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Studying at the IMC Krems Information for students with disabilities or chronic illness

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The responsible person for students with disabilities and/or physical illness is part of the Rectorate, and the first point of contact and central information source for all matters related to studying with disabilities and/or physical illness and requirements.

A good start to student life takes careful preparation

Disabilities are as varied as personalities – IMC Krems is committed to finding practicable, innovative and tailored solutions for students with disabilities and/or physical illness and requirements.

Disability or chronic illness is no barrier to successfully completing a degree at IMC Krems. Many potential obstacles can be removed given adequate preparation, the right support and special regulations. Our disabilities and/or physical illness support person is at hand to make sure that the facilities you find in place at IMC Krems are optimised to the fullest possible extent, to enable you to study and finish your degree successfully.

This is why notifying the support person or the rectorate of any disability or illness in good time is so important – especially if your particular condition is not immediately apparent to others. We will only be able to take your special requirements into account if you let us know about them in advance or in due time.

It goes without saying that any information you share with us will be kept confidential. Nevertheless, if you still feel uncomfortable talking about your disabilities and/or physical illness, you also have the option of informing the support person anonymously. Anonymous telephone and e-mail support is also available.

Under what circumstances should you contact the support person for Students/Applicants with Disabilities and/or physical illness?

If you are already studying at IMC Krems or are planning to enrol on a degree programme in the near future and feel that your disability or illness has an impact on your ability to study, you should contact the support service. It provides support and advice on:

- Mobility impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Speech impairment
- Chronic illnesses or other long periods of illness which can have a detrimental impact on your ability to participate in your degree programme
- Learning disabilities such as dyslexia or dyscalculia

Available support

The following support is offered by IMC Krems:

- Adapted processes for applicants and students with disabilities and/or physical illness
- Alternative admissions procedure (for applicants with a medical report from a specialist)
- Alternative examination format throughout the degree programme (certificate from specialist required)
- Support and information on degree-programme-related questions connected with the disability and/or chronic illness concerned

IMC Krems facilities

- Barrier-free access for people with mobility impairment
- Step-free lift access throughout IMC Krems buildings
- Barrier-free toilets
- Tactile signage system in parts of the main section of the IMC Krems campus
- Barrier-free access to vending machines
- Barrier-free access to underground parking
- Barrier-free access to most lecture theatres

Good to know

Students with disabilities and/or physical illness also have the opportunity to take examinations in a different format if the standard procedure is not an option due to their particular requirements. Options include oral instead of written examinations, if the student is unable to write or has difficulty in writing. Students can also request additional time for examinations.

Additional information can be found in the brochure [Studieren mit Behinderung](#) (“Studying with disabilities”; German only) published by the Austrian Student Ombudsman and in the [UNIABILITY](#) working group’s guide.

Helpful links on studying with disabilities and/or physical illness

Advisory services (all German only)

- [Overview of advisory services relating to disability](#)
- [Family advisory services relating to disability](#)
- [Province of Lower Austria information service](#)

Organisations for the disabled

- [Disabled Association for Lower Austria, Vienna and Burgenland](#) (German only)
- [ÖZIV – Agency for People with Disabilities](#) (German only)
- [Lower Austrian Deaf Association](#) (German only)
- [Austrian Federation of the Blind and Partially Sighted \(BSVÖ\)](#)
- [First Austrian Federation of Dyslexia Associations](#) (German only)

Brochure

- [Stichwort? Studieren mit Behinderung – eine Praxis Broschüre \(“Studying with disability – a practical brochure”\)](#); (German only; published by Federal Ministry of Education, Research and Science).

Ombudsman

- [Austrian Student Ombudsman](#)
- [Publications by the Austrian Student Ombudsman](#) (German only)