

An aerial photograph of a university campus during the golden hour of sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The campus features several modern, multi-story buildings with flat roofs and large windows. The buildings are surrounded by lush green trees, some of which are showing early autumn colors. In the background, a large body of water, likely a lake or bay, stretches across the middle ground, with mountains visible on the far shore. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

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EDUCATION AND FURTHER TRAINING IN CARINTHIA

Carinthia stands out not only as a tourist destination, but also because of its close ties between education, business and research. Its strong regional identity, its proximity to Slovenia and Italy, its specialised educational focus areas and its dual education system give this region a distinctive character.

Unique opportunities and regional strengths

The educational possibilities in Carinthia are characterised by cultural diversity and cross-border orientation. In certain regions of southern Carinthia, Slovenian is recognised as an official language alongside German, which promotes multilingualism in these areas. Schools with an international focus, such as HTL Villach or the bilingual commercial college HAK in Klagenfurt, offer practice-oriented training in technology, business and tourism.

A special feature of Carinthia is the dual education system, which combines theory and practice. Apprenticeship training is hands-on experience in a company and is supplemented by theoretical lessons at a vocational school. This system enables close links with regional companies and promotes the career prospects of the trainees.

These close ties with regional companies and the location of many schools close to nature not only promote career prospects, but also quality of life and sustainability awareness. Carinthia combines cultural identity with modern, practical education and thus creates a unique basis for personal and professional development.

The educational offerings in Carinthia are characterised by several special features that set it apart from other provinces in Austria:

1. Bilingualism and cultural diversity

Carinthia is the only Austrian province with a statutory bilingual school system (German and Slovenian). Schools such as the bilingual commercial college HAK in Klagenfurt or bilingual primary schools not only promote language skills, but also intercultural understanding. This focus on the Slovenian language and culture reflects the special historical and cultural character of the region.

2. Education near the border with an international focus

Thanks to its geographical location in the Alpine-Adriatic region, Carinthia offers numerous cross-border educational initiatives and exchange programmes. Such close co-operation with the neighbouring countries of Slovenia and Italy provides students with an intercultural perspective and strengthens international skills.

3. Strong technical training

Carinthia has renowned technical schools such as HTL Villach and HTL Ferlach, which offer specialised training opportunities in areas such as mechanical engineering, information technology as well as weapons technology and precision engineering. The close ties with regional high-tech companies and industry ensure attractive career opportunities for graduates.

4. Focus on tourism and business

As a tourism and economic region, Carinthia relies on specialised schools such as the business and tourism college Höhere Lehranstalt für wirtschaftliche Berufe Hermagor, which offers hands-on learning in the fields of gastronomy, the hotel industry and economics. The education system thus responds to the specific needs of the labour market in the region.

5. Quality of life and combining education with nature

Carinthia scores well with an exceptionally high quality of life, which is reflected in the education sector. Many schools are located in natural surroundings and integrate outdoor learning, environmental awareness and sustainable development into their lessons.



A SELECTION OF SCHOOLS IN CARINTHIA: EDUCATION WITH A PROFILE

The following is a selection of educational institutions that stand for bilingualism, technical excellence and practice-oriented training.

Facts & Figures

Learning in Carinthia in the 2024/25 school year

Primary schools

213

schools

1.254

classes

21.353

pupils

General secondary schools

61

schools

603

classes

12.343

pupils

Pre-vocational schools

7

schools

29

classes

598

pupils



LINGUISTIC AND INTERCULTURAL FOCUS AREAS

A look behind the scenes

Carinthia's general education upper secondary schools in figures

22

schools

577

classes

13.135

pupils

Source: Data Manual of the Carinthian Education Directorate for the 2024/25 school year



Arnoldstein primary school – Dobratsch Nature Park School

Multilingualism and intercultural education

Arnoldstein primary school places special emphasis on multilingualism with the aim of familiarising pupils with the languages and cultures of neighbouring Italy and Slovenia.

From the first year onwards, parents have the opportunity to register their children for a second language:

- Slovenian,
- Italian or
- English.

