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Hello everyone and welcome!

We are Matti (left) and Daniel (right) your new International captains of the upcoming school year.

We have written this guidebook to help you prepare for studying and living in Finland. There is a lot of information coming up, but don’t worry if you can’t memorize it all. In this guidebook, you will find answers to questions such as: Where to apply for housing? What will the first days look like? What does it mean to be a student in Otaniemi (Aalto)? And more! That’s why we encourage you to read it carefully.

In addition to this guidebook you will have us and your very own tutors to help you throughout the year. We both remember when we were in your situation. Coming to a new environment, not really sure of what lies ahead. Thanks to our captains and tutors, we realized our fears and worries were unfounded, as from the very first day we felt accepted and at home.

We want to give you the same experience we once had, and you can be sure that we will assist you with any questions, worries
or doubts you might have.

Tutors, despite their name, are not your teachers or other staff, but students who eagerly volunteered to help. They are your group’s personal guides that help you from the very first day. They will be with your fuksi group during the first weeks and beyond, helping you get to know the campus, your classmates and what it means to be a Teekkari. You can always count on them to help you with studying technicalities and other practicalities with living in Finland.

In Otaniemi we take great pride in the spirit of not leaving a friend behind. This means that wherever you go and whatever you do, take each other into consideration and act with respect towards each other. That’s how we have and will continue to make Otaniemi the best place to study.

We encourage you to approach everything with an open mind and actively try to meet new people from all around the world (and Finland). It will provide you with opportunities to make this year as memorable as it can be.

There will be lots of events ranging from Alpaca farm trips to cooking nights and parties. You will also get to know the sitsi culture but more on that later. And let’s not forget about saunas either!

We look forward to meeting you and experiencing the amazing upcoming school year together!

See you in autumn!

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Greetings from the Tutor Coordinator

BIG congratulations and welcome!

I am Aaron, Tutor coordinator of the Computer Science Guild. Immediately at the headstart you will be greeted by the huge crowd of ISOs who are shortly speaking our guild’s tutors. ISOs are more than just tutors. They are a connection to the older generation of the guild, an example of a Teekkari and of course wonderful people! So don’t let anything bother you and turn towards an ISO and ask for help!

In addition to all of this ISOs will be your helping hand throughout the whole school year up until the possible Wappu. I would like to especially thank our responsible-ISOs: Noora, Lauri, Suvi and Eemeli, who have been helping setup the fuksiyear from the very beginning. With our team consisting of me, ISO’s, the fuksicaptains and the international captains will have this fuksiyear in the bag.

Well, the most important thing to know at this point is that during the orientation week you get your very own ISO’s as well as a fuksi group with whom you will get to know other fuki and learn the ABC’s of the Finnish student life. I hope that with my lead ISOs will be present throughout the orientation up until the secrets of Wappu.

See you soon!
Greetings from the Fuksi Captains

Hi there and congratulations on our behalf as well!

We are Emma and Sami, the Fuksi Captains of Tietokilta. We are responsible for all the Finnish bachelor’s degree fuksis and our job is to integrate them to the teekkari culture and Aalto together with Matti and Daniel.

This is an exciting time for all new guild members, regardless whether you are coming from abroad or not. So, in addition to the studies, remember to have fun and participate in guild events! The guild offers a variety of different activities, from which you can certainly find something suitable for you. Even though we manage the Finnish fuksi, all fuksi events are a joint effort together with your International Captains. We warm-heartedly encourage you to attend fuksi events!

Your own International Captains, Matti and Daniel, are possibly the closest contact people for you. However, do not hesitate to ask us for help or such as well if needed!

Have an amazing summer and see you in the autumn!

Emma Astikainen & Sami Porio, Fuksi Captains

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Moi fuksi,
Firstly, congratulations on your acceptance to Aalto. I’m Nimer Singh, an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree student in Security and Cloud Computing (SECCLO) from India. When I was a fuksi, I couldn’t have imagined the incredible year that lay ahead. It turned out to be one of the best years of my life, filled with unforgettable experiences, personal growth, and amazing friendships. I’m certain that the upcoming year will be an adventure for you as well.
As an international student leaving home for the first time, I was nervous about adjusting to a place where I didn’t know the local language or people. That’s where my fuksi tutors came in and made me feel right at home. They had my back from the very beginning, guiding me through this crazy adventure and showing me that I wasn’t alone in this whole new world.

Apart from the stimulating lectures and thought-provoking discussions in the classrooms, the student community here is quite vibrant. From parties and guild activities to committees and saunas, there’s always something exciting going on. One of the most thrilling parts of the fuksi year is the journey to become a Teekkari, a spirited and passionate student of technology, and earning your Teekkari cap.

When it comes to free time activities, the options are as plentiful as a sauna’s steam. You can choose whatever piques your interest. Personally, I found my place at sitsits, doing my own projects, and salsa dancing. Not only did I learn some fancy footwork, but I also salsa’d my way into fantastic friendships. There are communities for a wide range of hobbies, and if there isn’t one, you can always create one yourself.

My advice to you is to find your own path, try new things, but never lose sight of the reason you’re here: to study. There will be a lot of firsts for you, your first sauna, your first jump in the frozen sea after getting out of a sauna, your first salmiakki (it’s the best, take my word for it). Challenge yourself with something new and be fearless in your pursuits.
Anyway, once again, I welcome you to Tietokilta. I hope you have an Aalto Amazing year ahead.

Nimer Singh
SECCLO Tupsufuksi
Hello! I’m Valentin from Vienna and this spring semester I was an exchange student (Erasmus+) at Aalto University. When I arrived, the days were quite short and it was also colder than in my hometown, but I got used to it quite fast. And right now (June) it doesn’t even get dark in the night :D In the beginning, all exchangers were assigned to fuksi (freshman) groups.

So right in the beginning you already meet some nice new people who are in the same situation as you! Our tutors introduced us to the most important things here at Aalto (e.g. where to get the best food) and could answer all our questions. In the first weeks there were a lot of events going on – together with other fuksi groups from our guild but also with international students from all other guilds. There I met so many new people and had a tough time to remember all the names. The best thing: Since most of them also just arrived to Finland and didn’t know anyone before, they were also trying to meet new people and so it was super easy to find new friends. If you are quite introverted, try to get out of your comfort zone and start talking to new people, you won’t regret it!

My courses were all quite interesting and I really liked the studying facilities (some of them are even open 24/7). I spent a lot of time working on my courses, but there was still a lot of free time and time to travel around. My highlight of my semester was clearly the time before/around Wappu (so basically the whole April). I really appreciated that we exchange students could participate in so many events (a lot were even organized just for us) and were seen as an integral part of the Aalto community! I guess this isn’t the case at every university! There are also a lot of associations that you can join, so you definitely won’t have a boring time. Since my studies at my home university are basically mathematics, I also joined the Guild of Physics (this is the guild of Aalto’s math students) and thus I also got a white overall. After reactivating my sewing skills, I combined my black and white overall and now I look like a panda bear :D Together with my teekkari cap, I now have two very nice souvenirs from my awesome time here at Aalto! I wish you all the best for your time here, you will definitely enjoy it!
Greetings from Teknologföreningen

Teknologföreningen (or TF) is the Swedish speaking students’ union at Aalto University founded in 1872. TF organizes great parties, provides access to its clubhouse as well as to unique student experiences and opportunities for its members. Teknologföreningen has over 800 members from different branches of Aalto and involves over 100 students in its everyday functions - all on a voluntary basis.

Any student at Aalto University with an interest in the Swedish language can become a member of Teknologföreningen. The membership is completely free and comes with many privileges. TF enriches its members’ lives with everything a diverse students’ union can offer. TF’s activities and services include organizing events ranging from culture and sport to dinners and parties, but we also offer opportunities to practice and develop skills in enterprising and creativity.

And I, the Integratör (International officer of TF), am here to help you and to make sure that everybody feels welcome at TF.

Questions? Ask us anything!

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If you encounter any type of harassment, you can apply for administration as a member of AYY, you can apply for administration as a student representative and influence the decisions made at the university.

AYY’s highest decision-making body is the Representative Council (RepCo), which is elected by vote. In the elections, all AYY members can vote and run as candidates. The next Representative Council elections will be held this autumn. Members of the Representative Council decide on the goals and policies of the Student Union.

Student culture

Volunteering, association activities and diverse events are an essential part of Aalto student culture and the Aalto community. The highlights of the year include Wappu and Orientation week events, annual ball, Shrovetide celebrations and many other events.

