

# Discover Austria

## Go on Exchange to the JKU



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## Destination: Linz, Austria

**Austria, nestled in the Alps and famous for world-class ski resorts, W. A. Mozart, Sacher cake and friendly residents, ranks as one of the safest countries in the world! Are you ready for a change?**

Linz, the capital of Upper Austria, is Austria's the third largest city with a population of 190,000. Linz has a rich historical past and today, Linz successfully combines vibrant Austrian tradition with a contemporary flair. Situated along the Danube amongst rolling green hills, the city, with its many parks and recreational areas, beckons residents and visitors alike to relax as well as enjoy many activities. Located in the heart of Europe, Linz provides a central connection to numerous European cities and capitals.

### Distance to other Major Cities in Europe

- Vienna, Austria: 190 km/120 miles
- Prague, Czech Republic: 250 km/155 miles
- Munich, Germany: 270 km/170 miles
- Budapest, Hungary: 440 km/270 miles
- Venice, Italy: 570 km/355 miles
- Zurich, Switzerland: 590 km/366 miles



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## Studying at the JKU

The Johannes Kepler University offers over 300 classes in English. Between classes, students can relax near the university pond or meet with friends at one of the on campus cafés. After a day of classes, the campus and the city of Linz teem with activity!

### Johannes Kepler University

- established 1966
- over 16,000 enrolled students
- 10 % of the student body is international students
- over 90 nationalities represented on campus
- progressive, modern campus-style university

### Faculties

- Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Business
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences

### Who is Johannes Kepler?

Astronomer and mathematician Johannes Kepler was an educator in Linz between 1612 and 1626. He discovered that the Earth and planets orbit around the sun elliptically and wrote the three fundamental laws of planetary motion.

### Master's Programmes in English Include:

- General Management
- Global Business
- Management and Applied Economics
- Comparative Social Policy and Welfare
- Biological Chemistry
- Pervasive Computing
- Polymer Chemistry
- Industrial Mathematics

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- Business and Economics
- Law
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Polymer Engineering

For more information on courses, please see:  
[www.jku.at/exchange/courses](http://www.jku.at/exchange/courses)



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## Campus

Unlike other universities in Austria, the JKU is a campus environment located north of Linz. The JKU campus and student residence halls are conveniently located 20 minutes by tram from the city centre and close to clean and efficient public transportation services.

### Nature on Campus

The landscape at the university is green and picturesque, creating an attractive ambience for students, faculty and staff. The university pond is a popular gathering spot, particularly between classes and on warm, sunny days. In the summer, students take advantage of the proximity to Lake Plesching to swim, relax and play beach volley, etc.

### Services & Facilities

There are many cafeterias, banks and shops conveniently located near campus. The main university library is centrally located on campus and wireless internet service provides students with continual internet access.

### Campus Sports

Each semester, the University Sports Institute (USI) offers a variety of classes including exercise classes, dance, football, bowling, badminton, tennis, fencing, yoga, climbing, judo and much more! Course fees range from just € 10 to € 20 per semester.

For more information, please see: <http://www.jku.at /usi>

### Accommodations

The International Office will assist in arranging accommodations at student residence halls. Rooms are furnished and have telephone and internet access. Students may select a single occupancy room or a double occupancy room at a student residence hall close to the JKU campus or in the city centre.

### Useful Words and Phrases in German:

Hallo! Servus! Grüß Gott!	Hello!
Danke!	Thank you!
Entschuldigung!	Sorry! Excuse me!
Mahlzeit!	Enjoy your meal!
Bitte!	Please! You are welcome!
Prost!	Cheers!
Tschüss! Auf Wiedersehen!	Bye! Good bye!

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## An Excellent Support System

To help you make the most of your exchange experience, the staff and students at the JKU are committed to facilitating a smooth transition to Austria and providing insight into Austrian life and culture.

