



International Student Guide

Welcome to CUAS!


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WELCOME TO CUAS!

Dear students,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (CUAS)! We are proud of what we have built here at CUAS and we sincerely hope you enjoy your time here with us.

Our degree programs at CUAS are characterized by intensive cooperation with the worlds of industry, business and science, students at our university can be sure to receive excellent innovative education. We maintain strong relationships with regional industries, which allows our students to stay closely connected to the needs of the market and to benefit from a highly practice oriented education. Through innovative teaching and learning methods like blended learning, we offer students and professors greater flexibility in the creation of a suitable learning environment.

CUAS is very proud of its multicultural teaching and student body, which helps students to create international networks that can be useful in both their professional and personal life. We hope to inspire you through our teaching style, which is closely connected to the working world, and by the unique learning environment created here at CUAS!

We hope you will fully take advantage of your time here to explore and enjoy Carinthia, located in the heart of the Alps-Adriatic region, with its wonderful nature, delicious traditional cuisine, and numerous cultural events.

Yours sincerely,
Rector
FH-PROF. MAG. DR. PETER GRANIG



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WHAT STUDENTS LIKE ABOUT CUAS



**Tubinisso Iakubaeva, BA
Kyrgyzstan (student)**

"CUAS offers a unique combination of a multicultural and at the same time familiar environment. The lectures are held by outstanding professors and the **interactive and international approach** helped me to develop exceptional working skills."



**Jeff Betzen, BA
Luxemburg (student)**

"The activities of the FH Kärnten Sport Program are really worth participating and always fun. FH Kärnten Sport offers not only many **sports activities** to students, but also the possibility to meet new people and find new friends."



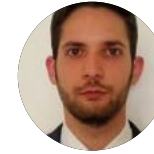
**Gabriele Weiß, BA
Austria (student)**

"The decisive factor for me choosing CUAS was the fact that the education here is **very practice-oriented**. The great facilities, such as the library and the computer rooms, enable efficient learning."



**Catherine Degen, MA
USA (alumna)**

"The lecturers are all truly passionate about their fields. They speak to students from a **real world perspective**, often drawing on personal experiences. The frequent inclusion of guest lecturers further adds to the quality of the programs at CUAS."



**Tadeo Mota, MA
Venezuela (alumnus)**

"You are surrounded by international students, which enables you to study and work in an **intercultural environment**. They are really friendly and active; every week they organize activities, so you will always have something to do here in Carinthia."



**Sarah Lehnert, BA
Austria (student)**

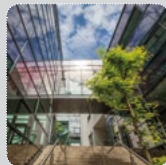
"The **international atmosphere** is a great asset for our learning environment and broadens your international mindset as a student at CUAS. I also really appreciate the great variety of language courses that are offered."

CUAS LOCATIONS



Campus Spittal

CAMPUS SPITTAL
School of Civil Engineering
& Architecture
Villacher Str. 1, 9800 Spittal
an der Drau, Austria
Tel.: +43 (0) 5/90500 - 1102
Email: spittal@fh-kaernten.at



Campus Feldkirchen

CAMPUS FELDKIRCHEN
School of Health Sciences
& Social Work
Hauptplatz 12, 9560 Feldkirchen
in Kärnten, Austria
Tel.: +43 (0) 5/90500 - 4120
Email: feldkirchen@fh-kaernten.at



Campus Villach

CAMPUS VILLACH
School of Management
School of Engineering & IT
Europastraße 4, 9524 Villach/
St. Magdalen, Austria
Tel.: +43 (0) 5/90500 - 2005
Email: villach@fh-kaernten.at



Campus Klagenfurt
Primoschgasse

CAMPUS KLAGENFURT
School of Engineering & IT + Health Science
Primoschgasse 8 - 10, 9020 Klagenfurt
am Wörthersee, Austria
Tel.: +43 (0) 5/90500 - 3102
Email: klagenfurt@fh-kaernten.at



Campus Klagenfurt
St. Veiterstraße

CAMPUS KLAGENFURT
School of Health Science
& Social Work
St. Veiterstraße 47, 9020 Klagenfurt
am Wörthersee, Austria
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BEFORE ARRIVAL

TRAVELLING TO CARINTHIA

BY PLANE



Carinthia is easily reachable by air. The Alpen-Adria Airport Klagenfurt is situated approximately 4 kilometers from the city center of Klagenfurt. From the train station "Klagenfurt Annabichl", which is 700m away from the airport, you can take the train to Villach, Spittal/Drau or the main train station in Klagenfurt. The international airport of Ljubljana (Slovenia) is also just an hour's drive from both Klagenfurt and Villach.

BY TRAIN



Austria's national rail network is very well developed. All our university campuses are reachable by train, for example, from Vienna, Munich, or Venice. More details can be found on www.oebb.at/en/. Tickets are available online or at the train stations. Ticket machines also provide instructions in English.

