



Aalto University

# Aalto University School of Business, Mikkeli Campus

Bachelor's Program in International Business  
Fact Sheet 2021–2022

## Experience the World - Choose BScBA!

With experience spanning more than a century and an established track record of conducting high-quality research, we at Aalto University School of Business are well-equipped to educate the influential leaders of tomorrow.

The School of Business is the leading business school in Finland and ranks among **the best in Europe**. The School provides students with a **multidisciplinary**, international learning experience. The focus is on teaching through **real life challenges**, real cases and consultancy projects, in close cooperation with the business community and the rest of the society. The School of Business is a community of 3,300 students and 113 faculty members with approx. 600 international students a year, totalling 16% of the student body.

### The Bachelor's Program in International Business

The Bachelor's Program in International Business (the BScBA Program), located at the Mikkeli campus, is one of the leading academic programs in Finland. The program 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 program offers a unique experience for students with an international atmosphere and beautiful four seasons in the lake area of Finland. The students in the program all major in international business and the language of instruction is English.

### Triple Crown Status and Global Cooperation

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.

CEMS is a global alliance of leading business schools and multinational companies. The member schools together, in close cooperation, produce the CEMS Master's in International Management (MIM) programme. At Aalto students can do Master in Global Management (M.Sc.) or in any other major with CEMS MIM. The Aalto University School of Business is the only institution in Finland offering the programme.

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 commitment. The School of Business is a select member of the network.

### Aalto University Executive Education

Executive education and professional development services are provided under **Aalto EE**, **Aalto PRO**, and **Aalto ENT**. Aalto EE offers MBA programs in Finland, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Russia, Sweden, Vietnam, Tanzania, Baltic countries, Poland, South Korea, Indonesia and Iran. Aalto EE is the most renowned actor in the field in Finland.

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[aalto.fi/en](http://aalto.fi/en)

#### Aalto University School of Business The BScBA Program

[aalto.fi/studies/mikkeli](http://aalto.fi/studies/mikkeli)  
[into.aalto.fi/mikkeli](http://into.aalto.fi/mikkeli)

Facebook: [@BScBAMikkeli](https://www.facebook.com/BScBAMikkeli)

Instagram: [@aaltomikkeli](https://www.instagram.com/aaltomikkeli)



# Academic Information

## Degree Structures

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

### Bachelor's Degree Structure: (180 ECTS)

- Core courses: 60 ECTS
- Methodological studies: 12 ECTS
- Courses in major: 42 ECTS  
(incl. Bachelor's Thesis and Thesis Seminar 12 ECTS)
- Minor studies: 30 ECTS
- Language and communication studies: 18 ECTS
- Elective studies: 18 ECTS

### Master's Degree Structure: (120 ECTS)

- Program studies: 84 ECTS  
(incl. Master's Thesis and Seminar 36 ECTS)
- Minor studies: 24 ECTS
- Elective studies: 12 ECTS

## 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 Semester

The Mikkeli summer semester offers unique experience for exchange students with international atmosphere and beautiful endless summer days in lake area of Finland. During the summer semester, 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 2021-2022

	Fall semester 2021 & Academic year 2021-2022	Spring semester 2022	Summer semester 2022
<b>Nomination deadline</b>	May 21, 2021	September 24, 2021	February 25, 2022
<b>Application deadline</b>	June 4, 2021	October 8, 2021	March 11, 2022
<b>Recommended date of arrival</b>	At latest on Wednesday August 25, 2021	During the weekend, January 1 - 2, 2022	At latest during the weekend before the course starts
<b>Orientation</b>	August 26 - 27, 2021	January 2022, dates to be confirmed	Upon arrival
<b>Courses start</b>	Monday, August 30, 2021	Monday, January 3, 2022	Every three weeks: May 16, June 6, June 27 and July 25, 2022
<b>Courses end</b>	Friday, December 10, 2021	Friday, May 13, 2022	Every three weeks: June 3, June 23, July 15 and August 12, 2022
<b>Break week</b>		Spring Break, March 28 - April 1, 2022	Summer Break, July 18 - 22, 2022
<b>Lectures cancelled due to a public holiday</b>	Independence Day, December 6, 2021	Epiphany, January 6, 2022 Easter Friday, April 15, 2022 Easter Monday, April 18, 2022 Ascension Day, May 26, 2022	Midsummer Eve, June 24, 2022

# 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
- course registration form (on the website Into)

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

More information on the application process:

[into.aalto.fi/display/enbscba/Incoming+Exchange+Students](https://into.aalto.fi/display/enbscba/Incoming+Exchange+Students)

**Please note:** Aalto University School of Business Mikkeli Campus exchange students are not able to take courses at the Helsinki 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 6 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 his/her home country. Travel arrangements should only be made once the visa or residence permit has been issued.

Information on the process can be found at: [migri.fi](https://migri.fi)

A student from an EU country or Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland may reside in Finland for a maximum of three months without registering his/her 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 his/her arrival by e-mail. The tutor will meet the exchange student when he/she arrives in Mikkeli and helps him/her 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 Program 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): [ayy.fi/en](https://ayy.fi/en)  
Probba ry: [probba.org/for-international-students/](https://probba.org/for-international-students/)  
Facebook and Instagram: [@probbary](https://www.facebook.com/probbary)



# 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](http://moas.fi)

Normally students stay in shared apartments near the campus. In shared apartments, students will have their own bedroom and share the kitchen and bathroom with 1-2 students. There are also single apartments available. The rent varies from 290-340 euros for a shared apartment and approximately 420 euros for a single apartment (the rent includes the electricity and internet connection). A monthly budget for exchange students would be approximately 500-800 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	65
• Incoming Exchange Students	70
• Visiting Professors	70
• Administrative Staff	10

### Aalto University

• Students	11,000
• Bachelor's Degrees	1,340
• Master's Degrees	1,960
• Doctoral Degrees	235
• Faculty and Staff	4,400
• Professors	300

### 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 are 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. Finland was also reported by UN to be the happiest country in the world 2018.

## International rankings for Finland

- #1 the happiest country in the world
- #1 the most stable country in the world
- #1 best governance in the world
- #1 in press freedom
- #1 the greenest country in the world
- #2 in transparency
- #2 most innovative country
- #2 in the EU for quality of life
- #3 in gender equality
- #3 in social justice in the EU

## Useful Links

The BScBA Program: [aalto.fi/studies/mikkeli](http://aalto.fi/studies/mikkeli)  
Studying in Finland: [studyinfinland.fi](http://studyinfinland.fi)  
The Finnish Immigration Service: [migri.fi](http://migri.fi)  
Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS): [yths.fi/en](http://yths.fi/en)  
Finland's Official Travel Site: [visitfinland.com](http://visitfinland.com)  
Mikkeli Tourist Information: [visitmikkeli.fi](http://visitmikkeli.fi)

### Train and Inter-city Bus Services:

Finnish Railways (VR): [vr.fi](http://vr.fi)  
Matkahuolto Buses: [matkahuolto.fi](http://matkahuolto.fi)  
Onnibus: [onnibus.com](http://onnibus.com)

### Accommodation in Mikkeli:

MOAS: [moas.fi](http://moas.fi)

### Distances

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

