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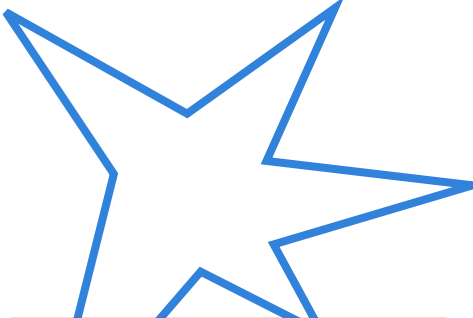
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"The ÖH" is all of us!

The Student Union at the Academy of Fine Arts (ÖH akbild) is the legally established representative body of the students of the Academy.

The elected members of the student representation on all its levels – such as the mandataries of the University Student Representation with its chair team, the head of offices and the study representatives – are charged with the task of protecting and representing the students' interests and rights within and outside the Academy.

By paying the legally required contribution (ÖH Beitrag), you automatically become a member of the Student Union.



The ÖH akbild has set itself the goal of improving the legal situation of students in study specific matters inside the institution. It has a special focus on students with a precarious socio economic situation as well as students from outside the EEA/EU, who many times face financial and social difficulties. They are at the core interest that guides all actions of the ÖH akbild.

Those, who vote, decide!

Every two years the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) is elected. The next election will take place in Mai 2025.

WHO will be elected for WHAT?

The ÖH elections take place on three political levels. It means that, when you get to vote, there will be three ballot papers to vote your representatives on (1) the federal, (2) the university and (3) the institute level.

The Austrian National Student Union (ÖH Bundesvertretung) represents the concerns of the students on a federal scale, vis-à-vis ministries and in university conferences. The running fractions or lists are elected directly and gain mandates in relation to the percentage of votes. The "student parliament" is composed of 55 mandates and meets minimum twice per year.

The University Student Representation, that is there to represent your interests within the Academy. Also here you get a vote lists. The lists are elected directly to represent students interests via the University Student Representation, which is composed of nine mandates.

The Study Representatives are elected as individuals. They are there to represent the students' interests and needs in the fields of study. At the Academy there are seven study representations, whose size is between three to five mandataries, depending on the numbers of students of the department.

WHO is allowed to vote?

All ordinary and extra-ordinary students, who are accredited for studying are allowed to vote, which means that every student of the Academy can run for the university student and the study representation election!

Attention: In order to be eligible to vote in the election, you must have paid your student union contribution („ÖH-Beitrag“) before the 31st of March.

WHY vote?

Your vote together with the votes of all other students in Austria enforce the rights of all students and improve the pre-conditions of study specific, social and other concerns (e.g. studying while caring for a child and working, studying and living in Austria as a non EEA/EU citizen etc.). Your vote can contribute to put a stop to the neoliberal tendencies of ever growing efficiency and the decrease of state financing in the Austrian education policies!

Not only functionaries, but all students are welcome in the ÖH

The Students' Union is not only active vis-à-vis the Rectorate and the institutes in order to assert the interests and concerns of students, but also in the senate as well as in various commissions, committees, juries, etc. Participating in meetings of this kind is a great opportunity to learn more about the respective committees, institutional policies and to gain experience. Involvement in committees and commissions is particularly important for the representation of students' interests, as decisions relevant to students are made in these areas.

If you are interested in participating in ÖH work, just pass by in the office (Schillerplatz E0 6), send an email to oeh@akbild.ac.at or join us in the UV meetings (announced on our webpage in the calendar section).



Structure of the ÖH akbild

There are two different bodies to represent the students' interest within the Academy and outside. Both are elected every two years.

Study Representations (StV - Studienvertretungen)

The size of the institutional representation depends on the number of students of the department. Individuals are elected for this body. The StVs take care of students' concerns in the respective field of study, help you with funding, information, advice, events, etc.

The Study Representatives are your first contact persons if you have any problems, ideas or need assistance. They can act as mediators between university staff and students, help you solve a conflict or in case you feel mistreated by professors or assistants. If there is need for further assistance, they know

to which department they can forward your problem to.

