

Basic Criteria

1. The institution must have permanent scientific or arts university staff who are contractually bound to serve under no less than a half-day arrangement for at least two years. This permanent staff must be able to cover at least 50% of the teaching workload of each academic programme. Staff members should have a doctoral degree or corresponding credentials from arts schools. To ensure proper linkage between research and teaching, this permanent staff must be composed of at least three individuals per study course. Of those, at least one must be fully employed and meet the conditions required for appointment to full professor. This means that this person must have pertinent high scientific or arts-related qualifications. (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 3 UniAkkG)
2. Any research must be done at this institution. This requires availability of a critical mass (cf. paragraph 1) with institutionalised production of know-ledge and proper feedback to its teaching policies. (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 5 UniAkkG)
3. The staff selection process for the entire scientific personnel must be transparent, competitive and quality-based. (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 3 and 4 UniAkkG)
4. Academic programmes (detailed curricula) and examination regimes must comply with material, specialist, and formal requirements according to international standards. Admission criteria for such studies must at least meet Austrian norms as spelled out in the general admission requirements. (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 2 UniAkkG)

5. Space and teaching and research resources should consist of adequate teaching and research equipment corresponding to international standards. (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 4 UniAkkG)

6. Within one or more faculties (see § 2 Abs. 1 Z 2 UniAkkG), the institution should offer a broad range and variety of academic programmes (along the lines of § 2 Abs. 1 UniAkkG) which adhere to the spirit of the European university concept (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 5 UniAkkG). These faculties may offer traditional areas of study, such as medicine, music, law or theology, as well as newly designed study programmes (curricula combinations) of similar diversity.

7. A detailed business plan is required as proof of guaranteed mid-term financial solvency of the institution. (§ 2 Abs. 1 Z 3 and 4 UniAkkG)

8. The institution must document the fulfilment of requirements laid out under Z 1 to 7 in a three-year development plan.