

WELCOME TO ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY

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WELCOME





Today's Programme

- This week's schedule
- Fast facts about Finland and Vasa
- Åbo Akademi University
- Getting to know each other
- Registration at ÅAU
- Student Union fee/student card
- Registration with DVV
- Registration with Immigration Services
- Wise&Revolut
- Healthcare
- Wifi
- Tutors!

	Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January	Tuesday 7 January	Wednesday 8 January	Thursday 9 January
<p style="text-align: center;">ARRIVAL DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome to Finland and to ÅAU!</p>	<p>9.00-10.00 Welcome & Introduction Katie Fagerström</p> <p>10.00-10.15 BREAK</p> <p>10.15-11.00 Academic practices Katie Fagerström</p>	<p>9.30-9.45 Open University Christina Teirfolk and Christina Loo</p> <p>09:50-10.20 Language centre Kristina Granstedt-Ketola</p> <p>10.20-10.35 Break</p> <p>10.35-11.05 Library information Linda-Marie Evertson</p>	<p>09.00-10.00 Welcome to Finland Katie Fagerström (Zoom)</p> <p>10.05-10.45 Wellbeing in studies, student life, and Finland Petra Lindblad (Zoom)</p> <p>10.45-11.05 Support for students for the University Chaplains Mia Pusa</p> <p>11:05-11.20 Break</p> <p>11.20-11.50 Safety at campus Niklas Estman</p>	<p>10.00-12.00 or 13.00-14.00 Visit Digital and Population Data Services Agency with your tutor Wolffskavägen 35 B</p>	
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<p>Registration at room F416 at Academill 9.00-12.00 and 13.00-15.00</p> <p>Bring with you: A valid ID A receipt of the paid Student Union fee</p>	<p>13:30-14.30 Information about Peppi registration for courses Katie Fagerström</p> <p>14.30-14.45 BREAK</p> <p>14:45- 15:15 ICT-Services Tomi Suovuo (Zoom)</p>	<p>12.15-12.45 Sports at ÅAU Anki Stenkull-Aura</p> <p>12.45-13.15 Safe space and support in case of harassment Anita Sundman</p> <p>13.15-13.30 Break</p> <p>13.30-13.50 Student Union</p> <p>13.55-14.15 ESN</p>	<p>13.30-14.30 Questions and answers Katie Fagerström</p> <p>15.00 Visit to the Ostrobothnian Museum, Museigatan 3</p>	<p>10.00-12.00 or 13.00-14.00 Visit Digital and Population Data Services Agency with your tutor Wolffskavägen 35 B</p>	

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Fast Facts about Finland

- Independent Republic since 1917
- Population of 5.5 million
- EU Member since 1995
- Official languages: Finnish and Swedish
- Swedish-speaking minority of 5 percent
- Small Sami minority in the north (80,000 totally and 10,000 FIN)
- Current President is Alexander Stubb; Prime Minister is Petteri Orpo.
- About 75% of Finland's surface is covered with forests
- "The land of a thousand lakes"
- Rich archipelago
- 11 out of 12 lost wallets are returned to their owner
- Aims to be carbon neutral by 2035



VASA CITY

- The city of Vasa, often called the sunniest city in Finland, is situated on the west coast of Finland with direct connections to Helsingfors (Helsinki) and Stockholm, Sweden.
- Vasa region is one of Finland most multilingual and international regions with over 100 different languages spoken in Vasa and around 120 different nationalities.
- The city is bilingual with 69.8% of the population speaking Finnish as their first language and 24.8% speaking Swedish. The surrounding Ostrobothnian municipalities have a clear Swedish-speaking majority, which is why the Swedish language maintains a strong position in the city.
- The region is one of the most innovative in Finland and an important center for Finland-Swedish culture.





VASA CITY

- Vasa is a university city with many institutions of higher education bringing over 13,000 students to the area. Several universities and polytechnics represented: Åbo Akademi University (Swedish), University of Vaasa (Finnish), Hanken School of Economics, VAMK (Finnish UAS), Novia (Swedish UAS), University of Helsinki (bilingual law department).
- Vasa has about About 67,000 inhabitants – about one in five is a student.

Åbo Akademi University

The Swedish university in Finland

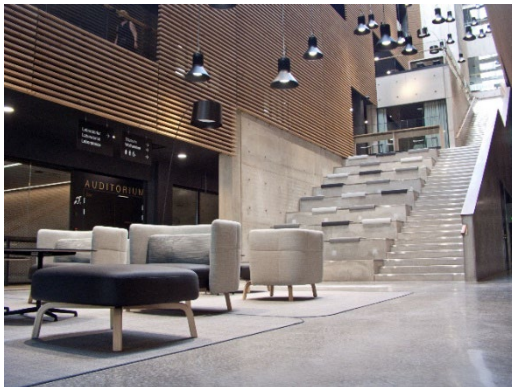
Education at the highest level in Finland