In addition to the Student Union, events are organised by volunteers who work in sections and committees. AYY has six sections: Aava Community Section, Campus Section, Teekkari (Technical Student) Section, Museum Section, New Students Section and Advocacy Management Group (more commonly known as EduJory). The call for volunteers will open in late autumn. Information on the call will be published in AYY’s communication channels. In addition, AYY has more than 200 associations that organise activities in the fields of sports, music, games, and other hobbies. New students are always

Services

Student housing

AYY owns approximately 2,700 affordable student apartments in Helsinki and Espoo and offers a home for over 3,400 residents. All degree and exchange students who are members of AYY have the right to apply for AYY’s housing. You can apply for housing as soon as your admission is confirmed by the university.

First-year students and students moving from outside the Helsinki metropolitan area are given priority in the allocation of housing. First-year students receive an additional score when they apply for AYY’s shared apartment queues. To receive the score, students must apply for housing no later than in July or December, depending on when their studies begin.

You can browse and search for AYY’s housing through the Domo system: domo.ayy.fi. As a student, you can also apply for housing from the Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (HOAS).

Advocacy and interest representation

AYY represents students’ interests and rights on university level and national level, making sure students are being heard in the society! You can take advantage of AYY’s advocacy services, for example, if your exam results are late or you may get in touch with an equity officer if you encounter any type of harassment. As a member of AYY, you can apply for administration as a student representative and influence the decisions made at the university.

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Student benefits

You will receive a digital or plastic student card to prove your student status (card delivered by Frank). By showing your student status, you are entitled to hundreds of benefits from 1 Aug onwards, including Kela, Matkahuolto and VR, as well as to student lunch discount in student restaurants. You are also entitled to student discount in public transport in the metropolitan area if you live in the HSL area and have updated your student status in your travel card at the HSL service point. You can find the list of all benefits and discounts available with the student card on Frank’s website at frank.fi.

The digital student card Frank App is an official student ID, which you can download and activate starting on 1 Aug once you have enrolled for attendance at the university and paid AYY’s membership fee, during which it is not possible to enrol or pay the membership fee. You can check the prices of other card options on Frank’s website. You can also add an ISIC license to both digital and plastic student cards. More information on different student cards can be found on Frank’s website at frank.fi.

The Museum of Student Life has expanded its exhibition and activities to cover the student cultures of the entire Aalto community - technology, business and arts. In addition to engineering students’ culture, the museum now also presents the history and present of KY - Aalto University Business Students and TOKYO, Students of Art, Design and Architecture. In addition, AYY’s art collection will also be presented in the exhibition collections. The museum is located at Jämeräntaival 3A.

Rental facilities

In addition to housing, AYY has numerous saunas, event venues and recreational facilities that members can rent. Some facilities are free of charge. AYY also rents a van.

Scholarships and project grants

You can apply for a project grant from AYY or the TTE-Fund for a project organised by a group of friends or an association. You can also apply for scholarships awarded by AYY.

Once you have received the plastic student card, please remember to pick up the academic year tag for your card from AYY’s service point! At the same time, you can also pick up a free Design Notebook and a badge.
Greetings, dear fuksi!

Congratulations on your admission to Aalto University! You made a marvellous decision applying here. I wish to warmly welcome you to our university and the unique community of technology students, Teekkaris!

My name is Veera Fristadius, and I am the International Director of the Aalto University Student Union, or AYY. My responsibility is to lead the International Committee, called KvTMK, which consists of all International Captains, Officers, and Master’s Captains from associations, which admit new engineering and architecture students. Our goal, together with the mentioned International Captains of the Teekkari guilds and your tutors, also known as ISOs or BİGs, is to make your first year or semester here in Aalto unforgettable.

The Teekkari culture is a truly unique student culture and something that you can experience only in Finland. The community, the International Committee and your own International Captains will provide you with events, in which you can explore the Teekkari culture, get to know Otaniemi and the rest of Finland, and meet your fellow students. The activities are a great chance to uplift your stay in Aalto and to turn your time here into one of the best periods of your life.

The Teekkari culture has a long history and Teekkaris have been present throughout Finland for over 150 years, starting in Helsinki. There have been Teekkaris in Otaniemi since 1966, when the Helsinki campus moved there. The most prized distinction of a Teekkari is their tasseled cap (Teekkari-ilakki), which goes back to 1893. Outside of the community, Teekkaris are known, amongst other things, for pranks (jäynä), tempaus and singing culture. The tassel-capped community aims to evoke cheer and joy in the whole public, not just students. The Teekkari culture promotes a sense of community and tolerance - Teekkaris accept everyone exactly as they are and leave none behind.

Fuksi education and upbringing have a long tradition in Otaniemi. Me and your International Captains will be welcoming you to the Aalto community and guiding you through your first year or semester in Aalto. As a fuksi, you get to collect fuksi points from various events and activities, which will earn you your very own Teekkari cap. The fuksi points will introduce you to the Teekkari culture, the Aalto community, Finland, other students of Aalto, and work as a great way to make life-
long memories! The fuki year will culminate in the largest and most revered event for us Teekkaris: Wappu, provided that the Fuksi Major decides to organize one for you. If you are an exchange student leaving after the Autumn term, I strongly suggest visiting Otaniemi again for the potential Wappu.

In addition to technology and architecture students, there are also art and business students studying in Otaniemi. The united and multidisciplinary university, as well as the Aalto community will provide you with a rich and abundant selection of student activities to complement your studies. Everyone is sure to find some activity that interests them with a like-minded group!

My most important advice for you is to participate with an open mind and heart. Get to know your International Captains, tutors, and fellow students. Beside studying, experiencing new things together and building friendships are some of the best opportunities our university can provide you with during your time here as a student. Your guild or association, the International Committee, and countless other people and organizations create the framework for the activities, but you get to decide how you want to shape your time as a student. A once-in-a-life-
time experience awaits you and I recommend that you make the most of it! I am grateful for the privilege of accompanying you and your fellow students on your wondrous journey to becoming Teekkaris.

Yours truly,
Veera Fristadius
International Director ‘23
The first days in Otaniemi

The student community at Aalto organizes outstanding events for all students, but most of them, also the most special ones by far, are exclusively made for the Fuksis. Keep in mind that there is no second chance for the first year. If you miss something, you can’t repeat it another time in the same way. So if the only reason you are not coming to an event is that you feel just too lazy to get out of your room - get up and go! On the other hand don’t stress yourself in participating in everything, it’s anyway not possible. Focus on finding the events that are the right ones for you, for example based on the event description. But listen to other students’ advice as well which events are important, you might be surprised about what type of event is nice for you once you try. The easiest way to enjoy an event is an open attitude upon arrival at the event location.

Especially in the early autumn you won’t have a chance to get bored due to the high variety of events happening. Of course it is not mandatory to attend any events, but highly recommended and the best way to get to know people from the start. You will also be able to receive the guild’s overall in that time. Here’s a brief selection of some events happening:

**Orientation week 28.8. - 1.9.**
There’s full program in this week, expect to be up all day busy with the program. In the mornings mostly with the official parts from the University, in the afternoons and evenings from the guild and other associations.

**Campfire evening, Monday 28.8.**
The Monday of orientation week starts early and ends late, so have a good night sleep from Sunday to Monday. The part we’re looking forward to most is the campfire evening. Next to the coast, you can for example grill food here and make new friends!

**Fuksi-ISO-fun, Tuesday 29.8.**
More chances to get to know your tutor group better. This day’s evening program is organized completely by your tutors.

**Guild initiation, Wednesday 30.8.**
In the guild initiation you get introduced to the guild’s committees. Also you will receive your own Fuksi point card, your companion through the first year, until Wappu, if it happens.

**Otaorienteering, Thursday 31.8.**
Having a checkpoint crawl is a common thing for Teekkaris. Otaorienteering is the very first chance for you to participate in one. Team up with a small group and search in Otaniemi for the associations’ checkpoints, to get to know them and the campus at the same time.

**OtaFest, Friday 1.9.**
During the day you will get to know people from the other SCI guilds. In the evening the biggest party of the orientation week, OtaFest will be organized, where there will be live music and program from various associations!

You will receive the schedule for the school program during the day separately later. Tutors and the Telegram chats will also remind you about upcoming events.
Aalto Party + Afterparty, Tuesday 5.9.
Aalto Party is a festival style event organized at the Alvari Square. The Party gathers all associations of Otaniemi. The stands in the event will have for example various activities and overall patches from the associations. The evening will culminate in an Afterparty at Dipoli. This is a wonderful day, organized by the whole Aalto community.

Stadiorienteering, Tuesday 7.9.
A similar event to Otaorienteering, but this time organized in Helsinki!

Fuksisitsit, Saturday 22.9.
Just after the orientation week one of the most important events of the whole year will happen. The fuksis of Tietokilta will be introduced to sitsit culture in an exclusive event for them and ISOs. Simply described sitsit is an academic dinner party with three courses, singing, drinking and a theme. During the evening you will get to know different sitsi traditions, experience Finnish student culture and you might even dance. The most important thing is to spend a fun evening with good company, food and drinks. That’s what sitsits are at their best.

