

## AUSTRIA AND CARINTHIA

### AUSTRIA, A HOLIDAY REGION

Austria is world-renowned for its beautiful mountains, lakes and thermal spas, which provide wonderful vacation opportunities the whole year round. In summer, one can go swimming and do water sports in crystal clear lakes. In winter, people enjoy skiing and snowboarding as well as ice-skating over frozen lakes.

### CULTURE

Austria's cultural heritage has not only affected Europe, but the entire world. Who hasn't heard of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn (composers), Falco (pop star), Gustav Klimt (artist), Franz Kafka and Elfriede Jelinek (authors), Sigmund Freud (the father of psycho-analysis) and Clemens Doppler (scientists), Hermann Maier (athlete) and Arnold Schwarzenegger (actor and politician)? These names are just a few examples of Austria's famous daughters and sons.

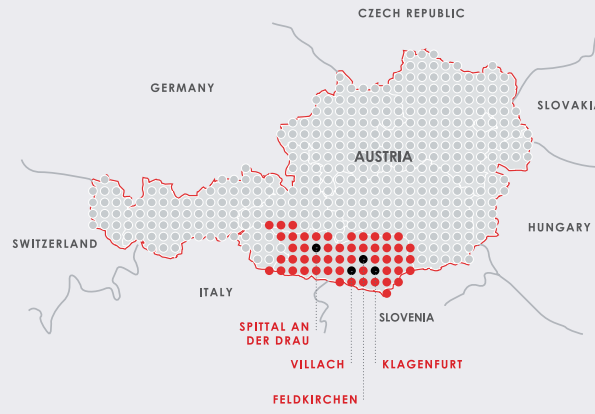
### CUISINE

Austrian cuisine is much more than just "Wiener Schnitzel" and "Apfelstrudel". Over the past decades Austria has become a real heaven for food-lovers and gourmets from around the world. While traditional cuisine remains a highlight of a trip to Austria, the more knowledgeable visitor will look for specialties such as "Schweinsbraten" (pork roast) and Carinthian dumplings (Kärntner Nudeln – filled with cheese or meat). Austrian desserts offer a great selection of delicacies to indulge one's sweet tooth, ranging from the world famous "Sachertorte" to the "Mozartkugeln" (balls of chocolate layers around a marzipan center).

### TRADITIONS

Austrians are not only proud of their country's natural beauty and cuisine, but they take special pride in their traditions and heritage. Nearly every valley, village and city celebrates its unique heritage through traditional festivals (Kirchtag) and colorful events (Villacher Fasching/ Carnival) throughout the year.

## CUAS SITES



Ideas into Practice.

### CIVIL ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

Villacher Straße 1, 9800 Spittal

Passion for Technologies.

### ENGINEERING & IT

Europastraße 4, 9524 Villach  
Primoschgasse 8-10, 9020 Klagenfurt

Focused on People.

### HEALTH SCIENCES & SOCIAL WORK

Hauptplatz 12, 9560 Feldkirchen  
Primoschgasse 8-10, 9020 Klagenfurt  
St. Weiterstraße 47, 9020 Klagenfurt

Creating Value through Management.

### MANAGEMENT

Europastraße 4, 9524 Villach

## CONTACT

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE



Welcome to CUAS!



## UNIVERSITY SERVICES

### ÖH AUSTRIAN NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (ÖH)

The Austrian National Union of Students is the only recognized representative of all students at Austrian universities. When you register at CUAS, you will automatically become a member of the ÖH. The membership is compulsory and costs EUR 21.20 [2022/23] per semester. This provides political and financial independence and ensures that the 'ÖH' can fulfill its tasks.



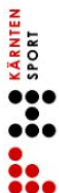
### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (IRO)

IRO supports the study degree programs in all international activities, such as the development of international networks and exchange programs. IRO also supports students who want to experience internationality abroad or at home by organizing scholarships for study abroad semester, research, or internship abroad. Moreover, IRO supports incoming exchange students and trainees in organizational matters, and organizes social events and trips to get to know Austria, in particular Carinthia and get connected with other students.



### FH KÄRNTEN SPORT

Students, employees and graduates who enjoy exercise and are enthusiastic about sports and who want to do sports together - from leisure to top-class sports - are in good hands at the FH Kärnten Sport!



## BEFORE ARRIVAL

### LIVING EXPENSES

\* including heating and lighting

Accommodation costs*	EUR 450.00
Food (excluding luxuries)	EUR 250.00
Personal expenses	EUR 300.00
<b>TOTAL:</b> (Source: <a href="https://studynaustria.at/en/living/living-costs/">https://studynaustria.at/en/living/living-costs/</a> )	<b>EUR 950.00</b>

These costs, of course, depend on personal lifestyle. The approximate monthly expenses in Carinthia can be lower.

### Additional costs that should be considered [2022/23]:

Tuition fee per semester	EUR 363.36
Austrian National Union of Students fee per semester	EUR 21.20

### APPLICATION

#### Application/ Nomination Deadlines

- Fall semester (1 October-mid-February) 30 May
- Spring semester (1 March - mid-July) 30 November

#### How to Apply

1. Nomination by partner university
2. Online registration/application (incl. Application Form and Learning Agreement signed by student and sending institution)

#### Courses

The course catalogue for the individual study programs can be found here :

<https://www.fh-kaernten.at/en/study-program>

### DEPARTMENTAL INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS

Exchange students have international coordinators at their department for all subject-specific queries. The relevant contact details will be sent to exchange students once they have been nominated.

### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Some study programs offer courses in English, but at many departments the majority of courses is taught in German. We therefore recommend at least a B1/B2 level of German according to the Common European Framework of Reference for exchange students. To improve their language skills, we offer "Austrian Language" a beginner German course for exchange students during the semester.

### HOUSING

Most of the students organize accommodation with private landlords who usually offer rooms or small apartments. There are also student dormitories in Spittal, Klagenfurt and Villach, where students can reserve a room. For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.fh-kaernten.at/en/cuas/students-life#c53857>

### HEALTH INSURANCE

Students need to make sure that they are properly insured during their stay. Students from EU/EEA countries, who are in possession of valid health insurance in their home country, need the European Health Insurance Card. Students who do not meet these requirements need to have an insurance with private insurance companies or local insurance carriers (Gebietskrankenkassen)! For detailed information, please visit the studyinaustria website: [studyinaustria.at/en/living/stay/](https://www.studynaustria.at/en/living/stay/)

### VISA APPLICATION AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

Exchange students who do not have an EU/EEA or Swiss citizenship have to apply for a visa at the Austrian embassy or consulate in their home country.

Depending on the duration of the stay, there are two options:

- up to 6 months: Visa D
- longer than 6 months: Residence Permit for Students

Information about residence permits and visa application is available on [www.oead.at](http://www.oead.at).