

GUILD GUIDE

2017



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FOREWORD

Hello,

In your hand you are now holding the new Guild Guide 2017. This guide is designed by the International Team of Aalto University School of Engineering, or ENG, to introduce the guilds and student life in Otaniemi.

Under each topic you will find information on the actors of the guilds, what our guilds have to offer to you and how other students have experienced them. Read this guide with enthusiasm, because it really helps you to understand the many kinds of activities we offer.

On the behalf of the three guilds of ENG: the Guild of Civil Engineers, the Guild of Mechanical Engineers and the Guild of Surveying Engineers, we would like to congratulate you on the place you have got. We are happy that you have chosen to come to Aalto! We strongly encourage you to be active in your guild, as it is by far the best way to meet Finnish students and make long-lasting friends.

We hope that you will settle in well and enjoy your stay with us.

Welcome to Finland and Aalto University!

ENG?

The School of Engineering, one of the six Schools within Aalto University. We study mechanical, civil, environmental, energy, geoinformatics and transportation engineering, as well as real estate economics.

Teekkari?

Student of technology, i.e. us. Can sometimes be identified by their colorful overalls and tasseled white cap.

Guild?

AYY associations that gather students inside the different departments of the Schools. Make sure you check which guild you're part of.

KIK

Short for "Koneinsinööriklita", The Guild of Mechanical Engineers.

IK

Short for "Rakennusinsinööriklita" (originally "Insinööriklubi"), The Guild of Civil Engineers.

MK

Short for "Maanmittariklita", The Guild of Surveying Engineers.

WELCOME TO FINLAND AND AALTO-UNIVERSITY!

Welcome to the Finnish student life of Otaniemi, where people wear funny overalls and distinctive white, tasseled caps. Otaniemi is the heart of a thriving student community with various sovereign associations to represent you and guide you towards an amazing stay in Finland.

The Aalto University Student Union (Aalto-yliopiston ylioppilaskunta, AYY) is a 15,000 members strong self-governing public student organization whose status is defined in the Finnish Universities Act. Students of most departments have founded their own associations over the years. Being a teekkari has 145 years of history and all ENG's guilds are over 100 years old. Finland as an independent country will turn 100 years in December, 2017. So you can be part of a long history of student life! Nobody will force you, but participating in other activities besides your official studies will enrich the experience for everyone, first and foremost for yourself. Perhaps you too will become a true teekkari and get your very own tasseled cap! To become a true teekkari you have to show enthusiasm towards teekkari culture and participate in specific events. You will get more information once you get here :)

The big difference between student culture in Finland (this crazy country of sauna, sisu and salmiakki) and most other countries is how much the students do here themselves. Guilds' boards, all the other associations and student events are organized by volunteers. Remember this when your tutors might be picking you up from the airport, picking up your new home keys and helping you get to know Otaniemi :)





WHAT THE GUILDS OFFER

The Guild Room

The guild room can be called the guild's heart. It's a place where the members of the guild can be found almost at any time of the day (sometimes even when they are supposed to be somewhere else). The atmosphere is cozy and welcoming and as an international student it's an awesome place for you to meet and get to know other students. As a member of the guild, the guild room offers you many kinds of benefits ranging from cheap coffee and comfy sofas to a study area with computers and a photocopier. Usually someone from the guild board will also be there to help you with official matters, such as joining the guild or buying overalls.

The Events

Parties, sitsit, cruises... The guilds organize many kinds of events during the academic year. Sitsit is an academic dinner party where the night starts with a complete dinner and ends with an afterparty. The main focus is not on eating, but on enjoying singing, good drinks and great company. Often the parties involve going to sauna. The guilds of ENG provide a weekly newsletter for our international students. There you can get more information about these events so make sure to follow them.

Sports

The guilds have many teams in different sports, for example floorball, volleyball and basketball, which you are welcome to join. In addition to that, various sports-related events are organized throughout the year.

Company Presentations

Every once in a while companies come to our campus to present themselves. Usually these evenings include a brief presentation about the company, time to ask questions, and most of the time some dinner and almost always a sauna.