The sign-up for Fuksis will be arranged early so don’t miss it. This is probably the one event you should attend even if you don’t attend any other! Caution, participants in sitsits, especially this one, are required to follow some instructions, if you just want a wild party without limits we will gladly recommend some other events to go to.
Whether you were born in Finland or are here for the first time, questions always arise when rearranging your life. These pages are a starting point to solve the most practical questions of student life. However, as you will probably figure soon for yourself, often there are no standard solutions for exceptional people, and since you received this guide, here you count as such. That means practically that there would have to be around 200 different versions of these pages to meet the different needs of each of you. And the sad truth is: no single person would be able to write this guide, because no single person knows all the answers to your specific case. The overwhelming first advice is therefore to decide what you need, if you are willing to invest time in or decide to let it be.

An example: you might be able to receive some financial support from KELA (“an independent social security institution” of Finland), but that depends on many things. If you want to get it, you will have to figure out if you are eligible, fill at least one form, spend time on dealing with the institution. For many of you that’s probably not worth it.

Additionally these regulations have been changed many times in the past year, so giving an advice from experience can be misleading in the worst case. Matters like this are discussed in the ‘Aalto international’ Telegram chat. If you are stuck with such problems I’d start there.

### Apartments and other services
AYY owns apartments that are rented to Aalto university students. Unfortunately the amount of available apartments is insufficient though new apartments are build every now and then. Therefore reach out to other options. Additionally AYY offers other services, for example renting of spaces, saunas and vans. Check also libraries and similar local offers for renting extraordinary things you need.

### Fuksi Survival Guide

**Apartments**
AYY website: https://ayy.fi/en/housing/
Apply for an apartment through the Domo system: domo.ayy.fi/
HOAS: www.hoas.fi
University of Helsinki student nations: http://eng.nation.fi/housing/

**IMPORTANT!**
Apply to as many apartments as possible no matter the location as the amount is scarce. It is also extremely important that you accept ANY apartment you are offered.

**HINT:** If you have a friend arriving at the same time, you can apply for a two-bedroom apartment together.

**Private service providers:**
http://vuokrahuone.com/
http://oikotie.fi

**You can also checkout Forenom:**
https://www.forenom.com/

### Student Card
By showing the student card you gain student benefits from all around, like the cheap student meals in the canteens on campus. You can order a physical card or install the “Frank app” on your phone. The physical card needs a small sticker given out by the university to be valid. If you possess already a student card like ISIC, you can instead attach the sticker to this card and don’t use frank.

### Food
Otaniemi has numerous student restaurants offering different meals for around the same price.
You can also eat at the University of Helsinki’s restaurants at student rates. The price of a meal is typically €2.95, which includes salad and bread. Student meals are state subsidized, so it’s worth enjoying this benefit and eating good food cheaply!

In order to receive a student discount you have to show your student card, although the staff doesn’t always remember to ask. Before you receive your card, you can show the receipt of your student union membership fee instead. You might get refused with this though, the longer the semester is ongoing, the more likely.

In terms of student restaurant specialities, TF (Täffä) deserves a mention. TF is a student restaurant maintained by the Swedish-speaking student nation, and its pièce de résistance is spaghetti, which is on the menu every Wednesday. The computer science building hosts a Subway restaurant offering 15 cm Sub meals for the price of a student meal. In addition to the student restaurants, Otaniemi has a burger and hotdog stand, X-burger, which is situated kinda close to the AYY building.

Of course you can also buy food from the shop, and you can warm it up and eat it- for example- in the guild room. Cooking yourself (with friends) is fun and and healthy. Join the grandma club of the guild to discuss and share ideas and get help!

If you want to eat a bit nicer there are a few options in A-Bloc, and if you really want to celebrate and spend money there’s the Fat Lizard with really fancy kitchen. Of course there are more restaurants around, but then you have to leave the campus.

**Transport**

The public transport system in the Helsinki region is provided by HSL. In addition to buses, you can also travel by commuter train, tram and metro, and all with the same ticket!

HSL divides Helsinki currently into four different transport zones, designated A, B, C, and D. Otaniemi is located in the B-zone, so when travelling to Otaniemi, you always need a ticket covering the B-zone. The other zones included in your ticket depend on where you travel from and through. For example, to travel from Helsinki City Center to Otaniemi, you need an AB-ticket. The easiest way to find out about routes and timetables is to use HSL’s route finder, Reittiopas. From this site you also see the zone limits and what sort of ticket will you need to have for a certain trip. HSL app is also really handy. Students living in the Helsinki Region can get a 45% discount for monthly tickets. More information at https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/discount-tickets/students. You can also use city bikes from late spring to early fall. A seasonal ticket costs 30€. More info: https://kaupunkipyorat.hsl.fi/en

**Approaching by car**

There are a reasonable number of parking spaces at Otaniemi, but it tends to get crowded around the main building. Parking is generally free, but beware of receiving a parking fine on Otakaari road. Parking is also available around Innopoli, but you will need to pay.

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**Financial Aid services**
www.kela.fi

**Big library with services**
https://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en/

**Student card**
www.frank.fi/en

**Canteens & Cooking advice**
kanttiinit.fi
https://t.me/joinchat/P8zTgHM-mzlKkD1bN

**Travel routes**
www.reittiopas.fi
Hello and welcome to your new studies also from Academic Engineers and Architects in Finland, TEK! We are the trade union for all academic engineers and architects, providing benefits and services to support our members, and lobbying for conditions that allow them to succeed.

As the TEK Student Liaisons, we represent TEK on the Otaniemi campus. Our job is to keep you connected to TEK, and to help make sure your student years are as amazing as possible, no matter your background.

Find out more about what we do at tek.fi/en, or join using the QR code link! TEK membership is free for students!

See you soon on campus!

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Congratulations Fuksi!

TOKYO is the umbrella association open to all ARTS and art-inclined students.

As a school-level association, TOKYO takes an active part in student advocacy and organizes events to gather together all the ARTS-minded students and alumni.

Our events include Lapland trip, Maskerad, and Christmas Sales, where ARTS students sell their art. TOKYO also owns Kipsari and Kipsari Studio – two great non-profit vegan restaurants as well as Torso magazine, which is printed at least 4 times a year and showcases ARTS students works + discusses current events and topics.
Health and Wellbeing

FHFS (YTHS)
The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS http://www.yths.fi/en) takes care of the health of university students. You can receive help from FSHS for general health, oral health and mental health issues once you have paid your student union membership fee. Appointments are made by phone, and FSHS uses a call-back service. Contacting FSHS and general health visits are always free of charge.

In order to use the service effectively, create an account with FSHS’s online service, Self (http://www.yths.fi/en/self). The service allows you to make and change appointments and manage other health-related issues online. Note! If you wish, you can use the services of any FSHS unit, also in other districts. When FSHS is closed or you cannot get an appointment, you can use your own municipal health station or health centre emergency services.

Study Psychologists
For challenges related to your studies, you can turn to your own school’s Student Services or to Aalto’s study psychologists. Study psychologists guide and support students in challenges related to learning, motivation, self-regulation, stress management and study skills. They can best be reached by email: opintopsykologit@aalto.fi.

Nyyti and the Aalto Chaplains
You can turn to the Aalto’s university chaplains, better known as the Aalto priests, when you wish to talk confidentially about anything that is weighing on your mind. They are at the disposal of every member of the Aalto community, irrespective of religion or worldview. https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/University+chaplains

Nyyti, of which AYY is a member, is a nationwide association for the promotion of students’ mental health. The aims of the organization include student mental health and supporting students’ study skills. Additional information: https://www.nyyti.fi/en/

Distance Studying
Last year, studying happened mostly over distance. At the moment it seems that the education will continue to some extent remotely also next autumn. When studying in a remote format still actively strive to maintain a rhythm during the days, connect with other students, go outside. It will make you feel better.

If at some point you feel that your wellbeing is declining due to distance learning, contact the study psychologists or the international captain.

University Sports - UniSport
UniSport provides members of the Aalto community with low-cost sports services. UniSport gyms and sport centres can be found at Otaniemi, on the University of Helsinki’s City Centre Campus, and in Kumpula, Meilahti and Töölö. UniSport services include group training, ball sports, gyms and various courses, and its sea-son and day tickets are permanently cheaper for Aalto University students. Additional information: www.unisport.fi.
As explained previously being an international student in computer science can mean very different concepts of study. If you have questions about your program, ask the contact person of that program. The few things which are the same for all are wrapped up here.

Orientation week
From Monday the 28th of August to Friday the 3rd of September is the orientation week, the start of all studies. Though no courses are happening in this week, it is an important part of the study process as well. Especially in the morning parts of the timetable the university staff will explain the practicalities of studying extensively.

