

# Study Ethics in Europe

Explained on the Example of  
FH JOANNEUM Graz/Austria



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# Code of Behaviour



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# RULES, RULES, RULES ...

- Rules are everywhere but in each country there are different ones which one needs to consider

## Waste disposal

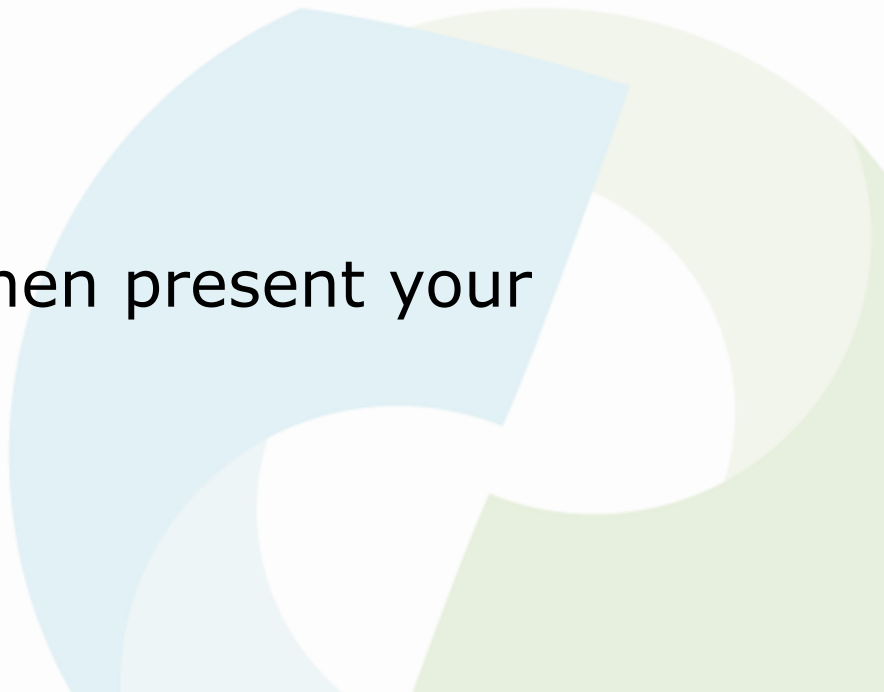
The Hadith "Cleanliness is half of faith" is a model for how we treat the environment here in Austria. In Zell am See-Kaprun we follow waste separation rules in order to recycle our municipal waste. We kindly ask for your cooperation in separating your waste into different streams.



In all public places and parks in the town (e.g. the lake promenade) you will find signs advising you which bin to use for which type of waste. You are kindly asked to use the correct bins only as this helps us to preserve the natural beauty of Zell am See-Kaprun. Please note that



# Group Activity

- Please go together in groups of 4 people and think about DO 's and DON 'ts in your country
  - Think about the following aspects:
    - University & classes
    - Traffic
    - Restaurants and bars
    - Outfit/clothing
  - Timeframe: 5 minutes – then present your findings shortly
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# **FHJ: High standard both concerning study- culture and living-culture among other...**



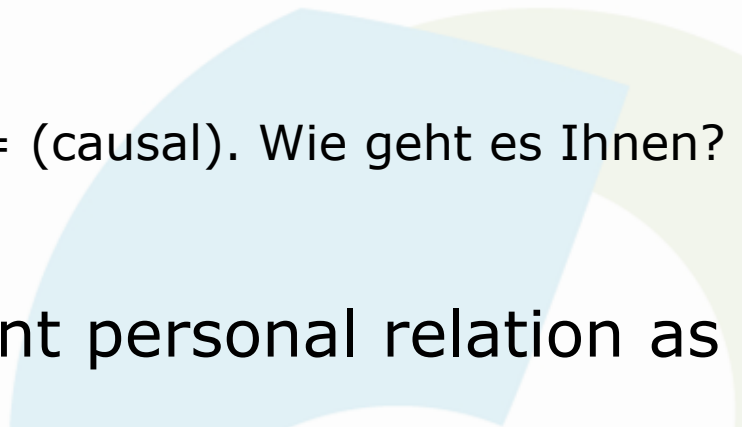
## **Mission statement**

*We are one of Austria's leading Universities of Applied Sciences. In order to maintain and consolidate this status, both our teaching and our applied research and development is modelled on the best colleges and universities in Europe.*

