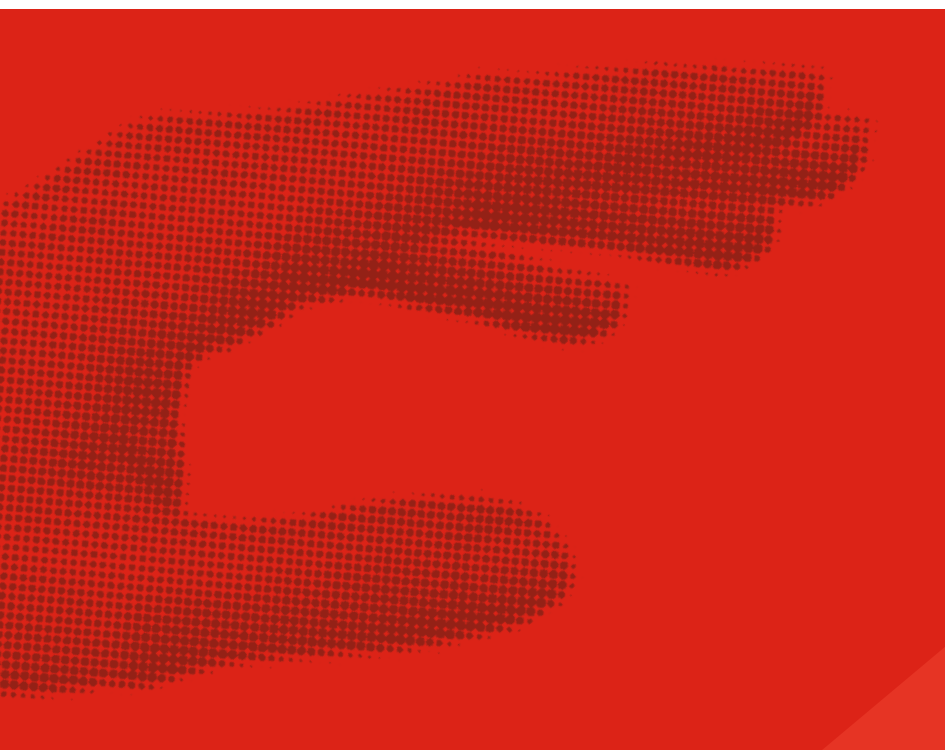


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Live, learn and work in Upper Austria

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is Yours.

But Which One
Will You Choose?



Will You Play a Leading
Role in the Economy?



Will You Solve the
Mysteries of Nature?



Will You Be AI's Best
Friend and Mentor?



Will You Contribute to
the Beauty of the World?

Come2Upper Austria: Your helping friend

Hello and griß di! We are very pleased that Upper Austria is the state of your choice to start your degree programme and shape your future with an excellent education in one of the most liveable corners of the world.

Moving to a new country is always challenging, especially when you need to learn a new language and familiarize yourself with a new culture. The Come2Upper Austria Service Center is there to provide you the answers you need. We offer international students advice and support on many topics that will help you take your first steps and discover all the possibilities that are awaiting you in Upper Austria.

Our experts will provide you with comprehensive information in English, such as the following:

- We act as a hub for all relevant institutions and authorities in Upper Austria, e. g. the municipal authorities or insurers.

- Events: You need specific information on the Austrian insurance or tax system? Our network will connect you with the right experts.
- Social evenings: Get in touch with inspiring Upper Austrians and other internationals as a member of our network. It's fun to be there.
- Study guide: Last but not least, this smart booklet that you are holding in your hands is our special service for students. Find all the information you need to prepare yourself for a new chapter in your life.

We wish you a successful start!

Website tip:

www.come2upperaustria.com/study/study-options

**Come2
Upper Austria**



Upper Austria is a region that offers numerous opportunities regarding your education, career, health and wellbeing. The standard of living is among the highest in the world. There are very few places in the world that combine so many benefits in terms of modern life, economic growth, cultural events and natural treasures as Upper Austria. Come and see for yourself!

Modern education

Upper Austria combines a long tradition in higher education with modern institutions offering a broad range of degree programmes. You can choose between research-based courses at the JKU, world-famous education at the University of Art and Design, excellent practice-oriented degree courses at the Universities of Applied Sciences, as well as outstanding teacher education and innovative courses at private universities.

Strong economy offering a number of jobs

With a well-developed social market economy, Austria is one of the most prosperous countries in the world in terms of GDP (gross domestic product) per capita. Upper Austria is home to many important industries, such as vehicles and automotive components, mechanical engineering, plant construction, environmental technology, metal production and processing, eco-energy and many more besides. Economic growth is sustainable and steady, which results in numerous attractive jobs for young people willing to advance their careers. Many companies offer summer internships for students, which is the ideal opportunity for you to establish new contacts and gain many valuable insights. Some technical companies sponsor theses on specific topics of relevance to their line of business. As a rule, the programmes are advertised directly by the respective universities.

A land of opportunities

Beautiful nature

Crystal clear lakes for swimming, breathtaking mountain peaks for hiking, gentle hills covered by forests and the inviting plains along the Danube, Europe's longest river: Upper Austria's nature invites you to discover beautiful places and go on adventures the whole year round. Many leisure activities and outdoor sports await you, just follow your interests. Mountain biking, water sports, cycling and, of course, skiing! Race down the hills in the footsteps of the world's greatest skiing champions. Upper Austria is waiting for you.

Social welfare

As one of the most highly developed countries in the world, Austria boasts a social security system which provides assistance in all sorts of personal circumstances such as illness, maternity, unemployment, old age, social hardship and many others. Those with higher incomes help to fund

benefits for those with lower incomes as they pay higher taxes and social insurance contributions. The state offers many services either completely free of charge or at an affordable price, such as kindergartens, schools, universities and many more. Universal and mandatory social insurance enables everyone to have access to medical practices, hospitals and therapies. For these and other reasons, Upper Austria is one of the regions with the highest quality of life in the world.

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www.instagram.com/come2upperaustria



A great place to study and live

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Upper Austria is a wonderful region to live in, with breathtaking landscapes, a lively cultural scene and a vibrant economy. Our state stands for great diversity and an excellent level of education. You can choose from more than 360 degree programmes at eight universities: IT, engineering, business, music, art, education, law, healthcare and much more. Upper Austria is therefore the ideal starting point for your successful future. We extend a heartfelt welcome and aim to ensure your comfort and happiness in Upper Austria.

This study guide gives you a first taste of what living and studying in Upper Austria could look like for you. It contains important information about all universities and study programmes in Upper Austria, first steps to settling in, general living costs, the Austrian health system, taxes and finances as well as leisure activities. The guide also shows you possible paths after graduation: how to find your dream job or start your own business.

We are delighted that you are interested in Upper Austria as your future centre of life and hope that you will quickly feel at home here.





Markus Achleitner
Upper Austria's Minister for Economic Affairs



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Where
kangaroos live.

In the zoo.

 Also called the
 "Alpine Republic"

Welcome

Welcome

Stable economy

One of the richest countries in the EU

Life Satisfaction Rate of 7.9

out of 10, which is quite high

Central European transitional climate, which means hot summers and cold winters

Area: 83,879 km²

Population: 9.1 million

Capital city: Vienna

Official language: German, but every federal state has its own dialect

Currency: Euro (EUR, €)

Calling code: +43

Internet TLD: .at

Electricity: 230 V

9 federal states

Learn more about Austria:

www.austria.info, www.migration.gv.at





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Education

the full source
of inspiration



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Studying in Upper Austria – first steps

You have decided to study in Upper Austria and now want to know what the next steps are. What documents do you have to submit, and which submission deadlines do you have to observe?

With this guide, we wish to give you an overview of the most important steps when coming to Upper Austria to study. Please note that the information provided may have to be supplemented with more detailed advice in individual cases!

Before you pack your bags, it's important to inform yourself as early as possible about the visa residence permit requirements and entry requirements of the university you want to apply to. The main language of instruction at universities in Austria is German. To prepare yourself properly, start learning as much German as possible in advance.

Find your degree course

First and foremost, it is important that you find the courses of study you are interested in. It is recommended that you visit the website of the university of your choice and search for the courses there. The website www.come2upperaustria.com/study/study-options

is also very useful and helps you to find degree courses offered at Austrian universities.

Admission requirements

Who is the right contact person to start your application process? Before starting your studies in Austria, you have to submit your application to the rector's office or the study department of the university you have chosen. Some institutions also offer the option of registering via the internet.

For some courses of study in Austria, you have to take an entrance examination, for others it is sufficient to have a secondary school leaving certificate. More information on access restrictions can be found here:



If you have specific questions, we recommend contacting the university of your choice before submitting your application. The university staff will provide you with the information you need.

We have summarized the most important requirements that you have to meet before you can start studying in Upper Austria. Please be aware that this short list is only a summary and should not be regarded as complete.

Things to check:

- You need a secondary school leaving certificate that is equivalent to an Austrian secondary school leaving certificate (A-levels, high school diploma or equivalent certification).
- Your secondary school leaving certificate must give you direct access to a corresponding course of study in the country in which it was issued.
- If your degree course requires you to take an entrance examination, you must meet this requirement in the country in which your school-leaving certificate was issued.
- You must be able to show that you have sufficient knowledge of German if this is necessary for your studies. Otherwise, you must have sufficient knowledge of English.

Check the closing dates

Once you have opted for a study programme, you need to check the closing dates. Please note that different deadlines apply to specific study programmes. Inform yourself as early as possible! Tip: Make sure that your application is complete to avoid delays in your application process.

**Entry and residence:
EU/EEA and Swiss citizens**

It depends on your nationality what kind of entry documents you need. EU/EEA citizens and Swiss nationals do not need a visa to enter Austria, but a valid travel document (passport or identity card). Citizens of Schengen states travelling to Austria must also have a valid travel document on them.

EEA citizens and Swiss nationals are generally allowed to stay in Austria for up to 3 months. A longer stay is possible if the main purpose of the stay is to study and sufficient health insurance

and means of subsistence are available. If a stay of more than three months is permitted, a registration certificate must be requested from the settlement authority within four months of entering the country.

Official government information and checklist:

www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/bildung_und_neue_medien/universitaet/1/2.html



www.migration.gv.at/en/living-and-working-in-austria/study-in-austria



www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/bildung_und_ausbildung/hochschulen/universitaet/Seite.160102.html



Residence – EU/EEA/Swiss student stays of more than 3 months:

www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/confirmation-of-registration



Residence – EU/EEA/Swiss research stays of up to a maximum of 3 months:

www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/no-registration-required



Entry and residence: Third-country citizens

For entering, residing in and departing from Austria, students from third countries generally need a valid passport. You also need a visa when entering Austria and during your stay. Entry is only possible if the passport is valid three months after the planned date of departure from the Schengen area. All types of visas must be applied for at an Austrian representation authority (embassy, consulate) abroad before entering the country!

Third-country nationals who are staying or wish to stay in Austria for longer than six months generally require a residence permit. For students, this is the "Residence Permit – Students".

As a rule, this must be applied for at the Austrian representative authority abroad before entering the country. It is recommended to submit the application at least 3 to 6 months before your planned entry into Austria.

Please note that you have to provide the authorities with information on the financing of your stay in Austria, for example by means of a credit balance of a savings book or an account at an Austrian bank. Furthermore, you must be able to prove that you have health insurance in Austria.

For official government information and checklists please refer to:

www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/bildung_und_neue_medien/universitaet/1/1.html



Official government information and checklists:

www.studyinaustria.at/en/useful-tips/first-steps
www.oead.at/en/to-austria/scholars/faqs

Residence – third countries:

www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/third-countries/student



Visa for third-country nationals

Getting a visa involves some bureaucratic effort. Therefore, it is important to check the requirements and start the application procedure well in advance! When applying for a visa or residence permit, you will usually need to visit the nearest Austrian embassy in person. Very useful information about entry and residence for students and researchers can be found on the website of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH):

www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence

There, you can also find links to required application forms. We recommend that you read the information carefully.



For helpful FAQs, please scan the QR-code.

Research

If you are planning to do research in Upper Austria and require specific information, we recommend the website of the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH). Questions and links will direct you to the information you require.

Health insurance options

Having health insurance is a prerequisite for living and studying in Upper Austria. The Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH) provides a very good overview of your health insurance options. We have briefly summarised the most important information for you.

Health insurance options for non-EU/EEA citizens: stays of up to 6 months

- National health insurance provided by your home country for entry to Austria and the duration of your stay: You need to provide a confirmation of this type of health insurance to the Austrian representative authorities when applying for your residence permit.
- Individually organised travel insurance for entry to Austria and health insurance with a partner of OeAD-GmbH after entry
- Individually organised travel insurance for entry to Austria and the duration of your visit (not recommended)

Health insurance options for students from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland

- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
- Self-insurance for students with the Austrian Gesundheitskasse (national health insurance provider) after arriving
- Health insurance with a partner of OeAD-GmbH
- Individually organised travel insurance

All documents must be submitted in the original and in a German translation which has been officially authenticated in the originating country and was last authenticated by the Austrian Representation Agency (Österreichische Vertretungsbehörde) in that country. The latter is not required in countries where official authentications are recognised by Austria due to treaty agreements.

