St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences

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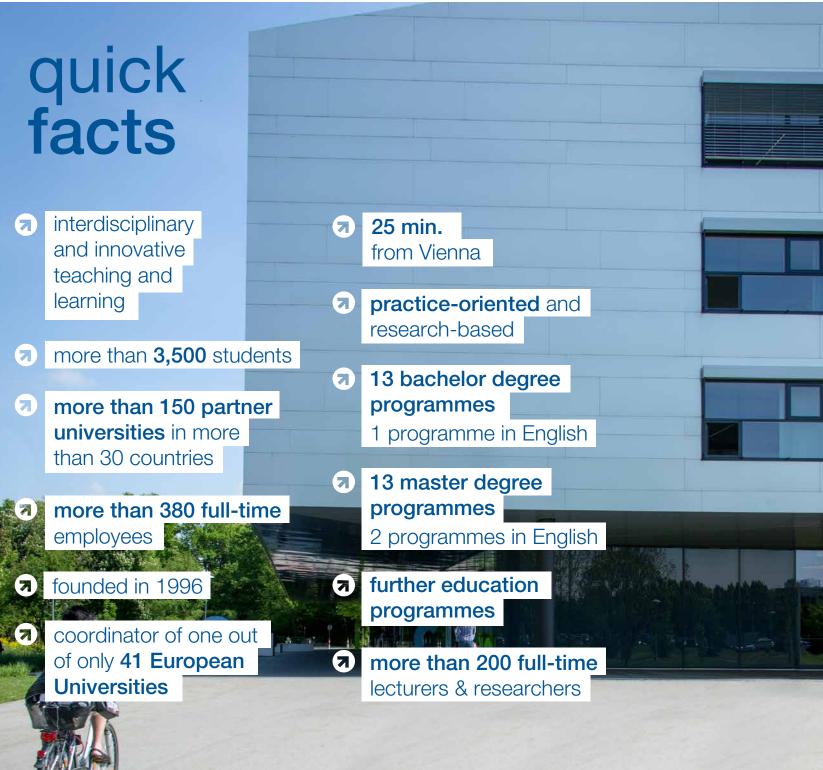# to St. Pölten

Information for international students and visitors

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quick facts

- **interdisciplinary and innovative** teaching and learning
- more than **3,500** students
- **more than 150 partner universities** in more than 30 countries
- **more than 380 full-time** employees
- founded in 1996
- coordinator of one out of only **41 European Universities**

- **25 min.** from Vienna
- **practice-oriented** and research-based
- **13 bachelor degree programmes** 1 programme in English
- **13 master degree programmes** 2 programmes in English
- **further education programmes**
- **more than 200 full-time** lecturers & researchers

Universities of applied sciences (UAS) are accredited institutions of tertiary education. UAS offer degree programmes on undergraduate (BA) and postgraduate (MA) levels specifically designed to meet the needs of a certain industry. In doing so, UAS offer their students a career-oriented practical education along with a solid theoretical background. Further information can be found at studyinaustria.at/en.

welcome!

I am pleased to welcome you to a versatile, locally anchored university of applied sciences. The St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences offers a sound interdisciplinary education with departments in Digital Business and Innovation, Media and Digital Technologies, Computer Science and Security, Rail Technology and Mobility, Health Sciences as well as Social Sciences. In all of these fields, the university offers innovative teaching by renowned experts. By collaborating with numerous partners from public life, various industries, science, and research. The St. Pölten UAS ensures that students receive a practice-oriented interdisciplinary education which prepares them for the challenges of their future professional life.

The university is proud of its entrepreneurial spirit. In addition to ongoing efforts in developing and updating our study programmes, we foster innovative ideas among our students, which are presented once a year in an exhibition for student projects.

The St. Pölten UAS offers a charming small-town environment with easy access to the Austrian capital Vienna, which can be reached by train in only 25 minutes.

We look forward to welcoming you to our campus.

FH-Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Alois Frotschnig Chairperson of the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences Board

study
programmes

/ digital business & innovation

Bachelor:
- Management and Digital Business
- Marketing and Communication

Master:
- Digital Marketing and Communication
- Digital Media Management
- Economic and Financial Communications

/ media & digital technologies

Bachelor:
- Creative Computing 🇬🇧
- Media Management
- Media Technology
- Smart Engineering of Production Technologies and Processes

Master:
- Digital Design
- Digital Media Production
- Interactive Technologies
- Digital Healthcare

/ computer science & security

Bachelor:
- IT Security
- Data Science and Business Analytics

Master:
- Applied Research and Innovation in Computer Science 🇬🇧
- Cyber Security and Resilience 🇬🇧
- Data Intelligence[1]
- Information Security

/ rail technology & mobility

Bachelor:
- Rail Technology and Mobility

Master:
- Rail Technology and Management of Railway Systems

/ health sciences

Bachelor:
- Dietetics
- Healthcare and Nursing
- Physiotherapy

Master:
- Digital Healthcare

/ social sciences

Bachelor:
- Social Work

Master:
- Social Work

[1] Subject to accreditation by the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria).

opportunities for students

English programmes

The St. Pölten UAS offers both English semester modules for incoming students and three degree programmes taught entirely in English for international degree-seeking students. If you choose one of the several semester modules, you will be studying in a multicultural class including incoming students and degree-seeking students from Austria. Each module comprises a minimum of 30 ECTS credits.