In the Slovenian classes, all lessons are taught bilingually, while in the Italian and English classes, language exercises are integrated into everyday school life. In addition, all pupils from the third year onwards receive English lessons, which are divided by levels. This multilingual programme prepares children for life in a multicultural Europe and promotes intercultural skills.

Designation as a Nature Park School

On 7 February 2007, the school was designated 1st Carinthian Nature Park School. The Association of Austrian Nature Parks, in cooperation with the Province of Carinthia, awarded Arnoldstein primary school the right to bear the title “Dobratsch Nature Park School” in 2009.

Combining education, nature conservation and sustainability

As a recognised Nature Park School, Arnoldstein primary school attaches particular importance to combining education with nature conservation and sustainability.

The use of this title requires that extensive criteria are met, which are checked in a thorough evaluation. This process is demanding, but underlines the school's commitment to actively supporting and implementing the principles of the nature park, such as conservation, recreation, education and regional development.

In order to meet the needs of working parents, the school offers two forms of childcare:

• All-day school

Structured supervision with daily homework support by teachers. Attendance is compulsory until 3pm – with exceptions for doctor's appointments or club activities. For lunch, hot meals are available at school or children can bring a snack from home.

• Childcare facility for pupils

More flexible form of childcare with variable pick-up times. Details on the differences between the all-day school and the childcare facility can be obtained from the school management.

The school has been extensively renovated, with special emphasis on ecology. The outer shell is insulated with hemp, and a photovoltaic system on the roof supplies the school building with electricity and feeds surplus energy into the local grid. These measures save the municipality 80 percent of the school's energy costs each year.



HAK TAK – Bilingual commercial college in Klagenfurt

Thanks to its forward-looking concept, the bilingual commercial college in Klagenfurt has established itself as an international competence centre that offers pupils a comprehensive education with excellent career prospects. The main areas of training are the following:

- Information and communication technology – e-business
- Sports and culture management
- Environmental and energy industry management
- Environmental technology – in cooperation with the partner school, HTL 1 Lastenstraße

Lessons are taught bilingually in German and Slovenian throughout, and all graduates are proficient in at least four languages: German, Slovenian, English and Italian. Croatian, Russian and Spanish are also offered as optional subjects.

The school places particular emphasis on internationality and intercultural understanding, which is promoted through numerous cross-border projects and cooperation with partner institutions in the Alpine-Adriatic region. Practical relevance is ensured through cooperation with local businesses, compulsory internships both in Austria and abroad and mock companies.

A unique feature of HAK TAK is an additional exam as part of the Austrian “Matura” matriculation examination: pupils have to take seven exams, which is one more than at other commercial colleges, that underline their bilingualism and multilinguistic skills.

More information



You can find more information about the options on the official website of the bilingual commercial college in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee or by making an appointment in person:
Prof.-Janežič-Platz 1 | 9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee
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Europagymnasium Klagenfurt

Europagymnasium Klagenfurt am Wörthersee is one of the oldest grammar schools in Austria and is centrally located and easily accessible by public transport. It offers a comprehensive general education with a focus on European languages, computer science, natural sciences, exercise and sports, art and afternoon supervision.

The school offers various branches:

- **Classic grammar school**

Based on humanistic values, the classic form offers a sound general secondary school education with a focus on languages.

The wide subject range of languages, cultural history, and natural sciences as well as music and creative arts awakens interests in many directions and promotes talent without the pressure to specialise early on.

In addition to English from year 1, pupils from year 3 onwards can choose between French, Italian and Spanish. The chosen language is taught until year 8.

Latin is added in year 5.

From year 6 to 8, compulsory elective subjects allow pupils to expand and deepen their individual talents.

This gives them the best possible qualifications for universities, universities of applied sciences, technical studies, teacher training colleges, medical professions and business fields.

- **Computer science division at the grammar school**

The aim is to provide sound training in the field of information and communication technologies, but more than just “basic digital education” skills are taught.

As in the other two branches, in the computer science division, French, Italian or Spanish are added as a second foreign language beginning in year 3, and Latin from year 5.

- **European focus within the grammar school**

English is the working language in all subjects except German, religion and mathematics. Supported by qualified native teachers, the pupils combine language acquisition and specialist knowledge and acquire, among other things, the international language certificates Cambridge B2 and C1, and C2 is optional. A language trip is organised as early as the fourth year.

