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Experience
an unforgettable
exchange

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A floating island¹,
a 500-year-old double
helix staircase²,
a friendly alien³ and a
medieval clock
tower with reversed
clock hands⁴.

Sounds like Harry
Potter or Alice in
Wonderland?

**Welcome to
Graz.**



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Discover Graz – a multicultural student city with mediterranean flair.

Situated in the centre of Europe, Graz is the second largest city in Austria after Vienna, but has a population of only 330,000 inhabitants, including 60,000 students.

The city centre has countless historically valuable buildings from different eras, restored with loving attention to detail. Graz is a cosy little town with flair and atmosphere, full of contrasts, with a long history as well as a vibrant city life.

Graz hosts people from 160 different nationalities who live, study and work here and make Graz a gathering of international communities.

There is a wide range of cultural offerings such as festivals, theatres, and concerts. You can find modern architecture as well as museums and galleries, parks and gardens or sports facilities. There is a vast variety of cafés and pubs, and a favourite spot around every corner.

Leaving the gently rolling hills of Graz, it's just a one-hour ride to the mountains, a two-hour ride to Vienna, and a three-hour ride to the Mediterranean Sea.

1

Internationally top-ranked university

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An international campus: 1 out of 5 is an international student

3

Many English-taught undergraduate and graduate courses

10

Pick-up service, Buddy Programme, events and trips organised by the student union (HTU ESN Graz)



10 Reasons TO STUDY AT TU GRAZ

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20 graduate programmes completely taught in English

9

Austrians speak English very well

7

Study in a vibrant, trendy and multicultural student city with 60,000 students in a city with 330,000 inhabitants

5

Projects and courses with partners from the industry

8

Affordable housing in student dorms and shared flats

6

Situated right at the heart of Europe (Austria borders 8 countries, with well-established train, bus & flight connections)

Greetings

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE –
WELCOME CENTER



Our International Office – Welcome Center Team

The International Office – Welcome Center at TU Graz is happy to support you before, during and after your stay.

As soon as you have been nominated by your home university, the TU Graz Exchange Coordinators are here to support you and prepare you for your stay. We offer orientation sessions and further events that are tailored to your needs in order to enable a smooth start and a great semester at TU Graz.

- Easy online application after being nominated by your home university
- Pre-arrival guide with lots of useful information (housing, courses, health insurance, entry regulations)
- Orientation events prior to semester start (orientation sessions, intercultural awareness sessions, campus survival tour, academic advising, welcome reception)
- Events to connect exchange students with local students
- Support and guidance during your stay
- Information on to-dos before you leave

About

GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



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Old Campus – Alte Technik

As a university with a long history of over 200 years, TU Graz offers outstanding education in the field of science and technology.

TU Graz was founded in 1811 by Erzherzog Johann, a member of the Imperial Habsburg family. It is the oldest University of Technology in Austria.

Nikola Tesla is the most famous student of TU Graz. He spent 3 years at our university. Our high voltage laboratory is named after him.

TU Graz is firmly anchored in the scientific community. It is engaged in the European University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering, or *Unite!* for short, and expands its worldwide cooperations in industry projects and university research.

Students find an attractive range of study programmes increasingly offered in Eng-

lish across all technology and science fields. Students have the possibility to join real-life projects with partners from the industry and to apply and deepen their learned knowledge.

All three campuses of TU Graz are within walking distance from each other, which makes it easy for students to attend courses at all three campuses. The university has a great infrastructure such as state-of-the-art lecture halls, well-equipped labs, specialised libraries, open workspaces and computer labs.

Furthermore, TU Graz is located close to the city centre, has great public transport links and is surrounded by cafes and restaurants.

