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*to the memory of Irene and Fridtjof Baadsvik
and John Grant*

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INTRODUCTION

The *Guide to the Universities of Europe* is an attempt to provide North American students with important basic information on specific universities in Europe.

To study in Europe, as a North American, is a very valuable experience. It may serve to reinforce the faith one has in the bounties of the New World. On the other hand, one may succumb to the charms, civility and politics of the Old World. Certainly, the time spent in Europe will change one's perspective on wherever it is one calls home.

A university education has become very expensive in the United States. Tuition fees are exorbitant in many of the better universities of the land, and studying away from home—out of state or out of province—is also too pricey for most students. As the cost of studying away from home continues to rise in North America, the competition between the growing number of applicants for financial assistance and scholarships will increase accordingly. This heightened competition will result in a greater percentage of financial aid and scholarship applicants being denied the chance to study away from home, and more and more students will be forced to remain in state or in province. Consequently, those people who can not afford to study away from home or at one of the more expensive universities are often forced to select a prospective university based on financial considerations as well as its proximity to home.

Europe provides the ideal alternative. Most European countries have state-run, nonprofit university systems. In other words, a foreign student who can afford to attend a university in any given European country does not have to fear wild escalation of tuition fees when applying to different universities in that particular system. In fact, for many European countries, tuition fees are uniform at all universities. Some countries, such as Germany and Denmark, charge foreign students no tuition fees, while France, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Italy, and the Eastern European countries, among others, charge foreign students very low tuition as compared to U.S. and Canadian standards. The faculties of the respective state institutions are usually made up of the finest doctors and professors in the country. Foreign students are considered essential to the reputations of European universities and are admitted to them more freely than foreign students are admitted to the better universities of the United States and Canada.

The value attached to foreign students studying in Europe can be traced to the European self-concept as treated in its own history—a concept of Europe as the seat of learning, not just for the individual nations but for the entire civilized world.

The rise of internationalism puts a premium on the ability to move between differing cultures and languages. Studying in Europe provides students with a first-rate education in internationalism. The opportunity to learn and use a foreign language while immersed in the culture of that language's people is, in itself, an education of tremendous value. North Americans who study in Europe have a chance to move freely and inexpensively throughout one of the most culturally diverse areas in the world. Student travel agencies, such as USIT and STA, are experts on how to see the most of Europe with the least money. In addition, most of the large national airlines in Europe offer reduced fares for students.

North American students who gain the experience of internationalism through studying in Europe enhance their employability in the job markets of the world. The advent of a single European Market in 1992 and the phenomena of glasnost and perestroika make the ability to understand and work within the new Europe an essential asset to any endeavor in the international arena. Whether a student's qualifications include a European university degree or proof of attendance at a European institution of higher learning for a term or a year, the benefits of an international education will stand out.

The purpose of *Guide to the Universities of Europe* is to help future internationalists select prospective institutions of higher learning. The systems of higher education vary greatly from one European country to another, and readers should not expect all of the universities reviewed in this guide to have similar information. The chapters are divided by countries, and there are two sections: one on the universities of Western Europe and one on the universities of Eastern Europe. Where the information was appropriate (the countries of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), the chapters include general university information. This section of the chapter gives information for foreign students on admission requirements, application procedures and deadlines, academic and degree re-

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quirements, accreditation, registration requirements, visa requirements and residence regulations, tuition fees, living expenses, scholarships and university calendar. This section also includes a short description of foreign student enrollment. Readers who are interested in finding out more about the higher education system in a particular country should contact that country's diplomatic mission in the reader's home country. For more information about a specific university reviewed within this guide, readers should contact the institution in question directly. In addi-

tion, the references mentioned in this guide's bibliography are excellent sources of information.

Finally, and on a personal note, I was applying to universities in Europe three years ago, and the lack of information about European universities was, at first, daunting. However, my decision to attend university in Europe is one I shall always consider fortuitous. I sincerely hope that this guide will encourage more North Americans to explore the exceptional and varied educational opportunities of this extraordinary continent. Europe awaits . . .

