

Who can help?

At BOKU there are following contact persons or information centres for students with disabilities.

Coordination Office for Gender Equality, Diversity and Accessibility

responsibilities:

- Advisory service and information about study relevant topics, e.g. legal opportunities, adapted examination modalities etc.
- Individual support with organizing a sign language interpreter, any other assistance or technical aid
- Information about the rights of students with disabilities

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- <https://short.boku.ac.at/kostelle>

Psychosocial Counseling

We help and support you with the following topics:

- Problems, conflicts and crisis during your study or private life
- Difficulties in the working or studying process with colleagues or teaching staff
- Uncertainties and anxieties (e.g. exam nerves, phobias...)

The counselling interviews are for free, confidential and anonymous.

contact and appointments:

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Department of Social Policy of the student union (ÖH- BOKU)

The student union (ÖH-BOKU) offers information about a wide range of study-related topics. There are also service points to help you with your individual problems.

- ÖH-Funding (e. g. ÖH-Sozialfonds)
- Information about aids and fundings, insurances, scholarships, student rights...

contact:

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Which financial support do you have in Austria?

Remission of tuition fees

You have the right to an exemption of the tuition fee if the degree of your disability has been assessed with at least 50 per cent (according to federal regulations). You find further information at the [study services at BOKU](#).

There is no remission of the **student union fee!**

Opportunities for incoming or outgoing students

For students and staff with physical, mental- or health-related conditions the Erasmus+ program offers the opportunity for special grants during your stay. Further information you will find at the website of the [Erasmus+ program](#).

Increased study aid

If the degree of your disability has been assessed with at least 50 per cent (according to federal regulations), you might have the right for increased the federal student aid. The duration of claim is expanded. You need the general requirements for the federal student aid to be entitled for this increase. For more information contact the [study grant department](#).

Grant für barrier-free education

A grant for barrier-free training can be granted to cover the additional effort required for school or vocational training due to a disability. You can find information about requirements, among and duration of a possible funding at the *Service centre of the ministry of social affairs*.

Personal assistance at work or university

The regional assistance service centre is responsible, which is in Vienna e. g. WAG (*Wiener Assistenzgenossenschaft*).

Social funds of the student union (ÖH BOKU)

It's a **financial support for students with disabilities** that should compensate additional costs.

Which rights do students with disabilities have in Austria?

As it is written in the Universities Act 2002 § 2, Abs. 11, is the "special attention to the needs of the handicapped" a guiding principle at Austrian universities. Besides the area of teaching and learning this also includes other services as for instance barrier-free buildings, barrier-free workspaces etc.

According to § 59, Abs. 12 students with disabilities have the right "**to be examined according to an alternative method** if they suffer from a disability which makes it impossible for them to take an examination in the prescribed manner and the other method does not limit the content and standards of the examination."

Information about the compensation for disadvantages you find on the *website of the Coordination Office for Gender Equality, Diversity and Accessibility*

The copyright act (UrhG) describes the right to reproduce or distribute learning materials for commercial use (§ 42d, Abs. 1 UrhG). So, if you want to make video- or audio recordings of a lecture, please contact the lecturer or *the coordination office* first, to clarify the legal situation!

The Austrian Federal Act on the Equalization of persons with disabilities stipulates the prohibition of discrimination of persons with disabilities. Universities are obliged to prevent and eliminate any form of discrimination.



BAB barrier-free at BOKU

Information for students with disabilities at a glance

Who do we address?

Every person with a study- affected disability, such as:

- Disabilities in mobility
- Visual impairment
- hearing impairment
- speech impairment
- mental impairments (depression, burnout, ...)
- chronic diseases (Diabetes, Morbus Crohn, ...)
- learning disorders (Dyslexia, Dyscalculia,...)
- neurodiversity, ASD, AD(H)D

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