BY CAR

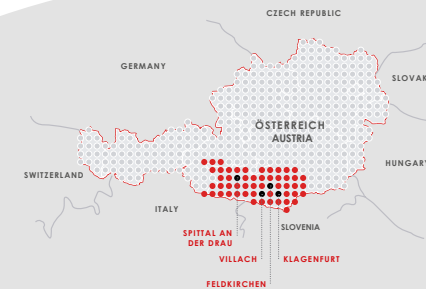


Villach is situated at the traffic junction of the A2 motorway (Vienna–Italy) and the Tauern axis (A10 between Germany/Salzburg and Villach and A11 between Villach and Slovenia). Spittal lies on the A10 motorway between Salzburg and Villach, Klagenfurt on the A2 motorway between Graz and Villach. For Feldkirchen, take Route 94 from Villach or Route 95 from Klagenfurt.

BY BUS



Bus connections between towns are usually not as good as train connections. Bus stations are usually located near the main train stations. In order to reach the CUAS campus in Villach, it is recommended to take bus number 3 from the main train station in Villach to the bus stop "St. Magdalen Technologiepark". All the other university campuses are in walking distance to the local main train station.



VISA INFORMATION AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

APPLICATION BEFORE ENTRY (FOR NON-EU STUDENTS)

You are required to apply for the residence permit in person at the responsible Austrian representative authority (embassy, consulate-general) abroad before travelling to Austria. The application will be forwarded to Austria by the representative authority and processed by the responsible Austrian authority. Since you have to await the decision about your application in your country, you should apply for the residence permit at least three months before the date of the entrance examination.

If the residence authority in Austria decides to grant the residence permit, it is necessary to apply for a Visa D at the representative authority to be able to enter Austria. The representative authority will issue the Visa D for a validity period of four months.

The following documents are necessary to apply for a "Residence Permit – Student" ("Aufenthaltsbewilligung - Student"):

- Completed and signed application form for a residence permit for students „Aufenthaltsbewilligung - Student“
- Two passport-sized photographs according to the ICAO criteria (colour photographs, size 3.5 x 4.5 cm)
- Valid passport
- Birth certificate
- (Conditional) Notification of admission from Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (Learning Agreement)
- Proof of sufficient financial means to finance your stay [status 2022]:
 - o Students under 24 years of age: 569.11 Euro/month
 - o Students as of the age of 24: 1,030.49 Euro/month (for a maximum period of 12 months in advance)

e.g. by means of a bank or savings account that can be accessed from Austria, or a declaration of liability of a person living in Austria, or proof of purchase of travellers' cheques in the necessary amount, or a confirmation of the award of a scholarship/grant.

If the accommodation costs exceed EUR 309.93/month [status 2022], you are expected to provide evidence of additional funds.

- Proof of accommodation: e.g. rental contract, private accommodation agreement
- Proof of health insurance that must be valid from the moment of entering Austria to the beginning of the studies in Austria or the beginning of student self-insurance. If you not have student self-insurance, it is mandatory to have private health insurance covering all risks. The application for student self-insurance with the Austrian national health insurance provider (Gebietskrankenkasse) or the private health insurance policy has to be shown to the Austrian residence authority upon request.
- Police clearance certificate

The original documents have to be submitted, photocopied documents have to be provided upon request. All documents have to be legalised and documents in languages other than German have to be submitted together with legalised German translations



EU/EEA AND SWISS CITIZENS

Entry

If the stay is shorter than 3 months, Residents of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland do not need a visa and enjoy the **freedom of domicile** ("Niederlassungsfreiheit"). If sufficient financial means to finance the stay in Austria and a valid health insurance (provided by the home country) covering all the necessary costs can be provided, only a valid travel document (passport or identity card) is needed in order to enter and become resident in Austria.

Residence Regulations

If the stay in Austria lasts for more than three months it is necessary to register with the competent residence authority (Magistrat, Bezirkshauptmannschaft) within four months of the stay in order to receive a confirmation of registration.

For this confirmation of registration the following documents have to be provided:

- valid identity card or passport
- proof of a health insurance covering all the necessary costs, e.g. European Health Insurance Card, insurance policy
- proof of sufficient finances, e.g. by means of savings or a bank account or traveller's cheques
- proof of enrolment at FH Kärnten (CUAS)

Attention: This confirmation of registration is required in addition to the registration at the registration office! (see page 35)!



FINDING ACCOMODATION

Austria does not have a tradition of on-campus accommodation like in other countries. So students live either in a students' dormitory or in private accommodations. In contrast to many other countries, CUAS does not automatically allocate a room when students register for their course. Instead, students have to search for accommodation on their own.

Even though many options for arranging accommodation are available, it is recommended to start looking for a room as soon as possible.



DIFFERENT KINDS OF ACCOMODATION

Private shared apartments (called "Wohngemeinschaften" in German, or just "WG"). This is probably the most popular form of accommodation, where several students share an apartment together. Each student has their own room, while kitchen and bathroom are shared amongst all tenants. The occupants also share the rent. Depending on the study location, about € 250 to € 450 per month should be calculated for renting a flat. On www.jobwohnen.at or <https://housinganywhere.com/> you can find more information on accommodation in shared apartments.

Dormitories

In Villach, Spittal and Klagenfurt, there are several student dormitories. Most of them offer different types of apartments (single apartments and shared apartments for two, three or four students – usually with a private bathroom and toilet for each student). The kitchen is a communal room for tenants of one apartment.

