



CHECKLIST – Before you leave your country...

We recommend to bring along the following:

- **Contact information of your buddy, dormitory and coordinator in Graz**, in case problems arise during your travel and therefore delaying your arrival
- **A copy of your passport and other important documents** in case you lose one of the originals
- **Passport photos** for various IDs and applications
- **European Insurance Card** (EU/EEA-citizens)
- **ATM card** with PLUS or CIRRUS access (NON-EU/EEA countries) or MAESTRO card (EU/EEA countries), so that you can withdraw money from your home bank account while you are in Austria.
- An **adapter**: if you want to use your own electrical devices here in Graz (the voltage in Austria is 230V)
- A long network cable (some dormitories don't have WIFI), costs in Austria between 10€ and 20€ (for Apple around 40€)
- Some **change** for renting a trolley at the airport or making a phone call after you have arrived, or for a bus ticket if you are not being picked up.
- Comfortable shoes
- A small medicine kit (just in case)
- **Of particular interest to non-EU/EEA-students**: Try to avoid sending extra clothing, books etc. by postal mail as parcels have been held up by customs before and students were required to pay considerable customs duties.

You are strongly advised to get a tick vaccination, especially if you are here for the summer term. For effective protection against tick bites (they can cause encephalitis) you need two shots: the first one around March and a booster 3–4 weeks later.

If you currently take medication, please bring an additional prescription and a letter from your doctor explaining why you need to take this medication (prescription dosages etc.). In case you run out of medication, it will be easier for you to get what you need. If possible, bring enough medication with you to last throughout your stay. Drug stores are called 'Apotheke' in Austria. You can get prescription drugs there, but they also sell aspirin and general painkillers over the counter.

ARRIVAL AT VIENNA AIRPORT

If you fly to Vienna, take the shuttle bus from Vienna airport to the train station called **Wien Meidling**. Check www.viennaairport.com for the detailed schedule of the shuttle bus and information about the fare. The train schedule can be looked up at: www.oebb.at/en. Please do not forget to call your buddy from Vienna to inform her/him when you will arrive.

ARRIVAL AT GRAZ AIRPORT

If you fly to Graz (www.flughafen-graz.at) and are not being picked up, take the shuttle bus to the main train station. From there you can take tram lines #1 or #7 to FH JOANNEUM. Alternatively you can take one of the taxis available at the Airport (costs around 35€ but you would need to ask the driver about the costs before taking the taxi)

RESIDENCE REGISTRATION

You are required to **apply for a residence registration** within 3 (three) days after having moved to a new address, and to **cancel your residence registration within 3 (three) days before leaving**. Non-Austrian citizens (**foreigners**) always need to present a travel document, e.g. passport. We will help you with application during the Orientation Program, if you are not participating (not recommended!) you have to go there on your own: Schmiedgasse 26, 8010 Graz.

IF ANY KIND OF PROBLEM ARISES, PLEASE CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HERE IN GRAZ. THINGS CAN ALWAYS BE WORKED OUT!