

AUSTRIA

A GVSU PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Austria: FH Joanneum

Open to: Students accepted into the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing. 2.7 GPA required. No prior language experience required.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Graz, Austria - FHJ is home to a thriving student population and one of the most well preserved city centers in Central Europe.

The FH Joanneum (FHJ) exchange program was developed by GVSU's Padnos College of Engineering and Computing. Students studying in Computing and Information Systems may take courses at FHJ during the Winter semester. GVSU students will be invited to register for a less traditional program which offers CIS courses in English on the weekend. It has been recommended by PCEC faculty that students plan to live in the city of Graz, but the weekend courses are offered only on the Kapfenberg campus which is a 40 minute train ride from the city of Graz. The CIS courses available through this program will be offered one weekend per month throughout the semester. This weekend structure is geared towards Austrian students who work full-time, so students take classes on the weekend and complete assigned projects during the week as time allows. Students can expect to take 3 CIS courses during the semester as well as a language and a culture course. The language and culture courses are offered on the FHJ Graz campus during the week. This program requires students to exercise a high degree of independence. The GVSU faculty liaison responsible for this program is Jerry Scripps, scrippsj@gvsu.edu.

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WHEN CAN I GO?

Winter Semester: February – June

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students will be responsible for arranging their own housing in off-campus apartments. [Click here for more information](#) or email housing-graz@oead.at

Computing and Information Systems students typically live in Graz, but take courses on the Kapfenberg campus which is about 40 minutes by train from Graz. Students may live near the Kapfenberg campus; however, many recommend living in Graz for the many activities available.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Students accepted into the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing. 2.7 GPA required. No prior language experience required.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

GV students can take a wide range of courses in German at FH Joanneum. Courses are available in English are limited and are only available on the weekend.

FHJ available course options:

Access the [Course Handbook](#) for a list of available courses and course descriptions.

Students taking CIS courses in English will be able to choose from this [list of courses](#).

List of FHJ courses that have been pre-approved by GVSU faculty

If you are interested in taking a course that is on the existing course equivalency list, you do not need to secure course approval for that course. The courses listed have already been approved by the relevant GV academic department.

[Existing Course Equivalencies](#)

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is \$14,803 - \$16,663** (14 weeks - based on 2016-2017).

FINANCIAL AID

Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. **Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.**

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with "Study Abroad" in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

[Financial Aid](#)

GRANTS

STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT: The average study abroad semester grant award is \$500 per semester.

Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from \$500-\$1,750/semester.

Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm

Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters