

Chapter 2

Austria

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2.1 The Property Profession

2.1.1 Legal Framework

In the Austrian real estate industry, two different professions are officially recognised, namely the “Immobilienmakler” (real estate agent) and the “Hausverwalter” (property manager).

Federal law regulates access to both professions, in order to guarantee qualification standards.

Individual entrepreneurs or employees of firms intending to operate in these professional areas must have an authorisation, which may be obtained

by passing a standardised examination set by the relevant administrative body.

Persons lacking an authorisation may however work as employees in one of the numerous firms in the sector.

2.1.2 Professional Bodies

Bundesinnung der Immobilien – und Vermögenstreuhänder

(Federal guild of real estate and property trustees)

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Österreichischer Verband der Immobilientreuhänder – ÖVI

(Austrian society of real estate trustees)

President: Dr. Thomas Malloth

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Hauptverband der allgemein beeideten gerichtlichen Sachverständigen

(Central association of chartered general valuers)

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Vereinigung der gerichtlich beeideten Sachverständigen für das Realitätenwesen

(Association of chartered valuers of real property)

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(Austrian association of Chartered Surveyors)

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2.2 Real Estate Programmes at Universities and Polytechnics

2.2.1 General Overview

So far, there are no courses that focus primarily on real estate economics in Austria. Existing courses, offered by universities or by institutions at a comparable level, only cover real estate economics as part of one of their curriculum's subject areas. Such subjects are not always mandatory.

It is therefore reasonable to conclude that specific courses in the real estate field have not yet been established. The very small number of courses which do exist are either included in, or designed as follow-up education to, courses concentrating predominantly on business administration, economics, law, or technical studies.

Several efforts are currently being made to extend the existing, small range of courses with programmes specialising in real estate economics.

The current possibilities consist of either participating in a postgraduate programme or studying at a Fachhochschule.

The Fachhochschulen offer an alternative choice of higher education from studying at a university. Fachhochschulen mainly emphasise the development of practical skills, in a tightly scheduled programme of studies. They provide a weaker theoretical background than the universities however, with less stress on fostering scientific research.

As a rule, admission to a post-graduate programme requires a university degree. However, appropriate long-term professional experience may often be accepted as a substitute.

The length of both university and Fachhochschule courses varies between four and eight terms. Some course schedules are organised to allow attendance while continuing with a full time job. Some courses are free of admission charge and fees. Most of the courses confer degrees that are recognised throughout Europe.

Apart from the courses mentioned, there are other forms of real estate education in Austria, which are not, however, linked to universities or polytechnics. A training course, which leads to the award of the title Immobilienkaufmann (literally “real estate businessman”) has recently been started, but is still in the experimental stage. A few private courses and seminars (usually one- to three-day courses) are also offered, but they are of an extensive character and therefore will not be described in detail.

Further general information and statistical data about real estate and other types of education in Austria can be obtained from the Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Kultur (Federal ministry of education, science and communication).

Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Verkehr

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1010 Wien

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<http://www.bundestkanzleramt.at>

2.2.2 Detailed Description of the Courses

In the following section, all relevant courses in Austria, i.e. courses that are at least related to the field of real estate economics, are listed and concisely described.

As all data were collected by the use of standardised questionnaires, facts and figures concerning e.g. the core curriculum, student numbers, technical equipment, etc. allow direct comparison between courses. Differences in duration, level of the programme, etc., however meant that a conclusive ranking of all programmes could not be established.

The questionnaire used is shown in the Appendix.

2.2.2.1 „Kolleg“

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E-mail:	deimel@htlw16.ac.at
Start of the programme	1998
Location:	Wien
Duration:	four terms
Schedule:	full - time course
Fees:	none
Students / year:	30 (maximum)
Applicants / year:	no statement
Entrance examination:	yes
Drop out ratio:	no statement
Graduates:	no
Prerequisites for admission:	advanced level
Degree/qualification:	no
Educational focus:	technology, economy, law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scientific engineering - facility planning - facility technology and IT - business management - management & communication - economic basics
Group size:	-30
Library:	available
Computer equipment:	available
New media:	yes
Tech. equipment of rooms:	no statement
Lecturers:	no statement
Soft skills:	yes
Applicants:	- basic understanding of technology, economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - communication competence - creativity - willingness to work in teams

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