

GRAZ UNIVERSITY



Things you should know about the University of Graz:

- The University has 6 faculties, 76 departments and offers 100 different fields of study
- In total 4.000 people work at Graz University of which 2.700 people are academic staff
- 31.500 students (4.800 beginners, 3.300 graduates) are studying at Graz University, 13% of those are international students
- Graz University is a comprehensive university with a strong international profile, it is Austria's 2nd oldest university and one of the largest in the country
- It has a study-friendly campus, state-of-the-art infrastructure & efficient administration
- For incoming students and staff there is a strong administrative & academic support on all levels
- One main focus is offering innovative interdisciplinary research & research-based teaching
- The University of Graz has an active scientific, economic and cultural exchange with partners worldwide

Things you should know about Graz and Styria:

- Graz is a charming student town in the heart of Europe
- It is the second largest city in Austria with about 300.000 inhabitants (of which 60.000 are students) and it is the capital of Styria
- Graz has been awarded the title of UNESCO's World Heritage
- In 2003 Graz was the Cultural Capital of Europe and in 2011 it was awarded the title of UNESCO's City of Design
- The Hollywood star and former governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger grew up in a small village close to Graz
- Dietrich Mateschitz, the founder of the Red Bull energy drink company and owner of the formula 1 team Red Bull Racing was born in Styria
- Graz has 127,58 square kilometers area (40 percent are green spaces)
- The river Mur divides the city into two parts which are connected through 15 bridges

Things you should do in Graz:

- Visit one of the oldest department stores of the city, Kastner & Öhler, and drink a coffee on the rooftop bar
- Go to one of the popular farmers' markets to buy a bottle of original Styrian pumpkin seed oil
- Buy some ice cream in Sporgasse and take a walk through the old town and its beautiful winding streets
- Walk up the 260 steps of Schlossberg to the Clock Tower to have a marvelous view over the whole city
- Visit the beautiful baroque styled Eggenberg Palace and its precious park full of peacocks
- Take a walk through the biggest armory of the world - the *Grazer Zeughaus*
- Relax and enjoy the view of Graz from the *Murinsel*, the manmade island in the river Mur
- Visit an exhibition in our "friendly alien", the *Kunsthhaus* of Graz, which owns its nickname to its very special biomorphic shape
- Go surfing on the river Mur in summer
- Watch a breathtaking production in the Opera House of Graz or one of the many theaters



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GRAZ UNIVERSITY- INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



Academic Calendar:

Winter semester:

- Welcome Week: beginning of September AND mid September
- Lecture Period: beginning of October - end of January

Summer semester:

- Welcome Week: mid February
- Lecture Period: beginning of March - end of June

For details see: http://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/bib/downloads/studierende/incoming/academic_calendar/bibwww_academiccalendar_de.pdf

Language knowledge:

The University of Graz recommends language level B2 in German in order to take full advantage of the mobility. Students who will only take courses in English must have B2 English knowledge.

All degrees are German taught, though some offer a limited number of courses in English: <http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/s-in-winfo/courses-taught-english/>

Language Courses:

3-week German Intensive Language Courses (6 ECTS credits) are offered in September and February before the start of the semester. Also German courses during the semester are offered. For further information see: <http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/nominiert/vorbereitung-aufenthalt/>



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Course information:

- Online course guide: <https://online.uni-graz.at>
- Guidelines for course system: http://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/bib/downloads/studierende/incoming/ugo/bibwww_s_ugo_guidelines.pdf
- English-taught courses: <http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/s-in-winfo/courses-taught-english/>



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Accommodation:

Accommodation is provided by the ERASMUS Housing Office of the Austrian Exchange Service (OeAD - *Österreichischer Austauschdienst*) either in student dorms, in apartments with other students, or with families. The deadlines for housing applications are 1st June and 1st November. Students need to register online at <http://housing.oead.at/en/>

Web Pages:

University of Graz:
<http://www.uni-graz.at/en/>
Homepage for incoming exchange students: <http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/nominiert/>