# Joint Study - Fact Sheet 2018/2019

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<th>KARL-FRANZENS-UNIVERSITÄT GRAZ</th>
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| Pre-semester German Course           |                                      |
| 04 – 27 Sept 2017                    | 05 – 28 Feb 2018                     |

| Welcome Week                        |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|                                      |
| Welcome Week sessions               | Welcome Week                        |
| NO walk-in sessions, they are MANDATORY and include sessions about orientation / registration / course system / residence permit / health insurance: | Welcome Week I                      |
| Welcome Week I                      | 04.09.2017 – 08.09.2017              |
| Welcome Week II                     | 15.02.2018 – 21.02.2018              |
| Academic Calendar                   |                                      |
| beginning of Oct – end of Jan       | beginning of Mar – end of Jun       |
| 01 Oct 2017 – 02 Feb 2018           | 05 March – 29 June 2018             |

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[INC Web >](http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/about-uni-graz/)
### Nomination

For nomination complete spreadsheet and email to christa.grassauer@uni-graz.at including the following information:

- first and last name as it appears in the passport,
- student’s email address,
- semester/s student is nominated for ([winter semester = Sept-Jan, summer semester = Feb-June/July]),
- field/s and level of study at home university

**Nomination deadlines:**
- 15th March for the winter semester / academic year
- 15th August for the summer semester

Late nominations can be accepted but **without guarantee for housing!**

### Application

Nominated students will receive an access code for the online registration!

**Application documents must be sent in 1 PDF-file to:**
christa.grassauer@uni-graz.at

**Application deadlines:**
- 1st June for the winter semester / academic year
- 1st November for the summer semester

### Acceptance

Once the complete application has been handed in and processed, students will receive the Acceptance Letter, a Visa/Residence Permit Letter and our Welcome Guide ([http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/welcome-guide-stud/](http://international.uni-graz.at/en/stud/incoming/welcome-guide-stud/)).

### Fields of Study

University of Graz is a public HEI with an enrolment of 32,500 students and a strong international profile offering more than 120 BA, MA and PhD degrees which are open to exchange students (except for a few restrictions – see below).

**Focus:** The university’s regional focus on South-Eastern Europe is one of the defining factors throughout all areas of study.

**Co-enrollment:** A unique cooperation with the Technical University of Graz (TUG) as well as Kunstuniversität Graz (KUG) allows students to co-enroll at TUG and/or KUG at no extra cost (TUG and KUG transcripts available). A min of 50 % of courses during the exchange must be taken at University of Graz.


### Course information

**English-taught courses**

- go to INC Web >
  - Online course guide
  - Guidelines for course system
  - Search for English-taught courses

### Restrictions

**Pharmacology** as well as **Joint Degree Programs** are NOT open to exchange students.

**Lab placements** are generally difficult and cannot be guaranteed.

An application for **Translation/interpretation/transcultural communication with German** is only possible if students are enrolled in a translation/interpretation degree at their home university.

### Early exams

... have to be arranged individually at the beginning of the semester. Please note that professors have the last say in the matter.

Early exams are **NOT available** for lecture-type courses at the Faculty of Business (for other types of courses such as pro-seminars, seminars professors have the last say).

### Housing

Students can apply for housing either via the housing office of the Austrian Exchange Service (OeAD) or at the dorms directly.


Information on living expenses can be found in the welcome guide.

The deadlines for housing applications are **1st June** and **1st November**.
### Language Requirements

The University of Graz recommends language level B2 in German in order to take full advantage of the mobility. Students who will only take courses in English must have B2 English knowledge.

Students who will only take courses in English must check whether they can find enough English-taught courses to fulfill their home university’s credit requirements.

### Language courses

3-week German Intensive Language Courses (6 ECTS credits incl. in transcript) are offered in September and February before the start of the semester at a reduced fee. Also German courses during the semester are offered. Further information: [https://treffpunktsprachen.uni-graz.at/en/teaching/german-as-a-foreign-language/intensive-courses/](https://treffpunktsprachen.uni-graz.at/en/teaching/german-as-a-foreign-language/intensive-courses/).

