

PhD-Programme for Incoming Students

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The University of Arts Linz (Kunstuniversität Linz), offers **one PhD-program** for all departments. The thematic fields represented at the Kunstuniversität Linz and hence also represented in the PhD-program include Cultural Science, Art Theory, Design, Interface Cultures, Industrial Design, Robotics, Architecture etc.

The PhD-program ranges from research based on artistic practices, design research, art theoretical work, cultural studies research to more applied research.

The fact that we offer one PhD-program for all disciplines enables a high volatility between the different fields of study and focus as well as between scientific, artistic and scientific-artistic approaches.

The curriculum does not foresee specific courses, its place takes the supervision agreement - a contract between PhD candidates and supervisors who agree on the individual achievements to be completed within the next few years. This may comprise the completion of specific workshops or courses, but also art works, the holding of lectures etc. Generally, the PhD program has a very flexible structure, with the completion of the PhD-project at its center.

The following webpage provides an overview of [ongoing and completed PhD projects](#)

Currently, 140 PhD candidates realize their PhD works at the KUNI Linz. You can also have a look at the following site with information on the [PhD-program](#).

Incoming PhD-candidates will be linked with a self-selected PhD guest supervisor of the Kunstuniversität - within the thematic range of their PhD-project - for the length of their stay.

Within the application process, incoming PhD students should already make a suggestion of a [PhD-supervisor](#).

The connection to a specific department or field of study is sought through the assigned PhD guest supervisor. Attendance at the doctoral colloquia by the PhD guest supervisor is desired, if there are any.

Apart from that, the department [Art.Research / PhD](#) has some offers for PhD-candidates, which can be attended as well. Current information can be found [here](#).

All incoming exchange students are invited to the **Welcome Day** organized by the International Office.

PhD incoming students can acquire 15 ECTS points per semester by attending and completing the colloquia from the PhD guest supervisor assigned to them.

If the PhD incoming students need **further ECTS points** or if they are interested in additional courses, they can attend courses according to the availability of study places, after prior agreement with the course teacher.

[Course catalogue](#)

The attendance of a [German Language course](#) is also possible.

Contacts:

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For all matters concerning the **PhD-program** specifically → [Art.Research | PhD](#)