WELCOME TO AUSTRIA'S MOST CHARMING STUDENT TOWN: KREMS

A guide to IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences for international exchange and degree-seeking students

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*SERVUS is a typical Austrian word for "hello".
You might hear some people say Krems is an enchanting, but small town. But thanks to its beautiful location on the Danube, it’s a hotspot for thousands of tourists who visit the historic old town every year. It’s also close to Austria’s capital, Vienna. Trains run every hour and the city’s famous sights and landmarks are just an hour away. But we want to let you in on a secret: Krems has so much to offer as well.

Welcome to Krems

- **30 km**
  The length of the beautiful Wachau Valley
- **70 km**
  The distance to Vienna. Yes, only 70 km!
- **#1 priority?**
  Education!
  5 universities and colleges
- **A safe place to live**
  Krems is an extremely safe town – peace of mind for your parents.
- **Culturally diverse**
  Multicultural melting pot with over 100 different nationalities
- **More than 1,000 years**
  of history around every corner
- **25,000**
  primary residences in town
- **15,000**
  students in Krems

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FIRST THINGS FIRST: THERE ARE NO KANGAROOS IN AUSTRIA. EVER HEARD OF SISI, MOZART, HALLSTATT AND THE SOUND OF MUSIC? THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! THAT'S WHO WE ARE. THAT'S AUSTRIA.

Situated right in the heart of Europe, Austria is the perfect location from which to travel around Europe. And thanks to the country’s highly developed railway system, Vienna Airport is only an hour away from Krems. Needless to say, exploring Austria itself is a must as well. The Alps make it an El Dorado for skiers and hikers, and cities like Vienna, Graz and Salzburg have plenty to offer to culture lovers. Or how about taking a dip in lakes so clean that you can drink the water? You'll never get tired of the beauty of our country – we promise!

Krems is Austria's most charming university town and belongs to the Greater Vienna Region.
Why choose IMC Krems?

PIONEERING, OPEN-MINDED, APPRECIATIVE: THAT’S WHAT WE EMBODY AS A UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES.

International. Entirely.

International students. Guest lecturers from all over the world. A huge range of degree programmes taught in English. At our university, you will study in a unique international environment. Learn new languages, get to know different cultures and make contacts with people from across the globe. You’ll quickly figure out that ‘internationalisation’ and ‘internationalisation at home’ are more than just buzzwords at IMC Krems. They are part of everything we do – day in, day out.

The personal touch

People know each other at our university. Throughout your time with us, you’ll receive support from the staff of the various university service facilities as well as the lecturers. It’s easy to get in contact with local students. Everyone at IMC Krems, both staff and students, benefit from our attitude in many ways. Here, you’ll always study as a member of a class and you won’t just feel like one of the crowd.

An exceptional blend: stylish architecture meets historic treasures, great facilities and the latest technology

You’ll be spending a lot of time with us, so we want you to feel as comfortable as possible. Our students love the modern facilities at the university. On the main campus they study in light-filled rooms with views of the surrounding vineyards. At our Piaristengasse campus and Gozzoburg you’ll be studying in historic, medieval rooms and halls. Combined with top-quality facilities, state-of-the-art technology and international flair, they create a unique atmosphere in a great central location.
Students’ voices ...
WHAT REALLY COUNTS IS WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT US.

Pablo
DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT
(INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND EXPORT MANAGEMENT)

Krems is a quiet and small town, but it is very safe and everything is within walking distance. It is surrounded by beautiful vineyards and scenery, and above all there are picturesque historic sights all around the area. ☺

Ínigo
FORMER INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT
AND NOW DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT
(EXPORT-ORIENTED MANAGEMENT)

Krems is the perfect town to live. It has everything you need on your doorstep. The atmosphere is excellent, there are lots of international students and you usually get to know many people from different backgrounds. The fact that we’re literally in the middle of Europe means it’s perfect for travelling and visiting lots of different countries. ☺

Christian
INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT

I decided to study at IMC Krems because I’d heard a lot of positive feedback about the university from returning Finnish exchange students. From what I heard, IMC Krems offers high-quality teaching and has an impressive team of guest lecturers from all over the world. And Austria seemed like the perfect destination from which to explore Europe because of its central location. ☺

Janet
DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT
(TOURISM AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT)