Find more information at:

- www.stuwo.at/en/dormitories/dormitory-villach
- www.housing.oead.at/en
- www.home4students.at/en
- www.kolping-spittal.at

Flat or apartment

Different platforms like www.willhaben.at, www.airbnb.at, www.immobilienscout24.at or www.immowelt.at offer a great variety of flats or apartments. Rent deposits, usually the equivalent of two to three months rent, are usually required. The deposit will be returned with interest when you leave, provided that the apartment is left in good order. This usually means that minimal renovation (often just repainting) is required and payment for this work should be clarified with the landlord. Your payment to the landlord, which is usually made monthly, comprises two parts: the rent and the operating costs ("Betriebskosten"), which can vary according to the consumption. The latter can include, for example, a share of the landlord's property tax, heat, stairwell cleaning, trash collection and water. If the price of one of these is raised during the period covered by the lease, the operating costs can be increased accordingly. Generally electricity and gas are paid separately, though these can sometimes also be included in the operating costs. Sometimes, also heat is not covered in the operating costs, but needs to be paid separately (make sure to ask the landlord about the details).

If you have any questions left, the Study-Info-Center (SIC) provides further information about accommodation, lists of landlords and dorms (sic@fh-kaernten.at). Additionally, a Facebook group has been set up where students offer and search for rooms – so get connected with **"FH Kärnten – find room/roommate in Carinthia."**



INSURANCE

Students applying for a visa must have proof of insurance covering all expenses in case of illness or accident. It is recommended that international students take an additional health insurance for Austria. International students can either organize health insurance for Austria in their home country or pay for Austrian national health insurance company (e.g. GKK) upon arrival in Austria. Estimated costs are EUR 64,78 per month [status 2022]. After registering with the ÖGK, an e-card will be provided, which has to be shown when consulting a doctor (valid only for doctors who have a contract with the health insurance company; not for private practice).

Regarding activities on campus and university-related trips, students are covered by the Austrian National Student Union (ÖH) accident insurance. Note that this insurance does not cover all possible accidents. Therefore, additional private insurance is necessary.

More information about the Austrian national insurance system can be found under the following link:
www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence
Frequent topics: Health insurance

HEALTH INSURANCE OFFICES IN CARINTHIA:

ÖGK Spittal/Drau:

Ortenburger Straße 4; 9800 Spittal a. d. Drau,
 phone: +43 (0) 50 5855 4200, mail: spittal@oegk.at

ÖGK Villach:

Zeidler-von-Görz-Str. 3, 9500 Villach,
 phone: +43 (0) 50 5855 4400, mail: villach@oegk.at

ÖGK Klagenfurt:

Kempferstraße 8; 9021 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee,
 phone: +43 (0) 50 5855 1000, mail: office-k@oegk.at

ÖGK Feldkirchen:

10.-Oktober-Straße 24; 9560 Feldkirchen in Kärnten,
 phone: +43 (0) 50 5855 4500 mail: feldkirchen@oegk.at

Usual opening times:

Monday-Thursday 7.30 am – 2 pm
 Friday 7.30 am – 12.30 pm

FINANCIAL AID

For detailed information on scholarships and various possibilities for receiving financial support while studying in Austria it is suggested to visit the scholarship database of the Austrian Agency for International Mobility and Cooperation in Education, Science and Research (OeAD). Details including deadlines and application forms can be found under www.grants.at/en/ 

For additional scholarships offered at CUAS please refer to:
<https://www.fh-kaernten.at/en/en/cuas/students-life> 

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CUAS has more than 400 full-time and part-time faculty members, who offer academic support to more than 2,000 students. Small working groups and blended learning facilities ensure both a unique, quality-focused education and individualized academic support.

More precise dates regarding the academic calendar and a list of all bank holidays can be found under <https://www.fh-kaernten.at/en/en/cuas/academic-calendar> 

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall semester: 1 October – 28 February (including Christmas break, exam period, and the period where no lectures are held). Some study programs already start the semester in September.

Spring semester: 1 March – 30 September (including exam period and the period where no lectures are held)





ECTS

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is an important instrument for increasing student mobility in Europe. It allows easy transfer of a student's study and work credits between European educational partner institutions. ECTS points are based on the workload (lectures, seminars, projects, practical work, self-study and examinations) students required in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. One semester in a degree program is based on a total of 30 ECTS points. 1 ECTS point usually corresponds to approximately 25 hours of work. At CUAS, each course has a specified number of ECTS points. Find out more about the courses and their credits on our website:

www.fh-kaernten.at/en/study-program

Grading system

- 1 = "excellent" - Excellent performance
- 2 = "good" - Generally good, some mistakes
- 3 = "satisfactory" - Average, number of substantial mistakes
- 4 = "sufficient" - Performance corresponding to minimal criteria
- 5 = "unsatisfactory" - Requirement of further work

TUITION AND AUSTRIAN NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS FEE

The current **tuition fees at CUAS are € 363.36** per semester [status 2022]. This fee applies to all regular students and Freemover students. Erasmus students and students in Joint Study Programs do not have to pay tuition fees.

