

## **Tuition Fee**

Starting with the 2013 summer semester, an amendment to the 2002 Austrian Universities Act (Federal Law Gazette No. 18/2013) obligates all Austrian universities to charge tuition fees.

### **Who is liable for payment?**

Principally, third-country nationals as well as non-regular students at all Austrian universities are liable for the payment of tuition fees, starting with the first semester of their curriculum.

Moreover, tuition fee must be paid by regular students who have exceeded the standard duration of their curriculum by more than two semesters. An exception is made for students who are exempted from tuition fee payment either for a limited period of time or permanently.

### **Amount**

Art. 91 ff of the 2002 Universities Act sets the amount of the tuition fee. As of the 2013 summer semester, this is Euro 363.36 per semester and for third-country nationals Euro 726.72 per semester. In case of payment after expiry of the admission period, the tuition fee for regular students increases by 10% from Euro 363.36 to Euro 399.70.

In addition to the applicable tuition fee, the Austrian National Student Union fee including insurance and amounting to (currently) Euro 20.70 must be paid. This amount does not increase in case of payment after expiry of the admission period.

This results in a total amount of Euro 384.06 or, respectively, Euro 747.42 per semester.

Attention: the Austrian National Student Union fee is not part of the tuition fee and must be paid without exception every semester by all students. If the Student Union fee is not paid or not paid in full during the general admission period or after its expiry, this will result in de-matriculation or non-admission of the respective student.

### **Exemption**

In any case, the following regular students are entitled to limited exemption from tuition fee payment for the standard duration of their respective curricula for a diploma, bachelor, master or doctoral programme plus two semesters (fee exemption period):

1. Austrian nationals;
2. EU citizens;
3. EEA citizens (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein);
4. nationals of the Swiss Confederation;
5. Convention refugees (also from other EU countries);
6. eligible third-country nationals who were granted one of the following types of residence permit:
  - Permanent residence – EC (“Daueraufenthalt – EG”), issued by the competent Austrian authority;

- Permanent residence – EC (“Daueraufenthalt – EG”), issued by the competent authority of another Member State plus residence permit (“Niederlassungsbewilligung”) for Austria;
  - Permanent residence card (“Daueraufenthaltskarte”), issued by the competent Austrian authority;
7. Turkish nationals due to the EEC-Turkey Association Agreement if
- they live with their parents in Austria in accordance with all legal requirements and
  - their parents are or were legally employed in Austria;
8. students coming under the provisions of the Ordinance Governing Admission of Certain Groups of Potential Students (“Personengruppenverordnung”).

If the fee exemption period is exceeded, a tuition fee amounting to Euro 363.36 per semester must be paid in addition to the Austrian National Student Union fee of Euro 20.70.

### **General exemption**

Regular students who are nationals of a country listed in Appendix 3 to Art. 3a of the 2004 Tuition Fee Ordinance are principally exempted from tuition fee payment. They must solely pay the Austrian National Student Union fee of Euro 20.20.

At the moment, these countries comprise the following:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauretania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, People’s Democratic Republic of Laos, Ruanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zambia.

### **Nationals of other third countries**

Nationals of other third countries are principally obligated to pay a tuition fee amounting to Euro 726.72 as well as the Austrian National Student Union fee of Euro 20.70 starting with the first semester!

### **Payment**

Admission to, and permission for the regular continuation of, any curriculum are only granted if the prescribed amount is paid in time and in full. Partial payment is not possible.

The tuition fee must be paid within the admission period (see timetable); otherwise, the student will not be admitted to the curriculum or will be de-matriculated!

### **Attention:**

**Students admitted to the university for the first time will receive a payment slip containing the respective amounts directly from the Legal and Admission Department.**

**When continuing your studies, please find your individual tuition fee balance to be paid on UFG Online by consulting your personal profile and clicking on “Tuition Fee” (Studienbeitrag).**

**If you pay your tuition fee from a foreign account, please bear in mind that this may entail additional banking charges that must be covered by you.**

## **Waiver**

If entitled to a waiver of the tuition fee, regular students (except students with the legal status “Residence Permit – Student”) may submit an application for exemption from tuition fee payment to the Legal and Admission Department. Attention: this waiver extends solely to the tuition fee; the Austrian National Student Union fee must be paid in any case, even if the tuition fee as such is waived.

