

Students' Rights vol. "if you know nothing else, know these"

As an Aalto University student, you have certain rights based on the [Universities Act](#) and [Aalto University General Regulations on Teaching and Studying](#). This document summarizes some of these specific rights. For those interested, more detailed versions of the rights can be found in the original sources. The text in *italics* is quoted directly from the sources.

Evaluation of Study Attainments

- Section 30: *The weight of individual study attainments in the final grade for a course shall be announced to students at the start of the course at the latest; the factors counted in the grading shall be announced for each assigned study attainment no later than at the time the assignment is given.*

Information of the Evaluation of Study Attainments

- Section 30: *Within four weeks of the examination date or other due date given for a study attainment, all students of the course are informed of their own grade for the course.*
- Section 30: *At the same time, the teacher is to inform students how and when they will be given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the grading criteria and with the application of those criteria to their own performance. In connection with the final evaluation for the course, students should be informed about how those who failed the course may retake it and how a passing grade for the course may be raised.*

Rectification of the Evaluation of Study Attainments

- Section 44: *Students may appeal orally or in writing against an evaluation of a study attainment --. The rectification request concerning a grade of a study attainment shall be submitted to the teacher or body that performed the evaluation; the submission must take place within 14 days of the date on which the student has been offered the opportunity to see the results and the evaluation criteria applied to their study attainment.*

Retaking Study Attainments

- Section 22: *Students may retake a course they have not passed for as long as an opportunity for retaking the course is available. Students may retake a passed course only once in order to get a higher grade as long as an opportunity for retaking the course is available.*
- Section 22: *Students who have participated in a course may retake a failed or passed examination or other study attainment required for the course without retaking the entire course if the possibility to retake that study attainment is offered by the course.*

Language of Study Attainments ([Aalto University Guidelines on the Languages of the Degrees and Instruction](#))

- *Student may complete study attainments in Finnish or Swedish in courses that are included in the programme's joint studies in the programmes whose language of the degree is Finnish/Swedish in the fields of technology.*
- *In the fields of technology, in courses in Finnish, student may always complete study attainments also in Swedish -- unless there is a linguistically parallel course.*
- *Regarding courses in which student has the right to complete study attainments in national languages, student as a rule has the right to receive the study assignments, examination questions or similar also in Finnish and -- in Swedish in the fields of technology. Courses may also utilize study assignments and materials related to them which are not offered in different languages.*
- If you wish to take the exam in a language other than the language of instruction, you must indicate this at the latest when registering for the exam ([Aalto University Examination Guidelines](#)).

Right to Study Fluently

- Section 40: *The university must arrange tuition and study guidance so as to enable full-time students to complete their degrees within the prescribed normative time (Universities Act)*.*
- Section 24: *Accessibility must be considered in curriculum design and teaching to ensure unhindered progress in studies for all students.* More information: [Individual Study Arrangements](#)

*Legally binding only in Finnish and Swedish.

What should I do if I notice a problem with my rights?

On a practical level, if you encounter a problem, it is a good idea to try to resolve it harmoniously with the staff responsible for your study attainment. However, if this does not help, you can contact the Master of Academic Affairs in your guild. In more serious situations, you can also contact the SCI Manager of Academic Affairs, Mari Knuuttila, directly.

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