We recommend that you read the information on the official website of the Austrian authorities carefully:



Check list: Documents required

- Passport, identity card or proof of citizenship in combination with an official identification with photo
- A-levels, high school diploma or equivalent certification
- Transcript with grades from the last school year
- Various filled-out forms:
 - Application form for admission
 - Registration form
 - Statistics form
 - Student identification document with attached photograph (Studentenausweis)
 - Form for continuation
- Second photograph
- Proof of payment of the tuition fee per semester if you are not exempt from payment

Oh! That's good to know!

Only students coming to Austria for a short period of time via the European Erasmus exchange programme do not have to take an entrance examination.





Academic degrees

For the sake of better international comparability, the majority of degree programmes in Austria have been converted from diploma to bachelor's and master's programmes (with a specific transitional period) following the Bologna Process. There are, however, a few exceptions such as legal studies, which are still diploma degree programmes.

Bachelor's degrees

Bachelor's degree programmes usually take six semesters (180 ECTS). They must cover all areas required for a solid and professional scientific or humanistic education. Subjects and contents are specified in the respective curricula of the degree programmes. Courses are divided into compulsory subjects, elective subjects and free elective subjects. One or sometimes two bachelor's theses must be written. You have completed the degree programme once you have passed all exams, received a positive

assessment of all seminar papers stipulated in the curriculum and your bachelor's theses have been approved. Approbations may differ between educational institutions.

Master's degrees, diplomas

Master's degree programmes usually take four semesters (120 ECTS). In the Master's programme, knowledge acquired in the bachelor's programme is deepened. As a rule, students can choose from several master's degree programmes after completing a related bachelor's degree. Completing an adequate bachelor's degree is therefore a prerequisite for starting a master's degree programme. After passing all the prescribed exams, the programme is completed with the approbation of the master's thesis. In diploma degree programmes, a diploma thesis must be written, and the degree is completed after passing the diploma examination.

Doctorate, PhD degrees

Doctorate or PhD programmes usually take a minimum of two years.

Admission is granted on the basis of a completed Austrian diploma or master's degree.

Oh! That's funny!

In the recent past, Austrians were very proud of their academic titles "Magister" and "Doktor". It was common to address men who had gained the academic title "Doktor" with "Herr Doktor", and their wives with "Frau Doktor", even though they had no academic title at all.

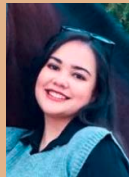
With today's bachelor's and master's degrees, this has changed a lot, especially in international corporations. However, it is still advisable to say "Herr Doktor Mair" and "Frau Magistra Huber" as a matter of course.



„As the title ‚Global Sales and Marketing‘ suggests, it really is a global study programme. So many cultures, religions and languages, but we are still connected to each other, and English as a world language is a great contribution to this. Upper Austria is a really gorgeous place to study.”

Merve Turan

FH OÖ, Global Sales and Marketing

**Universities**

Universities (Universitäten, Unis) in Austria, as in other countries, are the classic form of higher education institutions. Unlike the Universities of Applied Sciences, which focus on practice-oriented education, universities offer a more academic and general approach. Another advantage of universities is the higher flexibility in putting together your timetable, even though there are of course some fixed points. Keep in mind, however, that some degree programmes may require passing an entrance exam.

Universities of Applied Sciences

To attend a University of Applied Sciences, an entrance exam must be passed for several degree programmes as there are only a limited number of places available. Some of them start quite early, in spring, and may involve a few steps. The requirements and steps to be taken may differ both between Universities of Applied

Sciences and between the various study programmes. Therefore, it is highly advisable to find out about the application and admission procedures at your chosen University of Applied Sciences well in advance. Another difference with universities is that, like in school, there are fixed classes. There is also quite a rigid timetable that you have to stick to every semester.

Universities of teacher education

Here, future teachers are trained to teach at primary and secondary educational facilities. The study programmes offered at a university of teacher education (Pädagogische Hochschule) comprise bachelor's and master's degrees and usually take a total of five to six years to complete. The main focus of the study programme is on didactic and pedagogical training. Traineeships at schools, which are spread over the years of study, ensure a practical orientation.

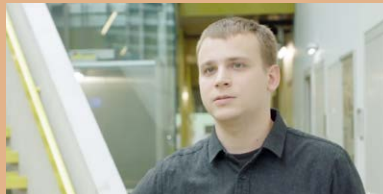
Private universities

Private universities (Privatuniversitäten) do not differ from state universities in terms of study programmes and curricula, but admission procedures and other requirements, such as language skills, are less strictly regulated, and deadlines may be defined differently than at state universities. It is common to pay higher tuition fees at private universities.

www.studium.at/studiengebuehren

You want to know what studying in Austria is like?**Meet Victoria and Ivan!**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pyTlfuwbk



www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO-hzzMa93hc&feature

Institutions and study programmes

Upper Austria offers eight universities with over 100 different bachelor's and master's programmes. And even more than that: All institutions offer a wide range of additional educational programmes, supplementary training courses and counselling.

Please visit the respective website or contact the institution for details.

Tertiary education facilities in Upper Austria:

- Anton Bruckner Private University 047
- Catholic Private University Linz (KU Linz) 055
- Johannes Kepler University (JKU) 059
- Private University of Education Diocese of Linz 067
- University of Applied Sciences for Health Professions Upper Austria (FH Gesundheitsberufe OÖ) 071
- University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FH OÖ) 075
- University of Arts Linz 085
- University of Education Upper Austria (PH OÖ) 089
- IT:U Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria 093

Advice on the study programme

For all questions about studying, it is best to contact the international office of the higher education institution of your choice directly. Please find the contact information starting on page 047.

Study quiz

The study quiz is a cooperation between biz-up and the Upper Austrian universities. With participating in it you have the opportunity to find out which study programmes or courses fit best for you. The relevant universities might get in touch with you then. Find more details here:

www.come2upperaustria.com/study/study-quiz

You can also take the opportunity to study for a degree while working in a normal job. You can also take the opportunity to study part-time. Follow the link for a detailed overview of the universities and Universities of Applied Sciences that offer part-time study programmes:

www.studieren.at/berufsbegleitendes-studium

As requirements change regularly, the first and best point of contact for admissions to Austrian higher education institutions is the Austrian Students' Union ÖH (Österreichische Hochschülerschaft). Here you can get very detailed information and advice.

Contact the Austrian Student Union directly:

Taubstummengasse 7-9 / 4th floor
1040 Vienna

Tel.: +43 1/310 88 80-0

Fax.: +43 1/310 88 80-36

email: oeh@oeh.ac.at

Or get more information online at:

www.oeh.ac.at/ueber-uns/oeh-vor-ort

In Upper Austria you can alternatively contact:

www.oeh.jku.at
oeh.fh-ooe.at



Anton Bruckner Private University

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The Anton Bruckner Private University is an open, innovative centre for the arts where the performers and teachers of tomorrow receive customized education in music, drama and dance.

As one of the seven Austrian universities for music and performing arts, and one of the four universities in Linz, the UNESCO City of Media Arts, the Bruckner University sees its role both as a training ground for performing, teaching and academic research, and was an important agent in the development and communication of the arts.

Learn more:

www.bruckneruni.at

Contact:

Alice-Harnoncourt-Platz 1

4040 Linz, Austria

0043 (0)732 701000

information@bruckneruni.at

International Office:

[www.bruckneruni.at/en/university/
international-relations](http://www.bruckneruni.at/en/university/international-relations)



“The fusion of cultural roots with global perspectives births the essence of art. International initiatives and influences serve as catalysts in creating our collective identity.”

Martin Rummel, Rector



Music

Composition (Bachelor, Master)

Conducting (Bachelor, Master)

Early Music

- Baroque Cello and Viola da Gamba
(Bachelor performance, Master)

- Baroque Oboe (Bachelor performance, Master)

- Baroque Violin and Baroque Viola
(Bachelor performance, Master)

- Harpsichord – Early Music (Bachelor performance,
Master)

- Traverse Flute (Bachelor performance, Master)

- Historical Recorders (Bachelor performance, Master)

Instrumental Studies (pedagogy and performance)

- Orchestra Instruments (Bachelor, Master):

- Harp (Bachelor, Master)

- Dulcimer (Bachelor, Master pedagogy)

- Zither (Bachelor, Master pedagogy)

- Recorder (Bachelor, Master)

- Piano (Bachelor, Master)

- Harpsichord (Bachelor, Master)

- Organ (Bachelor, Master)

- Fortepiano (Bachelor, Master)

- Accordion (Bachelor, Master)



- Guitar (Bachelor, Master)
- Bassoon (Bachelor, Master)
- Viennese Horn (Bachelor, Master)
- French Horn (Bachelor, Master)
- Clarinet (Bachelor, Master)
- Double Bass (Bachelor, Master)
- Oboe (Bachelor, Master)
- Trombone (Bachelor, Master)
- Trumpet (Bachelor, Master)
- Saxophone (Bachelor, Master)
- Percussion (Bachelor, Master)
- Styrian Harmonica (Bachelor pedagogy, Master pedagogy)
- Tuba (Bachelor, Master)
- Viola (Bachelor, Master)
- Violin (Bachelor, Master)
- Violoncello (Bachelor, Master)

Instrumental Studies (pedagogy and performance)

- Piano Chamber Music (Master performance)



Jazz and Improvised Music (pedagogy and performance)

- Drum Set - Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- E-Bass – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Voice – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Guitar – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Clarinet – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Piano – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Double Bass – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Percussion - Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Trombone – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Saxophone – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Trumpet – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Viola – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Violin – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)
- Violoncello – Jazz (Bachelor, Master)

Voice (pedagogy and performance) (Bachelor, Master)

Orchestra Academy (instrumental) (Master)

Elemental Music Education (Bachelor, Master)



Dance

Contemporary Dance

- Stage Dance / Performance / Dance Pedagogy (Bachelor) *
- Movement Research (Master) *
- Dance Pedagogy (Master) *



Drama

Drama (Bachelor)



Cooperative Bachelor and Master Programmes with other Universities

- Teachers Training Music Education for Secondary Level (Bachelor, Master)
- Cultural Studies (Bachelor)



Doctoral Programmes

Artistic Doctoral Programme (Dr. art.)

- Historical performance practice
- Instrumental performance studies
- Composition
- Theory and practice of artistic research
- Contemporary performance practice
- Contemporary dance

Academic Doctoral Programme (PhD)

- Interpretive research
- Cultural studies in the field of musicology
- Musicology
- Music education



University Course

Musikvermittlung – Music in Context (Master)



With its two faculties, the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Philosophy and of Art History, the Catholic Private University Linz (KU Linz) is a centre for humanities and cultural studies in Linz. At all levels, students may choose from various modules according to their specific fields of interest. Bringing together Theology, Philosophy and Art History, three traditionally separate subjects, in interdisciplinary projects allows our students to explore new horizons of questions and answers.

Learn more:

www.ku-linz.at

Contact:

Bethlehemstraße 20
4020 Linz, Austria
0043 732 784293
office@ku-linz.at

International Office:

www.ku-linz.at/ku_international



“The KU Linz offers international exchange students the opportunity to study in English for one semester by participating in the ‘KU Linz International Semester’ (KULIS).”

“The great challenges of the present cannot be overcome without the contribution of the humanities and philosophy. The KU Linz stands for in-depth reflection and intellectual endeavour to find solutions in all its subject areas.”

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Michael Fuchs, Rector



Faculty of Theology

Foundations of Christian Theology (Bachelor)
Catholic Theology (Bachelor/Baccalaureate)
Catholic Theology (Diploma)
Religion in Culture and Society (Master)
Catholic Theology (Licentiate)
Catholic Theology (Doctor)
PhD Advanced Theological Studies (Doctor)



Faculty of Philosophy and of Art History

Art History and Philosophy (Bachelor)
Art History and Philosophy (Master)
Art History (Master)
Philosophy (Master)
Art History and Philosophy (Doctor)



Study programmes in cooperation

Cultural Studies (Bachelor)
QTS Secondary Level (Bachelor, Master)



Johannes Kepler University (JKU)

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Anchored in a strong economy, the JKU is a creative and internationally oriented university, inspired by technological advancements in the region. As Upper Austria's largest educational institution, the university continues to pursue a progressive strategic plan aimed at showcasing academic excellence and ultimately becoming a leading European academic institution.

Learn more:

jku.at/en

Contact:

Altenberger Str. 69
4040 Linz, Austria
0043 (0)732 2468-0
info@jku.at

International Welcome Center:

jku.at/en/iwc
international@jku.at



“The JKU is one of Austria’s most beautiful university campuses, offering ample space to study, learn, live, conduct research, and work. We have an impressive range of academic disciplines that give us countless opportunities to foster connections between different branches of science and in academia. We intend to utilize our strengths to drive social advancement forward.”