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THE UNIVERSITIES OF AUSTRIA

GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Austrian universities are state-run, nonprofit institutions and, as such, follow similar rules regarding admission requirements, expenses and degree requirements. The following general information is relevant to all the institutions mentioned in this chapter.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Foreign students must fulfill certain requirements in order to be admitted:

- Foreign students must have an adequate secondary school certificate (high school diploma, international baccalaureate, etc.) that is recognized by the Austrian academic authorities.
- Foreign students must be proficient in German.
- Foreign students must be in good health.
- Foreign students applying for transfer out of another university must submit a statement of honorable dismissal.
- If required by the intended program of studies, foreign students must produce evidence of special aptitude.

In addition, admission of foreign students as regular degree candidates to Austrian universities and art schools is subject to the following legal regulations:

Priority is given on the basis of academic qualifications as shown in the documents supporting the application. Foreign students may be admitted as regular degree students if their secondary school certificates prove the students have adequately prepared for university studies as required in the countries of the certificates' origin or as required by Austrian regulations. If an applicant's foreign qualifications are not equivalent to the requirements for the elected field of study at an Austrian university, then the applicant may not be admitted. However,

an applicant may alternatively gain admission by passing supplementary examinations. A two-semester preparatory course may be taken prior to these examinations.

Austria is a member of the Council of Europe and has agreed with 21 other countries upon standard university admission requirements. The other countries are Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Yugoslavia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

Austria also has bilateral agreements on secondary school certificate equivalence with Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Liechtenstein and Romania. A secondary school certificate obtained in any of these countries entitles the holder to pursue any studies the certificate would allow within the country of its issue.

The language of instruction in all Austrian universities is German. However, some universities have courses conducted in English. If a student is not proficient in German or if the university's admissions department questions the proficiency of an applicant, the student must take an examination in German before beginning regular degree studies.

Submission of an official Austrian health certificate, no more than four months old, is also required for admission to Austrian universities. The foreign applicant is informed of the time and place of the medical examination, after which the health certificate will be issued.

A foreign applicant transferring from an institution of higher learning in another country must submit proof (a "Certificate") of honorable dismissal from the previous institution. The certificate must include the number of semesters attended and the names and grades of courses completed.

Certain academic programs require special qualifications. In such cases, the applicants must pass the specific entrance examinations required by the university.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

The applicant must send a letter to the desired *Studienabteilung* (admissions office for a department) at the applicant's chosen university. This letter serves as an application for admission to the studies selected by the applicant. Each university has special forms for this application procedure. The application must be accompanied by

1. a curriculum vita stating date of birth, nationality, educational background and the chosen academic program and subject area
2. a copy of the secondary school certificate, high school diploma or international baccalaureate containing the grades achieved in the various courses
3. for transfer applicants, all documents relating to previous academic history
4. evidence of proficiency in German language
5. evidence of the applicant's qualifications to pursue equivalent studies both in the applicant's home country and in the country of the secondary school certificate's origin

Applicants should submit notarized copies of these documents with certified German translations. A return address should be included as the applicant will be informed of the admission decision by mail.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Any applications arriving later than the deadlines of September 1 for the winter semester and February 1 for the summer semester will not be considered until the subsequent semester's admissions review.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The academic program in Austrian universities and music and dramatic art schools is governed by the General Universities Studies Act. There are two degree programs: diploma studies (*Diplomstudien*) and doctoral studies (*Doktoratsstudien*).

Diploma studies offer professional training that is both practical and systematic and constitute the prerequisite for a diploma degree. The duration of diploma studies averages four to six years, though the number of semesters varies from degree program to degree program. Diploma degrees are awarded on the basis of the University Studies Act to candidates who have completed their regular degree studies and satisfactorily passed the prescribed diploma examinations. In order for students to achieve a master's degree, a thesis must be submitted prior to the final diploma examination.

Doctoral studies are available to students with master's degrees in the same or affiliated disciplines.

