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.

Choice of degree

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
- Job, Training and Education Fair bestinfo.at/en
- uniorientiert – open days at the University of Vienna for those interested in studying studienseervice-lehrwesen.univie.ac.at/en/studying/education-fairs/uniorientiert-masterday
- Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) oeh.ac.at/en
- MORE – initiative for refugees by uniko 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 (oead.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 Students’ 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
- allowance (“Grundversorgung”) for asylum seekers fluechtlinge.wien/grundversorgung
• Study grant for recognised refugees
  stipendium.at/english-information
• Scholarship at the University of Vienna
  studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/stipendien/
  stipendien-fuer-asylwerberinnen-und-asylberechtigte
• University Preparation Programme of the Vienna
  Universities - oead.at/vvu-registration-en
• Antira-social funds of the Austrian National Union
  of Students (ÖH) of the University of Vienna
  oeh.univie.ac.at/antira-sozialfonds-antira-socialfunds
• Language courses of the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)
  integrationsfonds.at/en/newsbeitrag/
  language-courses_187
• Austrian database for scholarships and research grants
  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

Admission

You can find detailed information regarding the admission
procedure on slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission

Read this information very carefully!

You must apply for admission within the legally defined
application period of the respective degree programme.

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 you upload recognized
proof of your refugee background. (e.g. "Konventionspass")

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, Zi 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, Zi 214, office hours: Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

University degrees

bmbwf.gv.at/studium/academic-mobility/
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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:
https://studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/en/nostrification/