As in a classic grammar school, from year 3 onwards, French, Italian or Spanish is added as a second modern foreign language. Latin, from year 5 onwards, completes the grammar school education.

The admission criterion is the result of an admission interview in German, taking into account the semester school report of year 4 of primary school.

There is an annual fee of 400 euros for attending the European focus class, which includes English-language books, examination fees for language certificates and additional native speaker lessons.



The school attaches great importance to respectful togetherness, an equally profound education in natural sciences and languages, as well as intercultural skills. It offers activities such as language and cultural trips, student mobility via Erasmus+ and with partner schools in various European countries, preparation for international language certificates, participation in science and language competitions, winter and summer sports weeks, as well as festivals and activities throughout the year.

Important additional features at Europagymnasium: peer mediators who act as class mentors for 1st years;

tutoring as part of the Pupils Helping Pupils project; the regular presence of youth coaches and school psychologists; student football and volleyball leagues; the Verein Europagymnasium association with additional creative, cultural and sporting activities.

Europagymnasium can be visited throughout the year as part of a school tour (by telephone appointment).



More information



You can find more information on the official website of Europagymnasium Klagenfurt am Wörthersee or by contacting us directly:
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International School Carinthia

International School Carinthia in Velden am Wörthersee is the only international school in Carinthia and, as an International Baccalaureate Continuum School, offers the Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme. The language of instruction is English. German and other languages are taught as part of the curriculum.

International School Carinthia attaches particular importance to international orientation and intercultural understanding, which is promoted by a diverse teaching staff and multicultural pupils. In addition, the school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities to ensure a holistic education.

International School Carinthia offers three programmes that build on each other:

- **Primary Years Programme**

For pupils in years 1 through 5, with a holistic approach that promotes development in the areas of languages, maths, science, social studies, art and physical education.

- **Middle Years Programme**

For years 6 to 10, with an interdisciplinary curriculum that emphasises critical thinking and connections between different subject areas.

- **Diploma Programme**

For years 11 and 12, as a two-year, internationally recognised programme that prepares pupils for study at universities worldwide.

More information

Additional information is available on the official website of International School Carinthia or by telephone:



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SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND IT

A look behind the scenes

Schools for intermediate vocational education & colleges for higher vocational education in figures

41

schools

677

classes

12.504

pupils

Source: Data Manual of the Carinthian Education Directorate for the 2024/25 school year



Mössingerstraße higher technical college in Klagenfurt

The Mössingerstraße higher technical college in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee offers a sound technical education in several future-oriented specialist areas.

Educational themes

Technical college

- **Biomedical and health technology**
Focus areas such as analytical chemistry, digitalisation and healthcare mechatronics prepare pupils for digitalisation in the medical and healthcare sectors.
- **Electronics and computer engineering**
Teaching skills in hardware and software design, including software engineering, artificial intelligence, systems engineering and the Internet of Things
- **Electrical engineering**
Focus on sustainable energy generation, energy distribution and efficient energy use with a focus on electrical engineering and sports engineering

Technical school

- **Electrical engineering with a focus on Smart City**
Training in modern building technology, renewable energy generation and intelligent systems

Evening school for working people

- Courses in electrical engineering and computer science to complete a technical education while working

Special features

- **Girls in technology**
The 'Women in Technology' initiative promotes a high proportion of girls in technical sectors.
- **Modern infrastructure**
The school has numerous classrooms, workshops, laboratories, IT labs and two modern gyms.
- **Virtual tours**
Interested parties can explore the school via virtual tours.
- **The most innovative school in Carinthia**
The Mössingerstraße higher technical college has now been recognised for the eighth time by the Jugend Innovativ competition as the most innovative school in Carinthia.

More information

For more details, visit the official website or make an appointment to get to know the school:



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htl-klu.at

HTL Villach technical college

The HTL Villach technical college offers a sound technical education in several future-oriented subject areas.

