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.

Aalto University was created on January 1, 2010 from the merger of three Finnish universities: The Helsinki School of Economics, Helsinki University of Technology and The University of Art and Design Helsinki. Aalto University combines these distinguished institutions and has created one of the world’s leading centers of academic excellence and the six schools of Aalto University are all leading and renowned institutions in their respective fields.

Established in 1911, the School of Business is the largest and 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, and in close cooperation with the business community and the rest of the society. The School of Business is a community of 2,700 students and 103 faculty members with approx. 600 international students a year, totalling 16% of the student body. The School of Business offers Bachelor’s, Master’s, Licentiate and Doctoral degrees in economics and business administration. MBA and EMBA programs are offered by Aalto University Executive Education (Aalto EE).

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.

The School of Business is also a proud member of CEMS (The Global Alliance in Management Education) and PIM (Partnership in International Management). The School of Business participates in the European Commission’s Erasmus Programme and the Norek network.

The Bachelor’s Program in International Business

The Bachelor’s Program in International Business (also called the BScBA Program), located at the Mikkeli campus, is one of the leading academic programs in Finland, offering cutting-edge approaches to business education in a unique learning environment. The students in the program all major in international business and the language of instruction is English.
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. For a typical three-week 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.

Grading Scale

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### Academic Calendar 2019-2020

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<td>Nomination deadline</td>
<td>May 20, 2019</td>
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<td>Application deadline</td>
<td>June 3, 2019</td>
<td>October 1, 2019</td>
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<td>Recommended date of arrival</td>
<td>At latest on Wednesday August 28, 2019</td>
<td>During the weekend, January 4-5, 2020</td>
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<td>Orientation</td>
<td>August 29-30, 2019</td>
<td>January 2020, dates to be confirmed</td>
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<td>Courses start</td>
<td>Monday, September 2, 2019</td>
<td>Tuesday, January 7, 2020</td>
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<td>Courses end</td>
<td>Friday, December 13, 2019</td>
<td>Friday, May 15, 2020</td>
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<td>Independence Day, December 6, 2019</td>
<td>Good Friday, April 10, 2020</td>
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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: 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: www.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.

Aalto University Student Union (AYY) is a 15,000 member-strong student organization. Exchange students are entitled to join the Student Union and it is highly recommended that they do so. The membership is well worthwhile, as it entitles students to benefits and discounts in for example public transportation, student meals and health care services.

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:
The Aalto University Student Union (AYY) www.ayy.fi/en
Probba ry: http://probba.org/en-forinternationalstudents/
Facebook and Instagram: @probbarry

The BScBA Program’s Facebook and Instagram
Facebook: www.facebook.com/BScBAMikkeli
Instagram: @aaltomikkeli
Explore Mikkeli and 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 also speak fluent English. The currency used is the Euro.

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.

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 54,600. 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.

Useful Links

Finland’s Official Travel Site: www.visitfinland.com
Mikkeli Tourist Information: www.visitmikkeli.fi
The Finnish Immigration Service: www.migri.fi
Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS): www.yths.fi/en
Studying in Finland: www.studyinfinland.fi
Finnish Railways (VR): www.vr.fi
Inter-city Bus Services: Matkahuolto Buses www.matkahuolto.fi/en/
Onnibus www.onnibus.com
Accommodation in Mikkeli: MOAS www.moas.fi/en

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