Rector Stefan Koch



Photo: Johannes Kepler University (JKU)



Medicine

Human Medicine (Bachelor, Master)
Medical Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
Medical Sciences (Doctorate/PhD)



Natural Sciences

Biological Chemistry (Bachelor, Master)*
Biophysics (Master)
Chemistry and Chemical Technology (Bachelor, Master)*
Computational Mathematics (Master)*
Engineering Sciences (Doctorate/PhD)
Fundamentals of Natural Sciences for Technology -
NaSciTec (Bachelor)
Industrial Mathematics (Master)*
Management in Chemical Technologies (Master)*
Molecular Biology (Bachelor, Master*)
Natural Sciences (Doctorate/PhD)
Physics (Master)*
Polymer Chemistry (Master)*
Technical Mathematics (Bachelor)
Technical Physics (Bachelor)

* Degree programmes in English



Engineering

Artificial Intelligence (Bachelor, Master) *

Chemistry and Chemical Technology (Bachelor, Master) *

Computational Mathematics (Master) *

Electronics and Information Technology (Bachelor, Master)

Engineering Sciences (Doctorate/PhD)

Fundamentals of Natural Sciences for Technology - NaSciTec (Bachelor)

Industrial Mathematics (Master) *

Informatics (Bachelor)

Management in Chemical Technologies (Master) *

Mechanical Engineering (Bachelor, Master)

Mechatronics (Bachelor, Master)

Medical Engineering (Bachelor, Master)

Physics (Master) *

Polymer Chemistry (Master) *

Polymer Engineering and Science (Master) *

Sustainability and Plastics Management (Master) *

Sustainable Plastics Technology and a Circular Economy (Bachelor)

Technical Mathematics (Bachelor)

Technical Physics (Bachelor)

* Degree programmes in English



Computer Sciences

Artificial Intelligence (Bachelor, Master) *

Business Informatics (Bachelor, Master)

Computational Mathematics (Master) *

Computer Science (Master) *

Digital Society (Master)

Engineering Sciences (Doctorate/PhD)

Informatics (Bachelor)

Natural Sciences (Doctorate/PhD)



Education

Business Education (Diploma)

Civic Studies (Master)

PhD in Education / Digital Transformation in Learning (Doctorate/PhD) *

Teacher Education Studies Secondary Level - General Education (Bachelor, Master)



Social Sciences

Civic Studies (Master)

Comparative Social Policy and Welfare (Master) *

Cultural Studies (Bachelor)

Digital Society (Master)

Psychology (Master)

Social Economics (Bachelor, Master)

Social Sciences and Humanities (Doctorate/PhD)

* Degree programmes in English



Social Sciences, Economics & Business (Doctorate/PhD)

Sociology (Bachelor, Master)

Statistics and Data Science (Bachelor, Master *)

Business & Economics

Business & Economics (Bachelor)

Business Administration (Bachelor)

Business Education (Diploma)

Business Informatics (Bachelor, Master)

Business Law (Bachelor)

Digital Business Management (Master)

Digital Society (Master)

Economic and Business Analytics (Master)*

Economics (Economic Policy Analysis) (Master)*

Finance and Accounting (Master)

General Management Austria/France (Master) *

General Management Austria/Taiwan (Master) *

Global Business (Master) *

International Business Administration (Bachelor) *

Leadership and Innovation in Organizations (Master) *

Legal and Business Aspects in Technics (Master)

Management (Master) *

PhD Program in Economics and Statistics (Doctorate/PhD) *

Social Economics (Bachelor, Master)

Social Sciences, Economics & Business (Doctorate/PhD)

Statistics and Data Science (Bachelor, Master *)

Tax Law & Management (Master)

* Degree programmes in English



Legal Studies

Business Law (Bachelor)

Law (Diploma, Master, Doctorate/PhD)

Legal and Business Aspects in Technics (Master)

Tax Law & Management (Master)



Art x Science

Transformation Studies. Art x Science (Bachelor, Doctorate/PhD) *



Digitalization

Artificial Intelligence (Bachelor, Master) *

Business Informatics (Bachelor, Master)

Computer Science (Master) *

Digital Business Management (Master)

Digital Society (Master)

Informatics (Bachelor)

Law (Bachelor)

Psychology (Master)

Statistics and Data Science (Bachelor, Master *)

* Degree programmes in English



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Private University of Education Diocese of Linz

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The Private University of Education, Diocese of Linz, is committed to a comprehensive and holistic concept of education. It is based on the recognition and appreciation of the uniqueness and inviolability of the individual, which cannot be quantified in terms of achievement and performance.

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www.phdl.at

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International Office:

www.phdl.at/en/study



“Children and young people need teachers who are not only well-trained but also well-educated. Education expands training by a crucial factor – the human aspect.”

HR Mag. Dr. Franz Keplinger, Rector



Elementary Pedagogy (Bachelor)
QTS Primary Level (Bachelor, Master)
QTS Secondary Level (Bachelor, Master)
QTS Religion (Catholic) Primary School (Bachelor, Master)
QTS Religion (Catholic) Secondary School (Bachelor,
Master)



University of Applied Sciences for Health Professions Upper Austria

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Higher Education

At the University of Applied Sciences for Health Professions students can complete eight bachelor's and three master's programmes and six further education courses in Linz, Ried, Steyr, Vöcklabruck and Wels. The long-standing experience of the teaching team and the hospitals, speakers from various spheres of work and internships in health care facilities ensure that education and training are strongly based on expert and scientific know-how and intensive cooperation between research and teaching.

Learn more:

www.fh-gesundheitsberufe.at

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International Office:

www.fh-gesundheitsberufe.at/international



“The University of Applied Sciences for Health Professions Upper Austria specialises in educating future health professionals.”

MMag. Bettina Schneebauer,
Managing Director



- Biomedical Science (Bachelor)
- Dietetics (Bachelor)
- Healthcare and Nursing (Bachelor)
- Midwifery (Bachelor)
- Occupational Therapy (Bachelor)
- Physiotherapy (Bachelor)
- Radiological Technology (Bachelor)
- Speech and Language Therapy (Bachelor)
- Applied Technologies for Medical Diagnostics (Master)
- Management for Health Professionals –
main focus on hospital management (Master)
- University Didactics for Health
Professions Education (Master)
- Anaesthesia Care (Further Education Course)
- Perioperative Nursing Care (Further Education Course)
- Intensive Care (Further Education Course)
- Paediatric and Adolescent Care
(Further Education Course)
- Paediatric Intensive Care (Further Education Course)
- Psychiatric Healthcare and Mental Health Nursing
(Further Education Course)

University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FH Upper Austria)

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The FH Upper Austria ranks among the leading Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences. At four locations (Linz, Steyr, Wels, Hagenberg), we offer academically founded, practice-oriented studies which are internationally recognised. Our second area of competence enables us to serve business with innovative results from our research and development.

Learn more:

www.fh-ooe.at

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International Office:

www.fh-ooe.at/international/kontakt



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OF APPLIED SCIENCES
UPPER AUSTRIA

“In our opinion, education can only really unfold when it is applied. For this reason, we value practice-orientated and research-intensive education. We believe that good preparation paves the way for a successful future.”

DI Dr. Michael Rabl

President University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria



Economics & Engineering

- Agriculture Technology and Management (Bachelor)
- Innovation Engineering & Management (Bachelor)
- Product Design and Technical Communication (Bachelor)
- Production and Management (Bachelor)
- Mechatronics and Business Management (Bachelor, Master)
- Operations Management (Master)
- Plant Construction Management (Master) *
- Automotive Mechatronics and Management (Master) *
- Digital Transport and Logistics Management (Master)
- Information Engineering and Management (Master)
- Innovation, Product & Engineering Management (Bachelor)
- Smart Production and Management (Bachelor)
- Sustainable Solutions (Bachelor)
- Leading Transformation for Impact Organization (Master)

*Degree programmes in English



Economics & Management

Human Services Management (Bachelor)
 Innovation, Product & Engineering Management (Bachelor)*
 International Logistics Management (Bachelor)
 Marketing and Digital Business (Bachelor)
 Process Management and Business Intelligence (Bachelor)
 Production and Management (Bachelor)
 Public Management (Bachelor)
 Accounting, Controlling and Financial Management
 (Bachelor, Master)
 Global Sales and Marketing (Bachelor, Master) *
 Digital Business Management (Master)
 Digital Transport and Logistics Management (Master)
 Healthcare, Social and Public Management (Master)
 Information Engineering and Management (Master)
 Information Security Management (Master)
 Innovation and Product Management (Master) *
 Operations Management (Master)
 Supply Chain Management (Master)
 Smart Production and Management (Bachelor)
 Social, Public and Nonprofit Management (Bachelor)
 Sustainable Solutions (Bachelor)
 Agricultural Management and Innovations (Master)
 Leading Transformation for Impact Organizations (Master)
 Managing Non-Profit and Public Services (Master)
 Human Resource Management (Master)

*Degree programmes in English



Engineering

Automotive Computing (Bachelor)
 Hardware-Software-Design (Bachelor)
 Product Design and Technical Communication (Bachelor)
 Process Engineering and Production (Bachelor)
 Applied Energy Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Lightweight Design and Composite Materials
 (Bachelor, Master)
 Medical Engineering (Bachelor, Master *)
 Automation Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Civil Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Electrical Engineering (Bachelor, Master) *
 Materials and Process Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Mechanical Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Applied Technologies for Medical Diagnostics (Master)
 Embedded Systems Design (Master)
 Energy Informatics (Master) online *
 Plant Construction Management (Master) *
 Robotic Systems Engineering (Master)
 Lightweight and Materials Engineering (Bachelor)*
 Smart Engineering (Bachelor)*
 Intelligent Production Technology (Bachelor)
 Lightweight and Materials Engineering (Bachelor)
 Mechatronics and Business Management (Bachelor)
 Smart Engineering (Bachelor)
 Automation Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Applied Technologies for Medical Diagnostics (Master)

*Degree programmes in English



Environment & Energy

Process Engineering and Production (Bachelor)
 Applied Energy Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Bio- and Environmental Technology (Bachelor, Master)
 Electrical Engineering (Bachelor, Master) *
 Food Technology and Nutrition (Bachelor, Master)
 Energy Informatics (Master) online *
 Sustainable Energy Systems (Master) *
 Green Science (Bachelor) *
 Architecture (Bachelor)
 Smart Engineering (Bachelor) *
 Process Engineering and Production (Bachelor)
 Agriculture Technology and Management (Bachelor, Master)
 Leading Transformation for Impact Organizations (Master)

*Degree programmes in English



Informatics

Automotive Computing (Bachelor)
 Hardware-Software-Design (Bachelor)
 Media Technology and Design (Bachelor)
 Medical and Bioinformatics (Bachelor)
 Product Design and Technical Communication (Bachelor)
 Communication and Knowledge Media (Bachelor, Master)
 Mechanical Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Secure Information Systems (Bachelor, Master)
 Data Science and Engineering (Master)
 Embedded Systems Design (Master)
 Energy Informatics (Master) online *
 Human-Centered Computing (Master)
 Information Engineering and Management (Master)
 Information Security Management (Master)
 Interactive Media (Master) *
 Mobile Computing (Bachelor, Master)
 Robotic Systems Engineering (Master)
 Software Engineering (Bachelor, Master)
 Artificial Intelligence Solutions (Bachelor) *
 Design of Digital Products (Bachelor)
 Automation Engineering (Bachelor, Master)

*Degree programmes in English



Life Sciences

Agricultural Technology and Management (Bachelor)
 Medical and Bioinformatics (Bachelor)
 Food Technology and Nutrition (Bachelor, Master)
 Applied Technologies for Medical Diagnostics (Master)
 Bio- and Environmental Technology (Bachelor, Master)
 Medical Engineering (Bachelor, Master*)
 Green Science (Bachelor)*
 Data Science and Engineering (Master)



Media & Communications

Marketing and Digital Business (Bachelor)
 Media Technology and Design (Bachelor)
 Product Design and Technical Communication (Bachelor)
 Communications and Knowledge Media (Bachelor, Master)
 Interactive Media (Master)*
 Digital Arts (Bachelor, Master)
 Digital Business Management (Master)
 Design of Digital Products (Bachelor)

*Degree programmes in English



Applied Health & Social Sciences

Human Services Management (Bachelor)
 Public Management (Bachelor)
 Social Work (Bachelor, Master)
 Healthcare, Social- and Public Management (Master)
 Social, Public, and Nonprofit Management (Bachelor)
 Leading Transformation for Impact Organizations (Master)
 Managing Non-Profit and Public Services (Master)
 Public Management (Bachelor)
 Human Services Management (Bachelor)



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University of Arts Linz

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Higher Education

The University of Arts Linz is an internationally active academic institution, engaging in the fields of fine arts, design and cultural studies. Its core values lie in the fundamental freedom of art and research, with a strong commitment to modern approaches and contemporary art. A strong focus on application and a great variety of partnerships with industry and cultural institutions ensure direct transfer of theoretical knowledge into practical contexts.

Learn more:

www.kunstuni-linz.at

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International Office:

www.kunstuni-linz.at/Internationales

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“Excellent prospects: Our academic and artistic environment, with its perfect student-tutor ratio, is without equal in Austria. We look forward to welcoming you at our university.”

