

# Åbo Akademi University – breaking boundaries

The Swedish speaking university in Finland –  
Education at the highest level in Finland

# ÅAU in a nutshell

**1200**

Employees in total, 700  
working in teaching  
and research

**5900**

5100 undergraduate students and  
800 postgraduate students.

**1700**

Scientific publications  
per year

**1000+**

Åbo Akademi University annually  
attracts more than 1 000  
international students, 350 are  
exchange students

**FOUNDED  
IN 1918**

The only Swedish-language multidisciplinary university in Finland

# Where are we?

2 campuses:

**Åbo (Finnish – Turku)**

- 3 Faculties

**Vasa (Finnish – Vaasa)**

- 1 Faculty

Distance: 350 km, 4 hours by train



# Academic calendar

- **Autumn** semester
  - **Mandatory orientation week:** last week of August / first week of September
  - Classes begin in the beginning of **September**
  - Classes end the week before **Christmas**
- **Spring** semester
  - Mandatory orientation week: first week of January
  - Classes begin in the beginning of **January**
  - Classes end at the end of **May**



# Our Faculties



Faculty of Arts,  
Psychology and  
Theology



Faculty of Science and  
Engineering



Faculty of Education and  
Welfare Studies



Faculty of Social  
Sciences, Business and  
Economics, and Law

# Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology (Åbo campus)

## **HUMANITIES**

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

## **LANGUAGES**

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

We offer 4 basic courses (CEFR A1-B2) in [Swedish and Finnish](#) for exchange students.

## **THEOLOGY** – seldom offered in English

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

## **INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME:**

Social Exclusion

# Faculty of Science and Engineering (Åbo)



- **BIOSCIENCES**
  - Biochemistry
  - Bioscience, specialisation 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
- **INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMMES**
  - Biomedical Imaging, MSc
  - Chemical Engineering, MSc (Tech.)
  - Information Technology, MSc (Tech.) or MSc

# Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics, and Law (Åbo)

- **SOCIAL SCIENCES**
  - Political Science
  - Public Administration
  - Sociology
  - Information Studies
- **LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
  - International Law and Human Rights
  - Commercial and Maritime Law
  - Public law (public international law)
  - Private law
- **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**
  - Accounting
  - Economics
  - Information Systems
  - International Marketing
  - Organisation and Management
- **INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMMES:**
  - Governance of Digitalization, MSc
  - International Human Rights Law, MSc





# Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies (Vasa Campus)

- **WELFARE STUDIES**
  - Health Sciences
  - Social Sciences
  - Political sciences
- **EDUCATION**
  - General and Adult Education
  - Pre-school Teachers
  - Class teachers
  - Special Education Teachers
  - Subject Teachers
- **INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMMES:**
  - Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research
  - Teaching and Learning (T-Learn)
  - Advanced Practice Nursing



# Strategic Research Areas

- Minority research
- Technology for a Sustainable Future
- Solutions for health
- The Sea

# 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
- Arken chosen as the best building in Åbo in 2017, Aurum as the most environmentally friendly in 2021



# Åbo (Turku)



- Åbo is the oldest city of Finland and was founded in 1229.
- About **200 000** residents
- More than **100** nationalities in the area.
- Every fourth person is either a student or professional in a HEI
- **40 000** higher education students
- Over **4000** international degree students or exchange students every year
- 2 universities, 4 universities of applied science
  - [Collaboration in courses, housing and Campussport](#)



# An international university

- Åbo Akademi University annually attracts more than 1 000 international students, 350 are exchange students.
- One of Finland's most international universities.
- 13% of Åbo Akademi's employees have an international background
- 150+ students from Åbo Akademi University are studying abroad annually
- Åbo Akademi has cooperation agreements with over 300 universities in over 40 countries.





# Exchange studies

## Information

- All information about exchange studies at Åbo Akademi University can be found at the following website: [www.abo.fi/exchange](http://www.abo.fi/exchange)
- Courses in English open for exchange studies can be found in our Study Guide: <https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/18105?period=2024-2027>
- Also possible for students to study courses in Swedish if they can prove their language proficiency (B2) and meet course requirements



## STUDENT STORIES: Soko

**Name:** Soko Sakomoto

**Home university:** Osaka University, Japan

**Field of study at ÅAU:** Faculty of Education

### Best things with ÅAU:

- + The people, teacher and students are so nice, helpful and open-minded.
- + The classes are really interesting to me since it's interactive
- + The university buildings and the facilities at the university - there is a room with a piano, an art room and more

Check out what previous exchange students have said about us...





# How to get in contact with us?

- Website:
  - [abo.fi/exchange](https://abo.fi/exchange)
  - Exchange studies brochure
  - Green Guide
  - Survival Guide
  - Video of Åbo and testimony of previous exchange students
- International Affairs Office:
  - [exchange@abo.fi](mailto:exchange@abo.fi)



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**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING 😊**

**QUESTIONS?**



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