

Webinar: Study in Austria – Study Opportunities for Refugees

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About the OeAD – our tasks



On January 1st, 2021 Agency for Education and Internationalisation



... we support

mobility of 22,000 Austrian pupils, apprentices, students, teachers, lecturers & researchers and enable cooperation between science, schools and society



... we offer service

for more than 2,400 international scholarship holders and students as well as for 10,000 Erasmus+ participants in Austria per year



... we provide information

with our websites, publications and our databases (oead.at, grants.at, studyinaustria.at ...)



... we provide advice

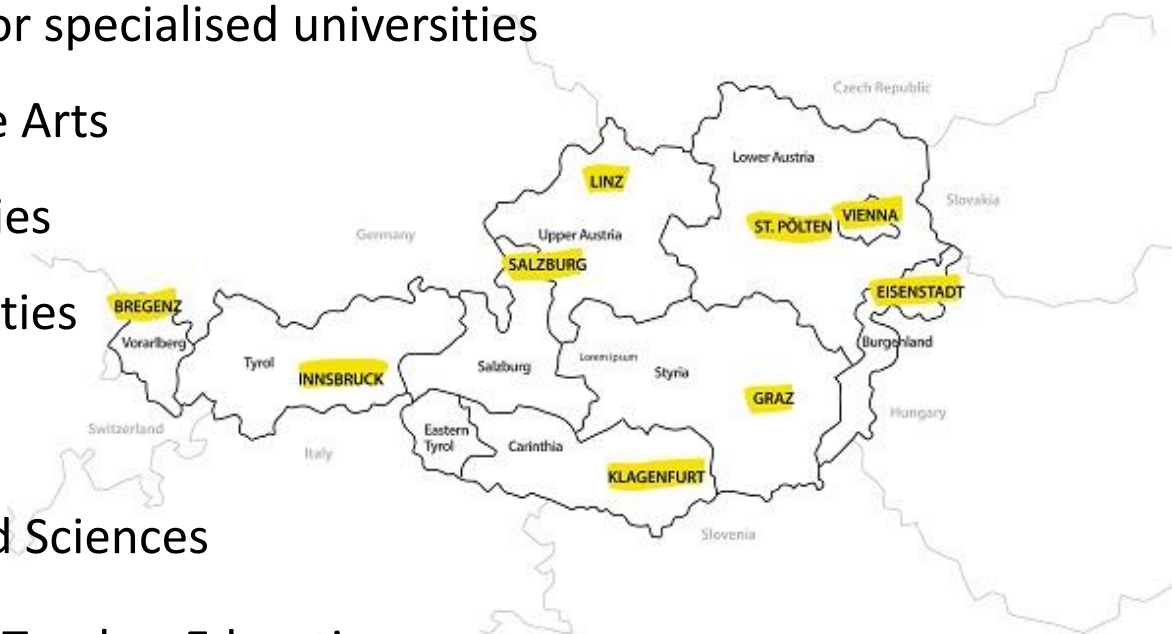
regarding all questions of educational mobility – independently, non-profit-oriented (3,500 enquiries regarding studying and research in Austria, 1,400 enquiries regarding entry and residence per year)

oead4refugees

- Information on higher education for recognized refugees, people in subsidiary protection; asylum seekers and people who have been granted temporary leave to remain
- Language lessons and certificates
- MORE – An initiative by Universities Austria (UNIKO) (MORE-Courses, MORE Perspectives)
- Initiatives for refugees at Universities of Applied Sciences
- Validation of an academic degree (Nostrifizierung)
- Other initiatives (peer-support, psycho-social support etc.)
 - Website www.studyinaustria.at/en/study/oead4refugees/
 - Facebook www.facebook.com/oead4refugees/

Higher Education Institutions

- 22 Public Universities
 - 10 comprehensive or specialised universities
 - 6 Universities of the Arts
 - 3 Medical Universities
 - 3 Technical Universities
- 16 Private Universities
- 21 Universities of Applied Sciences
- 14 University Colleges of Teacher Education



Resources

- www.studyinaustria.at
The website provides you with information on the higher education system, first tips, tuition fees and admission & living in Austria
- <https://studyinaustria.at/en/study/oead4refugees/>
Informationplattform for refugees who are going through an asylum procedure or who have already completed it who want to study or who would like to have an educational qualification recognized;
- Information about the Austrian education system in various languages
www.bildungssystem.at .
- All available study programmes: www.studienwahl.at/
- Grants.at: This database informs you about more than 1,200 funding options. It quickly yields all information about application requirements, duration, quota and amount of funding provided.

www.studienwahl.at/en

Study in Austria. Find your Programme

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Find your study programme in Austria

This database allows you to search for study options in Austria

- By programme /subjects
- By location
- By final degree
- By type of university (university or university of applied sciences)

International Study Programmes in Austria

- Choose from various programmes taught in English

www.studyinaustria.at

Grants / Scholarships

- **Austrian Database for Scholarships and Research Grants:**
www.grants.at is Austria's biggest online database for scholarships and research grants for all academic areas.
- Various grants and scholarships available
- www.grants.at provides information in German and English language



Grants.at – Austrian Database for Scholarships and Research Grants

grants.at

SEARCH TIPS

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ▾

WHAT IS GRANTS.AT?