Excursions

The guilds' excursions masters regularly organize company visits, which usually entail a company presentation as well as a tour around their site. Often after the official part there is a meal or sauna involved. Excursions are a great way to get a feel for the Finnish industry and make contacts.

Divisions

Each guild has several divisions that are there for all those who want to take part in the action without tying themselves down too much. Whatever you want to do, there's a division for it: sports, culture, mechanical workshop, writing, singing... Each division also has a coordinator or a director who guides the activities and keeps in contact with the guild's board.

Overalls

Overalls are the distinctive clothes Finnish students wear in specific events. They will enable you to join the action and not worry about dirtying your own clothes as they will preserve you from the harsh Finnish weather and possible crawling on the ground. In ENG, each guild has it's own specific colour. The overalls are a great way to integrate in the student life in Otaniemi so we recommend you all to get them. After that you can start collecting badges and fill your overalls with them making them more personal. Badges will be sold by the guilds and in most of the events. Remember that when you're wearing the overalls you're representing your guild as a whole , as well as Aalto University.



THE ENG GUILDS



The Guild of Mechanical Engineers

Koneinsinööriklta, KIK

kik.ayy.fi



The Guild of Mechanical Engineers was founded in 1915 for students of mechanical and energy engineering, but since the Bachelor's program reform of 2013, the guild has welcomed mechanical and building engineers. It is the biggest guild in Aalto University, with about 1,000 members. Even with 102 years of history, it is still the youngest guild in the School of Engineering!

KIK is known for its pink overalls, as it is the only engineering student organization with this distinct color. The Guild of Mechanical Engineers also offers a wide range of services to make the members' lives easier in both their studies and free time. The services include for instance the guild room, a van, a welding machine, and job announcements. Active and visible, the guild can often be seen in the media as well: with the Workshop Division's crazy sledding vehicles and the guild's reconditioned, pink caterpillar tractor the guild has caught the attention of the public.

KIK's guild room is located in the main building of Mechanical Technology (K1, Otakaari 4), on the ground floor, opposite to the restaurant. There members can hang out, enjoy free coffee and even play darts!

The Guild of Civil Engineers
Rakennusinsinöörilta, IK
ik.ayy.fi



The Guild of Civil Engineers was established in 1913 with the name Insinöörikлубi, hence the abbreviation, IK. With 103 years of history the guild has long and distinguished traditions. IK represents all the students of Civil Engineering. Students joining the guild study Energy Technology, Water and Environmental Engineering, Geoengineering and Geoinformatics.

Members of the guild can be recognized from their dark blue overalls, while environmental engineers also have a green sleeve. As of 2013, however, all new students receive overalls with a green pocket and a green sleeve, as the freshmen consist of a single Bachelor's program. The guild room is located at the main building of Mechanical Technology (K1, Otakaari 4), on the same floor as MK's guild room. You're more than welcome to come and play Rocket League or NHL!

The Guild of Surveying Engineers
Maanmittarilta, MK
mk.ayy.fi



The Guild of Surveying Engineers, founded in 1901, is the second oldest guild after the Chemistry Guild (1891). MK members commonly study in the department of Real Estate and Spatial Planning. New master's students who study Real Estate Economics, Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering or Creative Sustainability should join MK. The guild's motto: "One guild, one big family", emphasizes how close-knit and full of love our guild members are. This is emphasized in the number of members in the guild (about 400), but the smaller the group the closer it becomes.

You can recognize a surveyor from their matte black overalls with a coloured sleeve. For students in the old program it's dark green or red and for the new program it is bright pink! MK's guild room is located at the main building of Mechanical Technology (K1, Otakaari 4). The entrance is outside, walk down the stairs located left from the main doors and you'll find the signs. There you can hang out, enjoy coffee and become a part of the family!

ENG INTERNATIONAL TEAM

-KIK-

Hey all!

My name is Milla and I will be Master Captain for those who will study Mechanical Engineering and Building Technology. I will organize events with other ENG international representatives and with the International Committee. We hope that during your stay you will get to know a lot of wonderful people and get to know something about Finland, the country of thousands of lakes. On my free time I love travelling (I just went around the globe), doing some sports (cheerleading, orienteering, diving etc.) and cooking.

