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PASSION
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AT GRAZ UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY
AUSTRIA



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

Sounds like Harry Potter or
Alice in Wonderland?





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Discover Graz – a multicultural and vibrant student city with mediterranean influence.

Situated in the center of Europe, Graz is the second largest city in Austria after Vienna, but only counts 330.000 inhabitants, including 60.000 students.

The city center is an assembly of old buildings from different eras, restored with loving attention to detail. So Graz is a cosy little town with flair and atmosphere, full of contrasts, with a long history, but a thriving vivid life.

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

There is a wide range of cultural offers such as festivals, theaters, 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 takes you 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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International campus: 1 out of 5 is an international student

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Many English taught undergraduate and graduate courses

10

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



10 Reasons TO STUDY AT TU GRAZ

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16 graduate programmes completely taught in English

9

Austrians speak English very well

7

Studying in a vibrant, hip 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


Perfectly situated in the heart of Europe (Austria borders 8 countries, well established train, bus & flight connections)

Greetings

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE -
WELCOME CENTER



Our International Office - Welcome Center Team


WE SUPPORT
YOU DURING
YOUR
EXCHANGE

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

From the time you get nominated at your home university we are here to support you and prepare you for your stay at TU Graz. We offer orientation sessions and further events that are targeted 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
- To-Do Before Leaving Information

About

GRAZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



Old Campus - „Alte Technik“

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

TU Graz was founded by Erzherzog Johann, a member of the Imperial Habsburg Family, in 1811. 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 dedicated to him.

TU Graz is firmly anchored in the scientific community and expands its worldwide cooperations in industry projects and university research.

Students find an attractive range of study programmes increasingly offered in English 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 in walking distance, which makes it easy 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 it is located closely to the city center, has well connected bus connections and is surrounded by restaurants and coffee shops.

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

13.700
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 51 graduate and undergraduate degrees.

You can create a study plan selecting courses from different degree programs at TU Graz that fits your academic needs and benefits your educational progress. Furthermore you also have the chance to attend some courses from University of Graz which even gives you a larger choice 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

18

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
courses taught in English & German

17

GRADUATE
PROGRAMMES
taught in German and
English

16

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 3rd and 4th year of study and meet the pre-requisites.

Graduate students can choose from undergraduate and graduate courses.

The normal workload is 30 ECTS per semester. The recommended workload for exchange students is at least 16 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**	Late September	Late February
Semester Start	Beginning of October	Beginning of 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 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 for a reduced price.



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

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 the one mission: to build the best Formula Student racing car.

🏆 2018: 1st place over all at the Formula Student Austria and Italy

PRODUCT INNOVATION PROJECT

Following the concept of problem-based learning, the „Product Innovation Project“ (PIP) by the Institute of Innovation and Industrial Management (IIM) gives students the opportunity to work for one academic year on real-life tasks given directly by industrial partners with a project budget. In return, the student teams create 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 optimize 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.

🏆 2018: 1st place in the RoboCup Logistics League at the world championship in Montreal, Canada

- ▶ List with student teams at TU Graz: tugraz.at/en/studying-and-teaching/studying-at-tu-graz/student-teams/overview-student-teams/



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7 REASONS WHY GRAZ IS THE **perfect city for students**

1

VIBRANT STUDENT CITY

Graz, the second biggest city of Austria. It is a vibrant and 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 is not just providing 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 a student accommodation. You can easily book your room with OeAD Housing, who offers accommodation targeted to the needs of international exchange students. Furthermore you can also look on your own and search for a room in other dorms or in private shared flats. Compared to its size, Graz has relatively low prices for rents.

3

THE BIKE AS YOUR MAIN WAY OF TRANSPORT

Graz is also known as the „bike-city“. It is a really 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 after your departure. However also the public transport system is really convenient and student passes are available for a reduced price.