Technical college

- **Construction technology**
Imparting knowledge in structural and civil engineering as well as interior design
- **Informatics**
Training in programming, software development and network engineering
- **Interior design and wood technology**
Combination of design and technical implementation in furniture and interior design
- **Media technology**
Focus on digital media, audiovisual production and design

Technical school

- **Construction technology**
Practice-oriented training in the construction industry

College and advanced course

- **Interior design and wood technology**
In-depth training for people already in employment or graduates of a technical school

Special features

- **Erasmus+ programme**
Opportunity for pupils to complete internships abroad and gain international experience
- **Cyber security focus**
Specialisation in the field of cyber security to meet the increasing demands of the digital world.

Infrastructure

HTL Villach has modern workshops, laboratories and classrooms that enable practical training. Pupils also have access to digital platforms such as WebUNTIS for timetables and office hours of teachers.

More information



Further information is available on the official website or contact us directly:
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HTL Ferlach technical college

The HTL Ferlach technical college is characterised by its diverse and specialised training opportunities and, as Austria's southernmost technical college, occupies an outstanding position in the Austrian and international educational landscape. It offers around 500 pupils from all over Austria and neighbouring countries unique opportunities for professional qualification. The proportion of girls is around 40%, which makes it the leader nationwide. Since the renovation and extension, which was completed in 2024, teaching at HTL Ferlach has been undertaken in the new workshops and in Austria's most modern and impressively equipped weapons and security technology centre.

- **Weapons and security technology and gunsmithing**

HTL Ferlach has been offering specialised training in gunsmithing since 1878. The range of courses available was expanded in 1963 to include the technical college for weapons and security technology. The training programme is unique throughout Europe and trains specialists for the weapons and security industry, trade and, above all, for public authorities, where mainly graduates of HTL Ferlach are employed as experts.

- **Robotics and smart engineering**

In response to increasing demand from industry, HTL Ferlach has set up a higher department for robotics and smart engineering. This future-oriented focus in mechanical engineering has its finger on the pulse of the times with its modern workshops and offers pupils a much sought-after specialisation in robotics in production as a link between man and machine.

- **Jewellery, engraving technology, including tattoo artistry**

HTL Ferlach is the only technical college in Carinthia to also offer an art curriculum (Art and Design), in which specialised training is offered in goldsmithing and engraving technology, leading to the matriculation and diploma examination. Particularly noteworthy is the specialisation of engravers as tattoo artists, which is only offered in Austria at HTL Ferlach and which again provides a unique selling point for all of Austria.

- **Industrial design**

In the industrial design specialisation, which is part of the mechanical engineering curriculum, pupils learn to conceptualise, design, compute, calculate, visualise and ultimately produce prototypes. In this way, the entire product development cycle of an industrial designer is developed and the pupils can give free rein to their creativity in a technical setting.

- **Plastics and recycling technology**

The technical school for plastics and recycling technology offers practical training in a promising future area. This focus is unique in Carinthia, addresses the current requirements of industry and the circular economy, and trains young people in a climate-related profession of the future.

- **Innovation design and additive manufacturing (for people aged 18 and over)**

From autumn 2025, the school centre in Ferlach will be expanding its range of courses to include a college (with matriculation examination) and an advanced course (without matriculation examination) for innovation design and additive manufacturing for people aged 18 and over. This new focus responds to the growing demands of industry and offers specialised, higher-qualification training in modern, innovative and additive manufacturing techniques and combines innovation with technology.



More information



All information about HTLVA

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Carinthian School of Tourism in Villach (KTS)

The Carinthian School of Tourism in Villach has been offering practice-oriented training in the tourism sector since 1970 and sees itself as a modern campus for living and gastronomy in the Alpine-Adriatic region.

Educational themes

- **School of Tourism**

A five-year school for higher vocational education that concludes with the matriculation and diploma examination. It provides sound general education, comprehensive business training and practical knowledge in the catering, hotel and tourism industries.

Branches:

- Hotel management
- International tourism management (foreign language focus)
- Tourism and horse management (in cooperation with the Stiegerhof Agricultural College)

- **Tourism College**

A four-semester full-time course of study after graduating with the matriculation examination, specialising in "5-star management – ALL INCLUSIVE". It offers compact business and practical training with a focus on event, destination and hotel management, as well as in-depth training in kitchen and food/beverage management.

