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NATIONAL LEVEL

Binary Austrian Higher Education System



Universities of applied sciences (UAS)



Public universities



Private universities

Student numbers

Compared with the universities of applied sciences and private universities, public universities account for the major part of post-secondary education in Austria.

43.593 students in UAS 7.316 students in private universities 298.126 students in public universities

University Governance

The Universities Act of 2002 (UG) defines universities as fully responsible legal entities under public law (§ 4 UG). The Federal Government is committed to fund the universities (§ 12 UG), it negotiates the performance agreements with the universities (§§ 13 and 13a UG) and functions as a supervising body (§§ 9 and 45 UG).

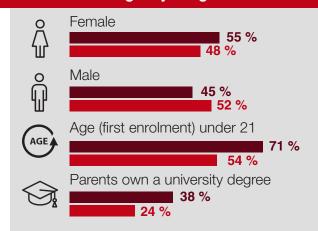
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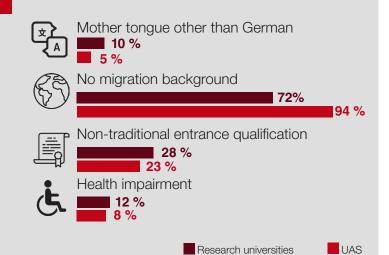
The vocationally oriented sector was established at the beginning of 1990s. UAS are legal entities under private law with public shareholders. They are funded by state as well as local authorities or private entities.

Legal requirement for IDM

- The Equal Opportunities Act serves as legal framework for equality issues in terms of gender, ethnicity, religion, ideology, age and sexual orientation.
- The Universities Act contains legal instruments (Working Group on Equal Opportunities and arbitration commission), affirmative action instruments for the reduction of structural inequalities (e.g. a female quota of 40% for university committees)
- The national strategy on the social dimension of higher education lays out three target dimensions:
 More inclusive access, Avoid drop-out and improve academic success, Create basic parameters and optimise the regulation of higher education policy

Student heterogenity in figures





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INSITUTIONAL LEVEL



4 schools

- Informatics, Communications and Media (Hagenberg)
- Medical Engineering & Applied Social Sciences (Linz)
- Managment (Steyr)
- Engineering (Wels)



Currently



68 study programms

(31 bachelor programmes, 37 master programmes)



3735 students

(3790 students in under-degree programmes, 1945 master students)



441

students in social sciences



3768

STEM students



1526

students in economics

