Factsheet for inbound exchange at UIBK
Academic Year 2025/2026

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PLEASE NOTE:
The School of Management has a separate office, called the International Economic and Business Studies Office (IWW Office). If you are nominating students with a major in Business and Economics, please direct all related correspondence to **iww@uibk.ac.at**. Additionally, we kindly ask you to include AIANI in CC on all correspondence. This will help ensure that we stay informed and can provide coordinated support to your students as needed.

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Academic Calendar

Winter Semester 2026-2027	1st October 2026 - 30th January 2027
Summer Semester 2027	1st March 2027 - 26th June 2027
Orientation session: An info event for incomings is held on the first day of the semester.	**Examination period:** Usually in the last week of the semester - however some exams can take place later. Students should take a look at the course description ("Details")

More details:
https://www.uibk.ac.at/fakultaeten-servicestelle/einteilung_studienjahr.html

Application Procedures

Winter Semester (October - January):	Nomination Deadline:	**1st April**
	Application Deadline:	**15th July**
	Registration deadline for courses:	**1st September - 21nd September**
Summer Semester (March - June):	Nomination Deadline:	**1st November**
	Application Deadline:	**15th December**
	Registration deadline for courses:	**1st February - 21nd February**

Exchange Programs

Joint Study Program
The Joint Study Program provides Israeli students from partner universities with the opportunity to study at the University of Innsbruck under a bilateral exchange agreement. This program offers academic and cultural immersion in Austria without additional tuition fees at the host institution.

Key Features

- **Global Partnerships:** Available to students from Israeli partner universities.
- **Tuition:** No additional tuition fees at the University of Innsbruck.
- **Duration:** Typically one or two semesters.
- **Application:** Managed by the International Office of the University of Innsbruck in cooperation with AIANI (Austria Israel Academic Network Innsbruck).
- **Course Recognition:** Academic credits can be transferred back to the home university with prior approval.

Application requirements for incoming exchange students

Detailed information about the Joint Study Programme - Nomination and application procedure at UIBK can be found on our website.

- Nomination Form
- Copy of passport (JPG)
- Biometric photograph (JPG)
- Transcript of Records (PDF in English)
- CV Curriculum Vitae (PDF in English)

Students applying for a Master/ PhD programme must include:
Master: copy of the Bachelor certificate and transcripts of records of Bachelor programme
PhD: copy of the Master certificate and transcript of records of Master programme

ERASMUS+ Program
The Erasmus+ Program allows Israeli students to participate in a European Union exchange initiative with financial support for living expenses. While Erasmus+ is traditionally EU-focused, some programs are open to partner countries, including Israel, allowing students to experience a structured and financially supported semester abroad in Austria.

PLEASE NOTE:
1. There is a minimum Study Load:
Erasmus+ participants are required to complete a minimum of 28 ECTS credits during their semester abroad to fulfill program requirements and ensure a full academic experience.

2. Financial Obligations:
The Erasmus+ program provides a grant to assist with living expenses, but **it may not cover all costs**. Students should budget for additional expenses beyond the Erasmus+ grant.

3. Commitment to Erasmus Requirements:
Participants **are expected to complete all coursework and meet Erasmus+ reporting requirements**, such as submitting an experience report and any surveys requested by Erasmus+.

Key Features

- **EU-Funded Mobility:** Available for Israeli students through special Erasmus+ partnerships.
- **Financial Support:** Monthly grant to assist with living expenses while studying in Austria.
- **Duration:** One or two semesters.
- **Application:** Students should apply through their home university's international office, which coordinates with Erasmus+ and AIANI.
- **Course Recognition:** Credits earned can be transferred back to the Israeli home institution under the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Application Process

I. **Initial Consultation:** Start by contacting the International Office at your home institution to express interest in the Erasmus+ program. The Erasmus coordinator will provide initial guidance and verify your eligibility.

II. **Nomination by Home University:** Your **home university must nominate you** for Erasmus+. This nomination is a formal step where the university recommends you for the exchange program.

III. **Application to the University of Innsbruck:** After nomination, you will need to submit an application to the University of Innsbruck through their Erasmus+ portal or International Office. **This application typically includes:**
1. Academic transcripts
2. Language proficiency documentation (if applicable).
3. A study plan indicating the courses you plan to take.

IV. **Erasmus+ Learning Agreement:** Complete a **Learning Agreement**, outlining the courses to reach at least **30 ECTS** credits at the University of Innsbruck. This agreement must be approved by both your home and host universities to ensure credit transfer.

V. **Visa Application and Accommodation:** Upon acceptance, you will receive a letter of invitation, which is essential for applying for a student visa (Visa D for Austria). Additionally, begin arranging accommodation as soon as possible, as housing can be limited.