Special features

- **International network**

The Carinthian School of Tourism maintains an extensive network supported by the "Carinthian School of Tourism Family", consisting of graduates. This provides students with international career opportunities.

- **Practical orientation**

Compulsory internships, Erasmus+ programmes, trips and competitions prepare students for an international career.

- **Additional qualifications**

The training includes numerous additional qualifications and internationally recognised certificates that are integrated into the curriculum, such as barista, young sommelier/sommelière, bartender, cheese connoisseur Austria, young beer sommelier/sommelière.

Campus and infrastructure

The Carinthian School of Tourism has modern facilities, including the school's own boarding school "Atrium" and the evening restaurant "Wintergarten", which offer students practical training opportunities.

More information



Detailed information can be found on the official website or by contacting the school personally:
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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING: APPRENTICESHIP WITH MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

The “Apprenticeship with matriculation examination” model is particularly successful in Carinthia. It offers a valuable opportunity to combine practical vocational education and training with higher education, creating long-term benefits for both apprentices and companies. This broadens career prospects and opens up access to universities, universities of applied sciences and colleges.

There are two models in Carinthia

- **Working time model**

The preparation courses take place during working hours. The prerequisite for this is the agreement of the apprenticeship workplace to release the apprentice from work to prepare for the matriculation examination, which is comparable to A levels and is a general qualification for university entrance. This can be done with or without extending the apprenticeship period.

- **Leisure time model**

The preparation courses are completed in the apprentices free time. Participation is free of charge for apprentices, as the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research covers the costs.

Structure of the vocational matriculation examination

The examination consists of four sections:

- **German**
- **Mathematics**
- **Foreign language** (mostly English)
- **Specialist field**

This is based on the profession learned and deepens specific knowledge.

Advantages of the “Apprenticeship with matriculation examination”

For apprentices

- Combination of practical training and higher education
- Improved promotion prospects within the company
- Access to further educational institutions
- Earned income during the entire training period
- Safeguarding valuable social insurance periods

For companies

- Training of highly qualified specialists in their own company
- Enhanced image by promoting employee training
- No additional costs with little extra effort
- Committed and motivated apprentices in the company

Registration and requirements:

- A valid apprenticeship contract is required.
- Registration takes place via the responsible vocational school or educational institutions such as WIFI Kärnten (see contact below).

Grants

Companies whose apprentices participate in the working time model can apply for grants under the Carinthian Employee and Further Training Promotion Act (K-AWFG). The amount of the grant in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year of apprenticeship is € 500 per year, and € 1,000 in the 4th year. Small companies with fewer than 20 employees will receive an additional grant of € 1,000 after the 4th year of apprenticeship.

Vocational school locations in Carinthia

Matriculation preparation courses as part of the working time model are offered at the following vocational schools:

- Vocational school Spittal an der Drau
- Vocational school Villach
- Vocational school für Tourismus Warmbad Villach
- Vocational school St. Veit an der Glan
- Vocational school Klagenfurt
- Vocational school Wolfsberg



UNIVERSITY OF KLAGENFURT

The University of Klagenfurt offers 22 Bachelor's degree programmes, 30 Master's degree programmes, 14 teacher training programmes as well as doctoral programmes. The university boasts an ideal environment for studying: a diverse range of excellent study programmes and courses, a friendly and international community of 13,000 students and a spacious campus surrounded by greenery, very close to Lake Wörthersee.

Six reasons to study at the University of Klagenfurt

- Students are not a number! The University of Klagenfurt offers an environment of individual support for optimal and rapid academic success.
- International networking! Around 30% of students come from almost 100 countries worldwide. The University of Klagenfurt has cooperation agreements with 440 universities worldwide, enabling semesters abroad, internships and summer schools.
- The most beautiful campus! The campus of the University of Klagenfurt is located on 10 hectares, with many green spaces, very close to Lake Wörthersee. The infrastructure offers everything you need for perfect study time: all within reach, modern buildings, a large library and great leisure and cultural activities. Right next door is Lakeside Science and Technology Park with many high-tech companies.
- The University of Klagenfurt is in the top 2% of the best universities in the world! It regularly occupies top positions in rankings. The Faculty of Management and Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
- No tuition fees! As a state university in Austria, the University of Klagenfurt can offer its courses free of charge. If studies are completed quickly, there are no costs for EU citizens.
- Affordable living! Klagenfurt is one of the cities in Austria where living and housing costs are still manageable.