Currently there are seven study representations at the Academy of Fine Arts:

Architecture

oeharch@akbild.ac.at

Fine Arts

oehbk@akbild.ac.at

Education in the Arts

oehikl@akbild.ac.at

Scenography

oehszeno@akbild.ac.at

PhD Studies

oehdok@akbild.ac.at

Conservation | Restauration

oehreko@akbild.ac.at

Master Critical Studies

oehmcs@akbild.ac.at

University Student Representation (UV - Universitätsvertretung)

The University Student Representation is composed by mandataries who are elected through the lists that are available to vote during the election. The University Student Representation at the Academy of Fine Arts consists of nine mandataries, three of whom are elected as chairpersons.

Offices

The offices are organized according to areas of responsibility. They are here to support the University Student Representation and its chairpersons with their activities and to offer (legal) counseling to students. They are headed by officers, which are elected by the UV after the positions are advertised publicly and the selection process is completed.

Office for Education Policies

The Office for Education Policy functions as a contact point for the mandataries of the Study Representations as well as for student members of commissions, committees and juries of the Academy.

In addition, the Education Policies Office is tasked with giving updates on current developments in educational policy at the university and beyond, in order to foster critical engagements with these issues.

The Office for Education Policy can assist you when facing problems within your studies and your study plan.

Contact:
oehbipol@akbild.ac.at



Office for Social Policy

The Social Policy Office is your first address, when it comes to the social and legal situation of students. Together with you, we try to find solutions to your problems through information, advice and intervention. We offer advice and (financial) support in emergency situations, on questions relating to residence and settlement for migrant students – even after having completed their studies. It can also assist you with questions regarding study grants, scholarships and family allowances, as well as questions relating to insurances (ÖH insurance, self-insurance for students, etc.) as well as information on housing.

Contact: oehsozialreferat@akbild.ac.at
Emergency line: 0670 2014950

Office for Infrastructure

This office is responsible for providing support and takes care of all equipment in events organised by the ÖH akbild. It provides targeted support with infrastructure for demonstrations, events and parties etc. The Infrastructure Office manages the ÖH akbild's equipment pool and rental service. To rent this equipment get an overview here: <https://www.oehakbild.info/infrastruktur/>

Office for Intersectional Political Practice

The task of the Office for Intersectional Political Practice is to develop political projects that deal with issues such as migration policy, class struggle, queer*feminism, diversity, antidiscrimination, antiracism, anti-ableism, religious prejudice, etc.



Office for Public Affairs

The Office for Public Affairs is responsible for public relations and external communication of the Student Union. It provides information about study-related news, activities and events via email, the ÖH webpage and its social media channels. On the ÖH akbild's instagram account you will also be informed on extern political actions in Vienna and its surroundings and you can get information on the Student Union's activities: @oeh.akbild

Office for Economic Affairs

Together with the Chair team, the Economic Affairs Office must ensure that all formal legal requirements (laws, guidelines, statutes, etc.) are adhered to, that the financial funds are used in the interests of the students and that the general political mandate is observed.

Contact point

The office of the ÖH akbild handles general questions of students and their representatives as well as the administration and coordination of activities of the Student Union. Here you can get legal counseling when it comes to your stay in Austria, orient yourself regarding mental health offers in Vienna, get social counseling etc. You can find the office @Schillerplatz, on the ground floor, between the office of the Welcome Center and the Registrar's Office.

Opening hours are Monday to Wednesday from 10 am - 2pm.

email: oeh@akbild.ac.at tel: +43 (1) 588 16-3300 emergency line: 0670 2014950

Support

The ÖH akbild does not only represents the students and their interests within the university, its committees and on a general political scale, but also offers concrete support to individuals and political groups.

As part of ÖH akbild's work, we as well support and organize political events, workshops, and other activities. For example over the past year, Oeh Akbild has facilitated the People's Summit conference, co-organized the lecture PALESTINE MODERN with Ines Weizman and Senan Abdelquader, and organized the symposium and workshop Cultures of Spatial Investigation. We have also supported projects such as the Academy of Fine Kink exhibition, the independent student magazine Blank and many more.

