

Equality body

STUDYING AND DIVERSITY -

Refugees on their Path to University Education



Step by step on your path to an University education:

1. Find course opportunities online: www.fhv.at/studium
2. Contact the coordinating member of staff at FH Vorarlberg:
diversity@fhv.at
3. Arrange an appointment, prepare required documents and check the preconditions closely
4. Choose courses and register for it with the help of the coordinating member of staff
5. You're ready to start!

More information can be found at: **fhv.at/diversity**

Please be aware to check in advance:

- Study programmes and necessary preconditions in order to take up a course at the FH Vorarlberg
- Potential conflicting appointments, for example with other mandatory German courses or training courses you are attending
- Potential negative financial consequences which may result from studying with regards to „Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung“ (=needs-based minimum benefit system)
- Potential funding opportunities when taking up regular studies, e.g.: www.stipendium.at

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Dear future students!

We are pleased that you are interested in the higher education courses offered by the University of Applied Sciences / Fachhochschule Vorarlberg (= FH Vorarlberg).

The courses are an invitation for people that have fled their country, which have acquired an academic degree or have ambitions to do so at FH Vorarlberg. We therefore offer you the support needed if you are interested in taking up an university education. If you have the required qualifications, you will be able to take part in selected courses. Our library is open to all people that are interested to prepare themselves for potential studies at FH Vorarlberg. This may allow you to eventually take up regular studies or continue studies based on your prior experiences.

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COURSE OFFERS OF THE FH VORARLBERG (UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES)



The Library of FH Vorarlberg

In our library you will find:

- Important literature to prepare for studies at the FH Vorarlberg, available in several languages
- Multilingual course books to improve your German
- Selected journals in several languages

Who has access to the library?

All women and men with photographic ID are able to obtain a library card. This card allows you to use the library, take out books and copy contents related to your studies at the FH Vorarlberg free of charge.

Additional to one of the residence status mentioned above:

- Minimum of a foreign high-school graduation certification for bachelor courses
- Minimum of a bachelor degree for master courses
plus
- Sufficient knowledge of German or English (depending on the course language). Sufficient knowledge means that you:
 - can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party.
 - can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work and studies.
 - can describe experiences and events, and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
 - can understand the main ideas of complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics.



Participation in selected courses at the FH Vorarlberg

You are able to participate in selected courses of the FH Vorarlberg, which are aimed at preparing you for regular studies.

The teaching languages are German and English. The FH Vorarlberg provides a limited amount of places for interested persons. This allows for:

- an ideal preparation for a potential higher education course.
- gaining inside experiences of all day to day runnings at the FH Vorarlberg.
- getting to know the lecturers at the FH Vorarlberg.
- getting in touch with students of the FH Vorarlberg.

Who can take part?

Women and men with the following residence status:

- Asylum seekers with a procedure card (white) in accordance with §51 Asylgesetz
- Persons entitled to asylum (= with a right to stay)
- Persons entitled to subsidiary protection in accordance with §52 Asylgesetz
- Tolerated Persons in accordance with §46a FPG



An admission for selected courses at the FH Vorarlberg means:

- Status as a „non-degree programme“ student
- Participation in the course free of charge
- Membership of the Austrian National Union of Students (=ÖH)
- Adhering to the rights and duties of a non-degree programme student
- Being entitled to a certificate confirming participation on completion of a course
- You will receive a transcript of records (=Zeugnis) if you take an exam. There is no legal right to have the course recognised if you take up a regular degree later on. However, this may enhance your chances of being accepted to a relevant University course.