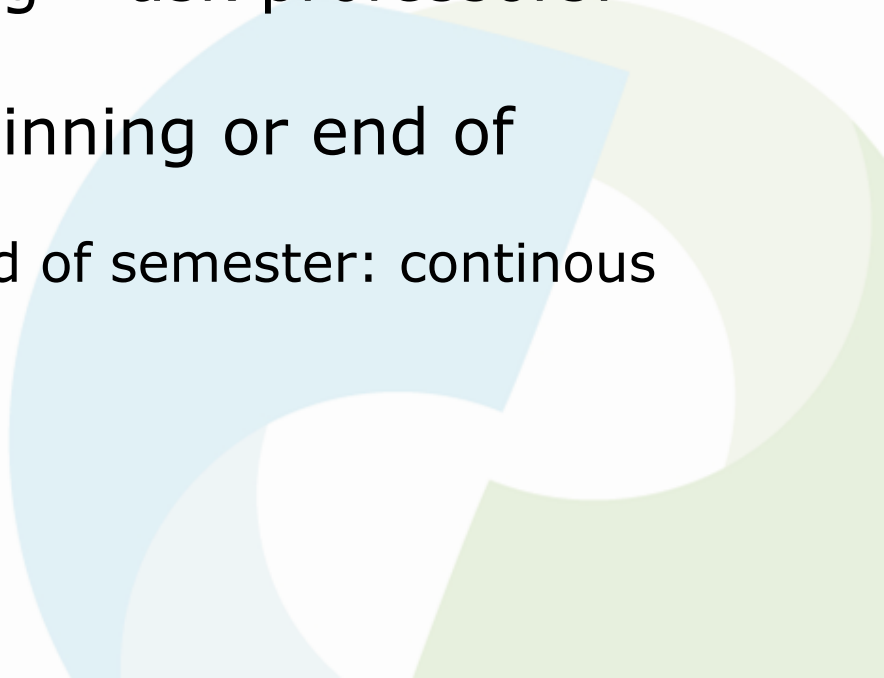
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- Punctuality inside FHJ: 08:00 means 08:00
- Deadlines are deadlines – unless you get extensions from a professor
- Registration for courses and events are binding
  - In case you can't participate: You need to subscribe in time
- Female professors are equal to male professors
- Communication in class is interactive but respectful

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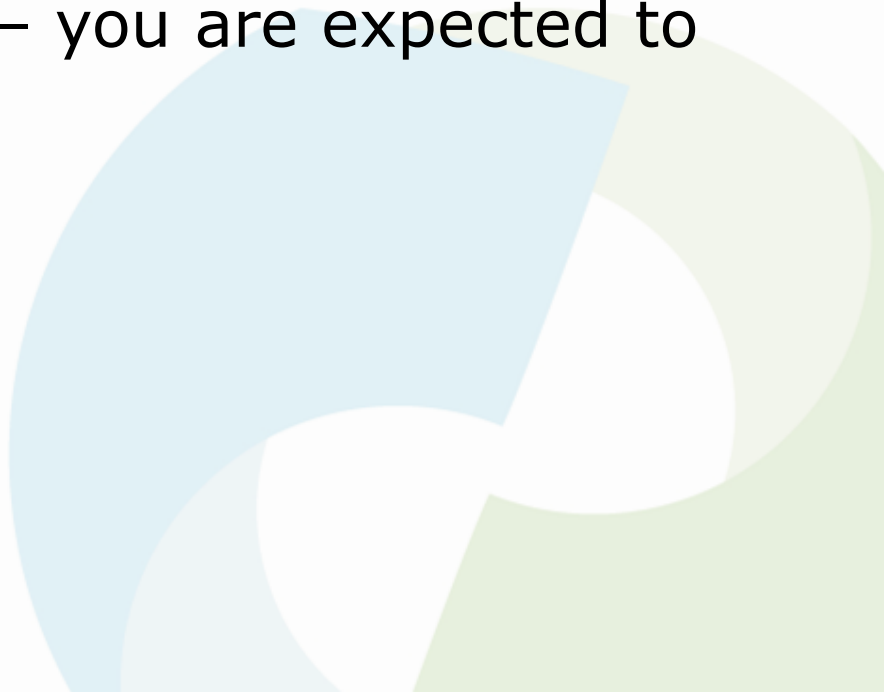
- Professors are open for you to approach them – in class and outside class
  - Professors might offer you to become more familiar with them There are two ways of approaching people with „you“ in German
    - „Du“ (causal)
    - „Sie“ (formal)
    - Example: Wie geht es dir? = (causal). Wie geht es Ihnen? = formal
  - Nevertheless it´s a different personal relation as to study colleagues
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- You are expected to participate in class
  - Many universities require a minimum of 80% attendance
  - Clear guidelines for grading – ask professors!
  - Exams: Usually at the beginning or end of semester
    - Tip to avoid stress at the end of semester: continuous learning and participation
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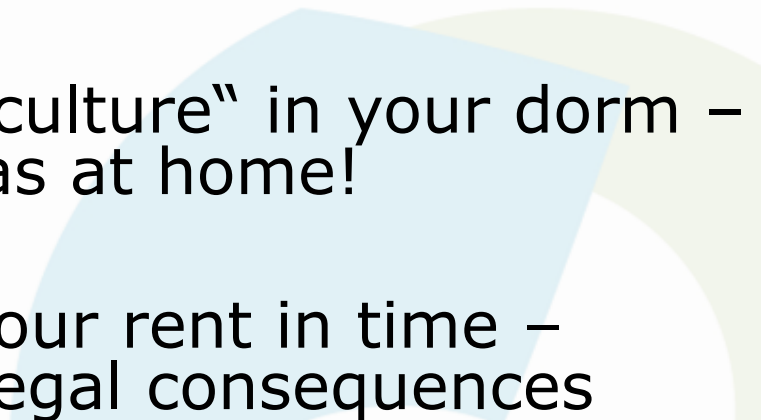
- With regard to deadlines for „final papers, masterpieces“ or similar documents
    - Never miss the indicated deadline by the professor
    - If you can´t: inform professors in advance; otherwise your final paper would be graded worse
  - Usually no eating in class – you are expected to use breaks
  - Mobiles offline
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# Living Culture During your Study Abroad Time on the Example of FH JOANNEUM