Doctorates are awarded on the basis of the University Studies Act to candidates who complete their regular degree studies, write a dissertation and pass the prescribed oral and written examinations.

ACCREDITATION

All universities are accredited by the State of Austria's Department of Science and Research in Vienna.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Upon arriving in Austria, a foreign student must register with the police department (*Polizeikommissariat*) of the district in which the university is located. Registration forms can be obtained from any tobacconist (*Trafik*).

VISA REQUIREMENTS AND RESIDENCE REGULATIONS

The foreign student needs a valid passport in order to enter Austria. In addition, an Austrian visa is required for all students, excluding those from Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Switzerland. Visas are issued by Austrian consulates and embassies abroad. The visa specifies how long the student may remain in Austria. The residence permit is extended in one year licenses by the Austrian police department.

TUITION FEES FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

- AS 4,000 per semester for universities and art schools (roughly \$320 US)
- AS 4,800 for *Wirtschaftsuniversität* (universities of economics and business administration)

Tuition fees must be paid in full by all students at the start of each semester. Exemption from the foreign student tuition fee is granted to the following:

1. students who during the past six years have been subject to unlimited income tax liability in Austria or who are supported by persons who have been subject to the unlimited top liability in Austria
2. students who have received scholarships to study at an Austrian university awarded by national, provincial or local authorities or another body incorporated under the public law. This scholarship must amount to no less than the minimum scholarship granted by the Study Promotion Act (*Studienförderungsgesetz*)
3. students whose home countries grant exemption from foreign student tuition fees to Austrian nationals
4. students from developing countries

5. stateless students with ordinary domicile in Austria for at least five years
6. students considered "refugees" according to the Refugee Convention

Application for exemption from foreign student tuition fees must be made to the prospective university (*Fakultätskollegian*) prior to registration/matriculation.

EXPENSES

Living expenses vary from city to city, particularly if the university is in a rural location. The following data was prepared by the Austrian Foreign Student Service (OÄD) and represents 1990 estimates. The housing cost corresponds to student hostel rates.

Housing (rent and utilities)	AS 2,100
Food (without tobacco and alcohol)	AS 2,200
Clothing, laundry	AS 600
Health care, hygiene	AS 450
Books, supplies	AS 450
Miscellaneous, entertainment	AS 700
Transportation	AS 500
Total per month in 1990	AS 7,000

The total cost of living corresponds to the amount a grantee of the Austrian federal government would receive in Austria.

FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provided by Austrian institutions are available to foreign students. Applications for scholarships offered by the Federal Ministry of Science and Research and the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs are to be submitted to the competent authority prescribed by the Austrian consulates and embassies in the applicant's home country.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

The academic year begins on October 1 and ends the following September 30. The year is divided into semesters:

- winter semester: October 1 until the completion of examinations in January
- summer semester: early February until the completion of examinations in June

FOREIGN STUDENTS IN AUSTRIA

Foreign students have a long and established tradition at Austrian universities. In the 1950s, as much as one-third of the total student enrollment was made up of foreigners. The number of foreign students has continued to increase over the past 30 years, though the percentage of the total enrollment has declined due to the rising numbers of Austrian students.

Austria ranks higher than the average European country in terms of foreign student enrollment.

In the 1980s, roughly 72% of foreign students enrolled in Austrian universities were from other European nations. However, in 1988, 107 different countries were represented. Certain universities attract more foreigners than others, but each of the Austrian universities has a large international student body.

Many foreign students study general subjects—humanities and natural sciences make up roughly 37% of the course programs selected; technical engineering accounts for about 20% and medicine, social sciences and economics account for about 14% each. There is also a large international contingent in the music and dramatic arts schools, especially in Vienna and Salzburg, where foreign students account for about 40% of the total enrollment.

It is estimated that the number of foreign students attending Austrian universities in the 1990s will be 12,500 to 13,000 per year.

