



Private University College of Teacher Education
Diocese Graz-Seckau (KPH Graz)

KIRCHLICHE PÄDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULE DER DIÖZESE GRAZ-SECKAU

Initial teacher training for primary schools, in-service training and further education of teachers for all types of schools in Austria take place at the University Colleges of Teacher Education. Initial teacher training for secondary schools is offered both by Universities and University Colleges of Teacher Education.

Fields of study

The KPH Graz offers training in the area of Bachelor studies (8 semester) for the teaching profession at primary schools and Religious Education for primary and secondary schools. The KPH Graz also offers Master studies for primary education, special needs education as well as Religious education studies (2–4 semester). It is a private institution enjoying public recognition by the state of Austria. It is owned by the “Foundation for the University College and Education of the Roman-Catholic Diocese of Graz-Seckau”.

The entire offer of studies follows the Bologna system architecture, including the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The language of instruction is German, yet some courses are offered in English.

The KPH Graz is committed to innovation, to Christian social and moral values and to international horizons. Full account is taken of topical scholarly and scientific standards of teacher training, and lively interaction between all relevant disciplines is encouraged. The KPH Graz is a place of learning and teaching where “greatest challenge goes along with greatest respect”. (A. S. Makarenko)

Departments

Two of the four departments of the KPH Graz offer academic degree courses leading to a full teaching qualification for Primary Schools and Roman Catholic Religious Education at Secondary Schools. The degree courses for Primary School education offer five types of specializations:

- Early Childhood Education
- Religious Education
- Cultural Education
- Inclusive Education
- Social Education

In addition, the KPH Graz offers further education of teachers from primary to most types of secondary schools in a large variety of subjects, skills and competences, from short-term single courses to intensive four-semester study programmes. A fourth department coordinates research activities and international contacts of the KPH Graz.

Special features

- At KPH Graz the new type of teacher training is based on the Christian image of man and closely related to humanistic



Facts & Figures

TYPE OF SCHOOL

Private University
College of Teacher
Education

ESTABLISHED

2007

STUDENTS

initial training:
460 (in 2017)
in-service & further
education courses:
several thousands
percentage of
foreign students:
5%

STAFF

80 (in 2017)

KPH Graz – simply exceptional

and democratic values, sustaining a spirit of mutual respect and dialogue.

- The largely modularised schedule guarantees that the contents of studies are not approached in a single-sided way but comprehensively with regard to their intrinsic connections.
- Special emphasis is put on innovative pedagogical movements.
- The KPH Graz has more than thirty academic partner institutions in more than twenty European countries, offering a wide framework for students' and teachers' mobility according to European exchange programmes.
- The KPH Graz focuses on pedagogical research, offering a rich variety of publications as well as cooperations with both national and international institutions in this field.
- While the majority of students in the initial teacher training study for primary school teachers' qualifications, the KPH Graz is also specialised in training teachers for Catholic Religious Studies in Primary as well as Secondary Schools.

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