



**NEW DESIGN
UNIVERSITY**
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New Design University, St. Pölten, Austria

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1.1. General Information

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The New Design University St. Pölten (NDU) was founded by the Lower Austrian Chamber of Commerce and its Business Development Institute (WIFI) in 2004. As an international destination for quality education in the fields of design, technology and business, the NDU trains creative thinkers who advance social change and explore tomorrow's work and design practice today.

Why study at the New Design University?

The New Design University is a visionary, future-oriented private university that offers a range of significant benefits:

- strong link to practice
- well-founded university education
- ideal infrastructure
- interdisciplinary work on real-life projects
- opportunity to build valuable networks
- excellent job prospects for graduates

Studying at the NDU combines practical orientation with the renowned academic education of a university. You will acquire detailed expertise in your particular subject, while also understanding the links between the various disciplines. You will work in small groups, supervised individually by teachers and renowned experts with a wealth of practical experience. Active contacts with the business world will give you an excellent grounding for your future job even while you are still studying.



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The New Design University is located in the **Technology and Design Centre**. The light-flooded building has ample room for lecture halls, workshops and laboratories on two floors, creating the ideal setting for inspirational encounters and a pleasant, creative atmosphere. Students at the NDU have access to all WIFI facilities, including various workshops, for example, for carpentry and metalworking. The NDU's cutting-edge equipment is also available to students from all courses [photo studio, audio/video lab, event equipment, and much more].

1.2. Academic Calendar

Welcome and introduction	23rd - 26th September 2025
Winter term starts	29th September 2025
Austrian National holiday	26 th October 2025
Public holiday	1 st November 2025
Public holiday	8 th December 2025
Christmas holidays	20 th December 2025 – 6 th January 2026
End of winter term	23rd January 2026
Summer term welcome and introduction	17th – 20th February 2026
Summer term starts	23rd February 2026
Easter holidays	5 th April 2026
Public holiday	1 st May 2026
Public holiday	14 th May 2026
Public holiday	25 th May 2026
Public holiday	4 th June 2026
End of summer term	19th June 2026

1.3. Application

Application deadline:

- 15th November [for summer term]
- 30th April [for winter term]

Documents:

- Application form
- Transcript of Records
- Photo [Jpeg]
- Copy of Passport or ID card
- Portfolio

Send your application to international@ndu.ac.at

1.4. Language requirements

We require German B2 or English B2. The main language of instruction is German. Exchange students can participate in courses and lecturers will provide support in English but they must prepare themselves on their own for their exams. They are also responsible for getting the necessary papers and books.

1.5. Grading system

The grading system at the NDU is the following:

98%-100%	A+
93%-97%	A
89%-92%	A-
85%-88%	B+
80%-84%	B
76%-79%	B-
72%-75%	C+
67%-71%	C
63%-66%	C-
59%-62%	D+
54%-58%	D
50%-53%	D-
0%-49%	F

1.6. Study programs

Bachelor

- Graphic & Information Design
- Interior Design & 3D Design
- Manual & Material Culture
- Event Engineering
- Management by Design

Master

- Interior Design & Visual Communication
- Management by Innovation



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2. St. Pölten

2.1. Introduction



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St. Pölten is not only the oldest town in Austria, but also the capital city of Lower Austria. The long history of St. Pölten is reflected in the unique structure of the city. Many buildings in Baroque and Art Nouveau style characterise the old town and refer to the magnificent architecture of centuries long gone by. However, great present-day architects have also provided the city with modern buildings perfectly fitted into the townscape. This means that there is no strict separation between the present and the past. The city stretches to 108.48 km² with 52.145 inhabitants. It lies on the Traisen river. Located north of the Alps and south of the Wachau and is part of the Mostviertel, the southwestern region of Lower Austria. St. Pölten is located 66 km away from Vienna.

The culture and leisure time program in St. Pölten is very diverse and there are plenty of possibilities to rediscover the town every time you visit. The FM4 Frequency Festival, known all around the world, takes place once a year in Austria and attracts high-class international artists.

St. Pölten perfectly combines the old cultural city with modern lifestyle. Modern buildings in the Landhausviertel district perfectly blend in the historic picture of the old town. Concerts, festivals and other cultural offers ensure that there is something for everyone. Many guests also find the State Museum of Lower Austria particularly interesting as it shows art, culture and nature alike. In summer, St. Pölten offers leisure time pleasures with the Viehofner lake and Ratzersdorfer lake in the middle of the city. Furthermore, there are sports facilities available for a relaxing day in the water.

More information what St. Pölten has to offer and some impressions of the town can be found here:

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