This autumn I will already start my fifth year in my studies of mechanical engineering. I did my own exchange in Taiwan in autumn 2016, and I know how it feels to go to different culture. I can't encourage you enough to make wonderful international friends! I really hope you will enjoy your time in Finland!

I'm a member of the board of the Guild of Mechanical Engineers. Here is my board in our annual party and you're more than welcome to come to talk to us!

We are waiting for you!

Love,
Milla



ENG INTERNATIONAL TEAM

-IK-

Hi everyone!

My name is Silja and I'm the Master Captain for those who study Energy Technology, Water and Environmental Engineering, Geoengineering and Geoinformatics. I'm 20 years old and I will be starting my third year of studies next fall. I can honestly say that these past two years have been the most fun I've ever had, and can only hope that I can make your experience here as memorable as mine has been.

I went to high school in Beijing, and those four years made me a little less Finnish. I slip in and out of my weird American accent a bit too often and I get lost in Helsinki all the time, even though I'm from there. However, I still think I can help you get the most Finnish experience possible, and I will try and introduce not just the student life in Otaniemi, but also Espoo, Helsinki and Finland overall as well as I can.

Together with the International Committee and the other international representatives from ENG guilds I will organize a lot of awesome events, so you can get to know as many amazing people as possible. I hope you can find your own international family here, and I hope by the end you'll love Finland and Otaniemi as much as I do.

Here is also a picture of the board of IK, the guild of civil engineering. You can always come and talk to me about anything, but if you see any of these people around know that you're more than welcome to go talk to them too.

See you soon!

Love,
Silja



ENG INTERNATIONAL TEAM

-MK-

Hi everyone!

My name is Tiimari, but I'm known better as "Tintti". I'm the Master's Student Captain in the Guild of Surveying Engineers (Maanmittarikilta), so for those of you who come to study Real Estate Economics, Creative Sustainability or Spatial planning and Transportation Engineering. I'm 23 years old and starting my 4th year of studies, although I'm a bit ahead and therefore I have already started my master's degree studies in Real Estate Economics last year. However, you might still see me in the same courses with you as I have some courses incomplete.

In my leisure time I like to spend time with my friends and my guild members, they are just like a family to me and I hope that soon they will be like family to you too. I am a horse lover and spend a lot of time at the stables. I also do cross-fit and other sports.

Here you can also see a picture of the board of Surveying Engineers which I am a part of. We are all very happy to welcome you to Aalto and to the Guild of Surveying Engineers! If you have any questions, you can always ask me and all of the board members are also always happy to help as well as the other guild members which you will learn to know during your studies here. I strongly recommend you to participate actively in everything that might interest you at least a little bit, there are so many wonderful people to meet!

Hope to meet you soon!

Love,
Tintti



MESSAGE FROM TUTOR

Hi all!

I'm Veijo, your Master Tutor Coordinator from the Guild of Mechanical Engineers, KIK. I'm responsible for those wonderful guys, Tutors, who are helping to make your stay and student life in Finland great! Together with the tutors, we will arrange lot of great and fun events for you. I've been the past two years a tutor, tutor for finnish students, and then for International students. So, don't worry, you're in good hands! ;)

My main responsibility is to coordinate the tutors, who will help you getting settled in university life in Otaniemi. Don't hesitate to contact them in any matter! While writing this, I'm finishing my 3rd year here studying Mechanical and Structural Engineering and will be starting my Master studies in autumn, so some of you will probably see me on some lectures with you.

And now, about those tutors. They will be your main point of contact. You will meet them at the airport and they will guide you to your place of stay. They will introduce you studentlife, but more important, they will introduce you to the guilds. They volunteered to do this and they're all excited that you're arriving. If you need me for some matter, feel free to contact, but you'll probably see me a lot during the year anyway.

See you soon,
Veijo

Master Tutor Coordinator



AA-CLUBS

Professional Subject Associations

Often called "AA clubs" (short for ammattiainekerho but in some other contexts AA means anonymous alcoholics...), these associations are not for recovering addicts but rather for students who wish to deepen their connection to a specific subject. The guilds are relatively large organizations catering to everyone, but here you can connect with likeminded people and go on fascinating excursions. Of course, nothing stops you from joining several of them if you are interested! Most of the activity is in Finnish, but just ask and you'll surely get help.



