

# Studying at the University of Vienna

## Information for asylum seekers, convention refugees and people granted subsidiary protection

People with a school leaving certificate or university degree who have been granted the status of asylum seekers, convention refugees or subsidiary protection in Austria can be admitted to a degree programme at the University of Vienna, provided they fulfill all admission requirements.

First, they have to make sure that studying a degree programme at the University of Vienna is a realistic option and that sufficient financial support exists.

### Studienwahl

The range of degree programmes offered at the University of Vienna comprises more than 180 degree programmes (bachelor, master and doctoral programmes). Here you can find information:

- Teaching Affairs and Student Services:  
**[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/choice-of-degree](http://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/choice-of-degree)**
- Study-specific counselling: StudienServiceCenter/  
StudienServiceStellen - **[ssc.univie.ac.at/en](http://ssc.univie.ac.at/en)**
- Job, Training and Education Fair  
**[bestinfo.at/en](http://bestinfo.at/en)**
- uniorientiert – open days at the University of Vienna for those interested in studying  
**[studienservice-lehrwesen.univie.ac.at/en/studying/education-fairs/uniorientiert-masterday](http://studienservice-lehrwesen.univie.ac.at/en/studying/education-fairs/uniorientiert-masterday)**
- Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH)  
**[oeh.ac.at/en](http://oeh.ac.at/en)**
- MORE – initiative for refugees by uniko  
**[uniko.ac.at/projekte/more](http://uniko.ac.at/projekte/more)**

### Financial Matters

In order to make a living during your studies, it is absolutely essential to clarify which kinds of financial support (allowance for refugees, minimum benefit, study grant) you will receive.

From winter semester 2018 onwards, the course fee for the University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities ([oad.at/vwu-registration-en](http://oad.at/vwu-registration-en)) is 480 Euro per semester. Each semester, the Students' Union fee (19.70 Euro) must be paid. It is possible to apply for a scholarship at the University of Vienna.

As a degree student, you have to pay the tuition fee and the Students' Union fee. You can apply for equal status with EU/EEA citizens regarding the tuition fee: The tuition fee (363.36 Euro per semester) will be remitted during the minimum duration of studies plus two semesters of tolerance. The Student's Union fee has to be paid each semester. After this time period, you will have to pay the tuition and the Students' Union fee each semester, however, it is also possible to apply for remission.

Here you can find information on financial matters and the tuition fee/Students' Union fee:

- needs-based minimum benefit for recognised refugees and people granted subsidiary protection - **[wien.gv.at/gesundheit/leistungen/mindestsicherung/index.html](http://wien.gv.at/gesundheit/leistungen/mindestsicherung/index.html)**
- allowance ("Grundversorgung") for asylum seekers  
**[fluechtlinge.wien/grundversorgung](http://fluechtlinge.wien/grundversorgung)**

- Study grant for recognised refugees  
**[stipendium.at/english-information](https://stipendium.at/english-information)**
- Scholarship at the University of Vienna  
**[studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/stipendien/stipendien-fuer-asylwerberinnen-und-asylberechtigte](https://studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/stipendien/stipendien-fuer-asylwerberinnen-und-asylberechtigte)**
- University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities - **[oead.at/vwu-registration-en](https://oead.at/vwu-registration-en)**
- Antiracism funds of the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) of the University of Vienna  
**[oeh.univie.ac.at/antira-sozialfonds-antira-socialfonds](https://oeh.univie.ac.at/antira-sozialfonds-antira-socialfonds)**
- Language courses of the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)  
**[integrationsfonds.at/en/newsbeitrag/language-courses\\_187](https://integrationsfonds.at/en/newsbeitrag/language-courses_187)**
- Austrian database for scholarships and research grants  
**[grants.at/en](https://grants.at/en)**
- Amount of the tuition fee/Students' Union fee, equal status with EU/EEA citizens, remission  
**[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/tuition-fee](https://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/tuition-fee)**

## Admission

You can find detailed information regarding the admission procedure on **[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission](https://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission)** and here:

- Degree programmes with entrance examination  
**[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/degree-programmes-with-entrance-examinations](https://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/degree-programmes-with-entrance-examinations)**
- Admission to bachelor programmes with a school leaving certificate from an EU/EEA country  
**[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission](https://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission)**
- Admission to master programmes with a degree from another university - **[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-master-other-university/](https://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-master-other-university/)**

Read this information very carefully!

You must apply for admission within the legally defined application period of the respective degree programme. When applying for admission, please complete the following steps:

- Registration in u:space (**[uspace.univie.ac.at/en](https://uspace.univie.ac.at/en)**) and activation of your u:account
- Upload of the required documents including asylum card or convention travel document in u:space and application

The validity/traceability of documents will be evaluated by the Admission Office. No diplomatic legalisation of documents and no special entrance qualification for university studies are necessary. If the documents are approved, after several weeks prospective students

receive an admission letter for the degree programme per e-mail which specifies either

- the direct access to the degree programme or
- supplementary exams (proof of German or subject courses) and/or
- the condition of completing an entrance examination.

Together with your admission letter, you receive further information about the following steps in the admission procedure.

In case you do not have your school leaving certificate or your certificate of university degree, you can apply for a replacement certificate:

## School leaving certificates

MinR Dr. Peter Rumpler  
Peter.Rumpler@bmbwf.gv.at  
T +43 1 53120-2366  
Freyung 1 209, office hours: Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

MinR Mag. Erich Rochel  
Erich.Rochel@bmbwf.gv.at  
T +43 1 53120-2388  
Freyung 1 214, office hours: Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## University degrees

**[bmbwf.gv.at/studium/academic-mobility/enic-naric-austria](https://bmbwf.gv.at/studium/academic-mobility/enic-naric-austria)**

## Nostrification

Nostrification is the recognition of a foreign university degree as equivalent to an Austrian university degree. It recognises the completion of a degree programme abroad as equal to a degree programme completed in Austria in connection with the same rights and duties, e.g. the right to use an academic title. For the application, it is required that the nostrification is absolutely necessary in order to exercise a profession or continue an education (this mainly applies to regulated professions such as Teacher Education programme, Pharmacy, Law). The fee for nostrification currently is 150 Euro and has to be paid in advance.

You can find information on:

**[studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/nostrifizierung](https://studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/nostrifizierung)**