

# International Semester in Linz

## Catholic Private University Linz (KU Linz)

The Catholic Private University Linz is a vibrant place to study: it enjoys an international reputation for excellence in scientific research and teaching since 1672. Critical thinking rooted in an appreciation of tradition and linked with both social action as well as spiritual praxis make the KU Linz an extraordinary location: here Theology, Philosophy and Art History meet every day when faculty and students engage in lively discussions on key issues in society, academy, and church.

Our University Library is the third largest in Upper Austria. It holds more than 500.000 printed books and items, and offers access to 2 million e-books and 6.500 e-journals.

## Studying in Linz

Linz is the third-largest city of Austria and capital of the state of Upper Austria (one out of nine states altogether). It is located in the northern part of Austria, only about 30 kilometers (19 miles) south of the Czech border, on both sides of the River Danube. The population of the city is about 200,000. Linz is best known for its high-tech innovations as well as its contemporary art scene coming together in a unique way in the Ars Electronica Center.

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# International Semester in Linz – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026



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## Orientation

Incoming students will experience two wonderful weeks in order to get acquainted with the city of Linz, Austrian culture, and with each other.

The orientation program includes a variety of activities: visiting Linz' most famous sights and attractions, participating in an intensive German course as well as in several field trips. Here is an exemplary overview:

- Sightseeing and Get-Together Events
- Intensive German Course for Beginners (2 ECTS)
- Cross-Cultural Communication Course and Guided field trips such as to The Mauthausen Memorial, the Benedictine Monasteries at Kremsmünster, Admont (with the largest monastery library of the world), or Melk, the Bruckner Organ at St. Florian Monastery, etc. (2 ECTS)
- Introductory Workshop to Good Scientific Practice (1 ECTS)

The KU Linz Buddy Program matches new incoming international students with friendly upper-year KU-students called Buddies. Each incoming student will be able to enjoy the support of a KU-students in finding one's bearings at KU Linz.

## Semester Courses

The following courses will be offered for international and local students in Autumn 2025/26:

- German for Beginners (3 ECTS)
- Utilitarianism (3 ECTS)
- Art on Architecture/Art in public spaces (5 ECTS)
- Fundamentals of Ethics - Joint Seminar Budweis/Linz (5 ECTS)
- Introduction to Christianity (2 ECTS)
- The Impact of Religion and Value Systems on European Cultures (3 ECTS)
- Transforming the Human (5 ECTS)
- Visual Analysis of Originals (2 ECTS)
- Fundamental Themes of Old Testament Theologies (3 ECTS)
- Seminar in Selected Topics of Art History (5 ECTS)
- Global Art History (5 ECTS)
- The Shadows of Past: Linz and Upper Austria in the Nazi-Period (3 ECTS)
- Intensive German course (2 ECTS)
- Cross-Cultural Communication (2 ECTS)
- Introductory Workshop to Good Scientific Practice (1 ECTS)

\*All courses are held in English.

## Requirements

- Full-time students
- Sufficient English ability

## Fees

The courses are free of charge for exchange students from partner universities.

A small contribution towards cost for some of the field trips could be asked for.

Students from non-partner universities will be charged the regular semester tuition fee.

## Accommodation

Accommodation support involves help with booking a place in one of nearby dormitories. The costs for accommodation (average 350 Euro/month) will to be borne by the students.

## How to apply

To join KULIS, students from partner universities need to be nominated by their home institution. The International Office at your home institution sends your nomination to **[ku\\_international@ku-linz.at](mailto:ku_international@ku-linz.at)**, giving your surname, first name, e-mail address and degree program and we will proceed with your application.

Students from non-partner universities, can apply sending us CV, Motivation Letter and Transcript of Records: **[ku\\_international@ku-linz.at](mailto:ku_international@ku-linz.at)**

**Application Deadline:** 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2025

We recommend that you apply as early as possible to ensure that you receive all necessary information and visa support documents on time!

For further information, please check our homepage: **[https://ku-linz.at/en/ku\\_international/incomings/kulis](https://ku-linz.at/en/ku_international/incomings/kulis)**



**We are looking forward to welcoming you at the KU Linz!**