Good to know

4

faculties

1500

employees

50

fields of study

272

partner universities

- **since 1970**
approx. 13,000 students,
62% female and 38% male students
- **Media stock of the library**
1,033,000 volumes and 36,000 journals
- **809 steps**
from the university to Lake Wörthersee
- **900 steps**
from the Villach campus to Lake Magdalensee

The range of courses at the University of Klagenfurt is excellent!

In the field of Technical Sciences

- Bachelor in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence: new degree programme with excellent career prospects
- Bachelor in Applied Informatics: combines unique skills from business and IT

In the field of Management & Economics

- Bachelor in Business Administration: a degree programme for all those who want to become sought-after all-rounders in management. Very practice-oriented and with many internship and career opportunities.
- Bachelor in Business and Law: highly sought-after degree programme for all those who want to work at the interface of economic knowledge, management and legal issues
- Bachelor in International Business and Economics: English-language degree programme for anyone who is also thinking about pursuing an international career

In the field of Social Sciences

- Bachelor in Media & Communications: for anyone interested in a career in communications, journalism and the digital sector
- Bachelor in Digital Media, Culture, and Communication: English-language degree programme for anyone who wants to be well-prepared for a career in social media

In the field of Cultural and Educational Sciences

- Pedagogy and Educational Science: best career opportunities with three Master's programmes that can be connected to other studies
- Bachelor in Liberal Arts: the degree programme for anyone who is still unsure about what they want to study. This Bachelor's programme offers total freedom of choice!

Main research areas

- Knowledge transfer in the form of patents is primarily attributable to drone and robotics research, where scientists are working on the development of autonomous multi-drone systems in which several drones navigate autonomously, coordinate themselves and exchange data. The researchers at the Drone Hub Klagenfurt have Europe's largest drone hall at their disposal as infrastructure.
- Research at the Christian Doppler Laboratory ATHENA, where a team is working on new technologies to ensure that video transmission is smooth and energy-efficient despite high data volumes, is also internationally outstanding. The laboratory is jointly funded by Bitmovin and the Christian Doppler Research Association.

- In addition to these specialist areas, the University of Klagenfurt also covers a wide range of interdisciplinary aspects with its high-ranking third-party funded projects. The interdisciplinary focus areas at the University of Klagenfurt are "Humans in the Digital Age", "Energy Management and Technology", "Sustainability", "Self-Organising Systems" and "Visual Culture".



GUSTAV MAHLER PRIVATE UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC

The Gustav Mahler Private University of Music in Klagenfurt is Austria's youngest music university and continues the tradition of musical and artistic education in Carinthia, which goes back over a hundred years at the highest level. It offers over 50 Bachelor's and Master's degrees in instrumental and vocal pedagogy and musical performance art, as well as 9 courses. With a capacity of up to 350 places, the university places special emphasis on excellent, personal support and practice-oriented training. The Gustav Mahler Private University of Music offers a familial study environment, with a student-to-staff ratio of 1:3.5, so it can live up to its claim of accompanying young talents on their way to becoming artistic personalities.

Internationality as a quality feature

The high degree of internationality with students and lecturers from 19 nations is considered a quality feature that promotes cultural diversity and cross-border exchange. Numerous collaborations with other universities and educational institutions complement the university's international orientation.

Modern infrastructure at Konzerthaus Klagenfurt

The premises at the Konzerthaus Klagenfurt concert hall, which are used by the university, form the heart of Gustav Mahler University. It is the artistic centre in which musical practice can unfold without limits. This means that students have access to several concert rooms and sufficient practice rooms directly at their place of study.

In addition, a campus has been developed in recent years to provide ideal conditions for artistic and scientific research at the university. The development of a doctoral programme is in the planning for the future.