Rector Mag.iur. Brigitte Hütter, MSc



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**Fine Art and Cultural Studies**

Fine Art (Diploma)
 Graphic-Design and Photography (Bachelor)
 Visual Communication (Master)
 Interface Cultures (Master*)
 Time-based and Interactive Media Arts (Bachelor)
 Time-based Media (Master)
 Postdigital Lutherie
 Fashion & Technology (Bachelor, Master*)
 Sculptural Conceptions / Ceramics (Bachelor, Master)
 space&designstrategies (Bachelor, Master*)
 textile-art-design (Bachelor, Master)

**Artistic-technical Studies**

Architecture (Bachelor, Master)
 Industrial Design (Bachelor, Master)

**Cultural Studies**

Cultural Studies (Bachelor)
 Media Culture and Art Theories (Master)

**Teacher Training Programme**

Art Education (Bachelor, Master)
 Media Design (Bachelor, Master)
 Design: Tech.Text (Bachelor, Master)

PhD Programme

*Degree programmes in English

University of Education 089 Upper Austria (PH OÖ)

The University of Education Upper Austria provides teacher training for primary school teachers, vocational school teachers and, in cooperation with other universities, higher secondary teacher education. Furthermore, focus areas such as inclusive education and in-service training for Upper Austrian teachers are also incorporated in the curriculum.

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“We put a strong emphasis on a friendly, open-minded and welcoming atmosphere for both students and teaching staff, which makes it so much easier for them to fit right in and feel at home.”

Rector Mag. DDr. Walter Vogel



- Primary Teacher Education (Bachelor, Master)
- Elementary Education (Bachelor)
- Secondary Teacher Education (Bachelor, Master)
- Vocational Teacher Education (Bachelor, Master)
- Further Education (Diploma)



IT:U Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria

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Higher Education



IT:U is one of the first public universities in Europe exclusively dedicated to the digital transformation of science, business and society. Based in Linz, Austria, we offer a new way of learning in a digital world. Our project-based and inclusive approach to technical education equips students from a wide range of disciplines with the digital skills required to tackle global challenges. We drive an interdisciplinary and international research agenda. Our students come from a variety of fields. At IT:U, they learn to use technology to transform the work they do in their disciplines. They become transformation architects answering challenges to society and the environment.

Learn more:

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“Envision this: A university specifically dedicated to digital transformation, based on interdisciplinary research and project-based learning, supported by and advancing digital technologies. A technical university attracting students who have not studied technology for their first degrees, but who have come to appreciate computer science to solve problems close to their hearts. A technical university for and with women, with a diverse culture and openness to embrace new approaches. Get ready to transform our world!”

Prof. Dr. Stefanie Lindstaedt, Founding President IT:U



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Degree Programmes

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Higher Education



IT:U offers the first **two cutting-edge PhD programs*** at the forefront of research in Human-AI Collaboration, Trustable Systems and the Digital Transformation of Learning.



PhD in Computational X*

The PhD program Computational X promotes interdisciplinary research facilitating the convergence of natural sciences like biology, social sciences and humanities with computational sciences.



PhD in Digital Transformation in Learning*

The PhD program Digital Transformation in Learning empowers PhD students to investigate how intelligent learning technologies enhance and expand active learning in higher education.



Master program*

The 1st Master program will start in autumn 2025.



*Degree programmes in English

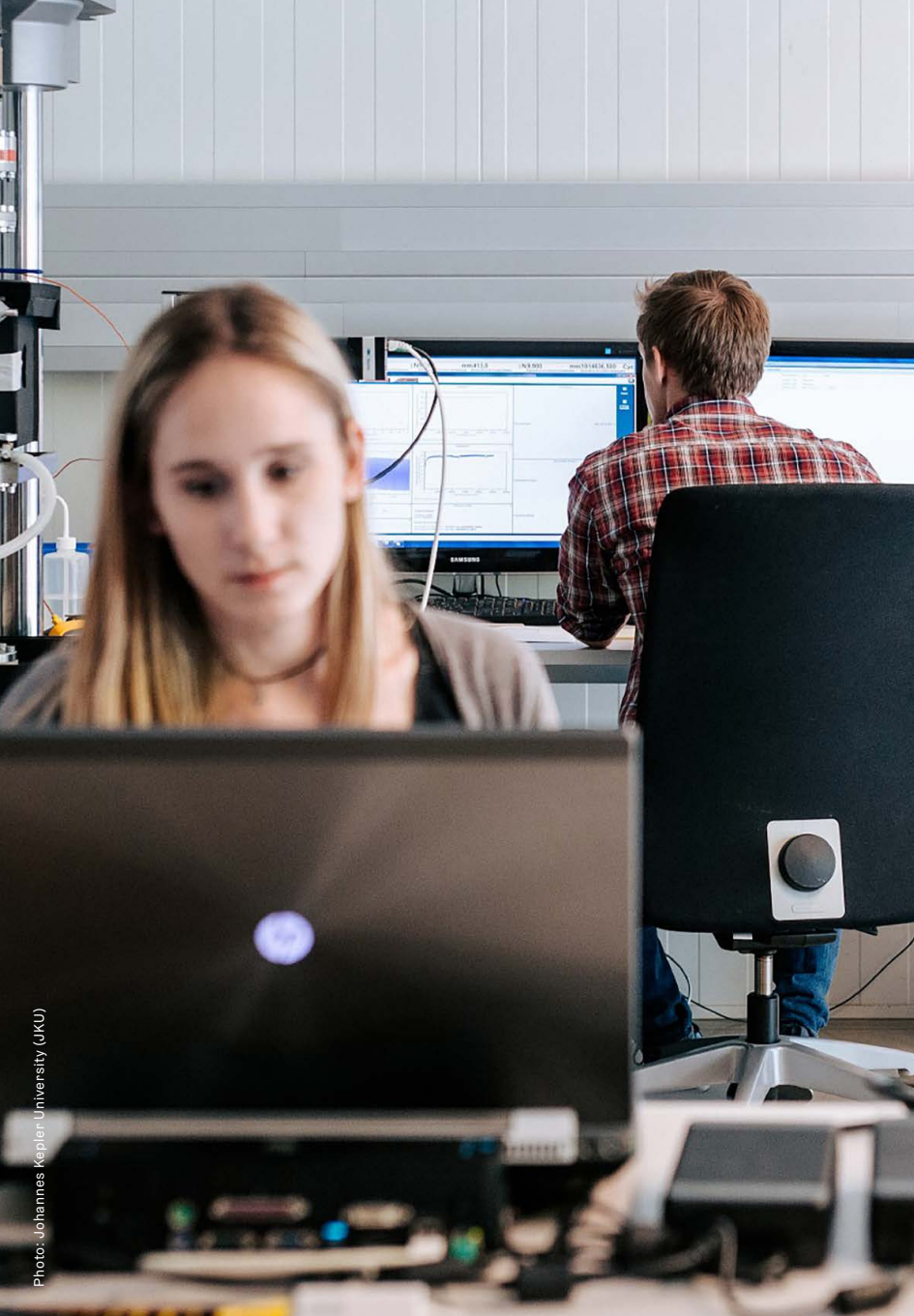


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Work permit third country citizens

Please be aware that a number of special regulations apply to students with third-country citizenship. As a student from a third country, you are allowed to work in Austria if this does not interfere with the primary purpose of your stay. A work permit is mandatory, also for marginal employment. Your employer must apply for a work permit at the Public Employment Service (AMS). Employment of more than 20 hours per week is not excluded, but this can only be approved if the position cannot be filled with domestic or integrated foreign workers registered as job seekers. If you have completed your studies in

Austria and meet certain criteria, you can extend your student residence permit by twelve months to look for a job. If you find a job that corresponds to your level of education within these twelve months, you can apply for a Red-White-Red card.

No work permits are needed for internships that are required as part of your studies in Austria.

Work permit EEA and Swiss citizens
EEA citizens as well as Swiss nationals have free access to the Austrian labour market and therefore do not need a work permit to take up work in Austria.

No matter if you are just looking for an odd job, an internship or wish to gain first experience in your professional field, here are the best contact points to find a job:

workinupperaustria.com

Talent platform for internationals powered by Come2Upper Austria. The website allows you to connect with Upper Austrian companies. Whether you are planning to make Upper Austria your home or wish to gain work experience in Upper Austria: register now and build your online profile on this Upper Austrian talent platform.

www.oeh.jku.at

Students can not only find jobs on the notice boards of their universities and departments, but also on the website of the ÖH, like here on the website of the ÖH JKU Linz:

**www.karriere.at**

On this Upper Austrian job portal you can search for job offerings in all professional sectors throughout Austria and upload your curriculum vitae to attract the attention of employers.

www.xing.at

Xing can be compared to LinkedIn and is the biggest professional network in German-speaking regions. It is very popular among personnel consultants searching for staff.

Other professional platforms

www.tecjobs.at
www.linkedin.com/jobs
www.oberoesterreich-jobanzeiger.at
www.techtalents.at
www.itstellen.at
www.workinaustria.com/jobboerse

Media adverts

Vacant positions are published in the media, e.g. in newspapers. Here is a list of the most important ones:

Nationwide: Der Standard,
Die Presse, Kronen Zeitung
Upper Austria: OÖ Nachrichten
Local newspapers: Tips, Rundschau

Study grant

If you or your parents are unable to finance your studies with your own resources, you can apply for a study grant if you meet the criteria.

Austrian citizens as well as foreign nationals of equal status (EEA citizens) and stateless persons are eligible for study grants. Third-country nationals are treated equally if they have acquired the right of permanent residence in Austria. If you apply for a study grant, please note that the following requirements must be met in all cases: economic need and a good academic performance!

Check out Upper Austrian companies and their ratings

On the platform of the regional newspaper OÖ Nachrichten you can scroll through a list of the top 250 companies in Upper Austria:

www.nachrichten.at/wirtschaft/top250/ranking

And if you want to know how employees experienced working in the company you are interested in, just look it up:

www.kununu.com

Taxes

Everyone who lives in Austria has to pay tax on their income. Your tax liability is based on your taxable annual income. If this is more than 11,000 euros gross, your income will be taxed.

Oh! That's helpful!

Come2Upper Austria organises regular information events on taxation in Austria. Register for the newsletter to receive invitations to upcoming events.

www.come2upperaustria.com





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What should your application include?

- Cover letter: write an individual one for every company you apply to
- Curriculum vitae: in tabular form with a professional photo
- Certificates and references: include only those relevant to the vacant position

Cover letter

It is not advisable to submit a uniform application to various companies. Always adapt applications to the respective vacant position and the company. The cover letter should be one page in length.

Curriculum vitae (CV)

The curriculum vitae (Lebenslauf) is the most important element of the application and, as a rule of thumb, should have a maximum length of two pages. It should be set out in tabular form and include the following aspects as concisely as possible:

- Personal information: contact information, date of birth, add a professional passport photo
- Education: chronological list of education institutions attended
- Work experience
- Relevant skills
- Additional information: voluntary work, extensive stays abroad, driving license, etc.

Only add information which might be relevant to the company or the vacant position, and make sure to have an explanation for gaps in the CV.



Scan the QR-code to find some useful tips for writing your CV.

Certificates and references

School certificates as evidence of formal qualifications and references relevant to the position or the company are also part of the application portfolio. Please also note the information on the following pages regarding the recognition of qualifications.

You can also create a CV here:

www.karriere.at/lp/lebenslauf-vorlagen

However, keep in mind that in Austria, companies appreciate it if you go the extra mile and set up an individual design.

Oh! That's helpful!

For the assessment and validation of foreign certificates go to:

**What should you do after applying?**

- Prepare for the job interview
- Shine in the assessment centre
- Observe the dresscode and business etiquette

Job interview

You have been invited to a job interview? Congratulations, you have reached the next level! Job interviews are the most common method in Austria to learn more about the expertise, personality and motivations of the applicant. On the whole, the points covered are more or less the same in every company:

- Welcome
- Small talk
- Questions about your education, qualifications, experience, strengths/weaknesses, where you see yourself in five years

- 5 to 10 reasons why you are the perfect match for the vacant position, etc.
- In some cases, tasks which had to be prepared for the interview have to be presented
- Further information about the vacant position
- Possibility for the applicant to ask questions
- Definition of the further procedure
- Goodbye

After the first interview, one or two further interviews may follow until the company decides who to employ for the vacant position. There may even be an assessment centre where you have to compete directly with other candidates. Sometimes there is even a test day offered in the last round, where you can get in touch and become familiar with your potential new workplace and colleagues for the first time.

Assessment centre

An assessment centre is mostly used for the selection of candidates for management positions. Candidates are given various exercises to test their abilities, competence and solution-oriented thinking. The test may include the testing of general knowledge, memory, special expert knowledge or the ability to concentrate, which often consists of tasks that are part of the later job profile. An assessment centre usually takes from half a day to up to two days.

Dresscode and business etiquette

You know, there is no second chance for a good first impression. So, find out about the company's dresscode and dress appropriately for the job. If in doubt, dress formally, but don't use too much perfume, make-up, jewellery or other accessories. Less is more. When communicating, use a firm handshake and keep eye contact – but make sure not to invade others' personal

space of one arm's length. When talking, don't talk about too personal things.

It is better to stay formal and choose neutral topics. Also, use the formal you (Sie) until your counterpart suggests otherwise (du). This is what is perceived as polite behavior.

Oh! Let's talk about German!

