

# GRAZ UNIVERSITY- A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY



## Things you should know about the University of Graz:

- The University has 6 faculties, 76 departments and offers more than 120 bachelor's, master's, diploma and doctoral programs.
- In total 4.000 people work at Graz University of which 2.900 people are academic staff.
- 32.000 students (5.100 beginners, 3.500 graduates) are studying at Graz University, 13% of those are international students.
- Graz University is a comprehensive university with a strong international profile, it is Austria's 2nd oldest university and one of the largest in the country.
- It has a study-friendly campus, state-of-the-art infrastructure & efficient administration.
- For incoming students and staff there is a strong administrative & academic support on all levels.
- One main focus is offering innovative interdisciplinary research & research-based teaching.
- The University of Graz has an active scientific, economic and cultural exchange with partners worldwide.

## Things you should know about Graz and Styria:

- Graz is a charming student town in the heart of Europe.
- It is the second largest city in Austria with about 300.000 inhabitants (of which 60.000 are students) and it is the capital of Styria.
- Graz has been awarded the title of UNESCO's World Heritage.
- In 2003 Graz was the Cultural Capital of Europe and in 2011 it was awarded the title of UNESCO's City of Design.
- The Hollywood star and former governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger grew up in a small village close to Graz.
- Dietrich Mateschitz, the founder of the Red Bull energy drink company and owner of the formula 1 team Red Bull Racing was born in Styria.
- Graz has 127,58 square kilometers area (40 percent are green spaces).
- The river Mur divides the city into two parts which are connected through 15 bridges.

## Things you should do in Graz:

- Visit one of the oldest department stores of the city, Kastner & Öhler, and drink a coffee on the rooftop bar.
- Go to one of the popular farmers' markets to buy a bottle of original Styrian pumpkin seed oil.
- Buy some ice cream in Sporgasse and take a walk through the old town and its beautiful winding streets.
- Walk up the 260 steps of Schlossberg to the Clock Tower to have a marvelous view over the whole city.
- Visit the beautiful baroque styled Eggenberg Palace and its precious park full of peacocks.
- Take a walk through the biggest armory of the world - the *Grazer Zeughaus*.
- Relax and enjoy the view of Graz from the *Murinsel*, the manmade island in the river Mur.
- Visit an exhibition in our "friendly alien", the *Kunsthhaus* of Graz, which owns its nickname to its very special biomorphic shape.
- Go surfing on the river Mur in summer.
- Watch a breathtaking production in the Opera House of Graz or one of the many theaters.



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