FACULTIES AT TU GRAZ



TOP RANKED
**University
of Technology**

- Architecture
- Civil Engineering Sciences
- Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering
- Electrical and Information Engineering
- Mathematics, Physics and Geodesy
- Mechanical Engineering and Economic Sciences
- Technical Chemistry, Chemical and Process Engineering and Biotechnology



3 CAMPUSES

13,500
STUDENTS



PROGRAMMES
**in English
& German**

3,500
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

400
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS/
YEAR

Academic offer

Both undergraduate and graduate students can spend a semester or year at TU Graz and choose courses from 59 undergraduate and graduate degrees.

You can create a study plan selecting courses from different degree programmes at TU Graz that fit your academic needs and benefit your educational progress. Furthermore, you also have the chance to attend some courses at the University of Graz which gives you an even larger selection of courses.



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Possibility to
take courses at
TU GRAZ AND
UNI GRAZ

► English course catalogue:
tugraz.at/go/search-courses

► All degree programmes
tugraz.at/go/degree-and-certificate-programmes

ACADEMIC OFFER AT A GLANCE

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
courses taught in German and English

18

GRADUATE
PROGRAMMES
taught in German and
English

20

GRADUATE
PROGRAMMES
completely taught
in English



Possible
duration

1 SEMESTER
OR 1 YEAR

INDIVIDUAL
COURSE
SELECTION

attend courses from
different degree
programmes

INFO ABOUT STUDY DURATION

Bachelor studies (undergraduate): 3 years - 180 ECTS
Master studies (graduate): 2 years - 120 ECTS

COURSE SELECTION

 CAN BE HIGHLY INDIVIDUALISED.

Course selection from different majors and faculties is possible.

Undergraduate students are advised to mainly choose undergraduate courses, but can select graduate courses if they are in their third and fourth year of study and meet the prerequisites.

Graduate students can choose from undergraduate and graduate courses.

The regular workload is 30 ECTS per semester. The recommended workload for exchange students is at least 20 ECTS per semester.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	WINTER SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
	October- January	March-June
Orientation Session 1*	Beginning of September	Beginning of February
Orientation Session 2**	Mid-September	Mid-February
Semester Start	1 st October	1 st March
Semester End	End of January	End of June

* for German Intensive Course participants

** for NON German Intensive Course participants

GERMAN COURSES

Dive into German language and culture with the three-week German Intensive Course prior to the semester start or take German courses during the semester. German courses for all levels are offered by “treffpunkt sprachen”, a renowned centre for language, plurilingualism and didactics. TU Graz exchange students are welcome to use this service at a reduced price.



► More information:
treffpunktsprachen.uni-graz.at/en/teaching

FEEL WELCOME AND GET CONNECTED AT THE

International House of TU Graz



Welcome to the International House of TU Graz
– the ideal place to spend some time networking
and enjoying international flair.

COME TOGETHER!

The house is a meeting place for our students and employees from all over the world as well as for all those at TU Graz who are interested in getting in touch with internationals.

On three floors, the International House offers numerous opportunities to study and work together:

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

OPENING HOURS

Mon – Fri

LOCATION

Lessingstrasse 32
8010 Graz

ROOMS

International Lounge
Kitchen
Garden
Study & Work Zone

HANG OUT & MAKE NEW FRIENDS

There are plenty of possibilities to network and hang out with friends at the International House. During opening hours the International Lounge, Kitchen and Garden are open to everyone to take breaks and spend their free time together. Additional rooms, such as the International Study & Work Zone, can be booked for study groups and co-working sessions.

The International House also hosts the offices of the Exchange Coordinators, who support you during all phases of your exchange.

- ▶ [More information
tugraz.at/go/international-house](https://tugraz.at/go/international-house)



VISIT US
AND GET
CONNECTED!





7 REASONS WHY GRAZ IS THE
perfect city for students

1

VIBRANT STUDENT CITY

Graz, the second largest city of Austria, is a multicultural student city with a rich culture. The city with a Mediterranean flair has a historic city centre and its' green castle hill in the middle of the city not only provides you with a breath-taking view but it is also a World Heritage Site. Apart from a rich culture, vibrant design scene and many thriving businesses, Graz is home to 8 higher education institutions. 60,000 of more than 330,000 inhabitants are students and they contribute to Graz being a lively and exciting city.



