Welcome to St. Pölten
Information for international students and visitors
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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 media and economics, media and digital technologies, computer science and security, rail technology and mobility, health 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, and science and research, the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences 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.

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Chairperson of the St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences Board
study programmes

media & economics

Bachelor:
- Management and Digital Business*
- Media and Communications Consulting
- Media Management

Master:
- Media and Communications Consulting
- Digital Media Management
- Economic and Financial Communications

computer science & security

Bachelor:
- IT Security
- Data Science and Business Analytics

Master:
- Applied Research and Innovation in Computer Science
- Cyber Security and Resilience*
- Information Security

health sciences

Bachelor:
- Dietetics
- Healthcare and Nursing
- Physiotherapy

Master:
- Digital Healthcare

social sciences

Bachelor:
- Social Work
- Social Work

Master:
- Social Work

rail technology & mobility

Bachelor:
- Rail Technology and Mobility

Master:
- Rail Technology and Management of Railway Systems

media & digital technologies

Bachelor:
- Creative Computing*
- Media Technology
- Smart Engineering of Production Technologies and Processes

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

* subject to accreditation by the AQ Austria (Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria)
Prospective degree students:
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.

English programmes

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

If you decide to enrol in one of our English-language study programmes, you will complete your entire degree at 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).*

Study programmes:
Department of Media and Digital Technologies:
- Bachelor Creative Computing*
Department of Computer Science and Security:
- Master of Applied Research and Innovation in Computer Science
- Cyber Security and Resilience**

Semester modules:
Department of Media and Economics:
- Spotlight on Media Economics (winter semester)
- Spotlight on Media & Business (summer semester)

Department of Media and Digital Technologies:
- European Project Semester (EPS) (wintersemester & summer semester)
- Spotlight on Digital Healthcare (winter semester)

Department of Computer Science and Security:
- ICT Module (Winter Semester)
- Computing Module (Summer Semester)

Interdisciplinary (open for all degree programmes):
- iLab (Winter Semester)

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 visitors are strongly encouraged to take German language courses. A three-week preparatory German course is offered each year in September. During the semester, a course in German language and Austrian culture (Beginners/Advanced, 6 ECTS credits) is available for international students.

Learning German

* 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.).
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International guests receive assistance 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 and is always available.

The library is located on the ground floor of the university building and holds roughly 40,000 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.

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. [http://ac.t/st/ campus/alumni-career-services](http://ac.t/st/campus/alumni-career-services)

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 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 settling in at the beginning of the semester and guides the student through the time in St. Pölten.
Regardless of their field of study, all students are invited to take advantage of the Campus Media. Enroll in a workshop for the university’s radio station, TV channels or student magazine and learn media production from professionals.

**Campus Media**

**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 Radio**

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‘Campus Radio’ is broadcasted in the surroundings of St. Pölten and via webstream. Especially International students in particular are welcome to work for Campus 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 degree programme 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 in performing any other task related to producing a magazine are invited to join the SUMO team. sumomag.at
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 St. Pölten UAS focuses on the following topics:**

**media & digital technologies**

The Institute of Creative Media Technologies (ICM/T) conducts people-centred, interdisciplinary research on time-based media and interactive technologies, with a view to strengthening the university’s academic programs and achieving scientific advancement. The institute’s application domains are aligned with the department’s degree programmes and encompass digital healthcare, Industry 4.0, audio/video and creative industries.

**computer science & security**

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

**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.

**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.

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

A number of rooms are reserved for exchange students at the student hostels ‘Wihan’ and ‘Campus Domus’.

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.

Incoming exchange students on the Erasmus programme and from most partner universities are exempt from paying tuition fees. Regular students at St. Pölten UAS pay a tuition fee of €363.36 per semester (EU rate), plus €20.20 for membership in the Student Union. The tuition fee for students from third countries amounts 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.

The city of St. Pölten with its population of 55,044 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.

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