Timetable
The first courses will start on 04.09.2023. At Aalto the academic year is divided in five teaching periods, each having an evaluation week at the end for determining the course results. Some modules cover several periods, some only one. Therefore it is also possible to have exams after half-time of the course. When making your weekly schedule carefully check the workload you have in each period and possible overlaps. You have to sort this out manually and it will take some time and energy! Something that might differ from universities you have attended previously: The only big holiday break is over christmas and new year, so portion your resources.

Course registration
You have to register for every course you want to take. The webpage for registration will change this year, so the procedure is new for all students. It’s not entirely resolved if exchange students will be integrated in this system, but likely. The name of the system is SISU. Degree students will also make their personal study plan (called HOPS) in this system. It might be necessary to have a course first in your study plan before you are able to register for it. In the past a separate registration for certain exams was necessary. In computer science at Aalto we have a high variety of teaching and evaluation methods. Read the course’s information before registering for it. Remember: One credit (ECTS) is supposed to be 26.7 h of work, but in practice it can be very different- meaning more or less time spent.

Online services
Though the SISU page will take over many functions in the future (e. g. getting a certificate of student status) there are other services you will need. Into is the first step “into Aalto”. It doesn’t
require a login and provides you with useful information. For example on your program, the courses you have to take and also what steps you have to take when entering Finland as a foreigner. The second step then is SISU, as mentioned before. Log in and plan your studies. Finally you use MyCourses to overview information and tasks of the courses you have registered for. The quality of the course pages depends highly on the course staff though as they are responsible for content. Some courses organize their exercises over A+. Sometimes you get the automated evaluation of your homework there in a few seconds before you can try again if there’s a mistake.

For remote studies Zoom and Microsoft Teams are in use. You can also log in Aalto workspaces as virtual machines on your computer at home.

Study support and advice
You can always turn to the student services if you are unsure about where to start or whom to ask. Student services can assist you with matters as:

- Questions related to studies
- Approval of your personal study plan (HOPS)
- Graduating with a BSc. or MSc. degree
- Getting transcripts of records or certificates of student status
- Registration for the academic year
- Tuition-fee payments
- Student exchange
- Transfer of credits

In fact, student services can assist you with almost anything related to your studies, and if not, they can probably direct you to someone who can.

Useful Links (all services share the same login credentials!)
Sisu: https://sisu.aalto.fi/
MyCourses: https://mycourses.aalto.fi/
Remote workplace login: https://vdi.aalto.fi
A+: https://plus.cs.aalto.fi/
Examination archives: http://www.tenttiarkisto.fi/
Discover the World with ESN Aalto!

Embark on an extraordinary journey that will ignite your wanderlust and awaken the adventurer within you. ESN Aalto, the ultimate gateway to unforgettable experiences, invites you to unlock a world of excitement, friendships, and lifelong memories.

Imagine diving headfirst into vibrant cultures, traversing breathtaking landscapes, and connecting with fellow explorers from every corner of the globe. With ESN Aalto, you'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in an international community that embraces diversity, fosters personal growth, and celebrates the beauty of multiculturalism.

Whether you're an aspiring globetrotter or a seasoned traveler, our dedicated team of passionate students is here to guide you every step of the way. From organizing mind-blowing trips to arranging language tandems and cultural events, ESN Aalto is your key to unlocking a world of endless possibilities.

Expand your horizons, step outside your comfort zone, and make memories that will last a lifetime. Join ESN Aalto today and let the world become your playground. Don't just dream it, live it!

For more information:

• esnaalto.org
• facebook.com/EsnAaltoOfficial
• Telegram: t.me/ESNAalto
Welcome to Tietokilta!
Chairperson’s greetings

Hello fuksi! I am Joonas, a fourth-year computer science student as well as the chairman of the Computer Science Guild (TiK). Congratulations once again on my behalf for choosing a great place to study, and above all, welcome to Tietokilta.

Tietokilta is a subject organization for mainly Computer Science student’s which is responsible for the recreational activities and well-being of the guild members as well as the supervision of the students’ interests. Tietokilta does all this with the Aalto University’s student union and other student organizations in Otaniemi.

Tietokilta’s day-to-day operations are run by a 12-member board, supported by more than a hundred volunteers from 21 different committees. These committees organize various events for the members of the guild (that is you!) such as sitsis, sport events, company visits, trips abroad, sauna evenings and LAN parties. I can thus guarantee that there is something for everyone to enjoy in the guild. However if you feel that something is missing from the events the guild is offering, you can implement it either alone or with a group of friends, because the guild lives through its members.

However, Tietokilta is not the only entity in Otaniemi that offers activities to counterbalance studies. There are plenty of other associations working under the Aalto University’s Student Union (AYY) of which may focus on a specific theme, such as barbecuing or pole dancing. I definitely recommend getting to know AYY’s offerings as well, as it is a great way to create friendships between guilds.

In my case, joining the guilds activities has been one of my life’s best decisions. In addition to memorable experiences I have made a lot of new friends, colleagues, with whom I have been able to cooperate in my working life and in my free time. So make the most of your fuksi year: it’s a unique experience that you won’t get to experience again!

Without further ado, remember to enjoy the summer, and see you in the fall!

Joonas Sorvari
Chair of the Board
Computer Science Guild
The Board of Computer Science Guild

The guild’s daily life is ran by a board consisting of 12 members. The board takes care of for example the practicalities and finances of the guild. The board is chosen every year in a caucus organized in November, where every member can stand as a candidate. In the next two pages, the board of 2022 is going to introduce themselves. In addition to the board, the guild also has numerous committees that keep over 100 guild members busy. The members of the committees develop the guild activities and organize different kinds of events for the guildees. The committees are introduced on pages 34 and 35.

Moikkumoii! I am Joonas and I am the chairperson of the board. As the chairperson I supervise and direct the guild’s day-to-day activity and make sure that the guild follows rules and the Finnish law. In addition I coordinate activities of the board and manage interests in the direction of the university and AYY. If you have any questions about the guild or it’s activities you can freely ask me.

Hello! I am Petrus, guild’s community manager and the vice chair of TiK. I make sure of the wellbeing of committee’s and their members as well as the communication between committees and the board. In addition I help the chairman in running tasks whenever and wherever.

I am Aku, the Treasurer of the guild. I’m responsible for the guild’s finances and supervise the budget.

Moikka! My name is Noora and I am the secretary of the board. My tasks include writing down the minutes of the board’s meetings as well as the guild meetings. I also take care of the guild’s membership register.

Hi! I am Mikael and I am the Master of Studies of the guild. I act as a low-threshold advisor and investigator in problems related to studies and course. In addition I act as a trustee in the university’s decision-making in various administrative areas, especially in the School of Science.
Hei moii! I am Eemeli and I act as the Head of Corporate Relations of the guild. This means I am responsible for the cooperation between the guild and companies. This cooperation is best seen in the guild’s recruitment platform in the form of job postings, in excursions organized with the companies, and in the form of the UraTiKAS event, a job fair organized jointly with the AS guild.

Hello again! I am Emma and I act as one of the guild’s Fuksicaptains for Finnish bachelor students. The duties of the Fuksicaptain include helping and accommodating to our guild and student life in Aalto. All this happens in cooperation with Sami and together we organize fuksi events and other nice things during the year!

Good morning! I am Daniel, one of the two International Captains of the guild. In the board I mainly promote things for students arriving from abroad as well as Master’s students. With our other International Captain Matti we organize events aimed directly for these students, but we also organize them for all fuksis with the Fuksicaptains and the Tutor coordinator.

Hellou! I am Emilia and I act as the guild’s student marketing responsible. My tasks include e.g. organizing high school visits and representing in presentation events such as Shaking Up Tech with my wonderful committee! In addition I am involved a lot in the social media marketing with our publicist Elsa.

Moikka! I am AJ and I am the Host of the guild. I organize events, such as sitsit and sauna evenings, for the whole guild with the guild’s hostess Visa. We also help other committees and committee members in organizing events.

Hoy o hoy! I am Leo, the guild’s van responsible. This position is completely new, namely the goal of my committee is to implement the van project presented last year. This has hopefully already happened by the time you read this. It is also my responsibility, with the help of my committee, to facilitate the use of the van in the guild and organize the opportunity for members to borrow it.

Moi! I am Elsa, publicist of the guild. I make sure guild members are informed about events and other important things through the weekly mail and Telegram. In addition I maintain the guild’s social media channels with my committee!
The following is a summary of the guild’s history and traditions divided by topic. Much can happen in 38 years, so it is impossible to go through everything here, but by reading this text you will already know much more than the average member about the Computer Science Guild’s past.

**Founding of the Guild**
The first computer science Fuksi (around 40) began studying at Helsinki University of Technology in autumn 1984. Because the guild had yet to be established, the first two years of Fuksi education were provided by the Helsinki University of Technology Guild of Electrical Engineering (SIK). The meeting which founded the Computer Science Guild was arranged on 13 February 1986, when the guild’s rules were made official and the first board was chosen.