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2

RELATIVELY CHEAP RENT

Even if there is no on-campus housing available, it is still very easy to find student accommodation. You can book your room with OeAD Housing, an organisation that offers accommodation tailored to the needs of international exchange students. Furthermore, you can also search on your own for a room in other dorms or in private shared flats. Compared to its size, Graz has relatively low rent prices.

3

THE BIKE AS YOUR MAIN WAY OF TRANSPORT

Graz is also known as the “bike-city”. It is a safe city for biking and many Austrian students love to go by bike all year round. It pays off to buy a second-hand bike and sell it before your departure. In addition, the public transport system is very convenient and student passes are available for a reduced price.



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STUNNING NATURE

Do you like to be outside and to be active? Graz is surrounded by rolling hills but also mountains and lakes are easily accessible. Go skiing and ice-skating in winter and hiking and biking during the rest of the year, or try out sports like paragliding – enjoy the many possibilities the region has to offer.



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IDEAL STARTING POINT FOR TRAVELLING

Graz is not just a great city to study in but it is the perfect starting point for travelling to different destinations. A city trip to Vienna or Salzburg, a skiing day in Schladming or a glass of wine in Slovenia? Many well-established bus, train and flight connections to different places in Europe are available.



6

DIVERSE CULINARY OFFERS

Wienerschnitzel, Kaiserschmarrn and Sachertorte – try out various Austrian delicacies in the many restaurants and coffee shops. If you want a change from Austrian cuisine, don't worry! You can also find restaurants with cuisine from all over the world in Graz. There are also a variety of farmers' markets that sell fresh regional produce. Enjoy culinary snacks while experiencing the cheerful bustle at the markets.



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CULTURAL TREASURES AND EXCITING EVENTS

Graz is a vibrant city with a huge variety of cultural treasures. It was awarded the titles City of Design and Cultural Capital of Europe and has two UNESCO world heritage sites. Architectural highlights ranging from historic houses to futuristic buildings can be found throughout the city. When walking around, you can discover many sights that tell stories of Graz or be immersed in a great cultural experience while visiting one of the many museums. The city is also rich in concerts, festivals and special events.

JOIN STUDENT TEAMS AND PROJECTS

Gain knowledge and make friends



TU Graz offers many exciting possibilities to gain knowledge and apply learned skills in student teams and projects with partners from the industry.



TU GRAZ RACING TEAM

The TU Graz Racing Team is the fastest student team of TU Graz! The team develops, designs and constructs racing cars to take part in the international Formula Student competitions. There are around 50 team members and all are united by one goal: to build the best Formula Student racing car.

🏆 2023: 1st place over all at the Formula Student East

PRODUCT INNOVATION

Following the concept of problem-based learning, the “Product Innovation” project by the Institute of Innovation and Industrial Management (IIM) gives students the opportunity to work on real-life tasks with project budgets from industrial partners for one academic year. In return, the student teams come up with numerous ideas, some of them even resulting in patents and new products.



TU GRAZ ROBOCUP TEAM

GRIPS (Graz Robust and Intelligent Production System) develops robots that are able to plan, implement and optimise material flows and the delivery of products in response to dynamic orders. The team works on artificial intelligence as well as the representation and processing of knowledge, with the robots as an application of these methodologies.

🏆 2023: 1st place in the Logistics League at the RoboCup WM in France

► List with student teams at TU Graz:
tugraz.at/go/student-teams

Experience

STUDENT LIFE

Whether you want to explore Austria, take part in sports courses, make new friends or immerse yourself fully in Austrian culture, there is a wide range of different offers to make the most of your time at TU Graz.

