

# Johannes Kepler University at Linz

## Study in the Heart of Europe

Linz is located at the heart of Europe and with its 205.000 inhabitants is the third-largest Austrian city. The river Danube crosses the city and it has determined its history, starting from the first settlements around 400 BC, over the foundation of *Lentia* by the Romans in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD and until the current times, which have seen Linz becoming European City of Culture in 2009 and entering the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in 2014. Beside the beautiful historical city center, where one can find also the house in which Johannes Kepler lived when he formulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kepler's law, Linz offers a variety of unique attractions, including the internationally recognized *Ars Electronica Center* – Museum of Future, the new Music Theatre with one of the most interesting dynamic stages in Europe and the *Lentos* – Museum of Modern Art hosting, among many others, works of Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele and Oskar Kokoschka.

Like everywhere in Austria, music has always played a central role in Linz: Anton Bruckner was one of the central figures in the international music panorama of the XIX century and now the Bruckner Conservatorium is an internationally renowned center attracting virtuosi from all over the world. There is space for every taste in Linz, and actually the city is considered the Austrian capital of hip-hop music. Bars, cafes, pubs, international festivals and excellent restaurants make Linz lively all year around.

The surroundings offer the opportunity of interesting excursions to natural parks and historical sites. The Danube Cycle Path, running uninterrupted from Passau to Vienna, crosses Linz.

Linz has five universities and four university-level institutions. The largest one is the Johannes Kepler University (JKU), with an extended campus university, considered the most attractive in Austria. With its 52 years, the JKU is one of the youngest universities in Europe, but already very highly ranked. We have four faculties – Social Sciences, Economics and Business, Law, Engineering and Natural Sciences and the Medical Faculty – and around 20.000 students. We are a highly international university with active, stationary students from over 100 countries and more than 400 incoming international exchange students visiting us every year. The university offers 19 English-language degree programs, and more than 1.000 English-language courses during the academic year. Beside the academic plans, the university also offers extra activities aiming at introducing the new-comers to the Austrian students life and include orientation programs, a mentoring system, parties and get-together organized by students associations, support programs for administrative issues.

We would love to welcome you at our university and hope to see you soon.

