Universities
The Austrian universities offer a wide variety of study options. While the study programmes at the traditional comprehensive universities in Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg cover a broad range of very different academic subjects, Austria’s technical and medical universities concentrate on a range of highly specialised theoretical and applied disciplines.

Universities of the Arts
The universities of the arts combine tradition and modernity: Whether it is music, dramatic arts, fine arts or applied arts, Austria’s universities of the arts provide an ideal space for the development of individual talents and contemporary discourse. The interaction between art and science, theory and practice presents a challenge to creativity, innovation and technical brilliance which is taken up by the universities of the arts.

Private Universities
Austria’s private universities offer innovative and high quality education and provide students with personal attention at the highest academic level. They refine existing and establish new degree programmes based on current and future educational needs.

Universities of Applied Sciences
Since 1994/1995 the universities of applied sciences represent the booming sector in Austrian higher education. They offer academically based and practice-oriented bachelor and master programmes in the areas of economy, tourism, technology, information technology, health, security, media and design. Mandatory career-oriented practical training units or job-based internships are part of their degree programmes.

University Colleges of Teacher Education
The Austrian university colleges of teacher education offer a three-year Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree in combination with a teaching qualification for primary, secondary or special needs schools. The study programme consists of courses in educational science, subject studies relevant for the respective teaching qualification and practical school experience.
General Information
The language of instruction usually is German. Many institutions, however, also offer courses in other languages, see www.studienwahl.at/en for information about these.

Most universities and universities of applied sciences offer:
• Bachelor programmes: 6–8 semesters | ECTS credits: 180 (in special cases 240)
• Master programmes: 2–4 semesters | ECTS credits: at least 120
• Doctoral/PhD programmes: at least 3 continuous years without the award of ECTS credits.

Moreover there are:
• Diploma programmes: 8–10 semesters
• Doctoral programmes: 4 semesters.

Please have the nostrification (recognition) of your Austrian degree checked in your home country. See www.enic-naric.net for further information.

Entry & Residence
Nationals of other than the EU/EEA countries need a travel visa C (Schengenvisum) for stays for a maximum of 90 days or a residence visa D (Aufenthaltsvisum) for stays of at least 91 days up to a maximum of 6 months and a “Residence Permit for Students” (“Aufenthaltsbewilligung Studierender”) for stays of longer than six months.

For a residence title sufficient financial means are necessary (as of 2015):
• up to the age of 24: € 481.75 per month
• 24 years of age or over: € 872.31 per month

At the Austrian representative authority www.bmeia.gv.at and www.oead.at/entry you can get further information.

Admission
Your point of contact is the Admission Office (Studienabteilung) or the International Office of your Austrian higher education institution. For further information please see www.studyinaustria.at/admission.

You can find the application form for admission on the website of your Austrian higher education institution. Please complete it and send it to the Admission Office – together with all necessary documents.

The prerequisite for the admission is the general university entrance qualification or relevant professional qualification, in many cases also entrance examinations.

Costs & Working
Most nationals of other than the EU/EEA countries have to pay tuition fees during their studies in Austria. Further information is provided at www.studyinaustria.at/tuition-fees.

Expect approximately € 850 for living costs when living in a student hall. Please see www.housing.oead.at for further information about student halls.

Students from third countries need a work permit to be employed in Austria. Please see www.oead.at/entry for further information.

Internationalisation at the Austrian Higher Education Institutes
Support and promotion of academic mobility and internationalisation of the higher education system are of great concern to us. The numerous international programmes offered by the Austrian higher education institutions and the high percentage of international students in Austria confirm this fact (www.studienwahl.at/en). During the academic year 2013/2014 more than 23% of all regular students were international students.

Grants & Scholarships
There are numerous grant/scholarship programmes for studying in Austria. In the Austrian database for scholarships and research grants you will find the one that is suitable for you: www.grants.at.