Inspiring location in the Alpine-Adriatic region

Thanks to its unique location at the intersection of three cultures in the Alpine-Adriatic region and its close proximity to Italy, Slovenia and Lake Wörthersee, the university is a particularly inspiring place to study for budding musicians. The creative energy of this environment not only fascinates students and teachers today, but has also captivated some of the most important composers in music history: Gustav Mahler, Alban Berg, Anton von Webern, Johannes Brahms and Hugo Wolf spent time in this picturesque landscape and found rich creative inspiration for their works here.



CARINTHIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (CUAS) offers practice-oriented degree programmes in the fields of technology, management and economics, health sciences and social studies.

Technology

Programmes such as Architecture, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Information Technologies prepare students for demanding positions in the technical sector.

Economics & Management

Degree programmes such as Business Management, Digital Business Management and Industrial Engineering offer a sound education for future managers.

Health Sciences & Social Studies

Programmes such as Healthcare and Nursing, Social Work and Occupational Therapy provide in-depth knowledge in the healthcare and social sector.

Carinthia University of Applied Sciences attaches great importance to practice-oriented teaching and cooperates closely with regional and international companies. This makes it easier to enter the job market and facilitates the application of theoretical knowledge in practice. Graduates of an apprenticeship also have the opportunity to supplement and deepen their professional career by taking additional examinations.

Good to know

- **Since 1995:** approx. 2,650 students, 60% female and 40% male students
- **6,400 steps** from the Klagenfurt campus to Lake Wörthersee
- **3,000 steps** from the Feldkirchen campus to Lake Flatschacher See
- **900 steps** from the Villach campus to Lake Magdalensee
- **4,100 steps** from the Spittal/Drau campus to Lake Millstättersee
- Member of a European University Alliance

15 research projects with Slovenia and Italy on the following topics

- 3D printing, circular economy, timber construction, research on ageing, medical technology, water management, materials technology, regional development, nature conservation, healthcare
- Double-degree programme with the University of Udine

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faculties

40

fields of study

500

full-time employees

500

part-time employees

150

corporate partners

140

international university partnerships

Carinthia University of Applied Sciences is characterised by several unique selling points that set it apart from other universities:

1. Unique range of courses

Carinthia University of Applied Sciences offers a Master's degree programme in "Business Development & Management", a unique programme in Austria focussing on the development and implementation of growth strategies and new business models. The Master's degree programme in "Sustainable Real Estate Management" also responds to current and dynamic developments in the real estate sector and teaches core skills for the sustainable development and management of real estate and mobility on ecological, economic and social levels.

2. Strong regional roots with an international focus

Carinthia University of Applied Sciences is deeply rooted in the region and at the same time maintains numerous international partnerships. This combination enables students to benefit from a broad network and bring both local and global perspectives to their education. CUAS has been an associate member of the European University Alliance "ATHENA" since 2023 and a full member and co-lead of the "ACE²-EU" alliance with a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship since 2024.

3. High satisfaction and recommendation rate among students

According to reviews at StudyCheck.de, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences receives an average rating of 4.0 out of 5 stars, with 97% of students recommending the university to others. This speaks for the high quality of the education and the satisfaction of the students.

4. Cooperation with the economy

CUAS sees itself as an important partner for regional and national companies. Through joint projects, internships and final theses, students are integrated into company processes at an early stage. This collaboration promotes the transfer of knowledge and makes it easier for students to start their careers.

5. "Study and Work" programmes

Carinthia University of Applied Sciences offers the "Study & Work" programme with over 100 partner companies. This enables students to combine studying with practice by working part-time in companies alongside their studies. This allows them to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical setting and gain professional experience.



Synergies with the economy and research

Technology and innovation

- Silicon Alps Cluster connects high-tech companies with educational institutions. Projects in micro-electronics and IoT (Internet of Things) offer students practical insights.
- Research centres such as Lakeside Science & Technology Park and Joanneum Research Institute work closely with the University of Klagenfurt and Carinthia University of Applied Sciences.

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PÄDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULE KÄRNTEN – VIKTOR FRANKL UNIVERSITY

Since its foundation in 2007, the Carinthia University of Teacher Education – Viktor Frankl University has offered practice-oriented pedagogy and teacher training courses, a wide range of university courses for continuing education and a comprehensive programme of further training for teachers. It also advises educational institutions on teaching as well as organisational and personnel development.