HOW TO
FULLY IMMERSE
YOURSELF INTO
STUDENT
LIFE



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ORIENTATION SESSIONS

To give you the best possible experience at TU Graz, there are orientation sessions prior to the semester start that prepare you for your stay at TU Graz and your life in Austria. Not only do you get useful information and support, but these sessions are an excellent way to make new friends.

GET A BUDDY – GET A FRIEND

Want to dive into Austrian student life? Join a buddy group and make friends with local students. They will get in touch with you prior to your arrival, get your key in advance if needed and pick you up from the train station/airport and support you in various matters. A lot of fun and great experiences are guaranteed.



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USI SPORTS COURSES

Get active and join a university sports course! There are many courses offered from Yoga to Paragliding and Volleyball. Try out new sports or improve your existing skills. More info will be provided during the orientation sessions.

SOCIAL EVENTS BY ESN

The student organisation ESN Graz organises a lot of different events during the semester for all incoming exchange students – parties, cultural events, trips to different Austrian cities and neighbouring countries, skiing days, hiking trips and many social events. This is a fantastic way to make the most out of your free time.



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STUDENT HOUSING

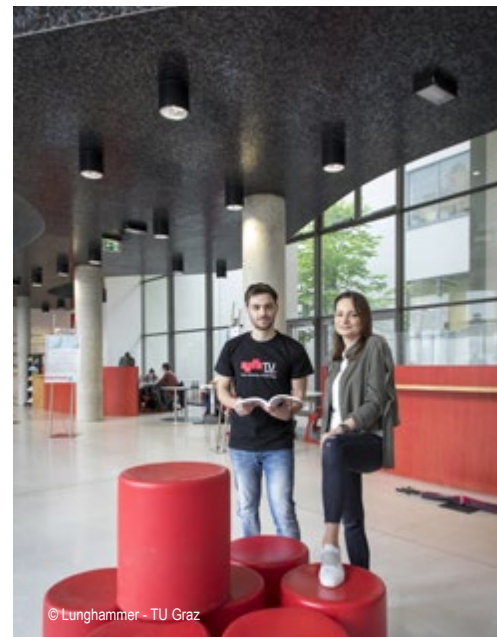
In Europe, on-campus housing is not common as campuses are often integrated in historic city centres. But don't worry! Its is easy to find accommodation as a student in Graz. Most Austrian students live in flat shares or student dorms. For example, OeAD Housing offers affordable accommodation for exchange students close to all three TU Graz campuses, where the canteens called "Mensa" are located as well. The online sign-up process for OeAD Housing is straightforward and there are different room categories available for you to choose from.

- ▶ [More information
tugraz.at/go/preparation](https://tugraz.at/go/preparation)

SERVICE POINT FOR ACCESSIBLE LEARNING

The Service Point for Accessible Learning at TU Graz provides support for students with disabilities, impairments, and/or illnesses.

- ▶ [More information
tugraz.at/go/accessible-learning](https://tugraz.at/go/accessible-learning)






Living costs in Graz

APPROXIMATE COSTS PER MONTH

The cost of living in Graz depends above all on your housing situation, and whether you eat out often or prepare your meals at home (most Austrian students eat at home). To be on the safe side, students should be prepared to spend approximately 1,000 Euros (€) per month for lodgings, food, and personal expenses.

Depending on your lifestyle it can also be higher or lower.

AVERAGE PRICES		
 PRICES FOR Food and Drinks	LUNCH in a regular restaurant 8 – 12 €	MEAL in a university canteen 7.00 €
	COFFEE 3.50 €	BEER (0,5L) 4 – 5 €
 Health insurance PER MONTH (for non-EU students) approx. 70 €	 Housing IN STUDENT DORMS single room 400 – 500 € double room approx. 340 €	

► More Information
tugraz.at/go/preparation

Possible programmes

FOR AN EXCHANGE SEMESTER AT TU GRAZ

In order to spend an exchange semester or year at TU Graz, your university or faculty needs to have a partnership agreement with TU Graz or be part of the ISEP network. The most popular programmes are:

WITHIN EUROPE	OUTSIDE OF EUROPE
<p>ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME</p> <p>Erasmus+ is the biggest and best-known European student mobility programme. It is based on bilateral agreements.</p>	<p>OVERSEAS PROGRAMME</p> <p>Your university (most likely outside of Europe) has a bilateral agreement with TU Graz.</p>
<p>In case you are not sure if you can pursue your exchange at TU Graz, please ask your International Office.</p>	<p>ISEP EXCHANGE</p> <p>ISEP is a non profit-organisation that enables students to study at TU Graz at a budget-friendly price. Your university needs to be a member of the ISEP network.</p>

- ▶ Full list of all programmes
tugraz.at/go/incomings-exchange





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Application information

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The duration of your study exchange at TU Graz can be one semester or one year.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bilateral student exchange agreement between TU Graz and your home university or exchange within a network (ISEP, CEEPUS)
- English OR German level B2 according to CEFR
- Undergraduate (Bachelor) or Graduate (Master) student

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Apply at your home university
2. Get nominated by your home university at TU Graz
3. Complete the application in our online system Mobility-Online

Research/Internship

OPPORTUNITIES AT TU GRAZ

ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP

You study at a European university and want to conduct a traineeship or write part of your thesis at TU Graz? Then this programme is the right fit for you! Once you have found a supervising professor you can apply to the programme.

► tugraz.at/go/erasmus-traineeship

OVERSEAS INTERNSHIP/RESEARCH

Are you interested in diving deeper into research topics and working with highly skilled researchers at TU Graz? Or do you want to experience the business world first-hand at one of our partner companies? This programme enables students from our OverSEAs partner universities to spend some weeks/months in Graz and gain international work/research experience.

► tugraz.at/go/overseas-internship-research

RESEARCH STAY

at TU Graz for US students

If you are a student from the US and would like to do a research stay at TU Graz, you can apply for financial support via the Marshall Plan Scholarship.

Students stay between 3 – 10 months and have the chance to work on part of their Bachelor's or Master's thesis while being supported with a generous scholarship by the Marshall Plan Foundation.

► tugraz.at/go/marshall-plan-stipendium

Further opportunities

TO SPEND SOME TIME AT TU GRAZ

SUMMER AND WINTER PROGRAMMES

TU Graz also offers a variety of summer and winter schools as well as Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes on various exciting topics.

► tugraz.at/go/summer-schools



DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Double Degree Programme with KTH Stockholm, Sweden
Master's degree Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology
- Double Degree Programme with Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Master's degree Architecture
- Double Degree Programme with Tongji University, China
Master's degree Mechanical Engineering
- Double Degree Programme with University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Master's degree Computer Science
- Joint Doctoral Programme with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
PhD Visual Computing

► tugraz.at/go/double-degree

BEST OF SOUTH-EAST SCHOLARSHIP

The Best of South-East (BOSE) scholarship is offered in cooperation with Steiermärkische Sparkasse for students from South-Eastern Europe. The scholarship programme lasts for 12 months. Events and information meetings are part of the scholarship programme and ensure that you are integrated into economic, cultural and scientific life in Styria.

► tugraz.at/go/best-of-south-east



CEEPUS

This opportunity is perfect for students from Middle and Eastern European countries. Your home university is a CEEPUS partner? You can apply for a semester exchange or short term mobility at TU Graz within the CEEPUS network.

► tugraz.at/go/ceepus

FULL DEGREE STUDY AT TU GRAZ

Are you interested in pursuing your entire degree at TU Graz? Contact the Academic Advisory Service (study@tugraz.at) for further information about studying at TU Graz as an international degree-seeking student.

► tugraz.at/go/admission-international-students



**Get ready for
your exchange**

AT TU GRAZ,
AUSTRIA

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