The Austrian National Union of Students fee is a compulsory fee for all students at CUAS and also needs to be paid by Erasmus, Joint Study and Freemover students. The fee amounts to € 20.70 per semester [status 2020].

EXAMINATION POLICY AND ATTENDANCE

Exams can take place during the semester, but also directly after the end of a semester in February and July. Students can retake an examination twice if they fail.

As a general rule, attendance is compulsory for each course. In most of the courses, if you miss more than 20 percent of the course and fail the exam, you will automatically have to pass the panel exam in order to pass the course. If you are unable to attend a course due to illness, the submission of an official doctor's certificate to the administration of the relevant School is required. In this case, the absence does not count to the 20 percent.

WORKING IN AUSTRIA

Under certain conditions, foreign students are allowed to work in Austria. Possibilities for your employment depend on the

- nationality
- kind of employment
- kind of residence title

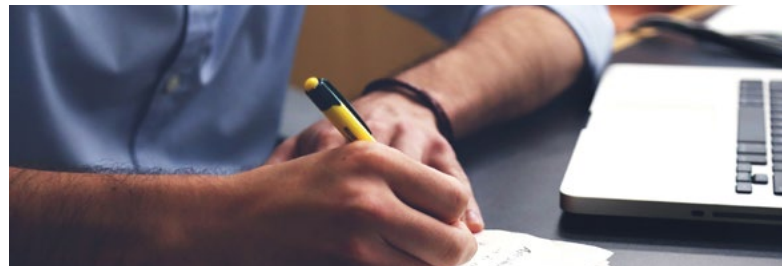
For detailed information about possibilities to work in Austria please visit

www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence

Frequent topics: Working

Jobs can be found on the following career websites:

- www.jobroom.ams.or.at (in German)
- www.karriere.at (in German)
- www.stepstone.at/en



Additionally, the **CUAS Job Booster** service provides information about vacant job positions in a monthly news-letter and on a job portal for CUAS students. For further information please visit

www.fh-kaernten.at/en/cuas/alumni-career-service





LIFE IN CARINTHIA AND AUSTRIA

LANGUAGE

The official language in Austria is German. However, Austrians speak their own dialect, which differs from region to region. Even fluent speakers of German might have difficulties in understanding some Austrian dialects. A beginners' course in German Language and Austrian Culture is offered especially for incoming students in the fall semester at the CUAS campus in Villach.

You can find reliable English-German dictionaries online at www.dict.leo.org/englisch-deutsch/ or www.pons.de

CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

Austria's cultural heritage left its mark not only on Europe but also the entire world. Who has not heard of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (composer), Gustav Klimt (painter), Sigmund Freud (the father of psycho-analysis) or Arnold Schwarzenegger (actor and politician)?

Austrians also take special pride in their heritage and traditions. Folkloric traditions are kept alive in most parts of Austria. Nearly every valley, village or town celebrates its unique heritage through traditional festivals and colorful events all year long. Throughout spring and summer, the local fire brigades organize festivals.



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CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

Nearly every valley or town has its own "Kirchtag" (folk festival). In winter, there are Christmas markets in many places, where you can buy handmade objects and enjoy delicious hot punch and mulled wine. At the end of winter, usually in February, "Fasching" ("carnival") takes place, where people dress up to chase away the winter and celebrate the beginning of traditional Lent.

Local Carinthian and Austrian cuisine can be tasted in numerous restaurants and cafés. Don't forget to taste traditional dishes like "Kärntner Kasnudl" or "Wiener Schnitzel" or dessert delights like "Kaiserschmarrn" or "Reindling."

CLIMATE

Austria enjoys a moderate continental climate. Summers are generally warm and pleasant with cool nights (average summer temperatures of 20-35 degrees Celsius). Summer rainfall can be quite heavy, but is usually of short duration. Winters are sunny, with reliable and frequent snowfall, which is the main reason for foreign tourists to spend their holidays here in the mountains (average winter temperatures around 0°C). In Carinthia, the climate is influenced by the Mediterranean Sea. It is typically considerably warmer and sunnier than the rest of the country. Nevertheless, in winter, it can also get cold and snowy (perfect conditions for skiing and other outdoor winter sports activities).



Villacher Fasching



Kärntner Kasnudl (local speciality)



Spend a hot summer day at the lake



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CURRENCY

Austria has been a member of the European Union since 1995. In January 2002, Austria also adopted the EURO, the EU's common currency.

LIVING EXPENSES

Estimated monthly cost of living expenses are listed in the table below. Accommodation costs are based upon prices for the students' dorm or for sharing an apartment with other students. A small apartment may be financed with approximately € 350 - € 450 at all of our campuses. Please note that these costs are average estimates and will vary depending on your personal lifestyle.



