

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.

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:
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
studienservice-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?lang=en

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 2020 onwards, the course fee for the University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities (oead.at/vwu-registration-en) is 488 Euro per semester. Each semester, the Students' Union fee (20.20 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
- 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/vwu-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-socialfonds
- 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 on

slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission

and here:

- Degree programmes with entrance examination
av-admission.univie.ac.at

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**) and activation of your u:account
- Upload of the required documents including proof of your status as recognized 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. No diplomatic legalisation of original 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.

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/Themen/schule/schulrecht/nostr

Information on recognition of foreign degrees
naric.at

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/en/nostrification/