BRANCH OFFICES OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN STUDENT SERVICE (OÄD)

Most of the above information was provided by the OÄD. The OÄD provides any assistance foreign students and applicants need concerning studies and student life in Austria. The addresses of OÄD branches in Austria are

Headquarters in Vienna

Universität Wien, Stiege IX
Dr. Karl Lueger-Ring 1
A-1010 Vienna, Austria
Tel.# (0222) 42 67 42; 42 31 50
Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–12 a.m.
Tue. & Thur. 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

In Vienna

Universität Wien, Dr. Karl Lueger-Ring 1, Stiege I
A-1010 Vienna, Austria
Tel.# (0222) 43 00 / 26 29, 28 76
Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–12 a.m.
Tue. & Thur. 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

In Graz

Mandellstrasse 11
A-8010 Graz, Austria
Tel.# (0316, from Vienna 993) 70 77 93
Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–12 a.m.
Tue. & Thur. 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

In Innsbruck

Universität Innrain 52
A-6020 Innsbruck, Austria
Tel.# (05222, from Vienna 995) 724 / 20 55
Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

In Salzburg

Akademiestrasse 20/2/229, 230

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A-5020 Salzburg, Austria
Tel.# (0662, from Vienna 996) 84 36 51
Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–12 a.m.

In Leoben

Montanuniversität Leoben
Franz-Jozef Strasse 18
A-8700 Leoben, Austria
Tel.# (03842) 42 5 55
Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9.30 a.m.–2 p.m.

In Linz

Schloss Auhof
A-4040 Linz, Austria
Tel.# (0732, from Vienna 997) 24 68 0
Office Hours: Mon.–Thur. 9 a.m.–4.30 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

In Klagenfurt

Universität
Universitätsstrasse 67
A-9020 Klagenfurt, Austria
Tel.# (0463, from Vienna 994) 53 17
Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m.–12 a.m.

KARL-FRANZENS-UNIVERSITÄT GRAZ (Graz University) 8010 Graz, Universitätsplatz 3, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:
State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1585

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 26,700 students

DEGREES AWARDED:
Magister in various fields
five–six years required
Doctorate in various fields
four–eight years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:
Faculty of Business Administration and Economics
Faculty of Catholic Theology
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Liberal Arts
Faculty of Medicine
Faculty of Science

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:
Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:
Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,000 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:
1,975 fulltime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:
University library—950,000 volumes

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:
Krimiologischer Museum

RECTOR: Dr. Thomas Kenner

LEOPOLD-FRANZENS-UNIVERSITÄT INNSBRUCK (Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck) 6020 Innsbruck, Innrain 52, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:
State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1669

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 24,850 students

DEGREES AWARDED:
Diplom in various fields
seven–ten semesters required
Magister in various fields
six semesters required
Doctorate in various fields
eight–twelve semesters required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:
Faculty of Arts
Faculty of Construction Engineering and Architecture
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Medicine
Faculty of Science
Faculty of Social and Economic Science
Faculty of Theology

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:
Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:
Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:
AS 4,000 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:
1,280 fulltime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

University library—500,000 volumes

Libraries of the institute—1,000,000 volumes

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS:

Mitteilungsblatt, Veröffentlichungen, Vorlesungsverzeichnis

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Rainer Sprung

UNIVERSITÄT SALZBURG

(Salzburg University)

5020 Salzburg, Residenzplatz 1, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1622

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 12,100 students (including 1,400 foreign students)

DEGREES AWARDED:

Magister in various fields

four years required

Doctorate in various fields

five–seven years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Catholic Theology

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Natural Science

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,000 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

750 fulltime faculty

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Museums of Fine Arts and Natural History

Several Galleries

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

University library—500,000 volumes

Libraries of the institute—1,000,000 volumes

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS:

Jahrbuch, Universitätsreden

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Theodor Köhler

UNIVERSITÄT WEIN

(Vienna University)

1010 Vienna, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1365

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 85,400 (including 7,700 foreign students)

DEGREES AWARDED:

Diplom in various fields

four years required

Magister in various fields

four–five years required

Doctorate in various fields

five–seven years required

Lehramtsprüfung (teaching qualification)

five–six years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Faculty of Catholic Theology