Attempts were already made to register the guild with the Finnish Register of Associations in 1987, but this failed due, among others, to a lack of clarity over the guild’s rules. The Computer Science Guild eventually became a registered association in 2002. Today, the guild receives over 150 new members every year.

**The Guild’s Symbols**
The guild’s unofficial @-sign logo and its official cogwheel logo are two different things. The guild’s badge, in the shape of the guild’s logo, is called pränikkä (“brand new”), while the Pro-TiK badge functions as a medal of honour. Both the logos and pränikkä were adopted in 1986, Pro-TiK in 1990. The unofficial @-sign logo can be seen, among other places, on the back of guild members’ overalls, while the official logo can be admired, for instance, on the wall of the guild room.

**The Guild Room**
The guild room of the Computer Science Guild was initially located in the main building of Helsinki University of Technology, since when it has moved on at least two occasions. The furniture was replaced when needed, usually at the latest when the room became unbearably cramped.

1998 saw the completion of the long-awaited Computer Science Building (T-building), to which the guild room also moved. At this stage, we also acquired our own kitchen and store cupboard. The guild room was renovated in 2005, the fur-
niture was replaced, and an enormous picture of the Tietokilta’s official logo was painted on the wall. In 2015, a whole wall was demolished in the guild room to make more space, and in recent years the interior design of the room has been vigorously re-vamped. Next to the guild room you can find computer classes T7 and T8 which also go by their old name “Paniikki” (Panic room).

**Sauna Nights and Partying**
Throughout its history, the Computer Science Guild has arranged an innumerable number of sauna nights, academic dinners, games nights and other recreational activities for its members. The guild’s largest and grandest party is its annual celebration Muistinnollaus (“Memory Reset”) or M0, which is arranged every year between February and March.

The Computer Science Guild’s traditional Otaniemi game board was made from the guild room’s first table top, which dates from 1986. Today, the game is usually only played during the week of the annual party and occasionally with other guilds or with excursion guests from outside Otaniemi.

**Culture, Sports and Travel**
The guild’s cultural activities were established at the beginning of the 1990s, when the guild was also particularly active in this area. Excursions were made to musicals, operas, ballets and concerts. In turn, physical culture has always been the responsibility of the guild’s own sports club, nowadays called AthleTiKs, earlier Lenskin Dynammo. One of the sports most peculiar to the guild is its traditional kuutiopallo (“cube ball”).

The Computer Science Guild has traditionally enjoyed a strong singing culture, of which members can be proud. The guild has produced several song booklets and vociferous Masters of Ceremony (or gherkins) who have ensured that the songs never stop at sauna nights or academic dinners and that those present also remember the lyrics.

**Summa summarum**
Many old traditions are still going strong while others have slipped slightly. New events and forms of activity arise every year according to the wants and needs of the guild members.
Tietokilta has several committees providing workforce and organisation in a certain field the guild needs. Old committees, whose purpose became pointless can be sorted out and new ones can be invented and established at the yearly election meeting of the guild. The chairpersons of the committees are elected there as well. If you are a guild member you can join one or several committees by contacting the respective chairpersons. It follows a selection of (relevant) committees.

**Digitoimikunta - The Digi Committee**
The Digi Committee is responsible for taking care of the guild’s IT infrastructure. In practice, it means developing and maintaining different IT services such as the guild’s website. The committee forms a software team that develops the services together using modern technologies.

**Herkkukurkkutoimikunta - The Gherkins Committee**
The Gherkins Committee consists of the guild’s “gherkins”, or Songleaders, responsible for introducing and leading songs at the guild’s academic dinners. You don’t need to be a talented singer to be a Songleader, as Teekkaris are renowned more for their enthusiasm than for their note-perfect voices. Instead it is important to remember how the songs begin and to be able to introduce a song whatever the situation, even by using the most tenuous and bizarre connection. In addition to acting as Songleaders in academic dinners, “gherkins” develop and improve the guild’s song culture and have also produced the guild’s own songbook, Kovalevy (“Hard Drive”).

**Kansainvälisyystoimikunta - The international Committee**
The International Committee works under the International Captains’ lead in all matters concerning the guild’s foreign students, for example by helping to translate information into English, building bridges and organising events.

**Kiltahuonetoimikunta - The Guild Room Committee**
The Guild Room Committee is responsible for maintaining the guildroom. We organize a cleaning day yearly, procure new furniture, and create projects that benefit the guildroom and its users. We are not your moms though, so everyone is responsible for the cleanliness of the guildroom.

**Kulttuuritoimikunta - The Culture Committee**
The Culture Committee takes care of the cultural needs of the members, organizing tickets for the theater and concerts and also holding tasting nights.

**Liikuntatoimikunta - The Sports Committee**
The Sports Committee is responsible for the sporting wellbeing. The Committee organizes different kinds of tryouts for new sports and activities as varied as wall-climbing and historical sword-fighting. The guild’s sports club, AthleTiKs, is also subordinate to the committee.
Marttakerho - The Grandma club
The Grandma Club, founded in 2017, is responsible for organizing events “granny style”, such as baking nights, group sewing or Easter egg hunts, but also the Marttasitsit. We are always up for trying out new events as long as they fit our general concept. Starting from 2020 we have also done an Alpaca farm excursion.

N-toimikunta - N Committee
N Committee organizes activities for older guild members that are still students (n-th years students as we say here). For example, during the summer N committee organizes after works and during the fall N sitsit.

Opintotoimikunta - The Student Affairs Committee
The Student Affairs Committee takes care of our student advocacy, protecting the students’ rights and keeping our voice heard in the university’s matters, e.g. course issues or study programme adjustments. The committee also arranges e.g. an exchange sauna where you can hear about the possibilities for applying for exchange studies and experiences from our students who have been on exchange before.

Pelitoimikunta - The Games Committee
The Games Committee organizes various game activities in the form of LAN parties, tournaments and weekly role and board game evenings. The committee has also acquired many games for the guild room, which anyone can play!

Phuksitoimikunta - The Fuksi Committee
The Fuksi Committee plans and arranges the largest fuksi events. The committee consists of the Fuksi Captains, the Tutor responsible, the International captains and the responsible tutors.

Rytmiryhmä - The Rytmi Committee
The Rytmi Committee is responsible for producing Alkorytmi, the guild’s official magazine. Alkorytmi is published on a regularly occasional basis, consisting mostly of what the writers themselves are interested in writing. Alkorytmi has always been a magazine that reflects it’s makers! Creating content for the magazine let’s your creativity soar. There’s a need for doing layout, graphics, photographing, writing, proofreading, as well as talented knitters and puzzle creators.

Sisätoimikunta - The Internal Committee
The Internal Committee is responsible for organizing guild events under the leadership of IE (Isäntä and Emäntä, host and hostess). Organizing events includes planning them, making necessary purchases, and recruiting workforce.

Ulkotoimikunta - The External Committee
Members of the External Affairs Committee help the Master of External Affairs in the planning and practical arrangement of longer-distance excursions.

Yrityssuhdetoimikunta - Corporate Relations Committee
The Corporate Relations Committee functions as the right and left hand of the Master of Corporate Relations. Committee members help arrange company excursions, hackathons and other corporate partnership events. Being on the Corporate Relations Committee is an easy way of making contact with IT-sector businesses.
Tietokilta Organisation

The Board
The Guild is an officially registered association. As such it has to follow certain rules in the Finnish law creating a base for how it is run. The guild is required to have a board containing a chair, a treasurer and a secretary. Additionally, in practice, the board has additional members, up to twelve. Nowadays the additional members are any other actives of the guild.

The board guides, coordinates and overviews the operations of the whole guild and meets weekly for that purpose. Any guild member can attend board meetings to listen. In the past years an ongoing process started to outsource community work from the board into the committees, possibly giving more room for self-organization and development of the community. This is accompanied by occasional meetings of the chairpersons with the board members (some are both).

The yearly meetings
Members of the guild can influence the future of the guild by attending meetings, like the most important, the election meeting in November. The members of the board, the committees and the committee chairpersons are decided by democratic vote. Every member of the guild has a vote and can also be elected.

How does this matter to me?
1) It’s recommended for you to join the guild so you might want to know a bit more about what’s behind the organisation.

2) If the activities you’ll experience through the guild are fun for you, you might feel like becoming a helper in some way.

3) After all the guild’s business is a practical one: supporting it’s members. Who is elected in a certain position can make a big difference for what actually happens. Take your chance to have a say!

An example:
Even if you are an exchange student leaving after (half) a year you can think of the following generations of exchange students. If you think something concerning exchange students generally should be changed you can bring it up pretty easily. Who can and will advocate this point of view better than you?

