

Tuition Fee

There is a general tuition fee obligation for all students at all Austrian universities.

EU or EEA citizens are exempt from tuition fees within the planned duration of studies plus two tolerance semesters (for diploma studies per study section).

Amount

Art. 91 ff of the 2002 Universities Act sets the amount of the tuition fee. As of the 2013 summer semester, this is Euro 363.36 per semester and for third-country nationals Euro 726.72 per semester.

In addition to the applicable tuition fee, the Austrian National Student Union fee including insurance and amounting to (currently) Euro 22.70 must be paid.

This results in a total amount of Euro 386.06 or, respectively, Euro 749.42 per semester.

Attention: the Austrian National Student Union fee (ÖH) is not part of the tuition fee and must be paid without exception every semester by all students. If the Student Union fee is not paid or not paid in full during the general admission period, this will result in de-matriculation or non-admission of the respective student.

Exemption

In any case, the following regular students are entitled to limited exemption from tuition fee payment for the standard duration of their respective curricula for a diploma, bachelor, master or doctoral programme plus two semesters (fee exemption period):

1. Austrian nationals;
2. EU citizens;
3. EEA citizens (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein);
4. Nationals of the Swiss Confederation;
5. Convention refugees (also from other EU countries);
6. Eligible third-country nationals who were granted one of the following types of residence permit:
 - ↪ Permanent residence – EC (“Daueraufenthalt – EG”), issued by the competent Austrian authority;

↳ Permanent residence – EC (“Daueraufenthalt – EG”), issued by the competent authority of another Member State plus residence permit (“Niederlassungsbewilligung”) for Austria;

↳ Permanent residence card (“Daueraufenthaltskarte”), issued by the competent Austrian authority;

7. Turkish nationals due to the EEC-Turkey Association Agreement if they live with their parents in Austria in accordance with all legal requirements and their parents are or were legally employed in Austria;
8. Students coming under the provisions of the Ordinance Governing Admission of Certain Groups of Potential Students (“Personengruppenverordnung”).
9. Students with an Austrian residence title other than "Residence Permit Students"

If the fee exemption period is exceeded (tolerance semesters), a tuition fee amounting to Euro 363.36 per semester must be paid in addition to the Austrian National Student Union fee of Euro 22.70.

General exemption

Regular students who are nationals of a country listed in [Appendix 4](#) Para. 2 No. 1 of the Tuition Fee Ordinance are principally exempted from tuition fee payment. They must solely pay the Austrian National Student Union fee of Euro 22.70.

Nationals of other third countries

Nationals of other third countries are principally obligated to pay a tuition fee amounting to Euro 726.72 as well as the Austrian National Student Union fee of Euro 22.70 starting with the first semester!

Payment

Admission to, and permission for the regular continuation of, any curriculum is only granted if the prescribed amount is paid in time and in full. Partial payment is not possible.

The tuition fee must be paid within the admission period (see timetable); otherwise, the student will not be admitted to the curriculum or will be de-matriculated!

Attention:

Students admitted to the university for the first time will receive a payment slip containing the respective amounts directly from the Legal and Admission Department.

When continuing your studies, please find your individual tuition fee balance to be paid on UFG Online by consulting your personal profile and clicking on “Tuition Fee” (Studienbeitrag).

If you pay your tuition fee from a foreign account, please bear in mind that this may entail additional banking charges that must be covered by you.

Waiver

If entitled to a waiver of the tuition fee, regular students (except students with the legal status “Residence Permit – Student”) may apply for exemption from tuition fee payment to the Legal and Admission Department. Attention: this waiver extends solely to the tuition fee; the Austrian National Student Union fee must be paid in any case, even if the tuition fee as such is waived.

Waiver applications including all required documentation must be submitted to the Legal and Admission Department before expiry of the admission period (this is 31 March for the summer semester and 31 October for the winter semester)!

The required documentation must be submitted in the original or in the form of notarially or legally certified copies. Documents originally not made out in German or English must in any case be translated into German by a sworn and legally authorised translator and enclosed with the application.