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4

STUNNING NATURE

You like to be outside and to be active? Graz is surrounded by rolling hills but also mountains and lakes are easily accessible. Go for skiing and ice-skating in winter and hiking and biking during the rest of the year or try out more exotic sports like paragliding – enjoy the many possibilities that 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 the location makes it really easy to travel 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 different Austrian delicacies in the many restaurants and coffee shops. If you feel tired of Austrian cuisine, don't worry you can also find restaurants from all over the world. Graz has also a variety of farmers' markets that sell regional delicacies. 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 already City of Design and Cultural Capital of Europe and inherits two UNESCO world heritage sites. Architectural highlights ranging from historic houses to futuristic buildings can be found all over the city. You can walk around discovering many sights that tell stories of Graz and immerse in a great cultural experience while visiting one of the many museums. The city is also rich in concerts, festivals and special events.

Experience

STUDENT LIFE

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

HOW TO
FULLY IMMERSE
INTO STUDENT
LIFE



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ORIENTATION SESSIONS

To give you the best possible experience at TU Graz we organize orientation sessions prior to the semester start that prepare you for your stay at TU Graz and your life in Austria. It is not just giving you useful information and support but is an excellent way to make 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 guaranteed.



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STUDY INFRASTRUCTURE

TU Graz consists of three campuses, which are all in walking distance. It has a great infrastructure such as state of the art lecture halls, well-equipped labs, specialised libraries, open workspaces, computer labs, and a lot more. On campus canteens or nearby restaurants/coffee shops are a great place to have lunch with your study colleagues and friends and recharge your energy.



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LEARN GERMAN

You can choose on your own if and what type of language courses you want to take. Join the three week German Intensive Course prior to semester start or/and take German classes during the semester (more information on page 11).



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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.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ESN

The student organization ESN Graz organizes 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 socializing events. This is a brilliant way to make the most out of your free time.






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Living costs in Graz

APPROXIMATE COSTS PER MONTH

The cost of living in Graz depends above all on your housing situation, and whether or not you eat out often or prepare your meals at home (most of the Austrian students eat at home). To be on the safe side, a student should be prepared to spend at least approximately 800 Euros (€) per month for lodgings, food, and personal expenses. Depending on your lifestyle it can be also lower or higher.

AVERAGE PRICES		
 PRICES FOR Food and Drinks	LUNCH in a regular restaurant 7 - 10 €	MEAL in a university canteen 5€
	COFFEE 3 €	BEER (0,5L) 3,60 €
 Health insurance PER MONTH (for non EU students) 60€	 Housing IN STUDENT DORMS single room 300 - 420 € double room 180 - 320 €	

► 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 us or you can go via the ISEP network. The most popular programmes are:

WITHIN EUROPE

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

Erasmus+ is the biggest and best known European student mobility programme. It is based on bilateral agreements.

In case you are not sure if you can pursue your exchange at TU Graz, please ask your International Office.

OUTSIDE OF EUROPE

OVERSEAS PROGRAMME

Your university (most likely outside of Europe) has a bilateral agreement with TU Graz.

EXCHANGE VIA ISEP NETWORK

ISEP is a non profit organisation that enables student exchange. Your university needs to be a member of the ISEP network.

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



APPLY NOW

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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 the ISEP network
- 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

Further options

FOR STAYING AT TU GRAZ

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.

You can apply for a scholarship if your stay is to last at least 3 months. The International Office will support you in your application and in the search for a supervisor at Graz University of Technology for your research project.



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BOSE SCHOLARSHIP

INCLUDES

- 2 semester scholarship for courses
- 2 month trainee programme (summer)

ELIGIBILITY

Citizens from south east europe

BEST OF SOUTH-EAST SCHOLARSHIP

to study at TU Graz

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

SUMMER SCHOOLS

There are also some summer schools offered by TU Graz. Information about summer schools will be announced online.

ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP

You study at a European University and want to conduct a traineeship or write your master thesis at TU Graz? You need to find a supervising professor and receive an invitation letter from him/her. Our team then supports you in all administrative belongings.

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- 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

► [Overview of all programmes](https://tugraz.at/go/incomings-exchange)
tugraz.at/go/incomings-exchange

FULL DEGREE STUDY AT TU GRAZ

Are you interested in pursuing your whole 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.

► [More Information](https://tugraz.at/go/admission-international-students)
tugraz.at/go/admission-international-students



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your exchange**

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