The German language plays a big role in Austrian working life. It is therefore highly recommended to become familiar with the national language therefore. Read more about the German language, the Upper Austrian dialect and where to take a German language course in the chapter "Good to know".



All about the workplace

Working hours and breaks

The full-time basis for working hours is regulated in the collective agreement. If there is no collective agreement, the information is provided in the works agreement (Betriebsvereinbarung). Generally, the following applies:

Working hours:

- 40 hrs/week (statutory working hours)
- 38.5 hrs/week (possible arrangement in a collective agreement)

Salary

Most collective agreements provide 14 salaries per year – including the additional holiday and Christmas salaries, which are taxed less than the normal monthly wage.

The gross-net calculator helps you to calculate your tax load:

bruttonetto.arbeiterkammer.at

Holiday entitlement

In general, employed workers receive 5 weeks' holiday per year. A week off equals five vacation days.

Oh! Important for scholarships!

Please be aware that if you receive a study grant, the additional income you may earn is limited based on the relevant additional income threshold.



All about the workplace

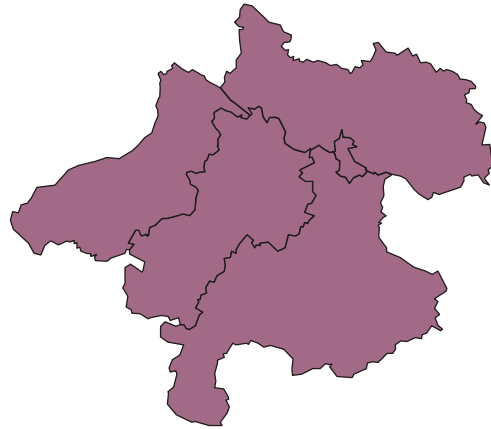
Collective agreement

The collective agreement (Kollektivvertrag) is an agreement between a union, acting as the representative for all workers within an industry, and the Chamber of Commerce, which represents the companies. The agreement is negotiated annually, and its objective is to guarantee the same standards of pay and working conditions within an industry. An employee must not fall below the minimum wage defined in the collective agreement.

Oh! That's wonderful!

Employees in Austria get 14 instead of only 12 salaries a year, they have health insurance, 25 days of paid vacation, public holidays, and some companies provide even more benefits.





Key industries in Upper Austria



**Machinery and
Metal Goods
Industry**



**Chemical
Industry**



**Non-ferrous
Metals Industry**



**Electrical &
Electronics
Industry**



**Automotive
Industry**



**Food
Industry**



**Construction
Industry**

What's next after graduating?

Find your dream job

Upper Austria counts among the most dynamic economic regions in the heart of Europe. The federal state is strong in exports, industry, innovations and technology. With 27%, it is the federal state with the highest export quota in Austria. It also benefits from its favorable infrastructure, which enables east-west and north-south transports, and its favourable geographic location: it is in direct vicinity of Bavaria/Germany and South Bohemia/Czech Republic.

The economic landscape of Upper Austria shows a great diversity of different industries, where you can contribute your academic skills to the success of well-established companies and aspiring start-ups.

Health professions

Medical care and therapeutic options in Upper Austria are among the best in the world. The need for qualified medical and nursing staff is high.

Health and care facilities have many vacancies for doctors, medical specialists and nurses.

Tourism

Upper Austria is a popular destination for tourists, both in winter and in summer. Linz and Wels are important trade fair cities and attract numerous visitors every year. There are therefore many job opportunities in tourism, especially for committed young people.

Oh! That's good to know!

Visit the Instagram and Facebook profiles of Business Upper Austria and get the latest news of the Upper Austrian start-up world:

www.instagram.com/upperazzi/

[de-de.facebook.com/
businessupperaustria](https://de-de.facebook.com/businessupperaustria)



Found a start-up

You always wanted to be your own boss? Found your company in Upper Austria! The Upper Austrian Chamber of Commerce (WKOÖ) is the interest group for entrepreneurs in Upper Austria and offers a diverse range of services answering all questions of commercial daily life. However, there are also several other points of contact where founders can get help and information.

www.wko.at/ooe

WKOÖ Gründerservice

The Business Start-up Service is the first port of call for questions when it comes to transforming ideas into a new business venture. On the website you can also find helpful online services like a break-even calculator or a financing guidebook.

www.gruenderservice.at

akostart OÖ

An academic start-up network that supports people with innovative business

ideas with infrastructure, coaching and a broad business partner network. akostart OÖ wants to connect start-ups from different disciplines and different universities to form interdisciplinary start-up teams, and supports them in creating marketable products in the early phase of the company.

Also of interest to young founders:

tech2b

www.tech2b.at

Startrampe Tabakfabrik

www.sparkasse-ooe.at/startrampe

startup300

www.startup300.at

Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

www.ffg.at/en/startups

der brutkasten

www.derbrutkasten.com





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Home
is

where your
homies are

Housing options

- **Student accommodations**
- **Rental (very common) or lease purchase (person renting has the option to buy the property at a later date)**
- **Purchase of property (apartment or house)**

Oh! That's important!

Don't forget that you need to register your place of residence (Meldezettel) within three days of moving into your new accommodation at your registry office (Magistrat or Gemeindeamt). The required form is available here:



Student accommodations

Student accommodations are ideal – also for international students. Find your student accommodation on the website of your university or in Upper Austria right here:

www.studium.at/studentenheime/oberoesterreich

Another option are flatshares:

www.oeh.jku.at/oeh-services/boersen/wohnboerse

www.wg-gesucht.de/wg-zimmer-in-Linz.330.0.1.0.html

A very popular online platform to search for real estate is

www.willhaben.at



Rental or lease purchase

Monthly costs

The overall costs (monthly fixed costs) consist of the net rent plus service charges. The net rent is the cost of the accommodation (excluding heating), and service charges include public services like water, sewage, garbage collection, possible management charges and further heating costs. These fixed costs are due at the beginning of the month and payable in advance.

One-time payments

A deposit payment to the landlord of three up to six months' gross rent is usual and serves as security for any damage or missed payments. After the rental contract has ended and the accommodation has been returned in a fit state, the deposit should be returned within a reasonable period (approximately two weeks). Please be aware that if you rent a flat

via a real estate agent, you have to pay a commission fee. For internationals the engagement of local real estate agents can be very helpful, as they can search an adequate flat based on specific needs and financial possibilities. Please find more information about commission fees at:

www.mietervereinigung.at/3889/Maklerprovision

Rental contract

All important rental terms are defined and regulated in the rental contract. Additional agreements, arrangements or declarations should be made in writing. Rental contracts have a minimum duration of 3 years, whereby a shorter duration is not permitted due to rental legislation. Rental agreements can usually be terminated with a three-month notice period. Special agreements can also be made regarding termination of the contract.



To find an adequate flat (either rent or purchase) you can, for example, look on the following platforms:

www.immowelt.at

www.wohnet.at

www.willhaben.at

immobilien.nachrichten.at

Homes are also advertised in printed newspapers, on various notice boards in supermarkets, local/municipal authorities or on social media:



Oh! That's good to know!

Accommodation in Austria is typically unfurnished. In some cases, the kitchen can be bought from the previous tenant. In student accommodations, sometimes even more furniture can be taken over. Sanitary appliances like a bath, shower and toilets are usually present.

As most accommodations are sold or rented out without furniture, you might be looking for a good opportunity to buy some used furniture for your new home through international Facebook groups or at:



Running costs

Running Costs

- Electricity
- Household insurance
- Parking
- Telephone and internet
- Television and radio charges
- Water
- Heating

Electricity

Electricity costs are not included in the service charges when renting a home and must be registered separately by the tenant.

Household insurance

It is highly recommended to take out household insurance, which mostly (but not always) includes liability insurance. This covers damage within the home, for example a broken water pipe, fire, theft or vandalism. You can find an overview of insurance company prices according to your own requirements by scanning the QR code.

Parking

In cities, you might have to pay extra for a parking space, on top of the rent.

Telephone and internet

There are plenty of telephone and mobile phone providers. A useful price calculator for telephone and internet contracts can be found by scanning the QR code.



ORF Haushaltsabgabe

The „ORF household fee“ is considered the fee that is due for radio and television services in Austria. From January 1, 2024 is set to 15.30 euros per month (until further notice). It is no longer device-dependent, but is paid for each address (household) where at least one person has its main residence. The respective fee is always due in advance. Payment options include a

payment via SEPA bank transfer (payment must be conducted in full with the yearly amount).

The regulation says that one adult must be registered as a responsible guarantee for the „ORF household fee“. The fee is also applicable to persons registered in Austria under their main address, who do not own radio

receivers, have removed them. No fee is payable for a secondary residence in Austria. Certain groups will be exempt from the ORF fee or may enjoy reduced rates. These include, for example, recipients of social benefits or people with low incomes.

www.orf.beitrag.at/english

Subsidies

Depending on certain criteria such as household income, EEA nationals can claim housing benefit – the so-called Wohnbeihilfe in German. The housing benefit applicant must be an Austrian citizen or EEA national. Further information on requirements and the application can be found here:

www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/wohnbeihilfe

Oh! That's good to know!

When you move out of a rented flat, the property must be returned in the condition agreed in the rental contract. Any damage beyond normal wear and tear must be repaired or will be paid out of the deposit. Any furniture can stay if the new tenant agrees to buy it. The deposit must be returned after a proper handover.



“It has been a very enriching experience living in Upper Austria. Austria is a country which values innovation and the quality of education is very high. I also like the fact that I am living in a city which is very close to nature.”

Genevieve Howard

University of Art and Design Linz,
Fashion & Technology





Photo: OÖ Tourismus / Robert Maybach

a real Upper
Austrian

How much money do you need per month to study in Upper Austria?

Your costs are made up as follows:

- Housing
- Food and drink
- Literature, scripts, teaching material
- Clothes
- Mobility
- Telecommunications
- Leisure time
- Tuition fees (third country nationals)
- Sports club / gym

Accommodation is the biggest cost item when studying in Upper Austria. Most universities are in larger cities, where housing is more expensive than in rural areas. But there are also costs for electricity, internet and other ancillary costs.

Student residences offer affordable housing options. Renting a room in a shared apartment is also a popular

option for many students. It is significantly more expensive if you rent your own apartment. Don't forget: You also have to pay for electricity, water, heating and internet.

You should budget around 250 euros for food and drink if you are willing to cook yourself and only occasionally go to a restaurant. An affordable way to get a warm meal is the so-called "Mensa", which is located on almost every Austrian university campus.

During your studies you will have to buy special literature and learning materials as well. Copying scripts also costs money. You have to take this into account when planning your finances.

Study hard but have fun! Meeting friends and partying is a must when you are young. Leisure and fun also deserve a fixed place in your financial planning.

Average living costs



Average living costs

What does ... cost in Linz?

If you want to know how much you have to pay for renting a flat, a cappuccino, a fitness club, childcare or a taxi, visit Numbeo:

www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Linz

Conclusion:

Studying in Upper Austria costs around 800 to 1000 euros per month, depending on where you live and how much money you spend on your leisure activities.

Oh!

Studying is more expensive for third-country nationals because they also have to pay tuition fees if they are not exempt from paying. The fee is around 726 € per semester.





1 kg weath flour
(Fini's Feinstes)
€ 1.99



1 l milk (Schärdinger)
€ 1.81



1 kg bread
(Meter Brot)
€ 4.29



100 g Extrawurst
€ 1.96

15 pieces (450 g)
of fish fingers (Iglo)
€ 6.14



250 g yogurt
(Schärdinger)
€ 0.79



500 g coffee
(Jacobs Monarch)
€ 8.40

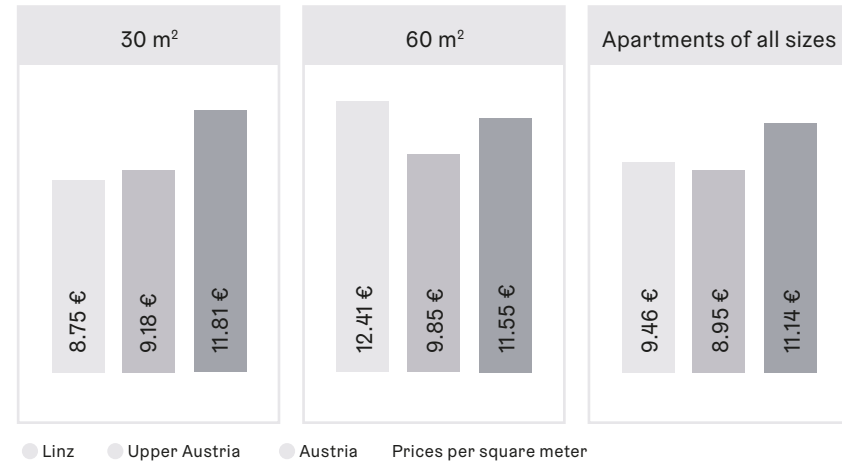
700 g mixed vegetables (Iglo)
€ 4.42



Photos: istockphoto.com, OÖ Tourismus, Adobe Stock, Unsplash

Rent Index for Rental Apartments 2024

Resource: www.wohnungsboerse.net/mietspiegel-Linz/16691



Mensa

On university campuses in Austria you can very often find a cafeteria called "Mensa". It's an affordable way for students to get a hot meal when you're at university all day. The selection of dishes on offer is very large. The Mensa is also a good place to meet your fellow students and have a meal together.