If you decide to enrol in one of our English-language study programmes, you will complete your entire degree at the St. Pölten UAS. The bachelor degree programmes cover six semesters (180 ECTS), while the duration of the master degree programmes is four semesters (120 ECTS).[1]

Study programmes:

Department of Media and Digital Technologies:
- Creative Computing (Bachelor)

Department of Computer Science and Security:
- Applied Research and Innovation in Computer Science (Master)
- Cyber Security and Resilience (Master)

Semester modules:

Department of Digital Business and Innovation:
- Spotlight on Digital Business (winter semester & summer semester)

Department of Media and Digital Technologies:
- European Project Semester (EPS) (winter semester & summer semester)
- Creative Computing Module (winter semester & summer semester)

Department of Computer Science and Security:
- European Project Semester (winter semester)
- ICT Module (winter semester)
- Computing Module (summer semester)

Interdisciplinary module (open for all degree programmes):
- iLab (winter semester & summer semester)

how to apply

International degree-seeking applicants:
Detailed information on admission requirements, deadlines and procedures can be found at ⟶ **fhstp.ac.at/admission**

International exchange students:
Please visit the website of the Office for International Relations (fhstp.ac.at/en/international) or contact us at **international@fhstp.ac.at**.

learning german

Studying in Austria provides incoming students with the unique opportunity to not only immerse themselves in the Austrian culture but to learn some German as well.

International students are strongly encouraged to take German language classes. During the semester, various German language and Austrian culture classes at different levels are available for international students.

[1] ECTS: European Credit Transfer System – measure for the overall workload an average student has in order to successfully complete a course. One credit (credit point) represents 25 study hours (including attendance, self-study, exams, etc.).

support
and services

student
support

For guidance with regard to housing, paperwork and organisational matters, students may turn to the Office for International Relations. The International Relations staff are committed to helping all exchange students settle in as smoothly as possible. The Orientation Week at the beginning of each semester is designed to provide the best possible support for incoming students.

International students coming to St. Pölten can rely on the support of an individually assigned academic tutor as well as the International Student Network (ISN). This student organisation helps newcomers with their studies and everyday life on campus. The ISN organises meetings between Austrian students and students from abroad and conducts a programme of day trips and leisure activities. Joining the ISN gives exchange students the fantastic opportunity to meet fellow students, be part of an international student community and immerse themselves in the local culture. Besides, every international student is assigned to a local student who helps with the onboarding process at the beginning of the semester and guides the student through their time in St. Pölten.

International
Student Network (ISN)

library

The library is located on the ground floor of the university building and holds roughly 45,000 books, electronic journals and other media. For any items not available in the library, the staff can arrange inter-library loans from libraries in other cities in Austria and elsewhere.

21 reading places, computer research stations and two photocopiers machines are available in the library. The library is free of charge for all students, including exchange students, as well as for staff members. It is open to the general public as well. At the beginning of each semester, students are given an introduction on how to use the library.

alumni and
career center

The Alumni and Career Center organises career guidance and professional networking events for students. Amongst its recent initiatives are the start-up programme 'Creative Pre-Incubator' and an annual Career Fair. Through events and social media groups, former students of the St. Pölten UAS stay connected and share career advice with students and fellow alumni. fhstp.ac.at/en/campus/alumni-career-services

staff
support

International guests receive assistant with regard to accommodation, paperwork and other organisational matters. During a stay abroad, the Office for International Relations is the first point of contact for incoming international visitors.

campus media

Regardless of their field of study, all students are invited to take advantage of the Campus Media. They can enrol in a workshop for the UAS' radio station, participate in TV channels and the student magazine and learn media production from professionals.

c-tv

gives students the opportunity to produce a real TV programme by themselves, including every step from programming, planning and production to the finish and distribution. The programmes can be received and watched on the channels Okto, TW1, ORF alpha and as a webstream by 700,000 viewers for 45 minutes per month. c-tv programmes are produced in several seminars and labs in the degree programmes Media Technology, Digital Media Production, Digital Design and Interactive Technologies. Besides, there is an optional course that provides in-depth information about 'c-tv'.
campusfernsehen.at

campus & city radio 94.4

is run entirely by students. Frequency 94.4 'Campus & City Radio' is broadcasted in the surroundings of St. Pölten and via webstream. Especially international students are welcome to work for 'Campus & City Radio. You can add the optional subject 'Campus & City Radio' to your Learning Agreement to obtain ECTS credits for working for the radio station.
cr944.at

fhSPACEtv

is an interdisciplinary initiative launched by the Digital Media Technologies programmes. The aim is to bundle creative and artistic potential within the university's departments and to integrate specific approaches and requirements for digital media by pooling contemporary and alternative information channels and forms of presentation for students.