In order to update yourself, please check our website: <https://www.oehakbild.info/support>.

Equipment

The ÖH akbild offers a wide array of equipment, from speakers, sound systems and mixers to cooking equipment, lighting, projectors and even an electrical tuktuk. To rent this stuff, visit our infrastructure page <https://www.oehakbild.info/infrastruktur/> and use our booking tool.

Attention: Booking via email is not possible and the booking is only valid after confirmation via email. Equipment rental for political actions has priority: you need not to book two weeks in advance and can book via email to oeh@akbild.ac.at



ÖH Insurance

Important: The ÖH insurance is NOT a HEALTH INSURANCE!

All students and their underage children are covered by accident and liability insurance through the ÖH for the entire semester by paying the tuition fee. You are insured as long as your student is still valid.

Insurance Policy Numbers

Collective accident insurance: 000 1809 6819

Collective liability insurance: 000 1810 4297

If a damage occurs, the next step is to report the damage. It is best to include all available documents, evidence, police reports, etc. at this point – this will facilitate and shorten the settlement process.

Financial support

A current confirmation of enrollment must be sent in any case. But always keep a copy of the documents with you, otherwise you will not know later what you have already sent.

The damage report should be sent by email to:
oeh-versicherung@generali.com.

In case of emergency, there are telephone numbers for damage reports:

Mon – Fri 09:00 – 18:00 and for emergencies 24h

from Austria: 01 515900

from abroad: +43 (1) 204 4400

Confirmation of insurance

For semesters abroad or excursions you often need a confirmation of a valid accident or liability insurance. The ÖH can issue such a confirmation in German and English on behalf of Generali Versicherungs AG, but needs the following data from you:

- name
- current address
- matriculation number
- name of the educational institution you are studying at

Just write an email (subject: confirmation) with these data and a confirmation of the paid

ÖH-fee to studierendenversicherung@oeh.ac.at.

Attention: There is no insurance coverage for liability claims in the USA, Canada and Australia.

Funding by the Austrian National Union of Students
The Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH Bundesvertretung) has several pots to support student and their projects.

The social fund offers all students who are members of the ÖH and are in a particular financial emergency situation the opportunity to receive a one-off grant every 12 months. There is no application deadline.

<https://www.oeh.ac.at/en/service/funding-pots/social-fund/>

Through the funding of special projects, activities of students are to be supported, whereby they are offered financial and administrative assistance by the ÖH Bundesvertretung according to the available funds from the special project pot.

<https://www.oeh.ac.at/en/forms/special-projects/>

The ÖH is very concerned about feminist and queer research. In order to promote the ongoing scientific examination of these topics, students at all universities can apply for financial support as part of the funding pot for feminist/queer research. Funding is available for academic and/or artistic theses and projects that have a clear feminist and/or queer reference.

<https://www.oeh.ac.at/en/forms/fem-queer-fund/>

Social fund by the ÖH akbild

The Student Union has set up in their budget a social fund for persons, who are in financial need.

As the financial means of the ÖH akbild are limited due to the low number of students studying at the Academy, not all applications can be answered positively. There is no legal claim to granting support!

In general, the social fund of the Student Union is open to all students of the Academy of Fine Arts, who are in financial distress, under the condition that you do not get support from any other institution. As migrants and especially illegalized persons are especially discriminated, their applications will be privileged.

<https://www.oehakbild.info/2020/03/sozialfonds-social-fund/>

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You can find an overview of all stipends and prizes here:

<https://www.akbild.ac.at/en/studies/scholarships-prizes>.

Attention: If you don't want to miss application deadlines, please read your students' email address regularly!