You can also benefit from several discounts for students, for example on transport, entrance fees for concerts, theaters, cinemas, mobile phone rates and many more:

**Active pass of the city of Linz**

The active pass (Aktivpass) is a bonus card issued by the city of Linz for inhabitants with low incomes. Students can also apply for an active pass, provided that their monthly income is not more than EUR 1,275. This municipal bonus card confers price reductions in a number of establishments and for various activities: museums, events, the Adult Education Centre (Volkshochschule), the Ars Electronica Center, the public swimming pools of the LINZ and many others.

Austria holds a leading position in international quality of life and health-care rankings. Legislation defines that social insurance is compulsory and based on the principle of solidarity. Once personal insurance is secured, a wide range of doctors and hospitals become available.

Students from the EU are insured in Austria if they have compulsory insurance in their home country. However, a European health insurance card is required. Foreign students who have a part-time job are automatically insured. Your social insurance contributions are deducted by your employer and paid to the local tax office. Foreign students who do not have compulsory insurance from their home country have the option of taking out self-insurance at a preferential rate of currently 58.39 euros per month.

e-card – your health card

The e-card is a smartcard that can be

used to obtain services (for example medical treatment and hospital care) without payment in cash. Panel doctors invoice the services directly with the social insurance authority on presentation of the e-card.

European health insurance card

The rear side of the e-card is the European health insurance card. It provides insurance during a temporary residence in EU member states and the European Economic Area (EEA).

For more information about the e-card, an overview of your health insurance rights and other details please visit:

www.sozialversicherung.at

Ways to get insurance as an international student:

- Compulsory insurance in your home country
- Part-time job
- Self-insurance

Doctors

General practitioners

The GP is a general practitioner and first point of contact for illnesses and complaints of all kinds. You can select your GP freely, and many make home visits in the local area if necessary.

Panel doctors

So-called panel doctors (Kassenärzte or Vertragsärzte), independent of their field of specialisation, have contracts with one or multiple insurance funds and directly invoice treatment costs to them. Patients incur no costs unless a deductible is payable. To find out if a doctor has a contract with a health insurance fund, access:

www.arztsuche.aekooe.at/finder/search/land/00,SA

Oh! That's important!

An e-card is given to all insured persons and serves as proof of insurance. It must be presented at every visit to a healthcare facility.





Photo: Harald Eisenberger

ÖBB (Österreichische Bundesbahnen)

Austrian Railways

The trains of Austrian Railways, a nationally owned organisation, are the most widely used form of public transport in the country. The well-developed network of railways offers comfortable commuting by train, along with international connections. Busses are also operated by the ÖBB.

For train travel with the ÖBB, tickets must be purchased before boarding, either online or from a ticket machine at the train station. For frequent trips, the purchase of a weekly, monthly or yearly ticket can be cheaper. Alternatively, it is advisable to purchase a so-called ÖBB Vorteils card, as this can allow you to make substantial savings.

The timetables are available on the ÖBB website as well as on the free ÖBB Scotty app, which covers all bus

and train connections, stops, delays and more, regardless of the operator.

www.oebb.at
www.oebb.at/de/fahrplan/fahrplanauskunft/scottymobil

WESTbahn

The WESTbahn is a private company offering train travel between Vienna and Salzburg. Upper Austria benefits greatly from this service since it lies between these two states. ÖBB Vorteils card holders can also travel at reduced rates with the WESTbahn.

Tickets bought from a ticket machine at railway stations are not valid for travel with the WESTbahn since they are only valid on ÖBB trains. WESTbahn tickets can be bought on the train directly from the ticket collector, in many tobacconists, with the WESTpay app or on the WESTbahn website:

www.westbahn.at

Linz AG lines (buses and tramway)

Linz AG is the operator of regional buses and trams in Linz and offers an excellent public transport network. This allows trouble-free travel to all parts of Linz and beyond. Passengers must be in possession of a valid ticket before travelling, otherwise plain-clothes ticket inspectors can levy large fines.

Tickets (short or long-distance, daily tickets) can be bought from ticket machines at all bus and tramway stops and should be purchased in advance. The tickets are valid for both buses and trams in Linz, but not for the Pöstlingberg tram. Linz AG offers affordable semester tickets for students, which costs about 70 € per semester.

For frequent travel, a weekly, monthly or yearly ticket is highly recommended. Extensive information is available at www.linzag.at/efa

Active pass of the city of Linz

The active pass (Aktivpass) is a bonus card issued by the city of Linz for inhabitants with low incomes. Students can also apply for an active pass, provided that their monthly income is not more than EUR 1,275. Most important of all, the active pass offers substantial reductions on public transportation. All advantages offered can be found at the website:

www.linz.at/aktivpass

Upper Austrian Transport Association (Oberösterreichischer Verkehrsverbund/OÖVV)

The Upper Austrian Transport Association fulfills the demand for quantity and quality of public transport for the whole federal state. Its duties include providing information and advice for passengers, issuing and billing free travel for students or apprentices, and charging and providing services to customers. The OÖVV website

provides timetables, tickets and prices as well as information on tickets for trainees:

www.ooevv.at

Driving your car with a foreign license plate

Moving your car to Upper Austria
What do you have to consider when moving your vehicle to Upper Austria? How long are you allowed to drive with a foreign license plate? There are two cases to consider.

- Main residence outside of Upper Austria

If your main place of residence is outside of Austria, you are allowed to use your vehicle with a foreign license plate for a maximum of one year. The one-year period begins when you bring your vehicle to Austria.

Driving license from third countries

All driving license holders from third countries need to have their driving license transcribed, but the following are excluded from having to take a practical driving test:

As requirements for driving license classes and countries can change once in a while, please also check for the latest information:



- Main residence in Upper Austria
If your main place of residence is in Austria, you are allowed to use your vehicle with a foreign license plate for a maximum of one month. The one-month period begins when you bring your vehicle to Austria for the first time.

Car, driving and driving license

Driving licenses which have been issued in EU or EEA countries are recognised in Austria and can be voluntarily transcribed. The transcription must be applied for within six months of residing in Austria, whereby a minimum age of 18 is also required. If the driving license is not in German, it is only valid in combination with an international driving license or a translation.

Oh! That's a great saving!

Students under the age of 26 can profit from subsidised transport in the form of a semester ticket (Semesterkarte) if the general criteria are met.



For further information, please scan the QR-code.



Translations of driving licenses can be made by court-appointed interpreters:

www.gerichtsdolmetscher.at/Verzeichnis

International driving licenses can be issued by the following automobile associations:

www.arboe.at
www.oeamtc.at
www.vcoe.at

Plane

The airport in Vienna is the largest and most important Austrian airport. It can be reached directly in less than 2 hours from Linz by ÖBB railjets, which offer the most comfortable way of travelling to the Vienna International Airport. Additionally, the airport can be reached by bus from all railway stations in Vienna.

www.viennaairport.com
www.cityairporttrain.com/en/home

The next big international airport is Munich Airport. Although it cannot be reached by train as comfortably and directly as Vienna International Airport, it could be a good option for people

living in the west of Upper Austria.

Munich Airport is best reached by car. Other smaller airports are the Linz Blue Danube Airport and the Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Airport in Salzburg, which are primarily used for business trips. In summer, there are also flights to various holiday destinations.

www.munich-airport.com
www.linz-airport.com
www.salzburg-airport.com

Other transport options

LINZ AG collective on-call taxi

Linz AG lines offer a collective on-call taxi (Anruf-Sammel-Taxi/AST): a taxi running according to a timetable, which is shared with other passengers and is therefore cheaper. The taxi must be ordered at least 30 minutes before the desired departure time as demand is high.



For all information, please scan the QR-Code.

Taxi

Usually, there are taxi ranks at highly frequented locations in cities. Alternatively, many taxi companies are online. A Google search with "taxi + location" indicates the nearest taxis and their contact information.

Oh! That's good to know!

It's advisable to keep a little cash for paying the taxi driver as not all accept debit or credit cards. And: It is common to give the driver a small tip.



Bicycles

Bicycles are also popular for making journeys. Cyclists should note that they must push their bicycle over zebra crossings and are not permitted to cycle on pavements. Additionally, there is also a strict limit on alcohol. Please note that you have to pay extra for taking your bicycle with you on public transport.

e-scooter sharing

e-scooters can be rented against payment of a fee, mostly over smartphone apps, and are paid for by credit card or through online payment systems. It is forbidden for two people to drive one e-scooter. In general, the rules for riding a bicycle apply to driving an electric scooter, although hand signals for turning are not allowed as it is too dangerous to steer an electric scooter with only one hand.

“Upper Austria caught my eye due to its great education system, vast working opportunities and excellent quality of life. I am also an avid outdoors and sports person, so I think Upper Austria optimally combines student, working, and leisure activities, making it a highly attractive region for fellow international students.”

Rolando González Villarreal
FH OÖ, Innovation and Product Management



Bank accounts (checking accounts)

Many banks offer students up to a certain age free accounts and other attractive services such as online banking, mobile payment with your smartphone or accident insurance. To open a bank account, valid photo identification is usually required, along with a residence registration in some cases.

Banks and varying account management fees

There are a range of banks with many branches all over Upper Austria to select from. Some of the most popular and biggest ones are:

www.oberbank.at
www.raiffeisen.at
www.sparkasse.at
www.volksbank.at
www.vkb-bank.at

As all major Austrian banks offer online banking or their own apps, it is usually not even necessary to go to the bank in person. But if you have to or simply want to, every bank customer is

generally cared for by a private customer account manager, who answers questions and gives detailed information. Opening hours vary between banks and are indicated online.

Banks charge varying account management fees. Here is a tool to compare the fees of different institutes:

www.durchblicker.at/girokonto

Online banks

In addition to traditional, physically available banks, there are online banks. Some of them offer cheaper conditions, as they don't have operating expenditures for branches. Nevertheless, some require a reference account for money transfers.

These are some of the most popular online banks:

www.ing-diba.at
www.easybank.at

Debit cards and credit cards

In Upper Austrian stores, it is very common to pay by debit card, which is usually included when opening an account. However, it is a good idea to check with the bank first whether this service is offered, as well as whether and what type of credit card is issued, as costs vary depending on the services included, such as insurance (including travel insurance).

Standing orders

Money transfers by standing order are direct and reliable, making regular payments like rent, utility costs and cell phone fees to the respective company easier.

Oh! That's funny!

Did you know that (Upper) Austrians love to pay cash? So you better always keep some cash on you to pay in the restaurant or to pay the taxi driver as they might not accept debit or credit cards at all.



Shopping ... it's the same in every country. Really? There are some peculiarities in Austria that you must therefore pay attention to.

Opening hours

Opening hours vary between stores, and between rural and urban areas. Stores are usually closed on Sundays by law, except for supermarkets in train stations and minimarkets at gas stations, which are allowed to sell groceries on Sundays and public holidays. Some bakeries with coffee shops are also open.

Restaurants also have different opening hours in rural and urban areas. In towns, restaurants are usually closed on Sundays, while in rural areas restaurants tend to be closed on Mondays or Tuesdays. It's recommended to check the opening hours of the respective restaurant online or by phone to avoid standing in front of closed doors.

Groceries

Groceries as well as household and hygiene products are available in many different supermarkets. There are several supermarket chains all over Austria offering similar prices and ranges of products. Almost all supermarket chains have their own organic food brand, but there are also organic supermarkets, especially in large cities. Supermarkets also sell bread and pastries. Cosmetics, household and hygiene products are also generally available in supermarkets and drugstores.

Payment

In Upper Austria, you can as a rule pay either in cash or by debit card including all functions (e.g. Quick or Pay-pass). In some shops, it is also possible to pay by credit card, but in this case it is advisable to be careful and to also keep in mind that not every shop accepts them.



Photo: istockphoto.com / LeoPatrizi

Oh! Did you know that?

In Austria shops are normally closed on Sundays and public holidays. This also means that many restaurants (especially in towns), grocers, bakeries and coffee shops keep their doors closed.



Water sports

Dive into crystal-clear waters, explore the realm of adventure, and experience water in its purest form – literally. Upper Austria's lakes all boast drinking water quality, reflecting the surrounding natural scenery. This is especially true in the Salzkammergut region, which features 67 lakes.

www.wassersportarena.at
www.attersee.at
www.atterseeueberquerung.com
www.salzkammergut.at/en
www.oberoesterreich.at/aktivitaeten/sommer/wassersport.html

- **Swimming:** Upper Austria offers a variety of idyllic waters, making a day of swimming an unforgettable summer experience, whether in clear lakes or refreshing rivers.
- **Sailing:** The Salzkammergut region in southern Upper Austria provides ideal conditions for sailing, with lakes such as Attersee, Traunsee, Mondsee, and Wolfgangsee being particularly popular.
- **Diving:** The Salzkammergut is more than a hidden gem for freshwater divers. Each lake offers new discoveries and its own secrets.
- **Action sports:** Upper Austria has become a hotspot for action-packed water sports, featuring the world's largest river wave, numerous wakeboard lifts around major cities, and stand-up paddleboard yoga.

