Master’s Programme in Global Management

Global Management/CEMS curriculum focuses on ways to identify and harness opportunities and solve challenges in a rapidly transforming global business environment. Teaching is based on cutting-edge academic knowledge and practical real-life cases in intensive corporate collaboration. The programme grows confident, agile and reflective decision makers.

The Master’s Programme in Global Management (GM) offers the students two highly prestigious qualifications: MSc in Economics and Business administration granted by Aalto University School of Business and CEMS Master’s in International Management (MIM) granted by CEMS, the Global Alliance in Management Education.

First year at Aalto University

During the first year of MSc studies, students complete a carefully selected set of specialisation area courses aimed to provide a basis to carry out the Master’s thesis work. The master’s thesis develops the students’ analytical skills and enables them to dig deeper into a topic of their interest.

Second year: CEMS MIM

The second year of the programme consists of the CEMS MIM studies, which follows the common CEMS MIM curricular content in place in all CEMS member schools. Students spend one semester at Aalto University and the other one at another prestigious CEMS school.

“CEMS truly was one of my best experiences at Aalto driving me to extend my understanding on responsible leadership and of course not to forget the amazing network and friends.”

“One of the best courses I have ever taken, the learning curve in this course was exponential.” (Meet the stage, CEMS exclusive course at Aalto)

“The topic was great and there was incredible support and commitment from the company side” (CEMS Business Project)

CEMS graduates have excellent and broad career prospects, 98% of graduates are employed immediately after graduation.

Active CEMS Club Helsinki and Alumni network

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Programme specific admissions requirements

REQUIRED PREVIOUS STUDIES
To be considered for admission the applicant must have completed at least 60 ECTS of business related studies.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
1) Language 1: English
Proficiency in English is an eligibility requirement for the programme. Acceptable proof of proficiency: https://www.cems.org/mim/how-to-apply/common-application-requirement. (Most applicants need to take an official English exam.)

2) Language 2: One of the CEMS languages
Please see the list in CEMS graduation requirements here: https://www.cems.org/mim/curriculum/language-graduation-requirements.
- This requirement is fulfilled if your mother tongue is one of the listed languages (Proof required), OR
- Proficiency at B1/B2 CEFR-level in one of the CEMS languages. Proof must be submitted with the application.

PHASE I: APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
1) Academic excellence
GPA of previous degree and assessment of overall study success. Applicants with a weighted GPA of previous degree lower than 3.50 (Finnish ECTS evaluation) are not eligible for admission. The ECTS verbal grade equivalent for GPA 3.50 is “very good” (ECTS grading scale 1-5; where 5 is the highest grade).

2) Motivation video
To demonstrate their motivation for studies in the programme the applicants are required to make a max. 2-minute video in English on the topic: ‘How will the Global Management programme together with CEMS MIM help me towards my professional goals?’, further divided into three questions:
• Why am I applying to this programme?
• Why would specifically the Global Management programme together with CEMS MIM advance my career?
• Why should I be selected?

3) CV
Including relevant education, work experience, extracurricular activities, international orientation as demonstrated by e.g. work, studies, or extracurricular activities abroad, participation in various international or inter-cultural activities in home country, and knowledge of and interest in learning foreign languages. Work experience in the CV must be documented by enclosing corresponding work/internship certificates. English translations of these are not required.

4) GMAT score (or comparable GRE score)
A GMAT or GRE test score is obligatory in admission group 2. The school requires a minimum score 550 in GMAT or equivalent GRE score. Programme level minimum requirement has not been set for GM, but CEMS students tend to have a GMAT score clearly above 600.
For the Finance specialisation area GMAT/GRE is required in both admission groups, with a minimum score of 650.

PHASE II: INTERVIEW AND FURTHER ASSESSMENT
Based on the evaluation in phase I, the best applicants are allotted a time for a Skype interview and further assessment, including a 5-minute presentation on a pre-assigned topic. The interview and assessment time given to each applicant is non-negotiable.

PHASE III: ALLOCATION TO SPECIALISATION AREAS
The selection of applicants into the programme is based on phases I and II described above. In the third phase, the applicants are allocated into one of the specialisation areas based on their ranking in phases I and II and the preference order indicated in their application form. Applicants can list up to six (1-6) specialisation areas in the order of preference. A selected applicant is offered a study place in the Global Management programme (including CEMS MIM) and one specialisation area.