Facts and Figures about the University of Vienna

July 2023
A university steeped in history and knowledge creator of a global city

- Founded by Duke Rudolph IV in 1365 as the **Alma Mater Rudolphina Vindobonensis**
- One of the oldest and largest universities in Europe
- Opening of the historic Main Building of the University in the heart of Vienna’s city centre in 1884
- More than 60 locations in Vienna
- Host of more than 1,000 events and 350 international conferences
Diversity under one roof: 15 faculties and 5 centres
Strategic priorities of the University of Vienna: expanding strengths

The University of Vienna aims at strengthening its position in interdisciplinary and internationally visible fields of research that are not only eligible for funding but also relevant to society and in which it is rooted through the achievements of excellent academics.
ERC grants and Nobel Prize: Leading-edge research

118 ERC grants have already been awarded to researchers from the University of Vienna since 2007. To receive funding from the European Research Council (ERC), research projects must have a high potential for innovation. The University of Vienna is pleased that Anton Zeilinger has been awarded the Nobel Prize 2022 in Physics.
Degree programmes: individual specialisation through a wide range of degree programmes

- There are 1.9 million people living in Vienna, more than 10 % of whom are students from 120 different nations. About 85,000 students are enrolled at the University of Vienna.
- The University of Vienna offers 186 degree programmes (bachelor’s, master’s, diploma programmes and doctoral programmes).
- Together with cooperating university colleges of teacher education, the University of Vienna is also the largest teacher education institution in Austria. It offers 29 teaching subjects/specialisations.

History & cultural studies
Mathematics & computer science
Philosophy, education & theology
Law, business & economics
Society, politics & media
Nature & life sciences
Psychology, health & sports
Languages & literature
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Students: Student numbers in 2022/2023 at a glance

- 84,600 Students
- 12,600 Every winter semester, approximately 12,600 students begin their studies at the University of Vienna.
- 9,300 Approximately 9,300 students complete their studies every year.
- 63% of students are women.
- 28,000 International students: Total: 28,000, Women: 17,500; Men: 10,500
Degree programmes in numbers
Winter semester 2022/23

International Students
♀ 17,419
♂ 10,544

Students
84,579

International Students
♀ 3,293
♂ 2,060

First-year students
12,614

Students from Austria
♀ 35,610
♂ 21,006

Students from Austria
♀ 4,654
♂ 2,607

Degree programmes
186
Graduations
Academic year 2021/22

Graduations
9,276

First degrees
5,994

Bachelor’s degrees
♀ 3,528
♂ 1,724

Diploma degrees
♀ 462
♂ 281

Doctoral/PhD degrees
♀ 202
♂ 226

Further degrees
3,282

Master’s degrees
♀ 1,862
♂ 991
The university staff in numbers
Reference date: 31.12.2022

Employees 10,588

Non-academic university staff
♀ 1,990
♂ 1,284

Academic university staff
♀ 3,755
♂ 3,780

Academics
♀ 3,755
♂ 3,780

Non-academic university staff
♀ 1,990
♂ 1,284

Professors
♀ 192
♂ 365

Tenure track
♀ 74
♂ 82
New professorial appointments

- More than 70 new professorships were advertised at the end of 2018
- Since then, additional professorships haven been advertised continuously
- Qualitative and quantitative investment, biggest expansion of the University of Vienna since its advance in the second half of the 19th century
- Mainly international appointments in **fields of future strategic importance**
Investing in infrastructure: new locations create more space for innovation

Kolingasse in 1090 Vienna
New workplace for newly appointed professors

“Wolkenbügel” in 1090 Vienna
Expansion of the Faculty of Chemistry

University of Vienna Biology Building in 1030 Vienna
New location for biology and life sciences (room for 5,000 students and 500 employees)
The University of Vienna in the world

- University-wide partnership agreements: about 90
- ERASMUS networks: about 340 universities in Europe
- Students from 120 nations
- 75% of the University of Vienna’s new professors have been appointed from an international environment

Publications published by the University of Vienna in cooperation with universities and higher education institutions from abroad

All publications from researchers of the University of Vienna together with other universities and higher education institutions (excluding posters) are taken into account. Every publication is counted only once, regardless of further partner organisations involved.

* (excluding Austria)
Our budget
University revenues 1 January 2022–31 December 2022

Global budget: € 566.5 million

Tuition fees: € 16.9 million

Other revenues: € 136.7 million, of which third-party funded research: € 107.5 million

Total € 720.1 million
Diversity in numbers

The University of Vienna launches initiatives to **promote the academic careers of women**: through mentoring programmes, scholarships for predoctoral and postdoctoral researchers, habilitation and professorial appointment training.

The **Accessible Studying team** advises prospective students, students and professors on studying with impairments.

The University of Vienna is committed to the use of **gender-inclusive language** and has issued guidelines on this particular topic.
Connected digitally

1 Digitalisation Strategy

Research focus
- on data science and digital humanities

More than 17,000 Moodle Courses

about 80 servers for BigBlueButton (interactive online courses)

860,000 licensed e-resources in the Vienna University Library (UB)

10,000 u:stream users daily