

We are please to send you the ERASMUS Key Data sheet of Graz University for the academic year 2011/12 and some additional information for you and your students:

### **GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES:**

German language courses (both preparatory intensive courses and courses offered during the semester) are offered by *treffpunkt sprachen* (language centre of the University of Graz). Starting with autumn 2011, there is a new policy concerning the course fees and financial support from Graz University:

#### **a. German Intensive Course (September or February)**

ERASMUS students pay a reduced price for the German Intensive Courses offered in September or February. Please note that students can only make use of the reduced price once, and only at the beginning of their stay in Graz.

#### **b. German courses offered during the semester**

Financial support will only be granted for language courses level B1 or higher. This means, that students pay a lower, reduced price for the German courses (reduction valid for one course during the students' stay in Graz).

All ERASMUS students who intend to follow German Semester Courses at level B1 need to provide the language centre at the University of Graz with a language certificate level A2 or higher (accepted certificates: Goethe Institute certificate or ÖSD certificate).

If students do not have a certificate from a Goethe Institute or ÖSD, they will need to take the placement test and will receive the reduction only if the placement test shows their level as A2.

#### **Cost update as of fall semester 2011/12**

As we restructure our financial support for language courses, prices for German language courses will change as follows:

- German Intensive German course € 155,- (reduced price for all levels)
- one German Semester course B1 or above € 30,- (reduced price)
- all other German language courses € 55,- (full price)

**We would also kindly ask you to make sure students have adequate language knowledge for their stay in Graz, namely adequate level of German if students intend to take courses taught in German or adequate level of English if students manage to find enough English-taught classes to fulfil their course requirements for the semester/year in Graz: [http://www.uni-graz.at/bibwww\\_s\\_in\\_en\\_course.htm](http://www.uni-graz.at/bibwww_s_in_en_course.htm)**

We have had quite a number of students who - due to their inadequate language knowledge - were not able to successfully finish their courses at the end of their stay which left them in a difficult situation when returning to their home universities and discussing recognition of their semester in Graz. We have in the recent past also been contacted by some of our academic advisors stressing this situation.

I kindly ask you to inform your students about these changes as soon as possible!

### **NOMINATION OF STUDENTS FOR GRAZ UNIVERSITY:**

We have implemented an online application for our incoming exchange students. **Please nominate your students (giving name, email address, field of study, level of studies) by writing an email to [monika.schein@uni-graz.at](mailto:monika.schein@uni-graz.at)!**

Nominated students will receive an access code for our online registration and will then have to send the application papers by post!

Application deadlines are:

15. November – for the following summer semester (receiving deadline)

15. June – for the following winter semester (receiving deadline)

We regret that we are unable to accept nominations after the deadlines!

After receiving the application papers, we will send an admission letter to your students as well as a printed version of our Welcome Guide and other useful information about studying and living in Graz.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS:**

We would like to draw your attention to our homepage for ERASMUS nominees for Graz University:

[http://www.uni-graz.at/en/bibwww\\_stud-incoming\\_exwithagn.htm](http://www.uni-graz.at/en/bibwww_stud-incoming_exwithagn.htm)

There, students can find all relevant information for their exchange, like academic calendar, accommodation, courses of study, German courses or our Welcome Guide.

### **WELCOME WEEK:**

**For Incoming Students participation in one of the following welcome weeks is MANDATORY:**

For winter semester & whole academic year: **5 - 9 September 2011 OR 19 - 23 September 2011**

For summer semester: **6 - 14 February 2012 OR 13 - 17 February 2012**