Waiver applications including all required documentation must be submitted to the Legal and Admission Department before expiry of the admission period (this is 30 April for the summer semester and 30 November for the winter semester)!

The required documentation must be submitted in the original or in the form of notarially or legally certified copies. Documents originally not made out in German or English must in any case be translated into German by a sworn and legally authorised translator and enclosed with the application.

## **Legal grounds for a waiver**

Art. 92 para. 1 of the Universities Act provides for the following grounds for a waiver:

### 1. Illness or pregnancy

Inability, caused by illness or pregnancy, to continue the curriculum for at least two months of the semester in question (proof: attestation by medical specialist).

### 2. Child care

The student predominantly assumes care of a child or children aged under seven years/of preschool age living in the same household (proof: birth certificate of child/children, certificate of registration [“Meldezettel”] of student and child/children with the same address for both; affidavit stating that the child is/children are mainly cared for by the student).

### 3. Gainful employment

Income tax assessment notice by competent tax office from the last year (at least at the level of the minimum income limit).

### 4. Disability

Disability level of at least 50% (proof: invalidity card issued by Federal Social Office).

### 5. Military or alternative service

### 6. Study grant

During the previous or ongoing semester, the student has received a study grant under the 1992 Student Support Act (proof: written decision of Student Grant Authority).

### 7. Mobility programme

Documented completion of study periods or practical stints in the context of a transnational EU, national or university-funded mobility programme (e.g. Erasmus,

Socrates, Leonardo, etc.) (proof: confirmation by competent co-ordinator or letter informing the student in question of his/her participation in the programme).

#### 8. Stay abroad

Study stay abroad due to a binding requirement of student's curriculum/study plan (compulsory or elective subject, practical course according to provisions of curriculum/study plan; proof: confirmation by study programme director).

#### 9. Mutually agreed waiver

Previously concluded University Partnership Agreement between Kunstuniversität Linz and the university last attended by the regular foreign student, if this agreement provides for the mutual waiver of tuition fees.

### **Other grounds for waiving the tuition fee of Kunstuniversität Linz**

In addition to the above legal grounds for a waiver of the tuition fee, the following grounds for a waiver as stipulated by the Rectorate of Kunstuniversität Linz may be brought forward in case of a student's attendance of selected courses/classes:

1. student is a regular student at KTU / Bruckner University;
2. student is a member of Forum –Alumni of Kunstuniversität Linz;
3. student is especially gifted.

### **Important**

If you have missed the deadline or cannot submit the documents of proof for the waiver in due time, you must pay the prescribed tuition fee. Otherwise, you will not be admitted to the curriculum or cannot continue your studies!

After that, you may, however, submit an application for reimbursement of the tuition fee.

### **Reimbursement**

Tuition fee reimbursement is distinct from eligibility for exemption from tuition fee payment and may be possible for a variety of reasons.

Application for reimbursement of the tuition fee for the winter semester is possible until next 31 March; for the summer semester, it is possible until next 30 September. The application must be submitted to the Legal and Admission Department.

The tuition fee may be reimbursed in the following cases:

1. The tuition fee was paid. However, in due course, a reason for the waiver of the tuition fee occurs during the semester in question and is duly asserted within a six-month period as of the date of payment.
2. An amount in excess of the prescribed tuition fee was paid. In this case, the excess amount is reimbursed.
3. The tuition fee was paid too late or only in part. In this case, the student was not admitted or not permitted to continue his/her studies.
4. The tuition fee was paid. However, the student completed his/her studies before expiry of the admission period or interrupted them without undergoing an exam or submitting a scientific paper in the course of this semester. If the student is not matriculated at any other Austrian university, the tuition fee will be reimbursed.

5. The student has paid the tuition fee but was able to submit the required documentation for the waiver only after expiry of the application period.

### **Non-regular students**

Non-regular students are students who

1. attend selected courses/classes in scientific subjects
- or
2. were admitted to a non-degree university course.

Non-regular students who were admitted to selected courses/classes in scientific subjects must pay a tuition fee amounting to Euro 363.36 starting with the first semester following their admission (irrespective of nationality!). Thus they must pay a total amount of Euro 384.06 per semester.

Non-regular students who were admitted to a non-degree university course or to a preparatory course are exempted from tuition fee payment and need only pay the course fee and the Student Union fee.