Social stipend

All students of the Academy of Fine Arts who paid tuition fees and did not receive a refund from another institution (e.g. federal aid for students in Austria) are welcome to apply for a social stipend in the beginning of the following semester.

https://www.akbild.ac.at/en/studies/scholarships-prizes/academy-scholarships/social-stipend?set_language=en

Mental health fond

With the mental health fund, the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna would like to offer financial support to students who suffer from severe psychological distress and need to seek professional care. For this purpose, the Academy provides a sum of money from the annual Academy Auction. The award of up to 400 Euro, takes the form of a refund of payments already made for (psycho-) therapy.

https://www.akbild.ac.at/en/studies/scholarships-prizes/academy-scholarships/mental-health-fonds?set_language=en

Student Assistance Fund

With the support fund, the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna would like to offer financial assistance to migrant students in precarious situations, stateless persons, persons entitled to

subsidiary protection and convention refugees and therefore provides a sum from the proceeds of the annual Academy Auction.

https://www.akbild.ac.at/en/studies/scholarships-prizes/academy-scholarships/student-assistance-fund?set_language=en

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Where to buy cheap groceries?

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List of shops:

- Fairgreisslerei:
<https://fairgreisslerei.at/>
- Alles Verwerter:
<http://www.allesverwerter.at/>
- Sozialmarkt Wien:
<http://www.sozialmarkt.com/>
- Foodpoint Vienna:
<http://www.foodpoint.wien/>
- Wiener Tafel:
<https://www.wienertafel.at/>
- Samariterbund:
<https://wien.samariterbund.net/soziales/sozialmaerkte/>
- Vinzmarkt Wien:
<https://www.vinzi.at/vinzmarkt-wien/>

How to find a place to stay?

Useful hints when it comes to housing you can find – unfortunately in German only – in the booklet Studying and Living by the National Union of Students:

<https://www.oeh.ac.at/content/studieren-und-wohnen>.

If you have any questions regarding rent and housing, please contact the housing counseling of the federal representation of the Austrian National Union of Students: wohnrecht@oeh.ac.at. If you have specific questions about living in the residence halls, you can also contact the student dormitory affairs case worker: studierendenwohnheime@oeh.ac.at.

Community housing by the city of Vienna

In order to be applicable for this type of community housing („Gemeindewohnung“) you need to be Austrian citizen or equated, that is holder of a permanent residence permit EU, EU/EEA citizen or recognized refugee. If you have been residing 2 years at the same address in

Useful links to navigate the private housing market:

- Willhaben: <https://www.willhaben.at/iad/immobilien/>
- Search engine for rooms in shared flats: <http://www.wg-gesucht.de/>
- List of dormitories in Vienna: <https://www.oeh.ac.at/wohnen/gemeinnuetzige-studierendenheime#wien>
- List of dormitories collected by the Chamber of labour: http://www.heimdatenbank.at/hp_abfrage_liste.php

I need mental support. Where can I get help?

Telephone or chat counseling is a special form of life support. It is primarily dedicated to those people who feel left alone in a difficult life situation or in times of crisis. It offers free, confidential counseling - a listening ear, relief and support for all callers, regardless of their age, gender, religion and social background.

Don't be scared to call or chat - no matter your language skills

24/7 contacts

Social Psychiatric Emergency Service: **01 31330**

Women's helpline against male violence: **0800 222 555**

Crisis counseling for men and their relatives / friends
(also with translation if needed): **0800 246 247**

Telefonseelsorge: **142**

SMS police emergency number for people hearing hard :
0800 133 133

Mental health phone counseling for migrants AMIKE
Intercultural psychosocial emergency aid for people with a
migration or refugee background.

Monday to Friday:

10:00 - 13:00 am and 14:00 -17:30 pm

German/English: 01 343 0101 1

Farsi/Dari: 01 343 0101 2

Arabic/Kurd: 01 343 0101 3

Russian: 01 343 0101 4

BKS: 01 343 0101 5

Turkish: 01 343 0101 6

Ukrainian: 01 343 0101 7

Chat / Mail Services

HELP CHAT online counseling for women* and girls* affected by violence daily from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

<https://www.haltdergewalt.at/>

Frauen beraten Frauen: You can contact us at any point no matter what is your issue

<https://frauenberatenfrauen.assisto.online/>