Cycling and Mountain Biking

Upper Austria is a paradise for cycling enthusiasts, offering over 2,400 kilometers of well-marked bike paths that traverse rivers, circle lakes, and cut through meadows and fields. For mountain bikers, there are more than 3,000 kilometers of designated trails through mountains and alpine pastures. Road cyclists can enjoy scenic routes on low-traffic roads, exploring beautiful areas from the Danube to the Mühlviertel and the lakes of the Salzkammergut. The region's growing pump track scene also features increasing numbers of bike parks. Gravel biking, a discipline combining road cycling and mountain biking across various terrains, is popular in the Dachstein Salzkammergut region, which offers routes with alternating road and off-road sections amid diverse mountain and lake landscapes. Additionally, the nationwide "Gravel Austria" route passes

through Upper Austria, providing ample opportunities for gravel biking enthusiasts.



Hiking and Mountain Climbing

From plains and idyllic river valleys to lush green pastures and majestic mountains, Upper Austria offers unforgettable nature adventures for everyone. Whether you prefer leisurely pleasure hikes and alpine walks or challenging multi-day and alpine tours, the region has it all. More than 20 pilgrimage and spiritual trails cater to the desire for tranquility, reflection on one's roots, and direct contact with nature.

www.wandern.at
www.dachstein-salzkammergut.at
www.kalkalpenweg.at
www.donausteig.com
www.boehmerwald.at
www.johannesweg.at

Running and Trail Running

Move at your own pace with quick steps – outdoors, in beautiful nature, and in the most stunning landscapes that make everything else fade away. Running clears the mind and energizes the body. Discover running routes, events, and everything about trail running in Upper Austria.

Skiing and Snowboarding

Upper Austria's winter sports areas are located in the Bohemian Forest and along the northern edge of the Alps. The largest ski resorts in the region include the family-friendly paradise Hochficht in the Bohemian Forest, the World Cup ski resort Hinterstoder, and the nearby family-friendly Wurzeralm in Spital am Pyhrn. In the Salzkammergut region, you'll find the Feuerkogel in Ebensee, the Kasberg in Grünau im Almtal, the Freesports Arena Dachstein Krippenstein, and the Dachstein West ski region. These destinations offer a variety of slopes

and facilities, catering to families and sports enthusiasts alike.

www.hochficht.at
www.kasberg.at
www.hiwu.at
www.dachstein.at
www.feuerkogel.info/en
www.dachstein-salzkammergut.com
www.wintersport.at

Free Riding

In Upper Austria, untouched powder slopes, majestic peaks, and unforgettable adventures await. The Dachstein in the south is a true paradise for freeriders looking to showcase their skills off the groomed trails.

Winter Sports aside the Tracks

Adventure continues even after you take off your skis. Why not switch it up? Try the cross-country trails at the Nordic Center Bohemian Forest, or discover the peaceful, rejuvenating silence of winter in the mountains on snowshoes. Guided ranger tours lead into the Kalkalpen National Park, where nature falls into an almost meditative

calm during the cold season. On the ice, people in Upper Austria enjoy not only ice skating but also participate in the region's "national sport," ice stock sport (similar to curling).

www.boehmerwald.at
www.skitourengehen.info

Thermal Springs

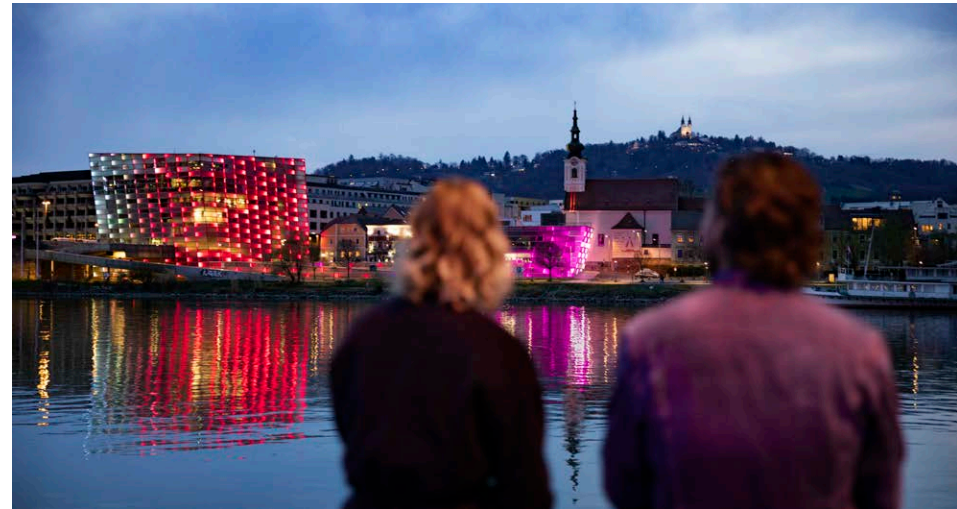
Upper Austria's thermal spas strike a perfect balance between a relaxing atmosphere and health expertise. The EurothermenResorts in Bad Schallerbach, Bad Ischl, and Bad Hall, along with Therme Geinberg and the Gesundheitsresort Lebensquell Bad Zell, offer more than just the soothing and relaxing effects of thermal water. They provide comprehensive wellness experiences, combining the therapeutic benefits of thermal baths with various health treatments and amenities designed to promote overall well-being.

www.eurothermen.at
www.therme-geinberg.at

Arts and Cultural Events

Upper Austria impresses with an incredible variety of cultural offerings – from concerts, to festivals, to visual arts, and to experimental readings. It is a land of musicians and writers, history enthusiasts and forward-thinkers, high-flyers and culture lovers. Upper Austria has twice hosted European Capitals of Culture with Linz in 2009 and Bad Ischl Salzkammergut in 2024. Additionally, the region is home to three UNESCO World Heritage sites, showcasing its rich cultural heritage.

www.woodstockderblasmusik.at
www.pflasterspektakel.at
www.donau-festwochen.at
www.festwochen-gmunden.at
www.leharfestival.at
www.klangwolke.at
www.crossingeurope.at
www.ars.electronica.art/festival/de/about



Find all events
in Linz at:

www.linz-termine.at

Oh! That sounds great!
You don't know where to buy event tickets? Here are some insider tips:

www.events.at
www.oeticket.com



Christmas Time

Advent, the festive season before Christmas, is celebrated with charm in Upper Austria. The region is rich in customs and traditions that make winter in Upper Austria special. Scented treats and genuine handicrafts characterize Advent markets throughout the country, marking the quietest time of the year. In Upper Austria, specifically in Christkindl near Steyr, resides the Christ Child. Hochburg-Ach is the birthplace of Franz Xaver Gruber, the composer of the melody "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

www.wels.at/welsmarketing/events/top-events/welser-weihnachtswelt.html
www.steyr-nationalpark.at/advent
www.schloss-weinberg.at
www.wolfgangseer-advent.at
www.schloesseradvent.at
www.baumkronenweg.at/waldweihnacht.html

Digital leisure time planner

Upperguide:

The online leisure planner is an indispensable companion for excursions in Upper Austria. Curious about what's happening nearby? Looking for popular events? Searching for the nearest tavern or restaurant? Upperguide provides around-the-clock information tailored to your location.

myKulTour:

Upper Austria is a land rich in culture, waiting to be explored. The cultural experience planner myKulTour helps with this exploration. What interests you? When are you planning your trip? myKulTour creates a customized "Cultural Tour" in Upper Austria, tailored to your interests, schedule, and personal priorities.

For more online information about trips in Upper Austria, contact an Upper Austrian tourism association or go to:
www.ausflugstipps.at



Upper Austria is as diverse as life itself and offers countless opportunities for adventurers, culture lovers and party animals. If your parents visit you for a weekend and you want to show them your second home from its most beautiful side, we have the right tips for you. These suggestions are guaranteed to fit your budget as a student. Get inspired.

Friday

Beer, music or culture in Linz

What's the best way to slow down in our fast-moving, digital world after a busy week at university? That's right: Beer, people and hanging out. True to the motto "TGIF", which means "thank God, it's Friday", you can visit the capital of Upper Austria and start your weekend in a cozy bar with a good Austrian beer. On weekends you can find nice concerts (for example at the Posthof event centre, the Mezzanin Bar, in the Kultur Hof Linz or a show organised by Sofa Sounds). Some bars also offer pub

quizzes or Beer Pong from time to time. If you want to round off your day on a more exciting note, you can follow a night-watchman-tour through the city. There, you will get the chance to experience arcades, arched ceilings and burial vaults explained by a moody guy dressed in watchman's clothing.

Of course, Linz also has a lot of cultural institutions where students benefit from reduced entrance fees, and some museums are even completely free of charge. The Mural Harbor is a must for creative heads. Here, you can get guided walking and boat tours around the harbour of Linz and its colourful and cryptic graffiti and murals. You even get the chance to leave your own graffiti work and learn to use the spray.

Events with free admission

Open airs, Christmas markets, concerts or fairs: all year round, interesting events take place in Linz for which you do not have to pay admission.

A perfect weekend in Upper Austria

This English-language website of Linz Tourismus gives you a good overview: www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/activities/for-free/free-events

Saturday

Perfect places for perfect selfies

It's Saturday morning, the weekend has just begun. Upper Austria has wonderful destinations. Nature, history and adventure are the perfect settings for your next selfie.

You like waterfalls and swimming?

Great, then the Traunfall waterfalls are the best weekend adventure for you.

The Traunfall is a waterfall in the river "Traun", is located in the countryside surrounding Wels and has a drop depth of 12 meters.

At "Magic Dive Traunfall" you can book a soft canyoning and snorkelling tour, where you can explore the beautiful nature under water. The tour takes about 3 hours and costs 62 € (the equipment is included).

After being one with the fish, we recommend eating a typical fish on a

stick at Fisch Hager. This snack bar is located right next to the waterfall. You get fresh mackerel and trout direct from the river and the taste is just yummy.

www.traunfall-tauchen.at
www.fisch-hager.at

For bike lovers

In Upper Austria you will find many different bike paths for all levels of fitness. If you prefer flat but long routes, the Almtalradweg is the best way to bike into a wonderful, unspoilt Austrian landscape. The path has the number R11 and is tagged on yellow signs.

The bike path starts from Wels – there the journey begins. The bike path leads to the wonderful Almsee, which lies in the midst of a beautiful mountain landscape. In total it is about 60 km one way and takes about 5 hours. So you should plan in a whole day of adventure for this sporty weekend. Don't forget your water bottle and your sandwich.

You can always shorten your tour and start somewhere else on that path. Around the Almsee you will find restaurants where you can also stop for a bite to eat.



For all information on the bike paths, please scan the QR-code.

1. Pöstlingbergbahn, Linz
2. Wolfgangsee Shipping Line, St. Wolfgang
3. National Park Kalkalpen
4. Schafberg Mountain Railway, St. Wolfgang
5. Castle Schloss Ort, Gmunden
6. Traunsee Shipping Line, Traunsee
7. Dachstein Salzkammergut with cave and hiking world
8. Treetop Walk, Kopfung
9. Schmiding Zoo and Aquazoo, Krenglbach
10. Ars Electronica Center, Linz
11. River Wave Ebensee
12. Waterski lift at the the Feldkirchner See

Party time

If you still have any energy left after these sporty activities, you can enjoy the nightlife in one of the night clubs in downtown Linz. If you get hungry in the early hours of the morning, grab another snack at Leberkas-Pepi before you go home.

Sunday

Lido Sounds

Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Lido Sounds, the ultimate music festival experience! Over four electrifying days, the city of Linz comes alive with the sounds of top national and international artists, performing on two dynamic stages. Don't miss out the experience to enjoy a music festival by the Danube River and in the heart of the city center.

lidosounds.com

Urfahrnermarkt

Twice a year, in Spring and Autumn, Upper Austria hosts its most iconic event – the **Biggest Folk Festival** in Linz! Wear your Lederhose or Dirndl and dive into an authentic Austrian experience filled with tradition and excitement.

Savor mouthwatering Austrian cuisine, enjoy live music in a lively beer tent, and take in the sights from the top of a dazzling Ferris wheel. With endless entertainment and a vibrant atmosphere, this festival is the perfect blend of culture and fun.

urfahrnermarkt.com



Linz in particular has a lively nightlife: Whether it's a cosy bar or café with tasty burgers and beer or a club where the who's who of the city gets together – there's something for every whim.

Salonschiff Fräulein Florentine

A very special place to meet friends, enjoy modern art and communicate at anchor can be found near the Ars Electronica Center along the waterside of the Danube.

www.frl-florentine.at

Café Valdés

Do you want to enjoy a Mojito or a Cuba Libre and while soaking in the diverse languages Linz has to offer? Café Valdés is the perfect place. Located in the Herrenstraße, one of the most beautiful old streets from Linz. This café offers an impressive selection of rum from around the world.

www.cafe-valdes-linz.eatbu.com

Rox Music Bar

In the heart of Linz there is the Rox Music Bar, where you can sing karaoke or enjoy

rock nights and Saturday night fever.
www.rox-musicbar.com

Aquarium

Blend in with the locals and enjoy a beer or a "Weißer Spritzer" – a refreshing mix of white wine and sparkling water – at this cozy, modern, and artsy pub nestled in Linz's historic old town.