I chose to study at IMC Krems firstly because of the international spirit of the students, secondly because of the wide range of subjects on offer, because I think having broad knowledge of different subjects is a powerful tool, and thirdly because of the personal connection between students and lecturers and of course all the supporting departments like the International Welcome Center. Thank you all for the dedication you give us every day. ☺

Slávka
DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENT
(TOURISM AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT)

I am genuinely happy to be part of Krems. I know I did the right thing a year ago when I decided to apply to IMC Krems. And if I had to do it all again, I would definitely go for IMC. I’ve got to know amazing people here (it gives me goose bumps just thinking about it) and I’m really thankful to them. People from different countries and cultures have helped me to realise and rank my priorities and now I can see the world from totally different perspectives. As I said, I’m proud to be part of Krems. ☺
Need to clear your mind?
The kilometres of paths along the banks of the Danube are fantastic walking and jogging trails. The town also has several fitness centres and sports clubs. If you want to relax, why not take your picnic blanket and enjoy the sun in the city park near the beautiful illuminated fountain?

A university that puts the “we” in well-being
IMC Krems has an international focus and two major goals: we want you to feel welcome from the moment you arrive, and we aim to support you in any way we can to help you achieve your main target: to complete your degree successfully.

Vibrant nightlife
The nightlife in Krems is fantastic. The bars and clubs in the town centre are meeting points for our students. But there are also plenty of insider tips, like the Jazzkeller club, which stages regular concerts and DJ events. Or if you want to perform or DJ yourself, they’ll even let you take to the stage.

Our home town
Krems is a charming town. With a ratio of 1.6 residents for every student, it’s a student-friendly place that is fully geared to students’ needs. And on top of that, Krems is a really safe place to live.

Close to Vienna, the world’s most liveable city
The Austrian capital Vienna is just around the corner. It’s only an hour away by train, with hourly connections from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., so Krems is the ideal starting point if you have anything planned in the capital.

Affordable accommodation
Three student residences in the centre of Krems provide affordable accommodation. Since all our campuses are easy to reach and a maximum of 20 minutes away on foot, you won’t need to spend so much on public transport. Landlords who are well known to the university offer shared or individual apartments privately.

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International Welcome Center – one point of contact for all your questions

Welcome to Krems! At the International Welcome Center, we provide services and information for all international students. No matter whether you're only spending a semester with us or moving to Krems to live: we are your first port of call for non-academic questions, including before you arrive. Not sure about entry requirements, accommodation or leisure activities? Get in touch – we're here to help!

Welcome Days

Before the semester officially gets underway, we always have something special in store for our international students: the Welcome Days, to which all our new students from abroad are invited. Get to know your new classmates, and take part in presentations, fun group activities and joint excursions – you'll feel like part of our international community straight away.

Feel at home from the moment you arrive

The International Welcome Center at IMC Krems’ Gozooburg campus will probably be one of the first places you visit when you get here, and you’re sure to receive a warm welcome. We’ll answer any questions you have and put you in touch with other international students so you can start getting to know people and make friends before the semester has even started.

Movie nights, opera evenings and Christmas parties

Every semester, the International Welcome Center team puts together a varied programme of leisure activities for our international students. A great way to stay connected with other members of our international community, which will help to make your time at IMC Krems an unforgettable experience.

Got a problem? We’re here to help!

Everyone knows that unexpected things can happen at any time. Perhaps you need to arrange some medical treatment, want to move flat, you’re homesick or have a personal problem. We can find a solution together – no matter what, we’ll be there for you.
Our international students on tour with their cameras

A) The picturesque Wachau and Nibelungengau
   Photo © Akvile Asmenaitė

B) Typical grape variety: Grüner Veltliner
   Photo © Akvile Asmenaitė

C) The historic Schmidgasse in Krems
   Photo © Jenna Dahlström

D) The famous Belvedere Palace in Vienna
   Photo © Patrick Herr

E) The baroque abbey of Melk
   Photo © Santiago Lopez

F) Podersdorf/Lake Neusiedl
   Photo © Mariana Kratka

G) Friends for a lifetime
   Photo © Alice Bauchle

H) Amazing places close to the campus
   Photo © Patrick Herr

I) Sunset in the vineyards
   Photo © Nina Sallalova
IMC. It’s all in me.