Central Facilities

New Department Building
Neues Institutsgebäude - NIG
(Universitätsstr. 7, 1010 Wien, Austria)
• Head Office
• Department Library
• Map Collection
• Computer Cartography
• GIS-Lab
• Multimedia Lab
• Virtual Reality Lab
• Lecture Rooms
• Physical Geography Collections
• Student Service Center (Office of the Study Programme Director)
• Students Council

University Center Althanstraße
Universitätszentrum Althanstraße - UZA II
(Althanstraße 14, 1090 Wien, Austria)
• Research Group Geoecology
• Physical Geography Lab
• Field Equipment for Physical Geography

Further travel details: http://geographie.univie.ac.at
The Department

Facts
- Oldest (since 1851) and largest Geography Department in Austria
- Covers in research and teaching the whole range of human and physical geography including spatial research and planning as well as cartography and geo-information
- Staff: 6 full professors, 5 associate professors, more than 50 members of research staff
- Currently more than 2,000 students

Highlights
- No. 1 in the German speaking area (No. 45 worldwide) according to QS World University Ranking 2011
- The only Department of Geography in Austria offering Master Programmes in Spatial Research and Spatial Planning and in Cartography and Geo-information
- International and interdisciplinary Joint-Master-Programme “Urban Studies” – offered jointly with four European universities
- Center for Didactics of Geography and Economics
- Participation in two Interdisciplinary Research Platforms: “Migration and Integration Research” and “Theory and Practice of Subject Didactics/Teaching Methodologies”
- The only Department of Geography in Austria with a Research Focus on Asia

Research

Research Areas

Applied Geography, Spatial Research and Spatial Planning
- Comparative Urban Studies
- Migration and Integration Research
- Spatial Planning: Austria, Europe

Geomorphic Systems and Risk Research
- Geomorphological Processes
- Global Environmental Change
- Natural Hazards and Risks

Geocology
- Quantification of Environmental Potentials
- Coverage and Quantification of Environmental Change
- Quaternary Research

Human Geography, Social and Economic Geography
- Theory and Methodology of Social and Economic Geography
- Regional Development and Regional Management
- Area Protection and Border Region Research

Cartography and Geo-information
- Thematic Cartography and Web Cartography
- Geographic Information Systems
- Geo-Visualization

Regional Geography and Subject Didactics
- Population Geography/ Spatial Demography
- Sociodemographic Transformation Processes
- Research Focus Asia (especially Southeast and South Asia)
- Theory and Methodology of Subject Didactics

Teaching

Our Strategy
The Bachelor and Master Programmes offered at the Department of Geography and Regional Research are embedded in the so-called “Bologna Process” and thus grant a maximum of mobility and competitiveness for students and graduates. Moreover there exists a teacher accreditation programme in Geography and Economics (wherein two subjects of instructions have to be combined) and specialized doctoral study programmes. Depending on the personal qualification of the applicants following study programmes can be chosen in Vienna:

Bachelor Programme Geography

Master Programmes
- Geography (Focus on Physical or Human Geography)
- Spatial Research and Spatial Planning
- Cartography and Geo-information
- Joint-Master-Programme “Urban Studies”

Teacher Accreditation Programme in Geography and Economics

Specialized Doctoral Programmes
- in Natural Science (Dr. rer. nat.)
- in Social Science (Dr. phil.)