International in the guild
In the time the guild was founded not many students came from elsewhere. And though at this point in time the guild takes in more international students every year than Finnish students, often the Finns are much more active in the end. There are many reasons for this to happen, and it causes that internationals are sometimes underrepresented (in events).

If that happens, remember that the guild is totally a place for you! Ask people if they could change to English if you don’t understand what’s going on.
If something feels weird, maybe just noone yet came to mind it could be different, so then it’s up to you. Talk to the International Captains, to tutors and other guild members if you run in such issues.
Recognize the Teekkaris

The student union (AYY) contains a lot of different groups and student associations. Some exist to unify students in a certain hobby (dancing, gaming, diving, singing ...), some have more administrative character (e.g. the board of the representative council of AYY), some serve, besides doing other things, also as links between others (e.g. international committee). Depending on the position of the group inside AYY they have certain rights and duties. Just like Tietokilta there are other guilds in the schools of Aalto which are “special status” associations. Most of them give home to Teekkaris, “technological students”, determined by their study program. But just because someone wears an overall or a similar “uniform” that doesn’t mean they are Teekkaris (in the original sense) necessarily. For example the business students of Aalto (see p. 43). Some guilds don’t take in their own Fuksis and one group of overall-wearers is a student nation and not a guild, connected by the language instead of the study program.
Teknologföreningen (TF)
is Aalto’s 150 year old Swedish-speaking and only student nation. Everyone iswelcome to join TF, irrespective of their study programme. The only require-
ment is the desire to learn or speak Swedish. The Teknologföreningen is located
in Urdsgjallar, the large concrete building next to Dipoli, where TF has a fully
licensed restaurant. TF members wear “engineer red” overalls.

Maanmittarikilta (MK) - Guild of Surveying Engineers
was founded in 1901 and is the oldest guild in Finland that still accepts Fuksis.
It is said that of all the guilds, MK feels the most like a family, “killoista per-
hein”. Their overalls are matt black with a fuchsia left sleeve and thigh pocket to
represent the Built Environment major. The back of their overalls is decorated
with the guild’s logo: “three hard” (“kolme kovaa”) and the course year code is
displayed on the left calf.

Arkkitehtikilta (AK) - Guild of Architecture
was founded in 1908 and is Otaniemi’s third oldest guild. It is home to students
of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design, so their members
are a mix of students with either technical or artistic backgrounds. The Guild
of Architecture’s overalls are broken white and they are made of a very easily
soiled cotton. The Landscape Architects can be identified by the self-drawn tree
on the left leg, to which a leaf is added every Wappu. The logo on the back of
the overalls is different each year, as it is designed by the Fuksis themselves.

Rakennusinsinöörikilta (IK) - Guild of Civil Engineers
more commonly known as “Raksa”, is a subject association that was founded
in 1913 and accepts undergraduates studying Energy and Environmental Tech-
ology. As of this year, they are also welcoming Computational Engineering stu-
dents to their ranks. The association, which was originally named “Engineers’
Club” (IK) is Otaniemi’s third oldest guild that still accepts Fuksis. Before 2013,
the guild members majored in Building and Environmental Technology. Raksa
members are easily identified by their builders blue overalls and their legen-
dary chant of “RAKSA JAKSAA” (“Raksa perseveres!”)

Some associations’ descriptions are listed here now to cover some of the confusion.
Luckily noone has to know all this information and you can always ask if you want to
see through the system a bit better. After all we are all students and can have a good time
altogether no matter which guild we belong to. Note that all underlined associations on page
36 have more detailed information on one of the pages 37 - 41. In CHEM only one guild
accepts fuksis, so the others aren’t presented here in detail.
Koneinsinöörikilta (KIK) - Guild of Mechanical Engineers
was founded in 1915 and is one of Otaniemi’s largest guilds. This subject association, earlier for students of Mechanical Engineering and Energy Technology and from 2013 for students of Mechanical and Construction Engineering, is part of the School of Engineering, or ENG. KIK members can be recognized by their cheerful pink overalls, their pink caterpillar tractor mascot and their jubilant chants of “Yy, kaa, KO, NE!” (“one, two, THREE, FOUR/ MACHINE”)

Sähköinsinöörikilta (SIK) - Guild of Electrical Engineers
was founded in 1921- let’s wish them a happy anniversary! The energetic and hard-working electrical engineers can be identified by their pure white overalls, the back of which sports their light-bulb logo. Their overalls are also decorated by a depiction of a telegram on their right thigh pockets. These overalls can be seen on SIK Fuksis from day one, as they are the first guild to receive their overalls in Otaniemi. SIK’s chant is “Jappadaida, jappadaida, Hei, hyvä SIK!”

Fyysikkokilta (FK) - Guild of Physics
is a subject association, founded in 1947, which gathers under one roof all of Aalto’s physics and mathematics students. Each FK member later specializes in either physics, mathematics or systems sciences, unless they are studying Quantum Technology. The guild’s overalls are a natural white and in order to achieve the right shade Fuksis dye their own overalls with tea.

Prodeko - Guild of Industrial Engineers
was founded in 1966. Although the guild only has a small intake, their members are all the more active! Industrial Engineers can be recognised by their white overalls, which are decorated with rainbows. New Fuksis design the overalls from the ground up and put them for the first time in November at the Sikajuhlat (literally “pig party” = Cännärit of Prodeko), to which you are also warmly welcome!

Nuoreet Designerit (NuDe) - Young Designers
is the association for the Department of Design in ARTS. NuDe was founded already in 1986, before NuDe’s former home, the University of Art and Design, was merged with the faculty of Architecture- forming what is now known as Aalto ARTS. NuDe members can be spotted in their design student ‘uniform’: the Vapputakki (“Wappu jacket”). Its pattern changes yearly, although it is named after the first pattern ‘Vappu flower’.

Automaatio- ja systeemitekniikan kilta (AS)
- Guild of Automation and Systems Technology
members, sometimes known as aASit (ASses), can be identified by their violet overalls, the left sleeve of which is black. The black sleeve of Telecommunications students also has a white pocket to recognise their SIK accomplishments. The back of the overalls sports the guild’s logo and the words “Aivan Sama” (“whatever”), which AS members can sometimes be heard shouting. Since 2018, the guild has also been accepting Digital Systems and Design students.
Athene - Guild of Information Networks
is the subject association for Information Networks, established in 1999. While it may be one of the smaller and younger guilds of Otaniemi, it is all the more lively and jolly for it. Members of Athene can be identified by their forest green overalls and their logo: Anthena’s eye. The overalls are decorated by a black left sleeve to commemorate their computer science roots.

Inkubio - Guild of Bioinformation Technology
was founded in 2007 and is thus Otaniemi’s second youngest guild. As the result of a historic spelling mistake, Ikubio’s overalls are a reddish brown, and they are decorated with white “cow” patches, which guild members sew on themselves, to commemorate the time when they were part of the Guild of Electrical Engineers. On their backs, they proudly carry their logo, Maikki, a circuit board in the shape of a cow.

Prosessiteekkarit (PT) - Process Engineers
founded in 2012 PT receives all of the Fuksis from the School of Chemical Engineering, including, since 2019, those from the english bachelor programme. Members of PT sport blue overalls whose legs and sleeves are decorated with yellow, red and blue stripes. The stripes commemorate the school’s old guilds which used to accept Fuksis. PT members are characterised by their chant of “Pumppu, Tase!”

Data Guild (DG)
is the guild for students of the Data Science bachelor programme. Founded in 2019, Data Guild is Otaniemi’s youngest guild. The current students of the guild can be identified by their black overalls with a silver left sleeve. In the future Fuksis will get silver overalls with a black sleeve which will remind them of the time when students in the programme were still part of Tietokilta.
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KY - AALTO UNIVERSITY BUSINESS STUDENTS PROBBA RY

Probba is the Student Association of Aalto University School of Business, Mikkeli Campus. All students who study at Mikkeli campus are members of Probba, bringing their size to around 240 members.

Website: probba.org
Instagram: probbary

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Traditions and a twinkle in the corner of their eyes since 1872. The long history of Teekkaris has brought about countless traditions and created a multifaceted culture around technical university students.

Teekkari culture and traditions don’t exist in a vacuum – they are shaped by both time and place. As is the nature of traditions, from time to time some older ones die and new ones are born. Additionally, what may be a dying tradition in one part of Finland might be a new and exciting one in another Teekkari community. During the Fuksi year it is highly recommended to participate in events with students from another locality!

It would be impossible to cover all the facets of Teekkari culture and the plethora of different traditions within the covers of this book. However, we will cover some key aspects of what it means to be a Teekkari in the following sections.

**Teekkari Cap**

The Teekkari cap is the symbol of Teekkari, and its appearance changes slightly based on which university it is tied to. The current form of the cap in Otaniemi has been worn here for already over one hundred years. In many ways it is reminiscent of Finnish high school graduation caps, but its hexagonal shape, black bushy tassel, and gear wheel cockade communicate the carrier’s dignity and value from afar.