Faculty of Humanities

Faculty of Law and Political Science

Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Natural Science

Faculty of Philosophy

Faculty of Protestant Theology

Faculty of Social and Economic Science

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,000 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

2,500 fulltime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

University library—4,066,000 volumes

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Institute of Medical History Museum

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Karl Wernhart

WIRTSCHAFTSUNIVERSITÄT WIEN

(Vienna University of Commerce)

A-10900 Vienna, Augasse 2-6, Austria

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CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1898

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 18,000 fulltime students (including 1,850 foreign students from 85 countries)

DEGREES AWARDED:

Magister in various fields

four–five years required

Doctorate in various fields

four–six years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Department of Business Administration

Department of Economics

Department of Human Science

Department of Law

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION: German and English

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,800 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

350 fulltime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

Central library—256,850 volumes

Departmental libraries—206,000 volumes

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS:

Bankarchiv, Der Österreichische Betriebswirt, Zeitschrift für Ganzheitsforschung

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Hans Robert Hansen

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT GRAZ

(Graz Technical University)

8010 Graz, Rechbauerstrasse 12, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1811

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 11,500 students

DEGREES AWARDED:

Diplom in various fields

five years required

Magister in various fields

seven years required

Doctorate in various fields

seven years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Faculty of Architecture

Faculty of Constructional Engineering

Faculty of Electrical Engineering

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Natural Science

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,000 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

546 fulltime faculty

75 parttime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

University library—90,000 volumes

RECTOR: Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. techn. Günther Schelling

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT WEIN

(Vienna Technical University)

1040 Vienna, Karlsplatz 13, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1815

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 18,500 students (including 2,500 foreign students)

DEGREES AWARDED:

Diplom in various fields

five years required

Magister in various fields

five years required

Doctorate in various fields

seven years and thesis required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Faculty of Civil Engineering

Faculty of Electrical Engineering

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Faculty of Regional Planning and Architecture

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cooperative arrangements with universities in several countries

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*) or recognized foreign equivalent

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,000 per semester. *See* GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

2,000 fulltime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

University library—800,000 volumes

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS:

Mitteilungsblatt, Schriftenreihe, TU Aktuell

RECTOR: Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. techn. Friedrich Moser

HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK UND DARSTELLEND KUNST IN WEIN

**(University of Music and Dramatic Art in Vienna)
A-1037 Vienna III, Lothringerstrasse 18, Austria**

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1812

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 3,000 students

DEGREES AWARDED:

Diplom in various fields

four–eight years required

Magister in various fields

four–five years required

Doctorates in various fields

four–six years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Department of Church Music

Department of Drama and Production

Department of Film and Television

Department of Keyboard Instruments

Department of Music Education

Department of String Instruments

Department of Theory, Composition and Orchestral Conducting

Department of Voice and Operatic Art

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*), or recognized foreign equivalent, and entrance examination in chosen artistic field

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

600 fulltime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

Central library and departmental library—90,000 volumes; 1,700 phonographic records; 700 audio tapes

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Helmut Schwarz

HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK UND DARSTELLEND KUNST IN GRAZ

**(University of Music and Dramatic Art in Graz)
A-8010 Graz Leonhardstrasse, 15, Austria**

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1963

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,500 students (including 275 foreign students)

DEGREES AWARDED:

Diplom

three–six years required

Magister Artium

five years required

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Department of Church Music

Department of Jazz

Department of Keyboard Instruments

Department of Pedagogy

Department of Singing

Department of String Instruments

Department of Theory and Composition

Department of Wind and Percussion Instruments

ATTACHED INSTITUTES:

Jazz Research

Music Aesthetics

Music Ethnology

Performance Practice

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Secondary school certificate (*Reifezeugnis*), or recognized foreign equivalent, and entrance examination in the chosen artistic field

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 1,500 per semester. *See* GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

110 fulltime faculty

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LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

University library—90,000 volumes

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS:

Mitteilungsblatt, Veröffentlichungen, Vorlesungsverzeichnis

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Benda

HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK UND DARSTELLEND

KUNST 'MOZARTIUM' IN SALZBURG

(Mozartium University of Music and Dramatic Art in Salzburg)

