

Accessible studying at the University for Continuing Education Krems

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Equal opportunities for students with impairments, disabilities and/or chronic illnesses is an important concern for the University for Continuing Education Krems.

We are committed to creating framework conditions that enable equal participation in the entire study, teaching and research.

At the same time, we counteract social prejudices through information, networking and cooperation.

Our services:

- Students with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses are supported individually
- Structural accessibility in all buildings of Campus Krems
- The course directors and the disability officer are the direct contact persons who can be approached by students with disabilities during their studies.
- Specially design courses (e.g. block courses, e-learning) facilitate barrier-free studying.

Advice for prospective students

Starting a degree course is a challenge for every first-year student. For students with a disability or impairment, however, studying is usually even more challenging. In a joint discussion with the Disability Officer for students, you can clarify how a barrier-free course of study is possible for you, whether you meet the admission requirements for the desired course of study, what proof you need to provide and what funding options are available.

Compensation for disadvantages

Universities have the legal duty to create accessibility- in access to buildings access to buildings, in teaching and in communication. Wherever accessibility is not guaranteed for all, appropriate precautions must be taken. In order to compensate for impairment-related disadvantages during studies, compensation for disadvantages must be provided to ensure self-determined and independent study.

Compensation for disadvantages during studies and examinations can include:

- Alternative examination methods (e.g. oral instead of written examination or extended deadlines)
- Work implements or technical aids
- Study and communication assistance
- Literature service for blind and visually impaired people
- Appropriate arrangements in courses

You can obtain further information in a personal meeting with with our Disability Officer.

Target group

Our support services are aimed at all students who experience a disadvantage during their studies due to:

- disabilities
- physical or motoric impairments
- sensory impairments
- mental impairment
- chronic diseases
- autism spectrum condition, ASD
- reading and/or spelling difficulties
- or as the case may be



Studying abroad

Study visits and internships abroad can be decisive for professional success. We are happy to advise and support you in planning a study visit or internship abroad. We will get in touch with the Disability Officer at the foreign university, arrange for a contact person on site and support you in finding suitable accommodation. We will also help you apply for grants or scholarships.

Further information can be found here:

Inclusive Mobility

<https://inclusivemobilityframework.eu>

National Agency Erasmus+ Higher Education

www.oead.at/en/the-oead/our-programmes-from-a-to-z

Finance and Funding

A disability or impairment often means a considerable additional financial burden. In Austria, there are many funding and support services for students with disabilities. We will be happy to advise you on existing financial support options and support you with the application process.

Educational leave and part-time education

enables employees to take time off work for continuing training or to reduce their working hours while maintaining an ongoing employment contract.
www.ams.at/organisation/public-employment-service-austria/working--recruiting--studying

Regional offices of the Ministry of Social Affairs

inform about support possibilities and advise individually.
www.sozialministeriumservice.at

Personal assistance regarding work place and/or training (PAA)

The WAG Assistenzgenossenschaft supports people with disabilities in organizing personal assistance.
www.wag.or.at/english

Information and confidential consultation

The Disability Officer informs and supports students with disabilities and/or chronic diseases before and during their studies at the University for Continuing Education Krems:

- Counselling and information in all matters
- Information on funding options and legal framework conditions
- Individual support in coping with day-to-day challenges which occur during the studies
- Individual solutions regarding the study and workplace situation
- Support in organising deviating audit methods
- Support in organising working aids or technical devices
- General guidance and assistance in coping with structural barriers on-campus
- Arrangements for counselling in facilities and personal assistance

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The University for Continuing Education KREMS specializes in academic continuing education for working professionals. As a public university for continuing education, it works with its expertise in research and teaching to overcome societal challenges and tailors its study programs to address them. The continuing education study programs cover ten fields of study and meet the specific requirements of students with work experience. With over 8,000 students coming from 90 countries, the University for Continuing Education KREMS combines its many years of experience in university-based continuing education with innovation to provide outstanding quality in research and teaching at an international level. The University holds the AQ Austria quality seal. Situated 60 km from Vienna in the alluring world heritage region Wachau, Campus KREMS is a highly attractive location.

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Information and confidential counseling

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