

WELCOME TO FH JOANNEUM

Basic information for EXCHANGE students



**ORIENTATION &
PREPARATION**

Overview

- Let's get your passports copied!
- Your Info Pack
- What's waiting for you
- International Relations at FH JOANNEUM
- Basic information about life in Graz



Who are you?

If you are here for one or two semesters, you are an **EXCHANGE** student.

If you are here for an entire degree programme, you are a **DEGREE SEEKING** student.

Your Welcome Package includes...



- PREMIUM: Lunch coupons – don't lose them!
- Survival Guide
- Important Documents for Exchange Students:
 - *Certificate of Enrolment, Payment confirmation, Account data*
- Necessary Forms:
 - EU: Meldezettel, EU/EWR Registration
 - Non EU: Meldezettel, health insurance registration
- Programme for your package
- WhatsApp Info
- City Maps, INT-Office Folders
- [Code of Conduct for Exchange students](#) – hand in signed copy at room 314



This is waiting for you:

- Monday:



Welcome at FH JOANNEUM



Administration Sessions

- Tuesday:

Computer Session

- Bring your account data and personal computer!



Campus Tour

This is waiting for you:

- **Wednesday:**



City Tour



ESN-Presentation
- Get your free SIM cards!

- **Thursday:**

Free time at your disposal

Get your landlord's
signature, sign your housing
contract, etc!



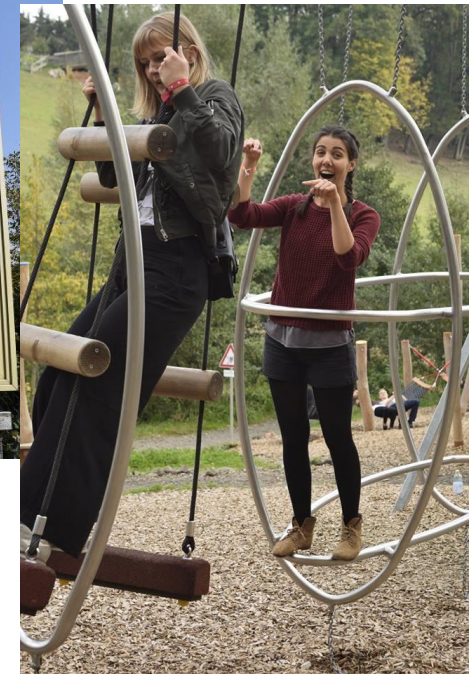
This is waiting for you:

- Friday

Don't be late!



Chocolate Factory



This is waiting for you:

- Monday



Socialize yourself I



- Tuesday



Socialize yourself II

This is waiting for you:

- **Wednesday**



Pub visit

- **Thursday**



German
Course
Enrolment

- **Friday**

GBP course Enrolment
MEM course Enrolment
IND course Enrolment



Introduction to
Library Services

Introduction to Library Services

Friday, February 23rd
11:00

SIGN UP NOW!

The International Relations Office welcomes you!



We are happy to help!

Every study programme has its own **International Coordinator**. They can help you with any **academic questions** you might have!



Have a look at what we do: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVsmGgfIEds>



German Courses, Tandem Programme, Language Diploma (ÖSD), Intercultural Skills Certificate, Intercultural focus R.U.D.I. (Cultural Diversity at FHJ, Communication in Intercultural Context...)



Information and support for your semester abroad, ISIC CARD



Intercultural events, Intercultural Sports Programme, excursions,...



Orientation Programme, Preperation Weeks



Buy cups, beer mugs, sweaters etc. to remember us by



Let's stay in contact!

E-Mail: international@fh-joanneum.at

Website: www.fh-joanneum.at/en/international/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fhjint/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/internationalize_yourself/

In person: room 314 or room 318 – Respect the opening hours!

WhatsApp: Register now!



WhatsApp Service - Registration

- add **+43 677 61790870** to your contacts and send **start**
- Choose one or more channels by sending...
 - German courses: **servus**
 - Exchange students: **exchange**
 - Degree seeking students: **international17**
- Or go to: <https://www.mobileworx.at/apps/wat/public/rp/47u9UMMuGtZ36tc>



Study at FH - rules

- Be on **time!**
- Respect your **deadlines!**
- **Attendance** to classes is obligatory – you have to excuse yourself, if you miss a class.
- **Communication** in class is interactive but respectful!
- **Female and male** students, teachers and staff are equal in Austria and FH JOANNEUM!
- Do not eat during classes!
- You can approach your teachers personally outside of the classroom. Be respectful!