Åbo Akademi University

- The only Swedish-language multidisciplinary university in Finland
- Two campuses – in Åbo (Fi: Turku) and Vasa (Fi: Vaasa)
- Approx. 5,700 students, of which approx. 1,500 in Vasa
- 1,100 employees; 650 working in education and research
- 1,300 scientific publications annually
- Rector – Professor Mikael Lindfelt

Our campuses

- Situated in the old parts of Åbo and by the waterside of Vasa
- Donated residential homes and old factory buildings, also modern buildings
- Academill in Vasa, an old renovated mill



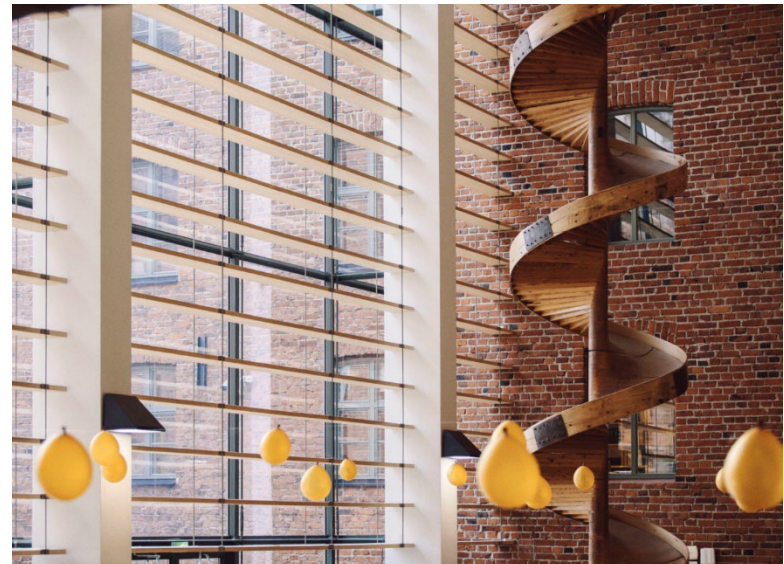
VASA CAMPUS

The Vasa campus is small and friendly with easy access to services and outdoor activities. The location and university have been very highly rated by international students over the years.



VASA CAMPUS

The Vasa Campus is situated in a building which used to be a steam powered grain mill and has views over the archipelago.



University faculties

- Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology – Åbo
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics – Åbo and the Department of Political Science with Mass Communication in Vasa
- Faculty of Science and Engineering – Åbo & the Department of Energy Technology in Vasa
- **Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies – Vasa**
 - **Teacher Education – responsible for the education of teachers for the Swedish-speaking areas in Finland**
 - **Social sciences**
 - **Health sciences**



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- 82 exchange students for the Spring 2025 semester
- 7 exchange students in total to our Vasa campus during spring 25.
- 4 International Masters programmes at the Vasa Campus.
- Lots of international students

MASTER DEGREES



Åbo

- Information Technology
- Biomedical Imaging
- Governance of Digitalization
- International Law and Human Rights
- Sustainable Chemical and Process Engineering
- Social Exclusion

Vasa

- Teaching and Learning
- Advanced Practice Nursing
- Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research
- Chemical and Process Engineering: Energy Technology





ÅA's Partnership with Vasa Övningsskola



Vasa Övningsskola is a Swedish-speaking school in Vasa, which is part of Åbo Akademi University, and the Faculty of Education and Welfare studies.

Students studying to be teachers can complete their practice period at Vasa Övningsskola with a supervisor from the school.

Exchange students that come to Åbo Akademi University in Vasa, also have the opportunity to complete a practice period at Vasa Övningsskola – 5 ECTS course for one semester.

Requires enrollment in a teacher programme at home, and a valid criminal records extract from your home country

Student Life

- Active student union
- Over 60 student associations
- ESN for exchange students
- Excursions, parties, language exchange, traditional student festivities



Get to know each other



- **Who are you?**
- **Where do you come from?**
- **What do you study at home? What will you study here in Vasa?**
- **Plans for the future – How will you benefit from this experience in your future career?**
- **Common interests? What do you enjoy doing? Hobbys?**

Registration at Åbo Akademi for Exchange Students

- Visit the International Office (F4 corridor)

BRING!

- Your ID and your receipt that you have paid the student union fee

RECEIVE:

- Receive your computer username and password
- Study Certificate
- Welcome bag

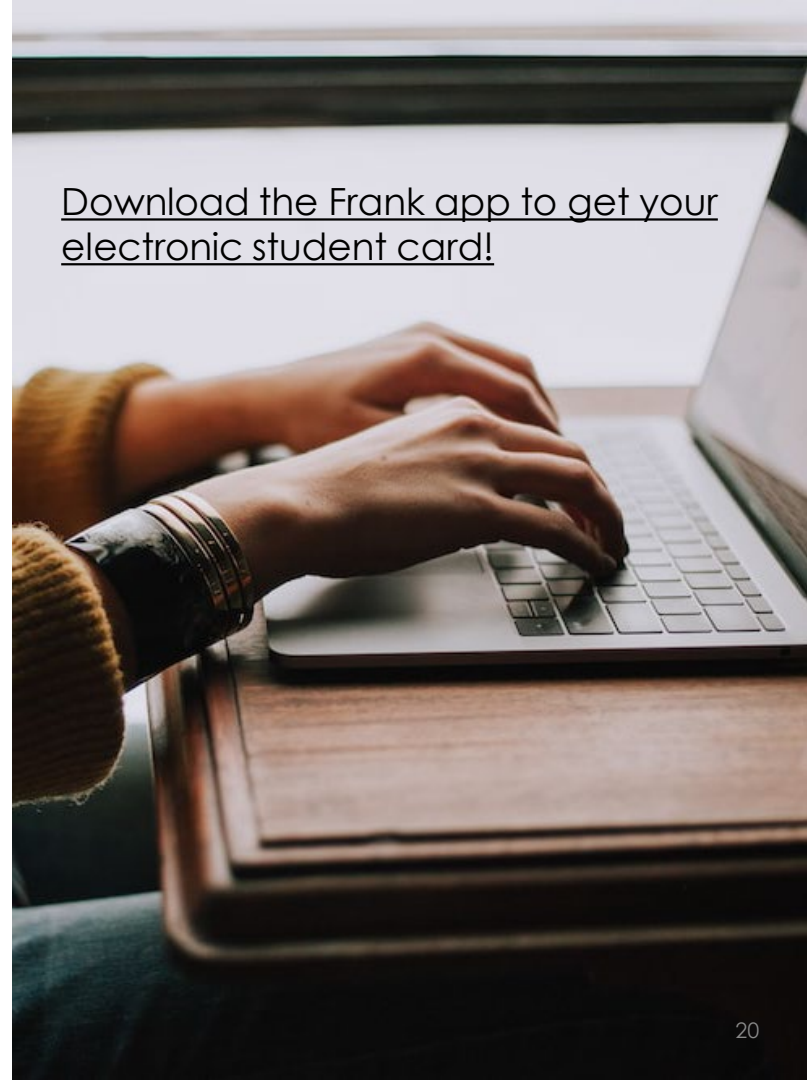
NOTE!

- You will receive your Certificate of Attendance (you need this for the DVV meeting)
- Please print and bring other documents that need signing!



Paying the student union fee

- **69€** for the entire academic year
- **34,50€** for the autumn semester
- Please, pay the fee prior to registration to:
 - Åbo Akademis Studentkår,
Tavastgatan 22, 20500 ÅBO
 - IBAN: FI25 1743 3000 0191 03
 - BIC: NDEAFIHH
 - **Reference number: 10100**



Registration with DVV

- All students who stay in Finland for more than three months must obtain a Finnish personal identity code
 - **Non EU-citizens already have it on their residence permit: DDMMYY-XXX**
- The code is required for the study register at the University
- Required by most banks – if you decide to open an account
- You should first complete an **online application form**, and then book and attend a meeting with the DVV to show your original documents and identify yourself.

How to apply?

1. Register at Åbo Akademi University
2. Complete the online application form (link in the information package)
3. Visit the DVV to prove your identity.



Meeting with DVV

- 09.01 10.00-12.00 & 13.00-14.00 (if you cannot visit DVV at this time, please book your own appointment online)
- Remember to bring:
 - A valid passport / ID
 - Certificate of attendance
 - Complete Finnish Address
 - A residence permit, if you have been granted one, or a certificate of your right of residence if you have submitted a mobility notification to the Finnish Immigration Service

Application for right of residence at the Finnish Immigration Services (Migri) AFTER you arrive to Finland

EU citizens (except for Nordic citizens) need to **register of the right of residence of a citizen of the European Union**

- Complete **application** form and attach all required documents at the Enter Finland website <https://enterfinland.fi/eServices/info/europeancitizens>
- Select the **service point** where you need to go to prove your identity.

- What do you need for registration at Migri?
 - ✓ National proof of identity or passport
 - ✓ Certificate of study from ÅAU (you will get it when you register)

- Registration costs 54 euros

International Payments

- Students from within the EU often do not experience problems in making cross border transfers, while students from outside the EU often face problems trying to make cross border payments.
- We recommend students to use the following international payment providers:
 - WISE
 - REVOLUT



wise



Revolut





Health Insurance

EU Citizens

- You will need to book an appointment to visit a health care professional. You will need to show your **European Health Insurance Card**, so please make sure you bring the card with you and that it is in date.
- Start with contacting your local health station! <https://www.turku.fi/en/health-and-social-services/appointments-and-advice>

Non-EU Citizens

- You should contact your health insurance provider that you organized insurance with for your stay in Finland. Your health insurance company will be able to give you more information on what private health care services you should contact in Finland for your needs.

WiFi and EDUROAM

- You can access our WiFi called Eduroam. Many universities use this, so you can try with our own credentials or then use username@abo.fi (the **short** version) and your password.
- Use your Åbo Akademi University username and password to access all our systems.



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Questions?

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TUTORS!



BREAK

From 10:00 – 10:15