Research and international cooperation

The institution conducts research and development in all pedagogical professional fields, is active in national and international cooperation and consortia, generates innovations for the education system and ensures the transfer of knowledge. In the areas of “Research-based learning in STEM subjects”, “Bilingualism, multilingualism and transcultural education”, “Social-emotional learning and teaching in combination with exercise and sport” and “Leadership and counselling”, the Carinthian college is one of the leading teacher training universities in Austria.

Unique orientation according to Viktor Frankl

The Carinthia University of Teacher Education is the only Viktor Frankl University in the German-speaking world. Viktor Frankl’s teachings have had a significant impact on the philosophy and self-image of the university. The humanistic view of people and the world is central, with its focus on values and the search for meaning, and its appeal

to people’s self-responsibility. In addition, the university considers autonomous action, assumption of responsibility and orientation towards man’s search for meaning as central categories of pedagogy.

A milestone – the change of location to Lakeside Park

The Carinthia University of Teacher Education will move to Lakeside Park by autumn 2027, with more than 160 employees in two connected buildings with around 6,100 m² of space. It will provide modern premises and the best possible conditions for the university’s employees, for more than 6,800 teachers from Carinthia in further education and counselling and for over 2,000 students in training and further education.

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CARINTHIA INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC PROMOTION

The Carinthia Institute for Economic Promotion is the largest adult education institution in the province and offers a wide range of vocational training and further education for private individuals and companies. The courses offered range from preparation for the final apprenticeship examination to master craftsman examinations and foreman schools through to academic training. In addition, programmes such as “Apprenticeship with matriculation examination” or the vocational matriculation examination can be completed.

Cooperation with the economy

The Carinthia Institute for Economic Promotion works closely with regional companies to offer practice-oriented training at the highest level. These collaborations ensure that the training content meets the current requirements of the economy and that trainees are optimally prepared for their professional challenges.

Internal company training

The Carinthia Institute for Economic Promotion supports companies in the further training of their employees by providing customised training courses directly within the companies. One example of this is the cooperation with Konrad Forsttechnik GmbH, where apprentices are trained in special welding technology courses.

With modern workshops and a focus on practice-oriented learning, the institute ensures that the knowledge imparted is directly applicable in everyday working life.

Innovative educational offerings

The Carinthia Institute for Economic Promotion attaches great importance to the continuous development of its range of courses. The current course book for the 2024/25 education year presents over 1,000 different further education courses under the slogan “Curious?”.

More information



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CARINTHIA PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION INSTITUTE

The Carinthia Professional Promotion Institute is one of the largest educational institutions in the region and offers a wide range of practical training and further education courses, legally required training courses and extra-occupational qualification opportunities for employees and companies. With innovative teaching and learning methods, it contributes to securing specialists and adapts flexibly to the requirements of the labour market.

Cooperation with the economy

The Carinthia Professional Promotion Institute works closely with regional and national companies to develop practical training programmes. One example of this is the “Smart Factory” in St. Stefan im Lavanttal, an intelligent learning factory for training and further education in the fields of digitalisation, electrical engineering and robotics. This project was realised with an investment of 2.7 million euros and serves both to qualify specialists and to support companies in the implementation of digital processes.

Projects and programmes

The Carinthia Professional Promotion Institute is involved in various national and international projects to promote innovative educational approaches. One current example is the “OneStepIn” project, which prepares participants for entry into a profession or further specialist training through job-specific language courses in the catering and retail sectors.

Funding programmes

Companies in Carinthia can claim financial support for the further training of their employees. Through the Just Transition Fund, 50% of the training costs are co-financed by the EU via the Province of Carinthia. This programme aims to promote the transition to an ecologically sustainable economy and at the same time strengthen companies and their employees for sustainable development.

Bildungshub Kärnten

Together with partners such as the Province of Carinthia, Volkshochschule Kärnten – Adult Education Centre, the Carinthia Institute for Economic Promotion and Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, the Carinthia Professional Promotion Institute has founded the non-profit association of the Carinthian educational hub, “Bildungshub Kärnten”. The aim of this initiative is to provide regional and tailor-made educational opportunities for all age groups and thus strengthen Carinthia as an educational location.

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