



# Studying at the University of Vienna

## Information for asylum seekers, Convention refugees and persons granted subsidiary protection

Persons who have the status of asylum seekers/Convention refugees or those granted subsidiary protection in Austria have access to the degree programmes offered by the University of Vienna (bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes).

### Financing

Before you start your studies/university preparation programme, it is imperative that you apply for financial assistance (basic services, minimum benefits, federal aid for students) to have a source of livelihood during your studies (see "Related links").

The fee for German courses as part of the university preparation programme amounts to EUR 470 per semester (from the winter semester of 2017/18 onwards). You can apply for a grant provided by the University of Vienna (see "Related links").

Regarding tuition fees for the degree programme, you can apply for the same legal status as students from an EU/EEA country: Degree programme students are exempt from tuition fees while studying within the standard duration of their degree programme plus two additional semesters. If you exceed this period, you have to pay tuition fees amounting to EUR 363.36 per semester and the Student's Union fee amounting to EUR 19.20 per semester. However, there are reasons for remission and reimbursement of tuition fees (see "Related links").

### Selecting a degree programme

The range of degree programmes offered by the University of Vienna comprises more than 180 degree programmes (bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes). You can receive information from:

- Student Point  
[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-procedure/admission](http://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-procedure/admission)
- StudiesServiceCenter  
[www.univie.ac.at/en/about-us/governance-structure/organisation-of-studies-courses](http://www.univie.ac.at/en/about-us/governance-structure/organisation-of-studies-courses)
- BeSt - Job, Training and Education Fair [bestinfo.at](http://bestinfo.at)
- UniOrientiert, information event for secondary school children and prospective students  
[studien-service-lehrwesen.univie.ac.at/en/studying/education-fairs/uniorientiert-masterday](http://studien-service-lehrwesen.univie.ac.at/en/studying/education-fairs/uniorientiert-masterday)
- Austrian National Union of Students at the University of Vienna [oeh.univie.ac.at](http://oeh.univie.ac.at) (in German)

### Admission

You can apply for admission to a degree programme within the applicable admission period. To apply for admission, you have to take the following steps:

- Register via u:space at [uspace.univie.ac.at](http://uspace.univie.ac.at) and activate your u:account
- Upload the required documents including the asylum card or the Convention travel document in u:space (see "Related links") and submit your application

It is recommended to send an additional e-mail with your name, date of birth and UserID to [refugees.studentpoint@univie.ac.at](mailto:refugees.studentpoint@univie.ac.at) after submitting your application in u:space. The Admission Office examines your submitted documents (authenticity/traceability of the documents). There is no need to have the documents legalised.

Successful applicants will receive an official notice (*Bescheid*) of the degree programme via e-mail, either

- permitting direct access to university studies or
- requiring supplementary examinations (proof of German language proficiency and/or subject knowledge) and/or
- subject to the condition of completing an aptitude or application procedure.

For applicants who must provide proof of German language proficiency and/or pass supplementary examinations in order to be admitted to study at the University, this official notice grants access to the university preparation programme (non-degree programme). You might get a partial reimbursement of the course fee through a grant provided by the University of Vienna (see "Related links").

As soon as you meet all requirements, you will gain admission to a degree programme.

# Nostrification

Nostrification stands for the recognition of a foreign degree as a domestic one. Through nostrification, the foreign degree is declared to be equivalent to an Austrian university degree. The holder is then also entitled to use an Austrian academic title. You should only file a nostrification application if the requested nostrification is mandatory for practising a profession or for continuing your education (this primarily encompasses

regulated professions such as teacher education, pharmacy, law). The fee for nostrification currently amounts to EUR 150 and has to be paid in advance.

Currently, nostrification candidates are not allowed to participate in the university preparation programme (German courses) regardless of their nationality or asylum status (see "Related links").

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## Related links

All information in German and English at [wirhelfen.univie.ac.at](http://wirhelfen.univie.ac.at)

## Financing

Needs-based minimum benefits for recognised refugees and persons granted subsidiary protection  
[wien.gv.at/gesundheit/leistungen/mindestsicherung/index.html](http://wien.gv.at/gesundheit/leistungen/mindestsicherung/index.html) (in German)

Basic services for refugees

[fsw.at/downloads/broschueren/grundversorgung/wgv.pdf](http://fsw.at/downloads/broschueren/grundversorgung/wgv.pdf)

Federal aid for recognised refugees by the Austrian Study Grant Authority

[www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/studienbeihilfe/voraussetzungen](http://www.stipendium.at/studienfoerderung/studienbeihilfe/voraussetzungen) (in German)

Grant provided by the University of Vienna

[studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/stipendien/stipendien-fuer-asylwerberinnen-und-asylberechtigte](http://studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/stipendien/stipendien-fuer-asylwerberinnen-und-asylberechtigte)

University Preparation Programme of the Vienna Universities  
[oead.at/en/to-austria/university-preparation-programmes/vienna](http://oead.at/en/to-austria/university-preparation-programmes/vienna)

Antira-socialfunds of the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) at the University of Vienna

[oeh.univie.ac.at/antira-sozialfonds-antira-socialfonds](http://oeh.univie.ac.at/antira-sozialfonds-antira-socialfonds)

Classes in German by the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)

[www.integrationsfonds.at/en/news/detail/article/language-courses](http://www.integrationsfonds.at/en/news/detail/article/language-courses)

Austrian Database for Scholarships and Research Grants

[www.grants.at/en](http://www.grants.at/en)

## Range of degree programmes and information

Student Point

[studying.univie.ac.at](http://studying.univie.ac.at)

Degree programmes requiring application and aptitude procedures

[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/degree-programmes-with-entrance-examinations](http://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/degree-programmes-with-entrance-examinations)

Admission with a secondary-school leaving certificate from non-EU/EEA countries

[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-procedure/admission](http://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-procedure/admission)

Important deadlines

[slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-procedure/deadlines](http://slw.univie.ac.at/en/studying/admission-procedure/deadlines)

MORE – an initiative to support refugees by uniko

[uniko.ac.at/projekte/more/index.php?lang=EN](http://uniko.ac.at/projekte/more/index.php?lang=EN)

## Study-related information and advisory services

StudiesServiceCenters (SSC), Studies Service Units (SSS)

[www.univie.ac.at/en/about-us/governance-structure/organisation-of-studies-courses/](http://www.univie.ac.at/en/about-us/governance-structure/organisation-of-studies-courses/)

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[studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/en/nostrification](http://studienpraeses.univie.ac.at/en/nostrification)

## Replacement documents

Secondary-school leaving certificates

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University degree certificates

[bmbwf.gv.at/studium/academic-mobility/enic-naric-austria](http://bmbwf.gv.at/studium/academic-mobility/enic-naric-austria)