



# Study in Austria

**The International Foundation Programme (IFP) is now offered locally in Namibia!**

## Why do I need the IFP?

Are you a high school graduate from Namibia or another African country and want to pursue your undergraduate studies in Austria? It may seem like a straightforward process, but most undergraduate students from outside the European Union first need to complete a 'bridging course' before they can apply for admission to an Austrian university.

Only high school graduates who have completed their A-Levels (or another high school diploma equivalent to the Austrian 'Matura') with a sufficient number of subjects, qualify for direct admission to an Austrian university. All other applicants first need to complete a mandatory bridging course in order to qualify for admission.

The International Foundation Programme (IFP), offered by the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria ([FHOÖ](#)), provides a focused and tailor-made university preparation programme for prospective undergraduate students from African countries who wish to study in Austria.

Successful IFP graduates qualify for direct admission to their chosen undergraduate degree programme at FHOÖ. In addition, the IFP is also recognized by a number of other Austrian universities, including [University of Applied Sciences St. Pölten](#), [University of Applied Sciences Krems](#), [Johannes Kepler University Linz](#) as well as [Technische Hochschule Deggendorf](#) in Germany. All five universities offer a range of English-taught undergraduate programmes and accept the IFP as a pathway to admission.

## Join the new IFP in Namibia!

Until recently, the IFP was offered exclusively as an in-person course at the FHOÖ campus in Austria. This meant that prospective students had to relocate to Austria and cover the high cost of living, travel costs, visa fees and tuition for the traditional 1-year IFP, prior to starting their undergraduate studies at the university.

In addition, the programme was offered in line with the European academic year, i.e. starting in August and ending in July of the following year. This made it challenging for participants from the global South, who tend to finish high school in December and had to wait for close to nine months to start the IFP in Austria in August.

***The new IFP, offered locally in Namibia and starting in January 2024, provides a convenient and cost-effective bridging course solution for high school graduates from Namibia and other African countries!***

The programme is offered as an 8-month in-person course in Swakopmund, Namibia, in collaboration with [Private School Swakopmund](#).

It is specifically designed for high school graduates from Namibia and other African countries who are planning to pursue one of the English-taught Bachelor's programmes in [Artificial Intelligence Solutions](#), [Electrical Engineering](#), [Global Sales and Marketing](#), [Innovation, Product & Engineering Management](#) or [Green Science](#) offered at FHOÖ in Austria.

## Key Programme Dates 2024/25

- Nov** Application deadline for the 2024 intake. Contact [info@africademics.com](mailto:info@africademics.com) to apply!
- Jan** Start of the first term of the IFP, offered at Private School Swakopmund in Namibia
- May** End of the first term (subjects: Physics, Mathematics, German, Intercultural Skills)
- Jun** Start of the second term (subjects: Mathematics, German & several electives)
- Sep** End of the second term, IFP graduation, admission for undergraduate studies
- Oct** Start of your undergraduate studies in Austria for the 2024/25 academic year

## The IFP Curriculum

The IFP is designed to prepare you for your undergraduate studies in Austria, focusing especially on degrees in the fields of science, technology and business. The curriculum of the 8-month programme therefore includes the following subjects:

### Term 1 (Jan-May):

- Mathematics I (8 ECTS credits)
- Physics I (5 ECTS credits)
- Intercultural Skills (1 ECTS credit)
- German & English (4 ECTS credits)

### Term 2 (May-Sep):

- Mathematics II (8 ECTS credits)
- German & English (4 ECTS credits)
- Electives: Physics II (5 ECTS credits), Applied Informatics (3 ECTS credits) or Business Economics & Statistics (3 ECTS credits)

## Benefits of the IFP in Namibia

**Direct admission:** Successful IFP graduates qualify for direct admission to one of the English-taught undergraduate degree programmes at FHOÖ, as well as at other Austrian universities.

**Cost-effectiveness:** The tuition fees for the IFP in Namibia are significantly lower than for the IFP offered in Austria. In addition, the cost of living, travel costs, insurance and visa fees for the IFP in Namibia are lower than for the Austria-based option.

**German language training:** As part of the IFP curriculum, participants receive basic German language training which prepares them for their studies and life in Austria.

**Programme dates:** The IFP in Namibia is offered in line with the local academic calendar, starting in January and finishing in September. After graduation, IFP participants can immediately start their undergraduate studies in October.

**Duration:** The IFP in Namibia has a duration of just eight months (unlike the 1-year option in Austria), which allows participants to immediately start their undergraduate studies after completing the IFP.

## Fees and Funding

The 8-month IFP at Private School Swakopmund in Namibia is considerably more cost-effective than the traditional Austria-based programme. This is mainly due to the reduced tuition fee, as well as the lower cost of living in Namibia.

**Tuition fee:** NAD 60,000 (EUR 2,999)

The fee covers the entire 8-month in-person course, including both compulsory and elective subjects. The fee does not include board and lodging, travel expenses, visa fees and other personal expenses.

Are you interested in joining the IFP in Namibia?

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