



Aalto University

# Tuition Fees From the Perspective of Paying Students

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# Motivation

- Excellent education reputation
- Discovering new culture and study environment
- Opportunities for career development
- Expecting scholarship based on academic excellence for second year

# Tuition fee amount and payment

First year	Due Date	Amount
First Tuition installment	19 June	€ 15.000
Annual expenses		€ 7.480
Total amount 1		€ 22.480

Second year	Due Date	Amount
First Tuition installment	19 June	€ 15.000
Annual expenses		€ 7.480
Total amount 2		€ 22.480

Total:  
€ 44.560

# Tuition fee amount and payment

- The purchasing power in developing country is 3 ratio 1 as compared to Finland's currency
- Not everyone can receive external funding
- No academic scholarship

# Managing the fee payment

- Selling real estate property (parent's)
- Working part-time (posti, cleaning)
- Borrowing loan from relatives
- Condensing the study duration to one year to reduce fee amount
- Decreasing the monthly expenses to minimum (below €350)

# Integration and feelings

- Missing extra-curricular activities and events that help to integrate in Finnish community and working life
- Working along studies is challenging
- No time for learning the local language (Finnish) due to tight schedule
- Feeling stressed, no room for recreation and relaxation
- Feeling of inequality compared to other students; feeling like a "second-class student"

# Challenges

- No possibility to study courses outside the fixed study plan, no room for failure
- Excessive study load
- Thesis for the sake of thesis, because of limited time, not because I really liked the topic
- Completing studies on time, but this was possible at the cost of student mental, physical, social well-being
- No motivation to do exchange studies

# Concerns

- Uncertainty about life post-graduation?
- What happens if illness causes student to miss a study period?
- Paying full amount for the master's thesis duration
  - Not many funded thesis are available
- Not being able to complete the degree in time due to thesis.
  - Paying tuition all over again



# Suggestions

- Being considerate about the tuition amounts
  - Paying € 2000 for the first semester.
  - Next semester payment based on academic excellence.
- Paying in installments (per period or per semester) if liable to pay tuition.

# Thank You!