MVR-kerho <<http://mvr.ayy.fi>>, Geotechnical and Hydraulic Engineering

AKVA <<http://akva.ayy.fi>>, Environmental and Water Resources Engineering



Poligoni <<http://poligoni.ayy.fi>>, Geoinformatics

LVI-kerho <<http://lvi.ayy.fi>>, HVAC Engineering





Lämpövoimakerho <<http://lvk.ayy.fi>>, Energy Engineering

Fundi <<http://fundi.fi>>, Real Estate Economics



AMMATTIAINEKERHO
LIIKENNEAKATEMIA
LINKKI RY

Liikenneakatemia <<http://linkki.ayy.fi>>,
Transportation Engineering

Laivanrakentajain kerho <<http://lrk.ayy.fi>>, Naval Architecture

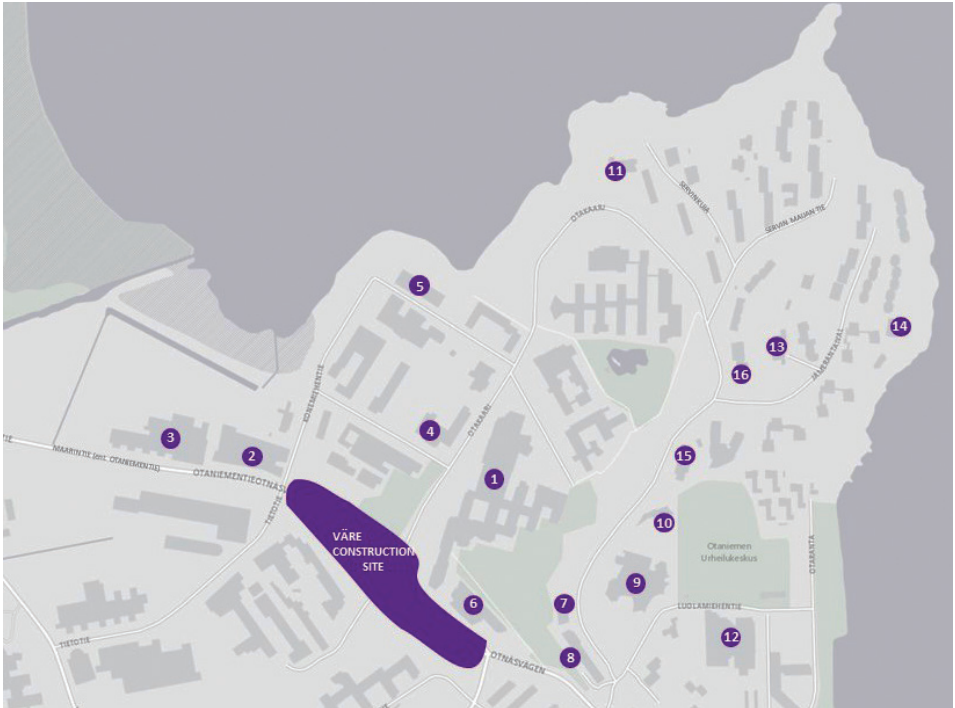


VTK <<http://www.valmistustekniikankerho.com>>
Production Technology

ROPO <<http://ropo.ayy.fi>>, Construction Economics



MAP OF OTANIEMI



1. Undergraduate center, Main Building
2. T-Building
3. TUAS-Building
4. Kone-building, Guild rooms
5. Maari-Building
6. Library, also known as Harald Herlin learning center
7. AYY service point
8. Otaniemi Shopping Center (Alepa grocery store and pharmacy)
9. Dipoli
10. TF
11. FSHS
12. Otahalli (Unisport)
13. Smökki
14. Rantsu
15. OK20
16. Ossinkulma

HEAD STARTS

Head starts are traditional events which are held by guilds before the school year and orientation week starts. Head start is a great way to meet your fellow students and it makes the first official day of school much easier and less stressful when you already know someone. We really encourage you to participate in your guild's head start!

MAIK HEAD START:

MAIK is an association uniting the Aalto University Guilds of Surveying engineering, Architecture, and Civil engineering.

