



Bachelor's Programme in Economics at Aalto University

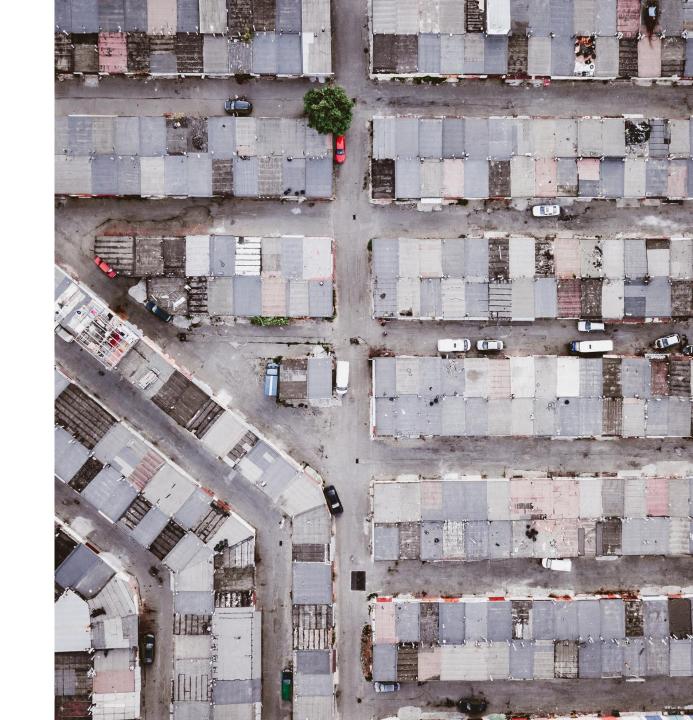
- Program started in 2019
- Single subject program: Economics = taloustiede (kansantaloustiede)
- Especially targeted to students interested in societal questions and strong in mathematics
- Gives automatic study right to MSc program in economics at Aalto
 - → Helsinki Graduate School of Economics
 - Coopeative unit by Aalto, University of Helsinki, Hanken
 - World class MSc and PhD programs
- Large share of students are Finnish (language is not an issue)



Why study economics?

Make the world a better place

- Relevant: better business practices, better societies
- Increasingly important: e.g. the organization of new markets in health and transportation
- *Increasingly exciting:* e.g. availability of enormous datasets
- Endless array of possibilities: how to incorporate tools and data of modern technologies





'What is the most pressing problem that economists should address?'



You will learn:

- How societies reach decisions
- Fundamentals of business and management
- Analytical skills
- Problem solving





Studying economics at Aalto university

Some of the courses included in our program

• Economics:

 Micro-, macro- and empirical economics, global challenges, digital markets, energy and environmental economics, Urban economics, economic history and crisis

• Mathematics:

 Differential and integral calculus, Matrix algebra, Probability and statistics

• Programming:

Python, Stata, R etc.

• Business studies:

 Corporate finance, Investment management, Marketing analytics, Introduction to strategic management



What is special about studying economics at Aalto?

- Leading department of Economics in Finland:
 - 10+ professors of high international standards
 - Strong international contacts with leading Universities in the world
 - Strong track record in job placement in Finland and abroad
 - Excellent opportunities for continuing in top MSc and PhD programs in Finland and abroad - Automatically eligible to continue in Aalto MSc program
- Excellent connections to the business world and policy makers
- Helsinki Graduate School of Economics community:
 - 20+ professors (Aalto, University of Helsinki, Hanken)
 - World class MSc and PhD programs
- Business school in a modern multidisciplinary university



Relevant links:

Aalto Economics BSc program

www.aalto.fi/bsceconomics

Introductory textbook (core-econ):

https://core-econ.org/the-economy

Helsinki Graduate School of Economics (studies after BSc programme):

https://www.helsinkigse.fi/

Oriana Bandiera (LSE): What Economists Really Do

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KEzLtbpEVg

Raj Chetty: Yes, Economics is a Science

https://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/21/opinion/yes-economics-is-a-science.html

Structure of studies in more detail:

- Basic studies (51 cr):
 - On-boarding (1 cr)
 - Principles of Economics:
 - Principles of Economics I and II (6+6 cr)
 - Principles of Empirical Economics (6 cr)
 - Economics of Global Challenges (6 cr)
 - Quantitative methods:
 - Differential and integral calculus (5 cr)
 - Matrix algebra (5 cr)
 - Probability and statistics (5 cr)
 - Mathematics for economists (6 cr)
 - Programming

- Major Studies (60 cr):
 - Intermediate microeconomics (6 + 6 cr)
 - Intermediate macroeconomics (6+6=12cr)
 - Introduction to econometrics (6+6=12cr)
 - 2 electives in economics (6+6=12cr), e.g.:
 - Digital markets
 - Personnel economics
 - Money and banking
 - Energy and environmental economics
 - Russian economy
 - Urban economics
 - B.Sc. thesis and seminar (2+10=12cr)

- Business studies (18 cr)
 - 3 elective courses from the rest of the Business School (6+6+6=18cr)
- Arts and Design (5 cr)
 - One elective course in Arts and Design (5cr)
- Minor studies (24cr)
- Other elective courses (10cr)
- Languages and communication (12cr)
 - Finnish/Swedish (3cr)
 - Business communication skills (3cr)
 - Course in Communication/Foreign language (6cr)
- Altogether 180 cr