Legal grounds for a waiver

Art. 92 Para. 1 of the Universities Act provides for the following grounds for a waiver:

1. **Illness or pregnancy.** Inability, caused by illness or pregnancy, to continue the curriculum for at least two months of the semester in question (proof: attestation by medical specialist).
2. **Child care**
The student predominantly assumes care of a child or children aged under seven years/of preschool age living in the same household (proof: birth certificate of child/children, certificate of registration [“Meldezettel”] of student and child/children with the same address for both; affidavit stating that the child is/children are mainly cared for by the student).
3. **Disability**
Disability level of at least 50% (proof: invalidity card issued by Federal Social Office).
4. **Study grant**
During the previous or ongoing semester, the student has received a study grant under the 1992 Student Support Act (proof: written decision of Student Grant Authority).
5. **Mobility programme**
Documented completion of study periods or practical stints in the context of a transnational EU, national or university-funded mobility programme (e.g. Erasmus,

Socrates, Leonardo, etc.) (proof: confirmation by competent co-ordinator or letter informing the student in question of his/her participation in the programme).

6. Stay abroad
Study stay abroad due to a binding requirement of student's curriculum/study plan (compulsory or elective subject, practical course according to provisions of curriculum/study plan; proof: confirmation by study programme director).
7. Mutually agreed waiver
Previously concluded University Partnership Agreement between the University of Arts Linz and the university last attended by the regular foreign student, if this agreement provides for the mutual waiver of tuition fees.
8. If you are a national of a country specified in the Tuition Fees Ordinance, whereby the determination shall be based on the "Least Developed Countries" according to the "DAC List of ODA Recipients", which is drawn up by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC for short) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Other grounds for waiving the tuition fee of University of Arts Linz

In addition to the above legal grounds for a waiver of the tuition fee, the following grounds for a waiver as stipulated by the Rectorate of University of Arts Linz may be brought forward in case of a student's attendance of selected courses/classes:

1. student is a regular student at KTU / Bruckner University;
2. student is a member of Forum –Alumni of University of Arts Linz;
3. student is especially gifted.

Important

If you have missed the deadline or cannot submit the documents of proof for the waiver in due time, you must pay the prescribed tuition fee. Otherwise, you will not be admitted to the curriculum or cannot continue your studies!

After that, you may, however, submit an application for reimbursement of the tuition fee.

Reimbursement

Tuition fee reimbursement is distinct from eligibility for exemption from tuition fee payment and may be possible for a variety of reasons.

Application for reimbursement of the tuition fee for the winter semester is possible until next 31 March; for the summer semester, it is possible until next 30 September. The application must be submitted to the Legal and Admission Department.

The tuition fee may be reimbursed in the following cases:

1. The tuition fee was paid. However, in due course, a reason for the waiver of the tuition fee occurs during the semester in question and is duly asserted within a six-month period as of the date of payment.
2. An amount in excess of the prescribed tuition fee was paid. In this case, the excess amount is reimbursed.
3. The tuition fee was paid too late or only in part. In this case, the student was not admitted or not permitted to continue his/her studies.
4. The tuition fee was paid. However, the student completed his/her studies before expiry of the admission period or interrupted them without undergoing an exam or submitting a scientific paper in the course of this semester. If the student is not matriculated at any other Austrian university, the tuition fee will be reimbursed.
5. The student has paid the tuition fee but was able to submit the required documentation for the waiver only after expiry of the application period.

Non-regular students

Non-regular students are students who

1. attend selected courses/classes in scientific subjects or
2. were admitted to a non-degree university course.

Non-regular students who were admitted to selected courses/classes in scientific subjects must pay a tuition fee amounting to Euro 363.36 starting with the first semester following their admission (irrespective of nationality!). Thus they must pay a total amount of Euro 386.06 per semester.

Non-regular students who were admitted to a non-degree university course or to a preparatory course are exempted from tuition fee payment and need only pay the course fee and the Student Union fee.