Since its foundation in the year 1970, the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt (AAU) has successfully established itself as a distinctive voice reinforcing the canon of Austrian universities, as a globally networked research institution, and as a hub for the acquisition, exchange, and transfer of knowledge across the entire Alps-Adriatic Region. Along with the universities of Graz, Innsbruck, Linz, Salzburg, and Vienna, it is one of the six state universities offering a broad spectrum of subjects.

Location
Austria, Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

How to Get There

By air
Klagenfurt has its own international airport Flughafen Klagenfurt. Aer Lingus is at present the only airline to fly from Ireland to Austria (Dublin to Vienne). Scheduled flights operate to Klagenfurt from London, Berlin-Tegel, Köln - Bonn, Munich, Hamburg, Hannover, Dusseldorf and Vienna. Other nearby Airports include Graz, Salzburg, Vienna, Ljubljana, Maribor, Trieste and Venice. There are good train connections (3-5 hours) to all airports above apart from Ljubljana and Maribor. A private shuttle bus serves Ljubljana and Graz airports from Klagenfurt, but it must be booked in advance.

By train
Since Klagenfurt is located at a railway gateway to Italy, Slovenia and Germany, it can be easily reached by any bigger Austrian city. There are hourly connections to Vienna, Graz and neighbouring Villach.

By bus
Klagenfurt has daily connections to Graz (departing close to the main train station) and to Ljubljana in Slovenia. Tickets can be bought directly on the bus.
How to Apply

All students will need to complete an admission application form. Information regarding the application process is available at https://www.aau.at/en/international/studying-in-klagenfurt/students-in-mobility-programmes/

Application Deadlines:
Semester 1/Full year: 1st June
Semester 2: 1st November

Modules/Subjects

Click here to view information regarding modules/subjects offered to Erasmus students at the AAU.

Once signed in to the website, you can register for classes.

You might not have time to do all of this before your classes start. If this is the case, email the professors or just talk to them on the first day. The professors can enrol/approve you later.

Courses from all faculties at the University can be taken by exchange students. The student fees are waived for all exchange students visiting through Erasmus. There is a variety of different types of courses offered at the University of Klagenfurt. There are lectures with a final written (or sometimes oral) exam, seminars and introductory seminars with participation required, courses with a combination of either presentations, midterm exams and/or a paper plus a final exam, courses with smaller groups and more participation, etc.

General German Language Course

Attending the General Language Course is not compulsory for incoming exchange students. German language courses are considered as extra-curricular program and therefore are NOT free of charge.

The General Language Course starts at the beginning of the semester (October and March) and consists of two teaching sessions (3 learning units each) per week. You have to enroll personally in the office of “Deutsch in Österreich”, Service Building, 2nd floor. In one semester only one general language course can be attended. Course participants are placed in the appropriate class (according to their language level) after sitting a placement test at the beginning of the semester.

How to register: After receiving your student ID (=uni [at] klu.CARD) you can register for the German course at the German Language Center “Deutsch in Österreich” (Service building, 2nd floor, room # K.2.04). Please bring along your student ID and the course fee in cash. Registration hours: Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:00, Thursday: 09:00-15:00.

Attendance of the first session of the course is obligatory for all participants and you must not miss more than 3 sessions, if you want to complete the course and get a certificate (= 9 ECTS).

Click here for further information.
Grading System

The Austrian grading system offers a range of five different grades (1 to 5), with 1 ("Sehr gut") being the highest and 5 ("Nicht genügend") the lowest grade. Students must be evaluated according to objective standards and need to earn at least a grade of 4 ("Genügend") in order to pass a course. Usually, the top 10% of successful students in class earn a 1 ("Sehr gut"). However, all passing grades (1 to 4) permit for further studies at university.

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Academic Calendar

Click here to view the academic calendar for the upcoming academic year.

Winter semester
Early October – end of January

Summer semester
Early March – end of June

Welcome Day and Orientation Week

The International Office holds a Welcome Day for incoming exchange students on the first Monday of each semester. During this event, you will get useful information regarding your exchange semester/s in Klagenfurt. Please note that your attendance is mandatory! If you cannot attend the Welcome Day for any reason (e.g. you have a lecture at the same time or your flight/train/bus cannot arrive on time), please let us know in advance so that we can arrange a separate appointment for you.

The first week of the semester is your Orientation Week, during which you are invited to participate in a guided tour through the AAU’s university campus & library, a historical & practical city tour, instructions to the AAU’s course management system moodle. The Austrian Student Union (section Entrée) will also organize activities and events for incoming exchange students. As some courses already start in the first week of the semester, you can choose in which activities you would like to join us, attendance is only mandatory on our Welcome Day. A more detailed schedule of the upcoming semester’s Orientation Week follows in time.
Accommodation

Click [here](#) to learn more about accommodation provided by the Housing Office of the AAU. Please be aware that applications should be made well in advance.

Estimated Costs

Erasmus students do not pay registration/tuition fees to the host university. Travel expenses and living costs, however, are covered by each student. See the table below for estimated expenses students might have while living abroad. Please note that these are just rough estimates and will vary for each student, depending on their personal needs and choices.

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Extracurricular Activities

Austria’s most modern University Sports Institute is located on the AAU campus. This means that you can quite easily drop into a sports class between lectures. Around 160 different sports classes are offered every semester, and there’s an incredibly varied range of options on offer. From yoga to fencing and ball games, there’s something for everyone. The USI also runs seasonal sports camps for sports including kitesurfing, climbing and ski tours. Click [here](#) to find out more about the University Sports Institute.