5020 Salzburg, Mirabellplatz 1, Austria

CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTION:

State-run, nonprofit university

DATE FOUNDED: 1841

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,550 students (including 600 foreign students)

DEGREES AWARDED:

Magister Artium

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Department of Composition, Theory and Conducting

Department of Keyboard Instruments

Department of Instruction in Art

Department of Instruction in Music

Department of Music Education

Department of Performing Art

Department of Sacred Music

Department of Solo Singing and Dramatic Performance

Department of String Instruments

Department of Wind and Percussion Instruments

Orff Institute for Elemental Music and Movement Education

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

Entrance examination in chosen artistic field

TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:

AS 4,000 per semester. See GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION.

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY:

300 fulltime faculty

100 parttime faculty

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS:

Library—110,000 volumes

RECTOR: Prof. Dr. Günther Bauer

THE UNIVERSITIES OF BELGIUM

GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Belgian universities are state-run, nonprofit institutions and, as such, follow similar rules and regulations concerning admission requirements, expenses and degree requirements. The following general information is relevant to all institutions mentioned in this chapter.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Foreign students applying to a Belgian university must hold either a Belgian secondary school certificate or one of the following recognized foreign equivalents:

- Baccalauréat Européen, issued by a secondary school in Belgium or abroad
- international baccalaureate, issued by the Office du Baccalaurat International in Geneva, Switzerland
- a secondary school certificate or high school diploma that has been approved as equivalent to Belgian standards by the Service des Équivalences de L'Administration de L'Enseignement Secondaire (for French institutions) or Dienst Gelijkawaardigheden van het Bestuur van het Hoger Onderwijs (for Dutch institutions)

Transfer applicants should contact either the French or Dutch agency or the school's admissions department for information on the educational qualifications required for transfer.

Recognition of foreign secondary school certificates, high school diplomas and university degrees is based upon Belgian equivalence. The law in Belgium ignores the level, the subject and the country in which the certificate, diploma or degree was achieved. The parameters for deciding equivalence are

- period of study
- examinations taken and passed
- certificates, diplomas and degrees acquired

In some cases only partial equivalence may be granted, and the student must take Belgian examinations to qualify for full equivalence. This proviso insures that equivalence is not granted to studies not comparable with the level of corresponding studies in Belgium and that a foreign applicant is not accepted at a Belgian university if the applicant would not be allowed to commence or continue corresponding studies in the country in which the certificate, diploma or degree was acquired.

If the foreign applicant has a secondary school certificate, high school diploma or university degree recognized as a Belgian equivalent, then the applicant is not required to take entry examinations. However, if the applicant wishes to study civil engineering, he or she will have to take the entrance examination required of all applicants, including Belgian students.

The language of instruction in Belgian universities is either French or Dutch, depending upon the region. Foreign applicants who cannot provide proof of proficiency in the language of instruction must take a language test prior to admission. All universities offer intensive language courses for those students who are accepted but do not have the adequate language proficiency level required.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Foreign students applying to Belgian universities should contact the prospective institutions at least a year prior to planned enrollment.

First, foreign applicants should contact the Belgian embassy or consulate cultural office in their home countries for specific information regarding foreign student status in Belgium. Second, foreign applicants should contact the universities for specific information on application procedures and forms as well as on the academic programs.

Foreign student applications should be sent to the registrar's office (*Service des Inscriptions* or *Inschrijvingsdienst*) of the prospective university.

If an applicant is rejected by a state university in Belgium, the applicant has the right to appeal within 30 days of the decision. The appeal must be made to the minister for national education, who then has 30 days to appeal the rejection on behalf of the applicant.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Foreign students must send the completed applications and all other required qualifications to the registrar's office before May 1 of the academic year.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The academic program at a Belgian university is organized in stages of studies (*Cycles* or *Cycli*) and academic years. After successfully completing a stage, or cycle, the student is admitted to the next stage of studies.