Shared Apartment (incl. heating and electricity)	€ 450.00
Food (excluding luxuries)	€ 250.00
Other personal & study costs (books, entertainment, etc.)	€ 300.00

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Total monthly costs **€ 1,000.00**

Additional costs that should be considered [status 2022]:	
Tuition fee per semester	€ 363.36
Austrian National Union of Students fee per semester	€ 20.70
Austrian Health Insurance by ÖGK per month approx.	€ 64.78

DO'S AND DON'TS IN AUSTRIA

DO



- It is customary to say "Hallo" (Hello), "Guten Tag" (Good Day) or "Grüß Gott" (typical Austrian greeting) when entering a (small) shop or restaurant.
- Expect to pay cash for services in small restaurants and hotels.
- Tip the waiter/waitress after your meal; not necessarily 10 percent of the total bill, but round up to the nearest Euro.
- Try to be on time or apologize if you are not. For dinners, a 5 to 15 minutes delay would be generally tolerated, being later than that might upset your host.
- Buy a ticket for public transport. Inspectors have already heard every excuse, so everyone without a ticket is fined.

DON'T



- Expect everyone to speak English. Be sure to learn a few simple German phrases, even if it is just asking how much something costs, or saying "please" and "thank you."
- Expect every place to have air-conditioning.
- Expect stores to be open late evenings or Sundays. On weekdays, most stores close at 6:00 pm and on Sundays all stores are closed.
- Make noise after 10 pm (except on New Year's Eve!).
- Jaywalk. Austrians take their Highway Code very seriously. Fines can be issued for jaywalking, and so you will see people waiting at a red light, even if the roads are clear.

SPORT

Carinthia offers unlimited sports possibilities. It has many inviting cycle paths that are ideal for bike tours. In summer, don't miss hiking in the mountains. Furthermore, the exceptionally clean lakes offer excellent possibilities for swimming and other water sports. In winter, enjoy ice-skating on the frozen lakes, or go skiing or snowboarding on Austria's snow-covered mountains.

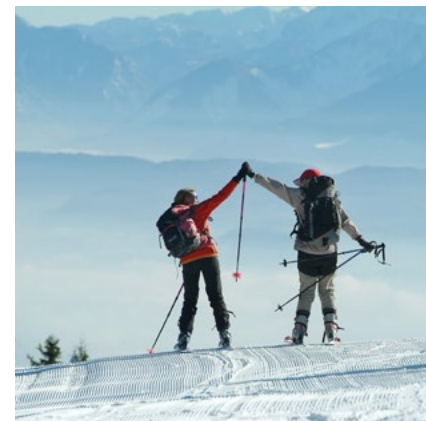
The area in and around **Spittal** has become a well-known sports center. Go swimming and diving in Lake Millstatt, skiing on Goldeck, or hiking in the Alps. Especially the visit of the "Granattor," a mighty passage on the ridge of the Millstatt Alp, makes your hiking adventure unforgettable. More information at: www.spittal-drau.at (in German) and www.millstaettersee.com/en/startseite/lake-millstaetter-see.html (in English)



Villach is home of several sports halls and stadiums. It provides a wide variety of sports offerings for sports fans. Highly recommended are the 100 kilometer bike path networks, a 57 kilometer long jogging route and, for Nordic skiing fans, a long cross country trail. Another highlight of the region are the many lakes. Especially Lake Faak and Lake Ossiach are worth a visit. Also smaller lakes, such as the Silbersee (close to the CUAS campus) with its beach volleyball court and freeletics area provide for fun and cooling down. The Dobratsch mountain and Gerlitze Alp (both very close to the city center) provide excellent possibilities for hiking and skiing.

More information at: www.villach.at/?lang=en-us and www.visitvillach.at/

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In **Klagenfurt**, from tennis and inline-skating to biking, swimming and ice-skating – everything can be done outdoors. Wonderfully equipped sports halls (2 ice rinks, 5 indoor tennis halls, 5 riding areas, 3 squash centers, fitness centers and a swimming pool – to name just a few) are the icing on the cake of the city's excellent sport infrastructure. Also Lake Wörth is directly accessible from Klagenfurt. More information at: www.klagenfurt.at/kultur-und-freizeit/sport.html (in German)



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Feldkirchen is ideal for hikers. Well-marked paths lead you to the most beautiful destinations: old fortified churches, small, sleepy villages or one of the many lakes in the area. Lake Maltschach – with a beach and camping ground – is right next door. Not far away are the idyllic lakes Flatschach, Urban, Goggau, Haiden, Ossiach and Wörth. A bike path runs from Feldkirchen to Ossiach. More information at:

 www.feldkirchen.at/freizeit (in German)

Find out more about sport and leisure activities in Carinthia at www.austria.info/uk/where-to-go/provinces/carinthia and www.visitcarinthia.at

Additionally, CUAS has its own CUAS sports team that organizes events and joint participation in sports competitions on a regular basis. Read more about their activities at www.fh-kaernten.at/en/cuas/fh-kaernten-sport

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to the numerous sports facilities there is a variety of other recreational activities available. At the beginning of each semester, CUAS organizes a Welcome Day for all international students. Students are given a lot of practical information about living and studying in Austria and are familiarized with the Austrian culture and cuisine. Last but not least, it is the perfect opportunity to meet other students. The International Relations Office also organizes trips throughout the year, for example to Vienna or Salzburg.