With this great distinction comes great responsibility – and rules. The tasseled cap is a summer cap, and therefore it can only be worn from 1.5. to 30.9.. During the winter, wearing the cap requires a valid reason, as well as a written permission from the Aalto University Student Union (AYY)’s Teekkari Section (Teekkarijaosto).

The Teekkari cap cannot be worn by just anyone – permission for its use must be earned. Every Fuksi that gathers enough Fuksi points during their first year of studies may place the cap on their heads at midnight on the potentially organized Wappu. Should enough points not be earned, the cap can be worn slightly later, after mothers’ day. In the fall the cap is removed during the Lakinlaskiaiset (lit. “cap downing”) event.

**Overalls**

Overalls are an accessory from which Teekkaris can be recognized. They are worn in several events in which participants move around in public as Teekkari. Every guild has its own overalls, and they are like a uniform for these guilds. Students traditionally decorate their overalls in several different ways, for example by sewing on patches that they have traded with others or by exchanging parts of their overalls. In some cases the location of a patch or overall piece may have a special meaning: for example, a pant leg is often exchanged between partners in a relationship.

The Computer Science Guild’s overalls are shiny and black, and are adorned with the guild’s unofficial @-logo on the back. As the story goes, the Computer Science Guild chose black as its color as its parent guild, the Guild of Electrical Engineering has white overalls, and an opposing color was wanted.

**Tempaus**

Tempaus is a way for Teekkaris to affect current affairs with a bit of humor, but still seriously.
The idea behind tempaus is to utilize the mass force of Teekkaris to bring attention to a common problem to a large audience. Sometimes a tempaus might involve raising money for public good. A tempaus can’t be organized just like that. In Otaniemi, a tempaus is called to action by a rugged-bearded engineer, whose call obligates all tasseled people to work together for the common good. This bearded man shouts irregularly roughly once a year. The last time a call went out was in 2016 for Tempaus2016, during which Aalto students visited almost 1500 primary schools across Finland to talk about the importance of education. Other well-known tempaus are Temppu66 from 1966, during which the Helsinki University of Technology (TKK, nowadays Aalto University) moved from Helsinki to the current Otaniemi campus, and the 2009 Mahtavaa! Ihanaa! Räjähtää! (“Amazing! Wonderful! Explosions!”) tempaus for the founding of Aalto University during which students created a massive human chain to link all the 3 Aalto campuses to signify solidarity. Should a tempaus be organized during your studies, you should definitely participate: they are unforgettable experiences!

**Sitsit**
Sitsit are an academic table party, where participants sit at tables and eat a three-course (entrée, main, and dessert) meal. The main point of sitsit, however, is to spend the evening in good company – and to sing! Sitsit also often include some activities and performances. Sitsit naturally also have their own sitsit-etiquette and general good behavior. There are many kinds of sitsit. There are fancy sitsit, where one dresses nicely and strives to behave most appropriately, without sacrificing fun. These kinds of sitsit usually include a dress code of dark suits for men and cocktail dresses for women. The second type of sitsit are themed, where the etiquette is slightly less strict and the dress code goes in accordance to the theme.

An excellent opportunity to introduce yourself to sitsit is the Fuksi Sitsit being held at the very beginning of the fall!

**Singing Culture**
Singing is an important part of Teekkari parties, and here Teekkaris are renowned for making up in enthusiasm for what they lack in talent. For this reason, for instance at academic dinners, songs are usually led by a Master of Ceremony who can actually sing them correctly. Singing culture is also evident in collaboration between Teekkaris, also in many Teekkari choirs, the best known of which, at least around Otaniemi, are the Polytech Choir and Dominante. To support this singing culture, several Teekkari songbooks have also been published, which contain numerous popular Teekkari songs from down the years.

During your Fuksi year you will experience and learn a lot about the Teekkari culture and traditions. Look forward to a chance to visit the Teekkari Museum on a guided tour!
Sauna Culture
Not exclusive to the student culture, but of course important in Finland in general. The most important thing is that you do, what feels good for you - the sauna is there to relax and enjoy. That means on the one hand that you can go in a swimsuit, even if many students here don’t need more than a towel to go to sauna at events. It means that you don’t ever have to go to sauna if you are uncomfortable with it. It also means that the sauna is a special place where we respect each others privacy - let other people be as they are, don’t make a big deal out of it. Whatever is the best way for you to have or not have a sauna, expect that people here will go often at events.

Wappu (May Day)
Wappu is the most important party of the year and involves different traditions depending on the area. At Otaniemi, these include the declaration of Wappu rowdiness on Wappu eve and permission to don the Teekkari cap at the stroke of midnight. At Otaniemi, the Wappu celebrations begin if and when the Fuksi Major decides to arrange Wappu. At Otaniemi, traditional signs of Wappu are a presentation of various pranks and tricks and the launch parties of the Wappu magazines, which should under no circumstances be missed in your Fuksi year! April promises many other great events, particularly for Fuksis, but let’s keep them secret until the spring...

Wappu Magazines
Teekaris’ Wappu magazines are a sure sign of spring and the coming of Wappu. Wappu magazines are humorous publications whose level of humour varies from head to toe. The proceeds from magazine sales support all kinds of Teekkari activities, all the way from building saunas to arranging concerts and comedy nights. Naturally, magazine sellers also receive a share of the profits. Selling Wappu magazines is, after all, a popular way for Teekaris to earn a little extra for the Wappu festivities. Wappu magazines vary from area to area, and at Otaniemi, since 1978, between Äpy and Julkku, which are published in alternate years. Next Wappu, it is the turn of Julkku.
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JULKU

Tennis is easy. It's not a racket science.
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<td>AK (Arkkitehtikilta)</td>
<td>Guild of Architecture</td>
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<td>Alvari</td>
<td>A student cafeteria in the undergraduate center and AYY’s office.</td>
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<td>Alvarin aukio</td>
<td>A grass park located between the undergraduate center and AYY’s office.</td>
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<td>Amfi</td>
<td>Amphi at Otakaari 1.</td>
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<td>ARTS</td>
<td>Aalto university School of Arts, Design and Architecture.</td>
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<td>The Guild of Automation and Systems Technology</td>
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<td>assistentti, assari</td>
<td>Course or research assistant, usually holds exercise sessions for courses.</td>
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<td>Athenes</td>
<td>The guild of information-networks students</td>
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<td>AYY</td>
<td>Aalto university’s student union</td>
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<td>AYY-kalenteri / AYY-calendar</td>
<td>Free booklet calendar, also student unions yearly information blast</td>
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<td>AYY services office in Otaniemi, located at Otakaari 11. You can handle all things related to the student union here.</td>
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<td>The School of Business</td>
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<td>CHEM</td>
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<td>Cännärit</td>
<td>Also called Cänniballs in earlier times. A big party organized by the Fuku of the computer science guild.</td>
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<td>DI (Diplomi-insinööri)</td>
<td>Finnish Master’s level academic degree. Official English translation is Master of Science.</td>
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<td>Dipoli</td>
<td>Official main building of Aalto university, also works as a celebration space.</td>
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<td>ELEC</td>
<td>School of Electrical Engineering</td>
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<td>ENG</td>
<td>School of Engineering</td>
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<td>Etro</td>
<td>Otaniemi’s grill, A.K.A. X-burger. Stays open until late into the night!</td>
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<td>excursio</td>
<td>Or excu, an excursion to a firm or to somewhere in the world.</td>
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<td>FK (Fyysikkokilta)</td>
<td>The guild of physics</td>
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<td>FTMK (Fuksitoomikunta)</td>
<td>Fuksi committee, formed by the Fuksi captains of the guilds, responsible for big events involving all Fuksis</td>
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<td>Fuksi</td>
<td>A technological student who studies the first time at Aalto, turns into a Teekkari after the first year.</td>
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<td>Fuksikapteeni / Fuksi captain</td>
<td>Leads the Finnish BA students through their first year. Organizes also events for you, in cooperation with others.</td>
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<td>Gorsu</td>
<td>A sauna in the basement of JMT S.</td>
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<td>HOPS</td>
<td>Personal study plan. Made by degree students at the start of their degree, but changeable later.</td>
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<td>HUT = TTK</td>
<td>Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University at 2011</td>
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<td>HY</td>
<td>University of Helsinki</td>
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<td>Helsingin Yliopiston Ylioppilaskunta</td>
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<td>IE (Isäntä ja Emäntä)</td>
<td>Host and Hostess of the Guild</td>
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<td>IK (Rakennus-insinöörikilta)</td>
<td>The Guild of Civil Engineers</td>
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<td>Inkubio</td>
<td>Guild of bioinformation technology</td>
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<td>Innopoli</td>
<td>Business center in Otaniemi</td>
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<td>ISO (henkilö) = Tutor</td>
<td>Student, who in addition to his/her/* own studies, helps Fuksis as good as he/she/* can.</td>
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<td>JMT (Jämeräntaival)</td>
<td>One of the streets in Otaniemi where students live</td>
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<td>Julku</td>
<td>Wappu magazine that is published in even years.</td>
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<td>jäynä</td>
<td>A good natured Teekkari style prank</td>
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<td>keto</td>
<td>= AYY office, at Otakaari 11</td>
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<td>KIK (Koneinsinöörikilta)</td>
<td>The Guild of Mechanical Engineers</td>
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<td>Kiltahuone, kiltis</td>
<td>Guild room. A room for all students in a guild.</td>
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<td>KK (Kemistikilta)</td>
<td>The Chemistry Guild</td>
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<td>Kvarkki</td>
<td>Student canteen in Otakaari 3</td>
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<td>KV- (Kansainvälisyyys-)</td>
<td>International</td>
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<td>KVTMK (Kansainvälisystoimikunta)</td>
<td>International Committee, formed by the international captains of the guilds, responsible for big events for the international community.</td>
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<td>KV-vastaava</td>
<td>International Captain. Is close to an equivalent of the Fuksi captain for international / Master students.</td>
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<td>KY (Kauppakorkeakoulun Ylioppilaskunta)</td>
<td>The Foundation for Business Students in Aalto University (KY Foundation)</td>
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<td>kylteri</td>
<td>A Business student in Aalto</td>
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<td>lafka</td>
<td>A school or a department in Aalto</td>
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<td>laskarit</td>
<td>Sessions organized by a course, where you can get help from the course assistants</td>
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<td>MD (Muistinnollaus)</td>
<td>“Memory reset”, The computer science guild’s annual celebration.</td>
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<td>Maarintalo, Maari</td>
<td>A building with a lot of computer classrooms, open 24/7 (if no pandemic).</td>
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**MK (Maanmittarikilta)** The Guild of Surveying Engineers

