	~			
	Guest Lectures (in English)	1	1	1	1	1	4



4 Courses at the Open University

Students may also take courses free of charge at the Open University.

You can find courses offered in English here:

https://www.abo.fi/en/centre-for-lifelong-learning/the-open-university/courses-in-english/

5 Courses through UniPID

<u>UniPID</u> is a national network for development studies **online**, free of charge.

Here is the link to the offered courses through UniPID:

https://www.unipid.fi/students/virtual-studies/

This link goes directly to the courses offered. To get further information about these courses, simply click on the course name or the button that says "Info".

ALL of the course are ONLINE COURSES, which means you do not have to be physical present at the named university. If you are interested in a course that is offered by University of Helsinki through the UniPID network, you do not have to travel to Helsinki for this course. If there is an exam, it also takes place online unless otherwise stated.

6 Courses through Hilma

The <u>Hilma network</u> is a national network for gender studies and offers **online courses** free of charge for students studying at the member universities.

You can find courses offered in English here:

https://blogs.helsinki.fi/hilma-verkosto/in-english/courses-in-english/



7 Username and Password

You will receive a username and password once you have arrived in Åbo/Turku.

They will **NOT** be given to you ahead of time.

If you arrive in Åbo/Turku before the first day of Orientation week, you are welcome to come to the International Office to obtain your username and password by signing the Åbo Akademi user agreement in person. Otherwise, we will give it to you after you signed the user agreement in the morning of the first day of orientation week.