Besides the events organized by CUAS, there are a multitude of different events in Carinthia all year round.

Carinthia is located in the very South of Austria, directly at the border to Italy and Slovenia. The location is ideal for city trips to Venice, Ljubljana, Graz or Salzburg, and for short excursions into the Alps and to the Adriatic Sea.



EVENTS DURING THE WINTER SEMESTER

The Villacher "**Krampuslauf**" in December is one of the most famous parades in Austria. The "Krampus" is a demon who acts as a sort of an "Anti-Saint Nicholas." Instead of bringing gifts to good children, he gives warnings and punishments to the bad children. This creepy but funny event attracts several thousands visitors each year.

When the temperature drops and a blanket of snow covers Austria, advent rituals are also celebrated. **Christmas markets** are a great opportunity to buy small Christmas decorations, taste sweets and famous warm "Maroni" (chestnuts), or drink mulled wine. The Christmas markets in Carinthia as well as the ones in Salzburg or Innsbruck are well worth a visit.

On **New Year's Eve**, lots of balls and parties are organized. **Carnival** (locally called "Fasching") is celebrated with a lot of parades and parties in Carinthia. Villach is actually considered Austria's carnival capital.



Typical austrian Krampus



New Year's Eve in Villach

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Villacher Kirchtag



Villacher Kirchtag

EVENTS DURING THE SUMMER SEMESTER

At the beginning of July, the Fête Blanche and the **White Nights** take place at Lake Wörth. People from all over Austria visit this lifestyle event to celebrate – dressed completely in white. During the summer months events like the **vintage car rally** in the Nockberge region and the **Ironman** or "**Kärnten läuft**" (a large-scale running event) are hosted in Klagenfurt. There are also numerous **traditional and folkloristic events**. The most famous one, the "Villacher Kirchtag," takes place in the beginning of August and lasts for one week. Folk music concerts and parades with national costumes ("Trachten") are organized for this occasion and people from all over Austria and the neighboring countries come to visit this unique event.

On August 15th, – "Maria Himmelfahrt" (Assumption Day) – there is a **boats procession** on Lake Wörth, starting at the picturesque peninsula of Maria Wörth. You can also enjoy **arts and music festivals**, for example an international street art festival or the famous classical music festival "Carinthischer Sommer" ("Carinthian Summer"), held mainly in Villach and around Lake Ossiach. International pop and rock acts perform in the Wörthersee Stadium in Klagenfurt.

A very special event during autumn is the **Harley Davidson Bike Week** at Lake Faak in the first week of September. Authentic bikers and enthusiasts from all over the world visit Carinthia for this special occasion.

September is also known as the season for fairs and agricultural conventions in Carinthia – most importantly in Klagenfurt, Bleiburg and St. Veit an der Glan. Another “Kirchtag”-type event, the “St. Veiter Wiesenmarkt,” takes place at the end of September and lasts for 10 days.



Harley Davidson Bike Week

ALL YEAR ROUND

All CUAS locations offer great **shopping opportunities**. You can visit the following shopping centers: Stadtpark Center in Spittal, the City Arkaden in Klagenfurt, the Atrio in Villach and the Fé-Citycenter in Feldkirchen.

In Klagenfurt and in Villach there are pubs, bars and clubs where you can dance or just enjoy a drink with your friends. Bars very often host concerts or other cultural events, such as the “Honky Tonk Festival” in April where numerous bands play all kinds of music at local bars in Villach.



Lakeside bar in Carinthia

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Music and theatre performances take place at the Stadttheater Klagenfurt, “Neue Bühne Villach”, the castle arena Finkenstein, the Castle Porcia in Spittal and the arcades of the former Dominican Monastery in Friesach. Furthermore, Klagenfurt offers museums, opera concerts and art exhibitions. Villach’s Congress Centre is home to many cultural events. In Spittal many events are held directly at the Spittal CUAS campus, also known as the “Spittl”. Here you can enjoy, for example, satirical cabaret shows, discussions, exhibitions and much more.

For more information about events in Carinthia visit
www.kaernten.at/service/events/

If you are interested in social and tourist activities, it is recommended to buy the “**Kärnten Card**.” With this card you can get a lot of discounts at tourist attractions, for example, the fabulous Hochosterwitz castle, the Pyramidenkogel, the monkey mountain and the eagle show on castle Landskron near Villach, the Planetarium in Klagenfurt, the “Minimundus” – a place with more than 140 models of the most beautiful buildings from all over the world and many more.

Visit www.kaerntencard.at/sommer/en/ for more information



Neue Bühne Villach (local theatre)

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For detailed information on tourist attractions in Carinthia visit:

- www.millstaettersee.com/en
- www.region-villach.at/en
- www.tourismus.feldkirchen.at/en
- www.visitklagenfurt.at/en/



USEFUL HINTS FOR COMING TO AUSTRIA

SURVIVAL DICTIONARY

Guten Morgen
Grüß Gott
Hallo
Guten Abend
Auf Wiedersehen
Servus
Bitte
Danke

Krankenhaus
Apotheke
Post
Lebensmittelgeschäft

good morning
hello (formal)
hello (informal)
good evening
goodbye (formal)
goodbye (informal)
please
thank you

hospital
pharmacy
post office
grocery shop



REGISTRATION OF RESIDENCE

Every international student must register at the local municipal authorities ["Meldeamt"]

1. within three working days after arrival
2. when students move to a different apartment
3. when they leave Austria.

