

Information booklet

Visa or Residence Permit

Non-EU/EEA-Students require a „Residence Permit“ (Aufenthaltsbewilligung – Student) to study in Austria for more than 6 months. If you want to stay here for less than 6 months, you need to apply for a visa. You can apply for this Residence Permit (more than 6 months) at the Austrian Embassy/Consulate in your home country or at the competent residence authority in Austria after lawful entry. The Residence Permit will then be issued by the local competent residence authority, in Graz this would be the “Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung”, the Styrian provincial government. To apply for the Residence Permit, you need the following documents:

- Valid travel document
- Birth certificate or equivalent document (only in case of first-time applications)
- Passport-sized photograph according to the ICAO criteria (colour photograph, size 3.5 x 4.5 cm)
- Notification/confirmation of admission of the Austrian higher education institution (proof of completion of a degree programme or a statutory professional training)
- Proof of sufficient financial means to cover the living costs [as of 2020]:
 - Students under 24 years of age: 533.85 Euro/month
 - Students as of the age of 24: 966.65 Euro/month
 - Couples: 1472.00 Euro/month for both
 - For each child an additional 149.15 Euro/month

Usually, you can renew the Residence Permit every year, provided that you still fulfil the requirements and that you managed to accomplish 16 ECTS credits over the course of the year.

For further information, read the following website thoroughly:

<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-no-mobility-programme/>

If you need a different sort of permit or visa, you can click here and follow the instructions to access further information:

<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/>

More Information can be found here (first link is in German):

https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/leben_in_oesterreich/aufenthalt/3/2/1/1/Seite.120121.html
<https://studyinaustria.at/en/useful-tips/questions-and-answers/visa/>

Here you can find the link for the Residence Permit renewal (German):

https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/leben_in_oesterreich/aufenthalt/3/2/1/Seite.120102.html

PS: Some countries in Europe, like the UK, are not part of the Schengen Area and therefore you have to be careful before travelling to one of these countries or when travelling back to Austria, since you might need a specific visa.

University Preparation Programmes

University Preparation Programmes are programmes that can be taken in order to prepare for supplementary examinations that foreign applicants may have to pass in order to begin their studies. You can also take a German language course in order to achieve a higher level of language competence required to study in Graz.

More information can be found here:

<https://vorstudienlehrgang.at/en/graz/>

Admission

In order to be admitted to the Medical University of Graz, you have to pass the entrance exam, known as “MedAT”. You can only start the admission if you pass the exam.

The documents needed for admission and further information can be found here:

<https://www.medunigraz.at/en/humanmedizin/zulassung/internationale-vorbildung/>

More information regarding the entrance exam can be found here:

<https://www.medunigraz.at/en/aufnahmeverfahren/auslaendische-vorbildung/information-for-applicants/>

It is possible to transfer over from a foreign country, where you are already studying medicine.

You can find further information about that here (in German):

<https://www.medunigraz.at/en/humanmedizin/quereinstieg/>

Tuition fee

If you are enrolled as a regular student from a foreign country (non-EU/EEA-country and not from Switzerland), you have to pay a tuition fee of €726,72 per semester. Furthermore, all students must pay the „ÖH-Beitrag“ (a fee collected by the local Austrian Student Union) of €20,20 per semester.

More information can be found by clicking the links provided here:

<https://www.medunigraz.at/en/service-und-information/studienbeitrag/>

Vaccinations

In order for you to be able to finish your clinical internships/traineeships, you must prove that you have been vaccinated and thereby show that you have sufficient infection protection. The form that you need to fill out is linked in the third link below.

Required vaccinations include:

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- Varicella zoster
- Hepatitis B

If you have already been vaccinated against these diseases, you can test for antibodies in your blood that developed against the specific diseases against which you were vaccinated. The level of antibodies in your blood serves as a substitute for the proof of vaccination. Furthermore, people from at-risk-regions for tuberculosis must present a recent thoracic x-ray (for more information, visit the third link below). Finally, it is advised to get vaccinated against „tick borne encephalitis“ (FSME), since Styria and also Austria as a whole are hotspots for ticks.

More information can be found here (in German):

<http://www.oehmedgraz.at/services/impfungen>

<https://www.medunigraz.at/humanmedizin/zulassung/infektionsschutz-anforderungen/gratis-impfungen/>

https://www.medunigraz.at/fileadmin/studieren/zulassung/pdf/infektionsschutz_informationsblatt.pdf

This is the blank form needed for proof of sufficient infection protection:

https://www.medunigraz.at/fileadmin/studieren/zulassung/pdf/infektionsschutz_anforderungen_for_mular.pdf

Accommodation and housing

The Medical University of Graz unfortunately does not offer accommodation or housing to people who want to study or complete their internships in Graz. However, a list of student dormitories can be found here (in German):

<https://www.studium.at/studentenheime/steiermark/graz>

Nostrification

Nostrification in this context refers to the approval of university diplomas/degrees, in order to be able to work in your preferred field of work in Austria.

During the nostrification process, you are considered an „irregular student” (“außerordentlicher Studierender”). For more information about nostrification, click here (German):

<https://www.medunigraz.at/humanmedizin/nostrifizierung/>

If you have any questions about this procedure, feel free to write a mail to :

oeh-ausland@medunigraz.at

ÖH Events

You can find information regarding all kinds of events organized by our local Student Union (ÖH Med Graz) in our newsletter, which is sent to your student mail account regularly, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and on different posters all around MedCampus and at the ZMF. We organize lectures and presentations, movie nights, Sport-Events, Workshops (e.g. regarding equality, social inclusion etc.) and helpful projects such as the yearly “vaccination programme” regarding the influenza virus, or the bike-repair-station. There are also special events for foreign students like our “International Café”, or the “Erasmus Welcome Day” and the “Intercultural Get-together”, organized by the International Office of the Medical University of Graz. We hope to see you at our events!

Social Fund

Students of the Medical University of Graz who find themselves in a financially precarious situation can be supported with the Social Fund of our Student Union (Sozialfond der ÖH Med Graz). This is possible for all students who paid the „ÖH-Beitrag” mentioned earlier. To be eligible, the student must fulfil the requirements of the Social Fund allocation.

More information can be found on our website (in German):

<http://www.oehmedgraz.at/sozialleistungen/sozialfonds-oeh-med-graz>

There is also a social fund of the national Austrian Student Union. More information about that can be found here:

<https://www.oeh.ac.at/en/service/funding-pool>

Important contacts

The International Office of the Medical University of Graz is responsible for Erasmus students:

<https://international-office.medunigraz.at>

Important contacts for questions about our studies, visa/residence permit, admission and more:

Unit for International Affairs and Inclusion at the ÖH Med Graz:

oeh-ausland@medunigraz.at

Unit for Student Counselling/advisory service at the ÖH Med Graz:

oeh-beratung@medunigraz.at

Unit for social politics and affairs of the ÖH Med Graz (e.g. regarding questions about social funds):

oeh-sozial@medunigraz.at

The Office of the ÖH Med Graz:

oeh-sekretariat@medunigraz.at

We hope that this information booklet was helpful to you and if you have any further questions, feel free to contact us!

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