Search by name

entries

Search by category

Country of origin: ▾

Target country: ▾

- Type of grant:
- Grants for whole degree programmes in the target country
 - Semester and/or one-year grants
 - Grants for summer courses
 - Practical trainings

- Subsidies, allowances
- Awards, prizes
- Research grants
- Research allowances

Target group: Undergraduates

PhD holders, post docs

Detailed search for

- Name
- Category (grant for a whole degree programme, semester or one-year grant, research grant, award, prize, practical training; research funding; grant for summer courses)
- Country of origin
- Target country
- Target group
- Study/research field

More than 1,200 funding options; contains grants of all Austrian and other relevant funding organisations (FWF, FFG, OeAW, ÖFG, Marshall Plan Foundation, universities, etc.)

Publications

Folder

Study in Austria

A brief Information Guide



Guide

Study in Austria

A brief Guide for International Students with all Study Programmes



Brochure HEI

Higher Education

Institutions in Austria



Available Study Programmes

- Bachelor's degree: Minimum duration 6-8 semesters
- Master's degree: Minimum duration 2-4 semesters
- Diploma programme: Minimum 4-6 years, depending on the programme. The degree is called Magister / Magistra or engineer (engineering studies only)
- Doctoral programme / PhD: minimum duration of 3 years

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements and registration deadlines:

- can vary
- contact the respective educational institution for information on admission requirements for your preferred study programme => admission office/Studienzulassung (university autonomy)
- entrance exams
- you can find all higher education institutions at:
www.studyinaustria.at/en/study/institutions/ &
www.studienwahl.at

Admission – Type of Enrolment

■ Enrol as a regular student

Applicants who fulfil all requirements and possess all necessary diplomas or certificates can enrol as **regular students**; => have access to all courses and exams and can earn a degree.

■ Enrol as non-degree students

Applicants who do not fulfil all requirements might join a University Preparation Programme in order to attain the missing qualifications.

Being a non-degree student gives you access to:

- Additional training needed for the validation of a foreign qualification (Nostrifizierung)
- Individual courses for refugees (like the MORE programme)
- Please note that non-degree students are not entitled to federal aid for students!

University Admission – Possible Conditions



- German language skills of **at least B2**, depending on the programme even up to C2 (some programmes are available in English)
=> consult www.studienwahl.at for further information
- **“Hochschulreife”**: The institution will compare your qualifications to Austrian standards before admitting you to a study programme;
=> proof of completed secondary level education;
if necessary => completion of additional classes (language skills, entrance exams)
- Admission to a **master's degree** requires a bachelor's degree or diploma degree from the same academic field.
- Admission to a **doctorate or PhD** requires a master's or diploma degree from the same academic field.

University Admission – Possible Conditions

- In case you plan to **continue a study program** that you started abroad and had to abandon, you might be able to get credit for successful exams. This will be determined by the institution.
- If you are an asylum seeker or you have been granted asylum or subsidiary protection you do not need an admission statement from a university in your home country.
- If you do not have the necessary certificates by the time you apply for admission to a study programme, the institution might enrol you as a **non-degree student**
=> You will be able to attend a University Preparation Programme and continue studying as a regular student after completing it.

Universities of Applied Sciences – Admission

Possible Conditions



Prerequisite for the admission for a **bachelor's programme**

- The general university entrance qualification (an equivalent secondary school leaving certificate) or
- Relevant professional qualification
- Some degree programmes also require proof of sufficient knowledge of the German language
- All applicants have to undergo an entrance procedure

For master's programmes

- Successful completion of at least a 6 semester specialised relevant Bachelor's degree (min 180 ECTS)

Please contact the respective educational institution for information on admission requirements for your preferred study programme!

University Preparation Programmes

Offer intensive courses for foreign university applicants to prepare them for supplementary examinations prescribed by the universities.

University Preparation Programmes are offered in the cities of Vienna, Graz and Leoben.

The institutions offer **courses** in the following:

- German as a foreign language
- English, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, history, geography

Important to know:

- You can only enrol in a University Preparation Programme German course if you have already been admitted by an Austrian university.
- If your selected study programme is mainly held in German, it is necessary to prove a German level of at least A2 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, CEFR) in order to be admitted to a University Preparation Programme German course.

Please enquire at your prospective university which language diplomas are accepted.

More information: www.vorstudienlehrgang.at/

Tuition Fees

- Public universities do not charge tuition fees for the minimum duration of the respective study programme plus two semesters if students are Austrian nationals or have the same status. => Afterwards, a tuition fee of € 363.36 will be charged.
- Tuition fees for third countries (non-EU/EEA member countries) is € 726.72
- Universities of applied sciences are entitled to charge tuition fees.
- Tuition fees for private universities and university colleges of teacher education differ from one institution to the next.