For semester courses see: [https://treffpunktsprachen.uni-graz.at/en/teaching/german-as-a-foreign-language/semester-courses/](https://treffpunktsprachen.uni-graz.at/en/teaching/german-as-a-foreign-language/semester-courses/)

### Buddy program

Buddy program (pick up and support by Graz student) is available for exchange students. Sign up at [http://unigraz.esn.austria.org/buddy-program-uni-graz](http://unigraz.esn.austria.org/buddy-program-uni-graz).

### Students - special needs

The "Integrated Studies" Centre is the central information and contact point: [http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/interdisciplinary-affairs/barrier-free-university/](http://www.uni-graz.at/en/university/interdisciplinary-affairs/barrier-free-university/)

### Health Insurance

**SEMIESTER STAY:** All exchange students nominated for 1 semester are free to choose their insurance as long as this insurance is in accordance with the requirements for an Austrian visa application. For details students have to contact the Austrian embassy in their country of residence. The insurance must also cover their journey to Graz including medical evacuation and repatriation.

**FULL YEAR STAY:** All exchange students nominated for 2 semesters are required by law to register for Austrian health insurance upon arrival (assistance and more information available during the mandatory WELCOME WEEK). Austrian health insurance is offered for currently EUR 56.74 / month (info as of 2017) and also includes basic dental and eye examinations. This insurance will NOT cover the student’s journey to and from Graz or medical evacuation and repatriation – the student must purchase travel insurance accordingly.

### Visa & Residence Permit

**SEMIESTER STAY:** Non-EU/EEA students must apply for a Visa D through the Austrian Embassy in their country of residence BEFORE arrival in Austria. Costs: approx. EUR 100 (info as of 2016)

- Exception: students holding a US or Canadian passport and studying at US or Canadian universities coming to University of Graz for their mobility semester, can apply for the visa after arrival at the Austrian embassy in Ljubljana (Slovenia). The process must be completed within the first 90 day of entry into the Schengen Area. These students must make sure that they fly directly to Austria without layover in any other Schengen country when commencing their exchange!

**FULL YEAR STAY:** Depending on their nationality students either need to apply for a residence permit via the Austrian embassy in their country of residence or can apply in Graz after arrival > details: [https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-residence-and-employment/nationals-of-third-countries/exemption-from-visa-requirements/visumfreiheit](https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-residence-and-employment/nationals-of-third-countries/exemption-from-visa-requirements/visumfreiheit)

- Students who are eligible to apply after arrival in Graz must bring along all necessary documents incl. legalization/Apostille and Translations where necessary (check with Austrian embassy for details).

- Students who must apply for the residence permit before travelling to Graz have to send their Uni Graz application documents timely enough to receive the Acceptance & Residence Permit letters by regular mail. Graz University cannot bear the costs for sending these documents via courier.


### Transcripts

**Transcripts**

Transcripts are electronically signed via UNIGRAZonline. Thus, according to Austrian legislation a signature / stamp / underprinting paper for a printout are no longer necessary. In addition, the transcript is electronically verifiable. All students who hold an active UNIGRAZonline account are strongly advised to issue a digitally signed transcript by themselves. Transcripts can be verified by using the following link: [https://www.signatur.rtr.at/en/vd/Pruefung](https://www.signatur.rtr.at/en/vd/Pruefung)

**go to INC Web > Transcript**
The student workload consists of the time required to complete all planned learning activities, i.e. contact hours (lectures, seminars etc) and private study (preparation for exams, writing of paper, reading etc.) = 25 hours. Each semester is comprised of 15 teaching weeks, therefore a course indicated as a 1 hour course in the online system equals 15 contact hours, a 2 hour course equals 30 contact hrs etc. For exchange students we consider a range between 24 to 30 ECTS per semester as a full time study load.

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