Registration forms ["Meldezettel"] are available at the offices of the local authorities or at CUAS International Relations Office. Please note that the landlord must sign the form and a passport will be required for registration.

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES:

Spittal/Drau: Stadtgemeinde Spittal,
Burgplatz 5, A-9800 Spittal/ Drau

Villach: Meldeservice, Rathaus
Rathausplatz 1, Main Entrance, A-9500 Villach

Klagenfurt am Wörthersee: Magistrat Klagenfurt
am Wörthersee, Kumpfgasse 20, A-9020 Klagenfurt

Feldkirchen, Stadtgemeinde Feldkirchen,
Hauptplatz 5, A-9560 Feldkirchen

Please note that normally the authorities are open for clients only between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm.

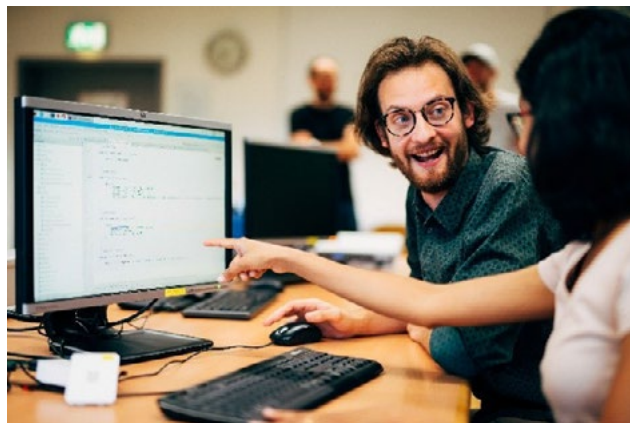
INTERNET AND TELEPHONE PROVIDER

International phone calls are usually cheaper if you use private phone companies. Austria's main telephone providers are:

- A1 (shops in Klagenfurt, Villach and Spittal)
- T-Mobile (shops in Klagenfurt, Villach and Spittal)
- Telering (shops in Klagenfurt, Villach and Spittal)
- Drei (shops in Feldkirchen, Klagenfurt, Villach and Spittal)
- Bob (available at post offices, Saturn, Media Markt, Libro, Lidl stores or online at www.bob.at)
- Yesss! (www.yesss.at/info/handelspartner)
- spusu (www.spusu.at)

You can buy sim-cards for use with prepaid-cards or with a contract, which normally lasts for 24 months.

All CUAS campuses provide well-functioning WLAN/WIFI networks, which can be used when working on campus. If you need WIFI in your personal flat or apartment it is worth considering taking an offer from a mobile phone provider (e.g. A1 WIFI or an internet cube from Drei) or Hofer.



CUAS INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

ID CARD

The student identity card will be issued within the first week after arrival. It can be used to access CUAS campuses, labs and rooms including library facilities. The ID card allows all our students 24-hour access. (note: the library only opens from 8am to 8pm). Additionally the ID card is used to print on campus. Money needs to be uploaded in advance and after that printing and copying is possible on all CUAS printers on all CUAS campuses. Please do not forget to activate the card in the library.

COMPUTER FACILITIES AND WIFI ON CAMPUS

All CUAS campuses are well equipped with modern computers and software and offer free internet access to all students. With approximately 1,000 working stations (PCs and laptops) and 200 server systems CUAS offers an excellent IT infrastructure. Students can also bring their own laptops and connect to the WIFI. To access the WIFI network on campus you have to connect to "eduroam" by filling in your CUAS user name and password. Once you have arrived at CUAS, detailed information can be found on the intranet wiki link under www.intranet.fh-kaernten.at/



STUDO-APP

CUAS was the first University of Applied Sciences in Austria to offer a useful smartphone app to their students. The studentslife app is available for iOS, Android and Windows smart devices at no cost and offers several useful features, for example:

- a personal timetable
- exam results and course grades
- news and important information
- links (e.g. CUAS intranet, webmail, moodle online learning platform)



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**STUDENT DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS**

As a student of CUAS you are eligible to receive numerous discounts and enjoy a lot of benefits. For a detailed overview please refer to www.fh-kaernten.at/en/cuas/students-life 

In addition to the several discounts offered, CUAS students are entitled to use several cloud software applications at no cost. OneDrive offers 1TB of cloud storage and you can access your OneDrive Cloud from all of your devices. Office 365 ProPlus can be installed on up to 5 PCs (Windows or Mac).

**LIBRARY**

Each of the CUAS campuses has its own library. You can choose from a large pool of books, journals and periodicals as well as from online materials for studying. All libraries are equipped with reading rooms which enable students to study and work in a quiet environment. The CUAS student ID card provides access to the libraries and allows the holder to borrow books at all four CUAS sites. In addition, CUAS students have the possibility to borrow books from the library of the Alpen-Adria-University of Klagenfurt and download online resources when connected to the "eduroam" network on the university campus Klagenfurt.