### International Office - Team

The International Office at the JKU coordinates international student exchange programmes. Our team is available to assist you during your stay abroad and will provide you with information on enrolment procedures, accommodations, the pre-semester programme, orientation programme and will answer any questions or concerns you may have. The International Office is happy to assist you and help you get most out of your stay in Linz and Austria. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Student Mentors

REFI is an on-campus student organisation at the JKU. As a part of the Austrian Student Union, REFI welcomes new international students and assigns an Austrian student mentor to each incoming exchange student. Your

mentor will not only meet you at the airport or train station upon arrival, but will also introduce you to campus life, activities in Linz as well as Austrian student life. REFI organises a number of popular annual events including a Welcome Party, an evening at the casino, their very popular "Stammtische" - an informal student get-together held every two weeks – as well as organised trips within Austria and abroad (e.g. to Budapest and Prague).

### Pre-Semester Programme

The pre-semester programme is free of charge and includes:

- Intensive German language courses at various levels
- Cultural Sensitivity Training Session
- Orientation Programme

## Get Started

Austria awaits! Talk to your academic advisor or exchange programme coordinator about studying in Linz and connect to new worlds and old cultures. Below you can find an overview of general information to help plan your stay.

### Estimated Average Costs per Month

By European standards, the cost of living in Austria is average. Basic costs have been estimated as follows:

<b>Double occupancy room</b>	€ 200
<b>Single occupancy room</b>	€ 300
<b>Food</b>	€ 250
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	€ 100

### Scholarships

Scholarships may be available to help finance your stay at the JKU. Please see [www.jku.at/exchange/grants](http://www.jku.at/exchange/grants) for details.

### Apply Now!

The application form as well as detailed information can be found at [www.jku.at/exchange/application](http://www.jku.at/exchange/application).

The application deadlines are June 1 and December 1 respectively.

### Academic Calendar

The academic calendar is divided into two semesters. Winter Semester dates are October 1 to January 31 and Summer Semester is from March 1 to June 30. Plan to arrive at least two weeks before the start of the semester to attend orientation and a pre-semester intensive German language course.

### Travelling to Linz

There are many convenient airline connections to Linz, either by direct flight or via Frankfurt, Munich or Vienna. The airports in Vienna, Salzburg or Munich are only a short train ride from Linz, however don't forget that you will be travelling with a heavy luggage which you must carry yourself.



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## An Enriching Experience Awaits You in Austria

**Read what past students are saying about their exchange experience. These students are now part of a global community and were introduced to exciting new international perspectives. They enjoyed their stay here and we are sure you will too!**

I studied International Business and Management courses at the JKU and I was very impressed with the professionalism of the staff and the quality of the courses.

Also, Austria is a perfect place to travel from, so a lot of my time was spent travelling all over Europe. You can travel to Spain, the Netherlands, Hungary, the Czech Republic, or any city in Austria in less than a day from Linz. It's only a short train or car ride away from Vienna, Salzburg, Hallstatt, Innsbruck and other picturesque Austrian cities that are great to visit. Also, travel is cheap and easy. I would strongly recommend studying in Linz and am very glad that I chose Johannes Kepler University.

**Matthew Rudh, USA**



I really enjoyed studying at the JKU. The teachers are helpful and warm and I benefited greatly from the courses. The International Office organized terrific excursions for us at the beginning of the semester and these are among my best memories of Austria!

I want to thank REFI, the student organization, for organizing numerous cultural nights for us and bringing students from different countries together. Linz is a beautiful city and it is comfortable to live there. I appreciated the privilege to visit museums and enjoy musical or theater performances for free with our cultural passes. Those experiences really added spice to my life!

**Wu Yi-Shiuan, Taiwan**



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Linz is a great city with plenty of things to do during the day and a good nightlife - you'll never be bored! Lake Plesching is near the university and I enjoyed walking from the lake to the city centre, which is very picturesque. This year has been very special. I have to thank the International Office for their help whenever I had questions or problems.

**Itziar Aceves, Spain**

When I came here, it was strange at first, because I knew nothing about being an exchange student. I was surprised to encounter kind people here in Austria, was impressed by the nice city and met many fellow exchange students of course. I've met people from different continents, countries and cultures and I learned a lot from them, about life, the world and what is very surprising a lot about myself, who am I and where I belong. I also didn't expect to make so many new life-long friends!

**Zsolt Dora, Slovakia**





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