sumo

is produced twice a semester. All students interested in writing articles or performing any other task related to producing a magazine are invited to join the SUMO team.
sumomag.at

research and development

Research, development and innovation are closely related to teaching. Interdisciplinary teams monitor the latest developments and carry out research in fields that present current challenges for society and the economy. The university is involved in a number of application-oriented projects, working in collaboration with various domestic and international partners. As a result, research staff have access to the latest subject-specific research findings.

Research at the St. Pölten UAS focuses on the following topics:

digital business & innovation

The Institute of the Department of Digital Business and Innovation deals with business matters and phenomena related to digitalisation and innovation. Future research projects will address the dynamic competitive environment of companies in order to achieve competitive advantages in a digitalised ecosystem characterised by sustainable development.

media & digital technologies

The Institute of Creative\Media/Technologies (IC\M/T) conducts human-centred, interdisciplinary research on time-based media and interactive technologies, with a view to strengthening the university's academic programmes and achieving scientific advances. The institute consists of four research groups with a team of 30+ researchers: Media Computing, Media Creation, Digital Technologies and Media Business.

computer science & security

Researchers at the Institute of IT Security Research focus on privacy, biometrics, IT forensics, industrial security, security management and software security.

The Josef Ressel Centers conduct research in the field of Unified Threat Intelligence on Targeted Attacks (TARGET) and in the field of blockchain technologies & security management.
The mission is to explore novel techniques for threat intelligence on targeted attacks on different levels and lies in making secure and future-proof blockchain-based technologies available to a larger audience.

rail technology & mobility

The Carl Ritter von Ghega Institute for Integrated Mobility Research covers topics related to the movement of people and goods, construction and safety technology, power supply, railway operation, transport economics and additional disciplines which together make up the rail system.

health sciences

The Institute of Health Sciences brings together the core competencies in courses offered by the Department of Health Sciences – Dietetics, Digital Healthcare, Healthcare and Nursing, and Physiotherapy – in the three complementary and interdisciplinary research topics health promotion & healthy ageing, clinical and healthcare research, and education and lifelong learning.

In recent years, the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences has built up innovative, interdisciplinary research at the interface of health, social issues and digitalisation, combining expertise and energy in the St. Pölten Center for Digital Health Innovation. The centre examines interdisciplinary research topics such as health promotion & healthy ageing, clinical and healthcare research, and education and lifelong learning.

social sciences

Research projects at the Ilse Arlt Institute for Social Inclusion Research focus on the three working areas of participation and democracy, health and social care as well as social work methodologies and social diagnostics.

in and around st. pölten

The city of St. Pölten with its population of more than 55,000 inhabitans is the government center of Lower Austria. It is situated 60 km west of the Austrian capital Vienna and well connected by rail and motorway to all other major Austrian cities.

St. Pölten is a baroque town with a history dating back to the period of the Roman occupation. Throughout the year, it offers a wide range of programmes including performances, exhibitions, music festivals and other cultural events. Near the city and the campus, one can find riverside walkways, an extensive network of bicycle paths and three lakes which offer swimming, boating and outdoor dining opportunities.

St. Pölten is a perfect point of departure from which to explore the rest of Austria. The cities of Vienna and Salzburg, the famous Wachau wine-growing region of the Danube Valley and the mountains and lakes of the Salzkammergut are only a day trip away. Take a weekend trip and expand your international experience by visiting the nearby countries of Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy or Switzerland.

cost of studying and living

Exchange students participating in the Erasmus programme and exchange students from most of partner universities are exempt from paying tuition fees. Regular Students at St. Pölten UAS pay a tuition fee of € 363.36 amounts per semester (EU rate), plus € 20.70 for membership in the Students' Union. The tuition fee for students from third countries amouts to € 1,500 per semester. Whilst living in Austria, one should factor in an average expenditure of approximately € 950 per month including accommodation.

See studyinaustria.at for details.

campus life

The St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences offers a vibrant small-town campus experience. Students can access the campus facilities 24/7 and use laboratories as well as study areas. International students may also join the university's student-run sports club that offers a wide range of competitive and recreational activities from archery to zumba. The university choir is also active and meets regularly for rehearsals.

accommodation

Two modern, well-equipped and affordable student residences are located within walking distance of the university.

a number of rooms are reserved for international students at the student hostels 'Wihast' and 'Campus Domus'.

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