**museo** A museum showcasing the history of the Teekkari, holding many historical relics, located at JMT 3.

**MyCourses** A portal where you can find all information about your courses.

**n.th year student** Student who has been in the university over 4 years.

**OK20** A facility owned by AYY used for events. Is split in three rooms and has a sauna, located at Otakaari 20.

**Oodi** Former now SISU

**op (opintopiste), noppa,** Credit. A unit to measure study effort, courses have varying credits and one is equal to around 27 hours of work.

**Ossi** Ossi Törnönen, Teekkari villages first longtime-leader, Teekkari h.c

**Otaniemipeli, Otaniem Game** Guild's legendary drinking game played about twice a year.

**OUBS** A student association, that for example streams and records big student events in Otaniem.

**Päälafka, päräkennus, Undergraduate Center, main building** Otakaari 1, contains teaching & studying facilities and a canteen. Official main building before Dipoli, some people still call it the main building.

**Paniikki** Literally ‘Panic’ in English, a computer class located at CS-building, next to the guild room.

**PJK (Puunjalostajakilta)** Forest Products Guild

**Prodeko** The guild of Industrial Engineering and Management

**pruju** Teaching handout or more generally any copy.

**PT (Prosessiteekkarit)** The Association of Process Engineers

**Rantsu (Rantasauna)** “Beachsauna”, located in the student village near the shore, owned by AYY.

**rekursio** Recursion, see rekursio

**SCI** School of Science (You’re part of it!)

**SIK (Sähköinsinöörikilta)** Guild of Electrical Engineering

**sillis** A breakfast enjoyed after a party night, usually sitsit. Biggest sillis happens on Wappu at Ullanlinnamäki.

**SISU** Information system for studying and teaching (HOPS is made there)

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**Smökki** “Servin möikki”, Servi’s cottage, once a canteen but now frequently used for sitsit and parties.

**SMT, Servin Maijan tie** Road in Otaniem

**speksi** A musical with humour in which the audience can participate by shouting “Omstart!”

**Teekkari** One who has earned the tassel, an engineer. Usual evolution from Fuksi.

**Teekkari h.c. (honoris causa)** A honorary Teekkari title, can also be granted to non-Teekkaris.

**Teekkari village** The student village, an area in Otaniem where around 2500 students live.

**Teekkarilakki, Teekkari Cap** Waiting for you, earliest at Wappu.

**Teekkariperinneviikko, Teekkari tradition week** First week of december, when we celebrate the Teekkari traditions, the climax is the Teekkari Tradtion party.

**TEK** Trade union of engineers and architects

**Telegram** Mobile chat program which almost everyone uses in Otaniem

**TF** Teknologföreningen (“Täffä”), swedish speaking students society at Aalto University. Also canteen, famous for it’s wednesday pasta.

**TIK (Tietokilta)** Literally “Knowledge Guild”, actually computer science guild, your guild!

**TKK = HUT** Helsinki University of Technology, merged into Aalto University at 2011

**TKY** The student union of Helsinki University of Technology.

**TOKYO** A student organization which aims to bring together students of Aalto Universitys school of Arts, Design and Architecture.

**Trinet** Campus area network

**T-talo, CS-building** The computer science building

**TUAS** Building behind T-talo, lecture halls.

**Tupsufuksi, tassel Fuksi** Second year student (a Teekkari, despite the name)

**Tutor = ISO** Big building, home for ARTS. Connected to A-Bloc and BIZ building. A-Bloc and Väre also used as synonym for the whole building complex. Metro station is underneath.

**Väre** Information system for studying and teaching (HOPS is made there)

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Where to get information?

**Telegram**

Telegram is the main communication platform used in Otaniemi. All guilds and associations have their own telegram groups where they announce upcoming events and help each other.

Remember to join the international fuki chat of Tietokilta by scanning the QR code or clicking the link: https://t.me/+Micvb0V5dV81OGNk

You don’t need a smartphone to use Telegram. Additional information on using Telegram is available at www.telegram.org/

Here are a few more links to Telegram groups:
https://t.me/aaltomarketplace
https://t.me/annetaantavaraa
for buying and selling things like furniture, for example.

English info and guild groups:
https://t.me/TiKinternationalinfo
https://t.me/tikenglish

**E-Mail**

You will receive e-mails from the university and the international captain. In case you become a member of the guild you can ensure to end up on the mailing list of Tietokilta to receive the weekly newsletter. Especially after the first year it’s an important source of information since noone else will tell you about ongoing stuff anymore.

Emails are often used for university announcements. You will receive important announcements and instructions by email, so check for messages from your school on a daily basis!

**The guild’s website**

At www.tietokilta.fi you will find information about upcoming events. While the english side of the web page might seem lacking, our new page will have more information (when they are finished that is...)

**Kide.app**

Kide.app is a platform for buying, using and sending tickets to certain events. Starting from Fall 2023, the guild membership is paid through Kide.app so make sure to download it! Being a member of the guild is mandatory if you wish to attend our events.

https://kide.app/memberships/27218669-d5e2-42d1-9e76-358062290ca1
Dissonansssi is a mixed choir from Otaniemi singing diverse music all the way from renaissance to glam metal — without forgetting to have fun!

More info on auditions will be posted later, follow us so you don't miss it!

https://dissonansssi.fi/en/

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dissonanssikuoro
1. Undergraduate Center, main building
2. Main library
3. AYY’s office
4. Väre and A-Bloc
5. Dipoli
6. Otahalli
7. Täffä
8. T-talo, CS-building
9. TUAS
10. Maarintalo
11. Smökki
12. Rantasauna or Rantsu
13. YTHS / FSHS
14. Ossinsauna
15. Niemenkärki / cape corner

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Checklist

Before I move to campus (before mid to end of august)
» I have acquired or applied for an apartment in Helsinki Metropolitan area
» I have the official documents necessary for me to enter Finland, study, live...
» I have organized my journey to Finland (booked a flight)
» I have joined the telegram group for International Fuksis 2023
» I have enjoyed the summer and prepared for the semester

Before the beginning of school (before 28.08)
» I have paid the AYY membership fee in time for my program
» I have paid the membership fee for Tietokilta / CS-guild
» I have figured out the best way for me to travel around the area
» I go to the headstart event on the 26.8

On the first day (Monday 28.08.)
» In the afternoon I arrive in time at the announced location
» I know the group letter of my tutor group
» I have AYY’s membership fee receipt with me
» I have money for lunch and beverages
» I have my identity card with me
» I have time until night
» I have clothes to spend the night by the campfire
» I know how to get home after the day

During the first weeks
» I have the (electronic) student card / AYY’s membership fee receipt with me
» I have the HSL card / app, if I need with student status for discount
» I read the incoming information in chats
» I have an open-minded and happy attitude
» I am free during the evenings / nights and ready to meet new people