- Respect the guidelines and rules of your dorms or apartments for men & women, e.g.:
  - If you damage something, talk to the responsible person immediately – otherwise your deposit will be kept!
  - Austrians in general prefer privacy and have a low level of noise tolerance (no loud noise after 10 p.m.)



# Living Culture During your Study Abroad Time on the Example of FH JOANNEUM

- You are expected to keep your house clean
    - Organized sharing concerning cleaning of the apartments
    - Wash the dishes after the meal
    - Cleaning of toilets
    - ...
  - Find out about the „party culture“ in your dorm – it might not be the same as at home!
  - You are expected to pay your rent in time – otherwise there could be legal consequences
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# **Living Culture During your Study Abroad Time on the Example of FH JOANNEUM**

What about those rules mentioned above in your families/in your student flats in your country?

# Gender politics – Equality for Men and Women on all Levels

- Equality of treatment of men & women (with special reference to FHJ)
  - Female professors are equal to male professors
  - Femal students at FHJ are used to interact based on (professional) partnership with male colleagues from all nations and reciprocally
  - Femal students at FHJ are used to be respected by male colleagues from all nations and reciprocally



# Gender politics – Equality for Men and Women on all Levels


Fostering equal treatment between man and woman is among the main academic priorities at FH JOANNEUM

look at: <http://www.fh-joanneum.at/aw/home/leitbild/~ufk/gleichbehandlung/?lan=en>

Gender/Diversity Lectures at FHJ: Open for all students, starting in October. Language of instruction: German

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# Examination Regulations of FH JOANNEUM

- General
    - At the **beginning of each semester**, the professor of the course must provide students with a written **overview of the goals**, content and methods of their course as well as with a rating scale
    - **Examination dates** should generally be scheduled at the **end of the semester and at the beginning of the following** semester
    - Types of courses
      - Lectures
      - Seminars
      - Projects
      - Lectures with integrated exercises
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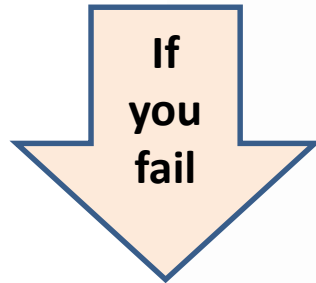
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- Attendance and excused absence
  - At the beginning of the each course, the head of the course must provide students with a copy of the attendance regulations for that course
  - Non-compliance with the attendance regulations of a course results in a negative assessment of the course
    - Cases of hardship are to be taken into consideration for excused absence
  - Non-attendance of an examination without giving sufficient reason will be assessed as „fail“
    - Sufficient reasons for non - attendance, e.g.: illness, accident among other



# Examination Regulations of FH JOANNEUM

- Number of examination dates for each course: 3
  - Initial examination with two dates



- Resit
- Board examination

## **...some useful information, last but not least...**

- Most European universities offer Tandem Programmes – ask for them!
- Language courses are always offered by your hosting university
- International office is the main contact point for you whenever you have problems

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