VI. **Erasmus+ Grant Agreement:** Once admitted, you will sign the Erasmus+ Grant Agreement, which outlines the financial support provided by Erasmus+ and details the program requirements.

VII. **Pre-Departure Orientation:** Many universities, including AIANI and the University of Innsbruck, may offer a pre-departure orientation to help students prepare for their stay and understand the Erasmus+ expectations.

VIII. **Arrival and Registration at Innsbruck:** Upon arrival, you'll complete registration and attend any mandatory orientations. You'll also finalize your Learning Agreement based on course availability.

Language requirements	An adequate level of (spoken and written) German is recommended, as most of our courses are held in German. We do not require a language certificate however - neither in German nor in English.

Academic Information

Courses taught in English	All courses: https://fluonline.uibk.ac.at/public/lfuonline_lv.home By clicking 'advanced search' students can also choose the option 'Language of instruction' and change it to 'English', 'French', 'Spanish' etc. A list with courses taught in English will be available after clicking 'Search'.
Full-time course load per semester	between **16 and 30 ECTS** credits per semester Exchange students should ideally take between 16 and 30 ECTS credits per semester but they do not have to be from their major. They can also take interdisciplinary courses that are open for students from all fields or even courses from other faculties to a certain extent.
Number of hours per credit	**1 ECTS = 25h workload in total** For converting ECTS credits to Israeli credits, the general guideline used by many Israeli universities is as follows: **1 Israeli Credit is typically equivalent to 2.25 ECTS credits** (depending on sending institution). *Example Conversion:* *28 ECTS credits would be approximately 12.5 Israeli credits (28 ÷ 2.25).* **It's important to confirm with the specific Israeli university, as each institution may have slight variations in credit conversion policies.**
Number of weeks of study	12-16 weeks per semester
Grading system	The University of Innsbruck uses a grading scale that ranges from 1 to 5, where 1 is the highest grade, indicating excellent performance, and 5 represents a failing grade. This system is comparable to the European grading standard, with specific definitions as follows: **1 - Sehr Gut (Very Good):** Outstanding performance and understanding of the subject. **2 - Gut (Good):** Strong performance, demonstrating good comprehension with minor errors. **3 - Befriedigend (Satisfactory):** Acceptable performance with some understanding of the material, though with several minor errors. **4 - Genügend (Sufficient):** Minimum level of competence, meeting the basic requirements of the course. **5 - Nicht Genügend (Fail):** Performance does not meet the minimum standards, the course must be repeated to receive credit. Grades of 1 to 4 are passing grades, while a grade of 5 indicates failure. This grading system is applied to all courses, and it is important to note that some partner institutions may have specific conversion scales for transferring these grades back to their home grading systems.

Organising the stay and student live in Innsbruck

Housing
VERY IMPORTANT

Student dorms	Finding accommodation is a very difficult issue here in Innsbruck. The students must apply as soon as possible after their nomination to get a room in a student dorm. Students must **send the reservation deposit** immediately → otherwise the application will not be handled. **The rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis.** Please visit the following link for more information: *https://www.oeadstudentenhousing.at/en/accommodation/innsbruck/* Due to the tense housing situation in the first semester, we would highly recommend that students apply for the summer term. Ski and winter sport enthusiasts should know that snow conditions will be good and most ski resorts will be open until mid- or even end of April.
Free market:	Renting a room or apartment on the free market is very difficult and expensive, especially when you wish to rent for less than 12 months and need furnished accommodation. The Austrian student union has a website with private room offers and there are some Facebook groups: **Wohnungsbörse Innsbruck** or **Innsbrucker Wohnungsmarkt**. A lot of the content is in German but using the Google translate browser plugin usually helps. You might also find favourable monthly rates on **AirBnB**. Innsbruck is generally quite a small town, so it does not really matter which part of town you live in. You can find a map with all the campus locations here: https://www.uibk.ac.at/universitaet/standorte/daten/stadtplan-info.pdf **PLEASE NOTE:** *We had some online frauds on different websites lately. The room looked beautiful, but it did not exist. So please pay attention and be careful with housing offers especially when you are asked to transfer money.* *Be careful if you are asked to transfer money to an account, which is not Austrian. (Austrian IBAN numbers start with the country code "AT".)*

Visa Requirements	Students from outside the European Union can contact the consulate section of the Austrian embassy in their home country for all visa matters. Find the **Austrian representation in your country** and read up on **general visa requirements for students** before contacting them.
Health Insurance	✓ for EU/EEA/Swiss nationals ✓ for third country nationals!
Living in Innsbruck	This guide contains a lot of useful information: cost of living, everyday life, student support etc.
ESN	The Erasmus Student Network offers a Buddy Service and many events for international students: *http://innsbruck.esnaustria.org/*

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