Financial Support

- **Students are not entitled to receive the "Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung BMS"**, as recipients are expected to be available for job placement through the Public Employment Service Austria AMS.
- **Regular students might be eligible for federal aid.** Non-degree students are not entitled to receive BMS or federal aid.
- **Studienbeihilfe (Federal aid for students):**
Regular students can apply for federal aid when in need of financial support but please note that not every student is eligible. Financial support, if granted, is paid monthly by the Austrian Study Grant Authority (Studienbeihilfenbehörde). More information can be found www.stipendium.at/.
 - Non-degree students are not eligible.
 - Asylum seekers and students who have been granted temporary leave to remain are not entitled to federal aid for students.
 - Eligible students have to provide evidence of academic success.

Contact: www.stipendium.at/links/kontakt

Financial Support

- **Austrian Database for Scholarships and Research Grants:**
www.grants.at is Austria's biggest online database for scholarships and research grants for all academic areas.
- **Social Fund of the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH):**
single payment; maximum of 1200 € per year, depending on the student's extent of social need and the Fund's budgetary situation
www.grants.at/en/?=MzA1NDZfMzlyMTBfMA==
Contact: oeh@oeh.ac.at

Liese Prokop Scholarship for recognised refugees (ÖIF, Austrian Integration Fund)

- **Target group:**
Undergraduates, Graduates, Postgraduates, PhD students, PhD holders, post docs
- **Area of study or research:**
Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences, Human Medicine, Health Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts
- **Grant benefit paid:**
 - € 300 per month (1 year)
 - Refund of study fees, of the costs of the University preparation programme and of travel costs for attending ÖIF events and appointments
 - Participation in ÖIF events
 - ÖIF services
- **Application Deadline:** the latest June 26, 2020

www.integrationsfonds.at/stipendium/liese-prokop-stipendium

Funding for the University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities:

- **Organisation:** University of Vienna (Admission office/Office Studienpräses)
Reimbursement of the VWU German course fee for asylum seekers and persons entitled to asylum.
Asylum seekers and persons entitled to asylum whose asylum application was submitted after December 31, 2014 in the Republic of Austria and who want to study in Austria.
- **Required criteria:** Admission requirements for studying at the University of Vienna have to be met.
German language skills at A2 level are required

More information:

<https://studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/stipendien/stipendien-fuer-asylwerberinnen-und-asylberechtigter/>

Contact

Email: stipendium@univie.ac.at

German Courses

- Recognised refugees and people who have been granted subsidiary protection have access to public funding for language courses.
- Language courses are offered by various providers, many of them for profit.
- **The Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)** supports recognised refugees and people who have been granted subsidiary protection through funding for literacy, elementary (A1, A2) and advanced courses (B1).
More information at www.integrationsfonds.at/sprache
- **The ÖSD** offers language exams at levels A1 – C2. They are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages; online test trainings; more information at www.osd.at/
- **Language course funding by the Public Employment Service Austria AMS:** The AMS supports recognised refugees and people who have been granted subsidiary protection. More information: www.ams.at/
- **More information** on language courses:
www.studyinaustria.at/en/study/oead4refugees/

MORE – Programme

An initiative by Universities Austria uniko

- More-Courses offer refugees access to selected courses at state universities in Austria.
- Participants are admitted as **non-degree students** and might be able to pursue a degree later on.
- MORE is open to asylum-seekers, recognised refugees, people who have been granted subsidiary protection and people who have been granted temporary leave to remain ("Duldung").
- Among the benefits:
 - Admission as a non-degree student
 - Tuition fee waiver
 - Access to the university library
 - Support in the day to day life by student buddies
 - Where possible support for travel expenses and expenses for teaching materials can be provided

More information:

uniko.ac.at/themen/more/
www.studyinaustria.at/en/study/oead4refugees/

Validation of an Academic Degree (Nostrifizierung)

- Validation is the conversion of a foreign university degree into a corresponding (bachelor's, master's, diploma or doctor's) Austrian one by the organ in charge of study affairs at a university or university of applied sciences.
- Academic degrees are validated for **work purposes only**, you will need a "Nostrifizierung" for certain professional fields; more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/regprof/index.cfm?action=regprofs>
Example: If you have a medical degree and would like to work in Austria as a medical doctor, the degree will have to be validated.
- People who have been granted **temporary leave to remain** do not have a work permit for Austria and **cannot validate an academic degree**.
- **Asylum seekers** are currently not allowed to work in the professions that are affected and **cannot validate an academic degree**.

Validation of an Academic Degree (Nostrifizierung)

How does it work:

- Submit an application to an Austrian university, university of applied sciences or public university college of teacher education that offers a comparable study programme;
- The institution will verify whether your degree is comparable with the respective Austrian degree; => You might be asked to undergo additional training as a non-degree student;
- If the validation is denied, you might still be able to enrol in a comparable study programme and receive credit for parts of your previous studies.

For more information about the validation of a degree please visit these websites:

- www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/HS-Uni/Studium/Anerkennung/Nostrifizierung.html (in German)
- [Recognition Information Application System \(AAIS\): www.aais.at/](http://www.aais.at/)
- [Recognition Guide Austria: www.berufsanerkennung.at/](http://www.berufsanerkennung.at/)

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