During the head start, you can acquaint yourself with how Finns traditionally spend summer in the forest, with sauna and plenty of new friends. At the head start, apart from Tutors and freshmen, there are also some older students as well. You should definitely come, if you're already in the country, and want to spend a relaxed weekend in forest landscapes, with some light-hearted prearranged programme.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1373934582686358/?fref=ts>

MK After work head start:

The Guild of Surveying Engineers has a casual after work head start on 31st of August starting at 4pm. This event is held at MK's guild room "Monttu", which is located in Kone 1 building's cellar floor in Otakaari 4, Espoo. The plan is to meet your tutors and other new master's students.

KIK HEAD START:

The Guild of Mechanical engineering has its head start on 26th of August starting at 5pm. Come to meet me, your tutors and other students. There will be a lot of bachelor degree students but you all are warmly welcome! It is held in Rantasauna in Otaniemi. There will be some outdoor games, then sauna and some food. Take your bathing suit and some cash with you.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/317939461967054/>



CHECKLIST AND LINKS

Before you arrive:

- Get a roof over your head. **THIS IS IMPORTANT:** Take the first offer you get! ayy.fi/en/housing/, apply for ayy's apartments: www.domo.ayy.fi and www.hoas.fi
- Remember to make the notice of moving.
- Reply to your tutors and keep in touch with them.
- Organise the pick-up of the keys to your apartment if the housing office is closed when you arrive.
- Find the best travel route between home and school. www.reittipas.fi/en
- Pack warm clothes with you, as well as a better suit or dress for more formal events.
- Check this page for more information! www.into.aalto.fi/display/enmastereng/

In the beginning of the autumn term:

- Enrol as an attending student and pay the AYY membership fee. Keep the receipt of payment with you at all times until you receive your student ID card (the receipt will function as its substitute)! <https://ayy.fi/en/students/membership-and-fees/>
- Get the public transportation travel card from a HSL (Helsinki Region Transport) service point and update it with student status. www.hsl.fi/en/
- Get the most out of the orientation week!
- Ask your tutor or a Master Student Captain about anything troubling you.
- Join the ENG International Facebook group. www.facebook.com/groups/268124393330397/
- Be active in your tutoring group, AYY and the different associations and get to know new people – studying is a lot more fun in good company!
- Get a telephone subscription or a pre paid card.
- Make sure you have a way to pay in Finland. It is always good to carry some cash, especially at student events. Cards work fine almost everywhere else.

FIRST WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday 4.9.

- 8-9 Breakfast @U2, Otakaari 1
- 9-10 Dean's Welcome @U2, Otakaari 1
- 10-12 Enrolment with your tutorgroup and lunch
- 12-16 Academic integration, @ lecture hall B, Otakaari 1
- 16-> Hanging with your tutorgroup and taking care of other matters
- 18-> Sauna evening with your guilds
- KIK @Rantsu, IK @OK20 downstairs, MK @Gorsu

Tuesday 5.9.

- 9-11 Introduction to your Master's programme @different halls
- 11-13 Hanging with your tutorgroup, lunch, and taking care of other matters
- 13-16 Introduction to your Master's programme @different halls
- 15-16 Teekkari Life
- (17-> KIK has a tug-a-war @Alvari square)
- 20-> Kaukkarit aka start of the semester -party @Smökki

Wednesday 6.9.

- 9-11 Introduction to your Master's programme @different halls
- (9-11 Exchange students orientation)
- 11-13 Hanging with your tutorgroup, lunch, and taking care of other matters
- 13-16 Introduction to your Master's programme @different halls
- 17-> Ota-orienteeing (Doing different association's check-point around Otaniemi and after party @Smökki)

Thursday 7.9.

- 9-11 Aalto orientation, services for students @Otakaari 1
- 11-13 Hanging with your tutorgroup, lunch, and taking care of other matters
- 13-> Aalto fair and taking care of other matters
- 18-> ENGhENGaround @OK20

Friday 8.9.

- 9-10 Esa Saarinen's lecture @U2, Otakaari 1
- 11-11.30 ENG master's photo
- 12-15 Hanging with your tutorgroup, lunch, and taking care of other matters
- 15-> Aalto Party
- 20-> Aalto After party @Dipoli

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