Library at the CUAS campus Villach

Library at CUAS campus in Spittal/Drau

Villacher Strasse 1, Room 006

Tel.: +43 (0)5-90500-9912

E- mail: fhbk.sp@fh-kaernten.at

Library at CUAS campus in Villach

Europastrasse 4 (Technology Park), Room 2.03

Tel.: +43 (0)5-90500-2030

E- mail: fhbk.vi@fh-kaernten.at

Library at CUAS campus in Feldkirchen

Hauptplatz 12, 3rd Floor, Room E 6.300

Tel.: +43 (0)5-90500-4115

E- mail: fhbk.fe@fh-kaernten.at

Library at CUAS campus in Klagenfurt

Primoschgasse 10 (Technology Park), Room 3.05

Tel.: +43 (0)5-90500-3214

E- mail: fhbk.kl@fh-kaernten.at

Library at Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt

Universitätsstraße 65-67

Tel.: +43 (0) 463 2700 9589

E-mail: info.bibliothek@aau.at

MOODLE

Moodle is the online course management and learning system at CUAS that supports e-learning as well as normal lectures. Courses that are online provide all the important course-related information via Moodle, for example course materials, course deadlines as well as news and forums. Moodle can be accessed at **moodle.fh-kaernten.at** using your CUAS user name and password.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE (IRO)

CUAS International Relations Office (IRO) supports students who would like to spend a semester or traineeship abroad. Additionally IRO helps non-Austrian applicants with information before their arrival to Carinthia. Moreover IRO invites all students to join monthly international social events. The IRO is located at Campus Villach, but is also present at the other Campuses on a regular basis.



IRO Team



ÖH Team

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (ÖH)

The Austrian National Union of Students [ÖH] is the only recognized representation of all students at Austrian Universities, Universities of Applied Sciences and University Colleges for Teaching Education in Austria. It is based on a federal law [the "HochschülerInnenschaftsgesetz" - HSG] and is financially, administratively and politically independent. The ÖH provides students with political and academic representation, information, service and advice on four levels: the federal level, the university level, the faculty level and the study program level. You can read more about the student union at CUAS at: **www.fh-kaernten.at/fachhochschule/oeh-fh-kaernten** (in German) 

FH KÄRNTEN SPORT

FH Kärnten Sport is a platform for CUAS students, employees and graduates who enjoy physical training and practicing sports together with others. FH Kärnten Sport offers range from recreational sports activities to competitive sports.

The FH Kärnten Sport promoters will inform you about the current activities on every campus. Some annual highlights include:

- The Academic Ski- and Winter Experience Day on the Goldeck/Spittal (usually in January)
- The CUAS Geo-running event ("Geolauf") in Villach (in spring)
- The CUAS Sports Day at Sportplatz St. Magdalen/Villach (in June)
- The CUAS Sports Camp in Seeboden/Lake Millstatt (in spring)

In addition, discounts are offered at several FH Kärnten Sport partners (e.g. Giga-Sport, Skinfit, Goldeck Bergbahnen, Po-lar). For further details please visit **www.fh-kaernten.at/fachhochschule/fh-kaernten-sport** or contact the FH Kärnten Sport team at **sport@fh-kaernten.at** 



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY

The Commissioner for Equal Opportunities at CUAS acts as a contact person for students and employees as well as for external persons who are interested in issues relating either to diversity or equal opportunities. The position is declared independent and therefore can provide a confidential and open-minded setting.

Goals

- equal opportunities in studies, research, teaching and working at CUAS

Offers

- information
- consulting and support
- mediation
- internal networking

Additional contribution to CUAS

- external networking
- project proposals and assistance
- research
- knowledge transfer

Fields

All fields where people could possibly be at risk of discrimination, for example:

- disability
- chronic disease
- gender issues
- social background
- ethnic issues, religion and world view
- age specific issues
- sexual orientation

Contact

Tel.: +43 (0)5 90500 – 4213

Mail: gleichbehandlung@fh-kaernten.at

Appointments can be arranged at all CUAS campuses. Please always send your name and phone number with your appointment request so you can be contacted.

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING CENTER

This specific service is available to students who are looking for help to improve their academic performance and to cope with problems they encounter during their years at university. CUAS offers psychological support to all students. Dr. Hans Smoliner, Head of Psychological Counseling Center Klagenfurt is available every second Tuesday of the month from 14:00-16:00 in front of the Student Information Centre at Villach campus.

Possible fields of discussion

- Orientation regarding the studies
- Choosing and switching between programs
- Problems with studying, working or exams
- Difficulties with communication and making contact with others

The counseling is based on methods commonly used in Austria and the psychologist always strives to find the best option to address the challenges faced by students and help to solve them. The underlying principle is that students are enabled to help themselves.

The service is free of charge and is also available anonymously. Appointments can be arranged via telephone +43 (0)463/23482 or via mail psycholog.studierendenberatung@aau.at.

For detailed information visit www.studierendenberatung.at/en ➡



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