Solaris

Ideal for enjoying warm summer days outdoors, Solaris is located in the vibrant OK-Platz, one of Linz's popular art hubs. Known for its cocktails, Solaris also offers a lively music program on Friday nights, featuring both international and local DJs.

www.solarisbar.at

Café Strom

A cool location in the creative landscape of the Linz Stadtwerkstatt, a local culture centre famous for its concerts.

strom.stwst.at

JKU Mensafeste

Thursday is party day at the Johannes Kepler University! So you'd better not schedule early Friday classes in your timetable.

www.oeh.jku.at/oeh-services/veranstaltungen

Oh! Did you know that?

The first address for hungry party animals on their way home in the early morning: Going out in Linz always ends at Leberkas Pepi in a little side street off the main square.

www.leberkaspepi.at



Find more great places for going out here.

OK Square

A multi-used artsy square where you will find an interesting container-bar, perfect to chill and catch up during spring and summer evenings. During the day, it is a comfortable café bar with nice background music. In the evening, the sound of music slowly drowns out the sound of chatting people. You can bring your own drinks, play boccia and enjoy the OK-Square under the trees or take a seat in the restaurants nearby.

Oh! Did you know that?

In Austria, it's common to meet with friends at home and have a drink or two before going out at night. This is called "vorglühen", and so everyone is already in a good mood when arriving at a bar or club.

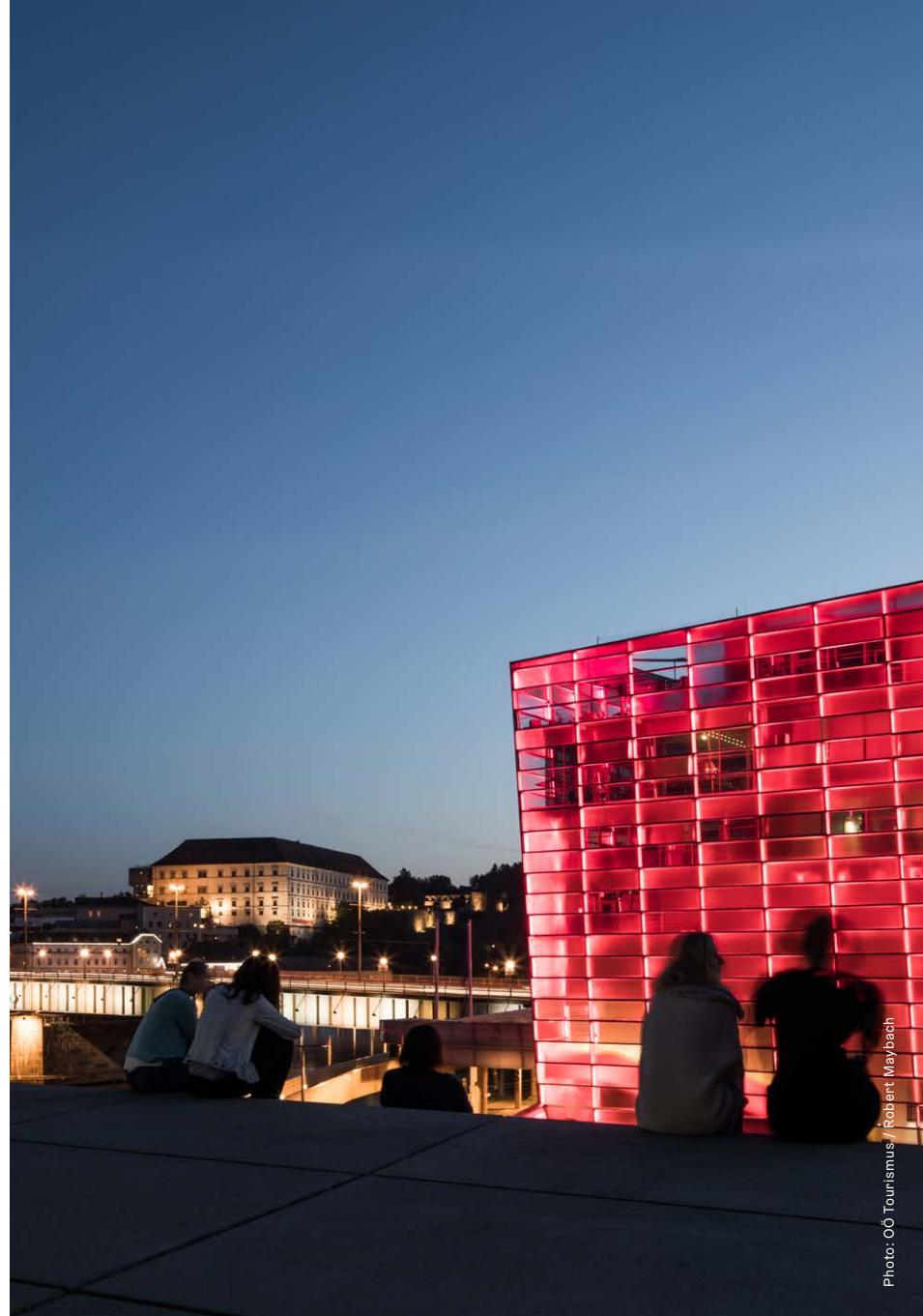




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German language courses

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Good to know

The main language of instruction in Upper Austria is German. It is therefore very important for you to start learning German as early as possible so that you can follow the lessons.

German course at the Johannes Kepler University (JKU) Linz

The Center for Specialized Languages and Intercultural Communication at the Johannes Kepler University Linz offers fee-based German courses for international students. The course fees are payable in addition to the student union fees. You will receive a place for your selected course once you have paid the course fees. Courses on different language levels and with different learning hours per week are offered. The course fees are depending on the course length and the IELTS points involved.

Public institutions for adult education

You can also book a German course at one of these institutions for adult education: WIFI, bfi and Volkshochschule. Both WIFI and bfi offer courses not only in Linz, but also in other Upper Austrian cities, where they have their offices and seminar rooms. If you search for a specific course on their website, you will immediately notice that there are many different courses for a wide variety of target groups, including integration courses for migrants and German courses for professionals. If you have specific questions, you can attend an information event that WIFI and bfi organise on a regular basis. They will advise you which course is right for you.

For more detailed information please visit:

www.wifi-ooe.at
www.bfi-ooe.at/de



For important information for registering for German as a foreign language course, please scan the QR-code.

Additionally, many private language institutes such as Berlitz or inlingua offer individual and group courses for German as a foreign language.

www.berlitz.com/en-at
www.inlingua-linz.at/en

The best time to start learning German is right now! Language skills encourage social integration in your private, student and working life, allow you to participate in social life and make day-to-day living easier. There are numerous institutions and educational facilities across Austria offering German courses – also online.

Find the right one for you at:

www.sprachportal.integrationsfonds.at

For an easy start with German:

Use the Google Translate App:



Take your first steps in German with these apps:

www.duolingo.com
www.babbel.com

Or with online German courses from Berlitz:

www.berlitz.com/adults/learn-online

Oh! Servus und Grüß Gott!

Did you know that we don't speak "Deutsch" in Upper Austria, but "Deitsch"? That's why we say "Serwas" instead of "Servus" and "Griaß God" instead of "Grüß Gott".



Everyday vocabulary

Austrian	German	English
Bakery and coffee shop		
I kriagat bitte zwoa Semmen ... a Stickl Toatn/Kuchn	Ich bekomme bitte zwei Semmeln ... ein Stück Torte/Kuchen	I would like to have two rolls ... a piece of cake/pie
An Cappuccino zum mitnehma bitte	Einen Cappuccino to go bitte	A cappuccino to go please
Ordering at the restaurant		
A Schnitzel und a Hoibe	Ein Schnitzel und ein Bier	A Schnitzel and half a litre of beer
Kaun i de Koartn nuamoi hobn wegn ana Nochspeis?	Kann ich bitte die Menükarte noch einmal sehen, um ein Dessert auszusuchen?	Could you please bring me the menu again to have a look at the desserts?
I zoi in bar / mit da Koartn	Ich zahle bar / mit der Karte	I'll pay cash / with credit or debit card
Student life		
Moang!	Guten Morgen!	Good morning!
Moizeit!	Guten Appetit!	Enjoy your meal!
Pfiad di! / Pfiad eich!	Tschüss!	Good bye! (singular/plural)
Passt scho	Ist in Ordnung; geht okay	That's okay.
A gmahde Wiesn	eine einfache Angelegenheit	a breeze/child's play
Net hud'ln	Nicht übereilt und ohne mäßige Sorgfalt handeln	Don't be hasty and pay attention
Jausn, jausnen	kleine (kalte) Zwischenmahlzeit (in Deutschland: Brotzeit) oder kaltes Abendessen	a snack, to snack
Geh ma auf an Kaffee?	Gehen wir auf einen Kaffee?	Shall we go and drink a coffee?
Wochatein	die Woche teilen (am Mittwoch-abend ausgehen)	After-work beer on Wednesday to "celebrate" that half of the working week is over

Serwas!	Servus!	Hi!
Geh ma zur Bim?	Gehen wir gemeinsam zur Straßenbahn?	I'm going to the tramway station. Do you want to come with me?
fuatgeh	ausgehen	going out at night
voaglühn	vorglühn	start drinking with a group of friends at home, before going out
Host a Tschick?	Hast du eine Zigarette für mich?	Do you have a cigarette for me?
aufmascherln, sich	sich schön herausputzen	do oneself up
Bussl (auch: Bussi)	Freundschaftlicher Kuss auf die Wange bei der Begrüßung	kiss on the cheek among friends, for greeting
gsteckt voll	komplett überfüllt	crammed full
Pack ma's!	Brechen wir nach Hause auf!	Let's go home!
restfett sein (auch: a Restfett'n hom)	Vom Vorabend immer noch leicht betrunken sein	to still feel drunk from last night
Other useful basic words and phrases		
Ah, drum.	Aha, darum.	Oh, I see!
Gemma!	wörtlich: Gehen wir! auch: Anfeuerungsruf	Let's go! (in a motivating, stimulating sense)
, ... oda?	rhetorische Frage, meist ans Ende eines Satzes angehängt, um sich positiv bestätigen zu lassen	rhetorical tag in the sense of "... isn't it?", mostly used at the end of a sentence to get approval
Aber geh! (auch: A geh!)	Aber nein, das stimmt nicht.	No, that's not true; that can't be true.
Wos? (auch: Ha, wos?)	Was? (Wie bitte?)	What? (I beg your pardon.)
Wüst? (auch: Wüst a wos?)	Willst du was davon abhaben?	Would you like some? (when offering somebody something)
eh	ohnehin; oft nur leeres Füllwort	anyway, moreover
oiwei	alleweil, immer	always
iatzt	jetzt	now
nocha	nachher	later
a Neichtl	eine kleine Weile	a little while

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Service hotline for police (Connection to local police station)	059 /133
Ambulance (Rettung)	144
European emergency number (Euronotruf)	112
General Health Advice Hotline and Telemedicine (no emergency or rescue services)	1450
Locksmiths	firmen.wko.at/schlüsseldienst/oberösterreich
On-Call pharmacy service (Apothekenotruf)	1455
Emergency doctors service (Ärztentruf)	141
Information Service Line	118811
Breakdown Service – ARBÖ	123
Breakdown Service – ÖAMTC	120
Mountain Rescue Team	140
Water Rescue (Upper Austria)	130
Divers' Hotline (for Austria and Germany)	00800 326 668 783
Women's emergency hotline 24hrs	01/71 71 9
Battered Women Shelter Hotline (Frauenhaus)	0800/222 555
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State Lawyer for young children and teenagers (Protection of Minors, Education, Independence, etc.)	0800/240 264
Emergency Services for the deaf (text message or Fax)	0800 / 133 133
Emergency Hotline for Young People (Rat auf Draht)	147
Emergency Dentist Hotline	0732 / 78 58 77
Psychological Advice for Children, Teenagers and Parents	116 000
Power Cuts (Hotline for electricity issues in Upper Austria)	05 9000-3030
Telephone Counseling	142
Pet Emergency Numbers	www.petdoctors.at/notfall
Poisoning Hotline	01/406 43 43
Water Leaks	firmen.wko.at/suche_installateurfinder
Counselling Centers of any kind	www.beratungsstellen.at

Travelling abroad

In general terms, people enjoy free movement within the EU. However, it is recommended to check entry requirements and destinations, especially outside the EU.

www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/travel-information

Please also consider possible e-card restrictions, and thus, insurance restrictions abroad. In case there are stars instead of contact information on the rear of your e-card, please ask the social insurance authority, for instance the Austrian Health Insurance (ÖGK), if you require a health insurance certificate while abroad.

European emergency number 112
112 takes emergency calls and information about the emergency, and forwards this to the relevant emergency services, such as the police, fire department or ambulance service. This number can be reached anywhere in the EU and complements the existing emergency numbers in most countries. This number is also reachable without a mobile phone contract, credit and even without a SIM card.

Oh! That's good to know!



If you feel you need psychological counselling, you can find a help hotline here.



For general support, please have a look at the counselling calendar of the ÖH.



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