

Studying at the University of Vienna

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

People who have completed their secondary-school or university education and have been granted the status of asylum seeker, convention refugee or person with subsidiary protection can be admitted to a degree programme at the University of Vienna if they fulfil all admission requirements.

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

Choice of degree

The University of Vienna offers more than 180 degree programmes (bachelor, diploma, master and doctoral programmes). Here you can find information:

- Teaching Affairs and Student Services:
studying.univie.ac.at/degree-programmes
- Study-specific counselling: StudienServiceCenter/
StudienServiceStellen
univie.ac.at/en/about-us/governance-structure/organisation-of-studies-courses
- Job, Training and Education Fair
bestinfo.at/en
- uniorientiert – open days at the University of Vienna for those interested in studying
studieren.univie.ac.at/en/degree-programmes/education-fairs/uniorientiert
- Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH)
oeh.ac.at/en
- MORE – initiative for refugees by uniko
uniko.ac.at/projekte/more

Financial Matters

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

The course fee for the University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities (oead.at/vwu-registration-en) is 508 Euro per semester. Each semester, the Students' Union fee (22.70 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. If equal status is granted, the tuition fee (363,36 Euro) is remitted during the standard duration of your degree programme plus two tolerance semesters. Only the Students' Union fee has to be paid each semester. After this time period, the tuition fee as well as the Students' Union fee have to be paid each semester. However, you may apply for remission of the tuition fee, if you fulfil the requirements.

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
- allowance ("Grundversorgung") for asylum seekers
fluechtlinge.wien/grundversorgung

- Study grant for recognised refugees
stipendium.at/english
- University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities
oead.at/vwu-registration-en
- Social funds of the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) of the University of Vienna
<https://oeh.univie.ac.at/en/funding/social-fund>
- Language courses of the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)
integrationsfonds.at/en/home
- 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
studying.univie.ac.at/tuition-fee

Admission

You can find detailed information regarding the admission procedure at studying.univie.ac.at/admission and here:

- Degree programmes with entrance exam procedure
av-admission.univie.ac.at

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) and activation of your u:account
- Upload of the required documents including proof of your status as recognised refugee/asylum seeker/your granted subsidiary protection in your application in u:space

The validity/traceability of documents will be evaluated by the Admission Office. A full diplomatic certification (legalisation) is not required.

After the processing of documents (which takes several weeks), prospective students receive an admission letter via e-mail. This admission letter grants either:

- possible admission to the degree programme after completing supplementary examinations in German and/or subject course or
- possible admission to the degree programme after completing the entrance exam procedure.

You receive information about further steps in the admission procedure with your admission letter.

Replacement certificates

In case you have lost your school leaving certificate or your certificate of university degree, you can apply for a replacement certificate:

bmbwf.gv.at/en/Topics/school/legislation/risq/rclic

Information on recognition of foreign degrees

www.bmbwf.gv.at/en/Topics/Higher-education---universities/Studying/Recognition-of-qualifications/Academic-degrees/Use-of-academic-degrees

Nostrification

A 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 which has to be paid in advance.

You can find information on:

studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/en/nostrification