Graz - a city you simply have to love!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBbUbT1F-Y4>

- Population: **300,000 inhabitants** from **160 countries**
- 2003: Cultural Capital of Europe
- **World UNESCO Heritage Site**: Old Town Center and Schloss Eggenberg
- „**City of Titles**“: City of Human Rights, City of Design, Fair-Trade-Community, Eco-City,...
- around **50.000 students**: 4 Universities, 2 Universities of Applied Sciences, 2 Teacher Training Colleges



Living in Graz – House rules

- Adapt to customs and common practice in your apartment building:
- **House rules** (poster in the staircase)
- **Introduce** yourself to your new neighbours
- **Loud noises** are not allowed after 10 pm
- **Party?** Inform your neighbours in advance
- **Seperate your trash** > Garbage Managment



How to get around in Graz

- **By foot** – watch out for cyclists!
- **By bike** – definitely the best option!
 - Check out bike shops or willhaben.at
 - Always use lights! Never cycle drunk!
- **By car** – Parking fees!
 - Always wear your safety belt!
- **By Taxi** – Taxi 878 (0316 878) or Taxi 889 (0316 889)

Used bikes on sale in Annenstraße 34 until 23 February!



Graz = city of short distances

How to get around in Graz

- **By bus or trams** – always validate your ticket! High fines!
 - 5 am – 12 pm (Friday, Saturday: Nightline)
- **Where to buy tickets?**
 - From the **bus driver** (1h, 24h)
 - From the **ticket machines** in the tram (1h, 24h, week passes, month passes)
 - At the **ticket machines** in the main train station, Haupt- and Jakominiplatz
 - In al „**Tabak/Trafik**“ shops (10 zones, week passes, month passes)
 - **Semester tickets** → Admin Session

Hourly Ticket	2.30 €
10-strip ticket	20 €
24-hour ticket	5,10 €
Weekly pass	14.30€
Monthly pass	47.60€



How to get around in Austria and the EU

- **By train - ÖBB**

- www.oebb.at
- Get the **VorteilsCard** at the main train station (50% reduction)
- Sparschiene = cheap tickets, booked in advance



- **By bus**

- www.meinfernbus.at
- Cheap prices and refundable tickets (voucher for next ride)



Bank accounts and sim cards

- **Bank account**

- Student bank account – no fees
- Bring your enrolment paper and Meldezettel
- BAWAG, Raiffeisenbank, Bank Austria, Stmk. Sparkasse

- **Sim cards**

- Free sim card: provided by ESN (A1)
- Cheap options: yess, s-Budget (supermarkets), Bob (online)



Health and Safety

- Make sure you have **valid health insurance** or register for insurance for students (public GKK or private FeelSafe)
 - Memorize your social security number!
- List of **doctors** in your survival guide (GKK accredited doctors for GKK!)
- **Hospital** – only in case of emergency
- **Pharmacies** – here you can buy medicine (€ 5,50 – prescription charge)
- **Tick vaccination** – Steiermärkische Gebietskrankenkasse Graz, Friedrichgasse 18
- **Psychological Help for students** – no charge, www.studentenberatung.at



Health and Safety

- Graz is generally a **very safe city**
 - Common precautions recommended (pick-pocketing ...)
 - If something gets stolen, report it at the next police station
- **Smoking** is still allowed in some bars – separate areas
- **Alcohol** - Never drink and drive!
 - Anything higher than 0,05‰ is strictly fined – even on the bicycle!



Health and Safety

Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire brigade **122**
Police **133**
Ambulance **144**

European emergency call **112**
Mountain rescue service **140**

In case of emergency always inform INT!

Provide as much information as possible:

- WHO you are
- WHERE you are
- WHAT is wrong
- HOW many people are injured?

You can find emergency phone numbers and a list of recommended doctors in your Survival Guide

Shopping in Graz

Supermarkets: Hofer, Lidl (discounter), Billa, Spar, Merkur

Farmer's markets: Lendplatz, Kaiser-Josef-Platz, in some shopping centres

Main shopping street: Herrengasse and Kastner & Öhler (for high quality clothes)

Shopping Centres: Murpark (tram nr. 4), Shopping Nord, Shoppingcity Seiersberg

Hygiene Products: DM and BIPA

Towels, bedsheets, furniture: KIK, IKEA (take tram nr. 5 → Puntigam + 5 minutes walk)



....you can drink the **tap water** in Austria!!!

**Most shops close around 7 pm
and are closed on Sundays !!!**

(Except Spar at the train station)

Sports in Graz

- **Intercultural Sports Courses at FH JOANNEUM**
- **University Sports Institute (USI)**
 - Go to www.usigraz.at
 - Find a course, note the course number
 - Most courses cost about EUR 25 per semester
 - Bring registration [form](#), student ID and certificate of enrolment
 - Registration starts on **26th of February** – be fast!



Upcoming Events in Graz

- **ESN Regular's Table** Wednesdays | Office Pub
- **Die Welt spricht (German meeting)** Thursdays | Kulturwerkstatt GbR
- **GRAZ + KBG: Intercultural Evenings** summer term (Thursday, Tuesday)
- **Elevate Festival Schloßberg** 28.02. – 04.03.
- **KBG Intenational Pub Quiz** 07.03.
- **KBG Austrian Bowling Tournament** 15.03.
- **BGB International Movie Night** 15.03.
- **Capoeiraworkshop: Quilombo Cultural** 22.03.-25.03.
- **Easter Market** 23.03. - 31.03.
- **Arts and Design Market Graz** 10.04.





Enjoy your time in Austria!

