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International Student Mobility Manual

Incoming Students

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Dear student,

Welcome!

Thank you for choosing for your student mobility the Private University of Education, Diocese of Linz (hereafter referred to as PHDL). We are looking forward to having you here!

To help you on your way we have compiled this manual, as a detailed work of reference about all aspects of your mobility.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further assistance!

Yours sincerely,

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PHDL coordinator for incoming students

1 Contacts and Area of Expertise

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1.1.6 Coordination Moodle-Platform

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1.1.8 Buddy-System

For the current buddy coordinator please contact: buddy@ph-linz.at

1.1.9 Students' Union (ÖH)

For the current representatives of the students' union ("Österreichische Hochschülerschaft"- in short: ÖH, also HPHDL) see

https://www.phdl.at/ueber_uns/organisation/interessensvertretungen/studierendenvertretung/

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6 Living in Linz

The capital of Upper Austria has approximately 230.000 inhabitants. Despite being the third largest city in Austria and the country's industrial powerhouse, it is infinitely liveable with lots of green space within the city bounds and beyond.

Linz is ideally situated along the river Danube: To the north lie the gentle hills of the Mühlviertel, to the south the Alps are within easy reach. You will find breath-taking scenery in the renowned Salzkammergut (the Lake District region) with its National Heritage Site of Hallstatt, amongst other spectacularly scenic spots.

Linz offers excellent medical care facilities, easy access to road and rail links and a good urban public transport system. Looking down from the hill where the PHDL is situated, you will observe a modern city with historical roots that go back as far as the Romans. This mixture of the old and new is evident throughout the city, both in its architecture and its wide range of cultural and leisure facilities.

As the European Capital of Culture 2009, the city is famous for its festivals: It is home to the "Linzer Klangwolke" (a music event on the shores of the Danube) and the "Bruckner Festival", renowned for its classical music. The entire city comes alive during the "Pflasterspektakel" (a colourful street theatre festival) and the "Ars Electronic Festival" (for technically-minded artists). Film enthusiasts can enjoy the "Crossing Europe Film Festival" and the "International Children's Film Festival" - to name but a few.

6.1 Useful Links

- Discover Linz: <https://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/>
- Leisure: <https://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure>
- What's on in Linz: <https://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/events/highlights/>
- Cost of living: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_result.jsp?country=Austria

In the Orientations Sessions you will receive "Guidelines" for studying in Linz, which contain a lot more practical information on public transport, shopping, public health services, etc.

7 FAQs

Why do other exchange students use different forms than I do?

There are some standardized forms issued by the European Commission. However, each sending institution may have additional forms for their administrative procedures. Make sure to fill in every form diligently and to mind the given deadlines.

However, the academic year of 2021/22 will be a year of change in Erasmus+ processes, which is supposed to further a standardization of forms.

When can I create my timetable?

It is advisable to create your timetable when you get here, as time-slots for courses are susceptible to last-minute changes. We will gladly help you individually during the orientation sessions.

Will I need to bring bedding for my room at the students' hostel?

Please ask directly at the reception of your accommodation - not all hostels provide bedding.

It might prove useful to contact former exchange students from your home university. Maybe you can even take over/pass on some stuff from/to the next exchange students from your university.

Can I borrow musical instruments at the PHDL?

At the PHDL you have access to a number of music rooms that are equipped with the following instruments:

An organ, pianos, guitars, an accordion, zither, percussion and Orff-instruments. These must however remain in the music rooms and are for use within the PHDL only (s. also chapter 2.9, p. 13).

For all other instruments:

We regret the PHDL does not offer musical instruments for hire. If you are interested in getting tuition on any other instruments as the ones mentioned above, it is your own responsibility to organize one for the duration of your stay in Linz.

You can hire all kinds of instruments at very reasonable rates from a local instrument maker using a standard-**EU** credit card (mastercard, visa, ...). For further information please contact: <https://www.danner.at/de/index.html>

What kind of clothing will I need, if I come to Linz in the winter semester?

The climate in Austria is moderate. However, in winter temperatures do sometimes fall well below freezing point (-10° C).

For the winter semester, adequate winter clothing is essential: proper winter boots with thick soles, a warm winter coat, woollen jumpers, a woolly hat and gloves are advisable. Especially if you go out into the snow, you need to protect yourself with insulated clothing (no viscose pants in winter – you might end up with frost bites!). Generally, it is advisable to “dress like an onion” 😊, using several layers.

The SoSe may also start with very low temperatures, sometimes even below zero. So please make sure to bring at least some warm clothing and a pair of warmer shoes/boots with thick soles.

What kind of equipment will I need, if I want to go hiking in Austria?

Hiking in the Alps is indeed a fantastic experience. Please bear in mind, however, that proper **outdoor** hiking boots, preferably ankle-high **with a rough profile**, are necessary to ensure safety in the mountains. In case of flight-restrictions on luggage, please contact the International Office when you get here for advice in this matter.

Will I need to pack a swimming costume for my stay?

You do have free access to the indoor pool at the PHDL throughout the academic year, and there are some really nice lakes in Linz or close by. In the summer, swimming in a mountain lake is a must-do!