

The Center for Continuing Education at the University of Graz offers programmes of general education at university level for all generations.

## What we stand for...

research-led programme development **learning in later life** intergenerational learning  
information & guidance *general education at university level*  
diverse & flexible access points: local & regional, time & place, actual & virtual, radio & print  
free of charge or modest fees **social inclusion** open for all – no formal requirements for access  
**learning through research** valuing academic knowledge & life experience  
lifewide & lifelong **participation** *active citizenship*

These initiatives are embedded in the general policy of the University of Graz to contribute to a knowledge society and to be a lifelong “Partner for Education”.

## Our main programmes



Montagsakademie –  
Education for All  
[www.uni-graz.at/montagsakademie](http://www.uni-graz.at/montagsakademie)

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Vita activa –  
Bridging Generations through Learning  
[www.uni-graz.at/vita-activa](http://www.uni-graz.at/vita-activa)



Megaphon-UNI –  
Learning without Barriers  
[www.uni-graz.at/megaphon-uni](http://www.uni-graz.at/megaphon-uni)

## Our activities encompass...

Research-practice partnerships | Networking at international level | EU Projects |  
Professional development for facilitators of learning | Publications

Member of AUCEN and EUCEN

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# Learn more about our main programmes...

## Montagsakademie – Education for All

### Profile

- University lectures for everyone
- Knowledge transfer to a broad public
- An initiative of regional development
- One key theme per academic year, e.g. “Time” or “Human Development”

### We offer participants...

- Deliberation and discussion: 12 lectures per academic year
- Videoconferencing: „eMontag“, our live broadcasts to partner institutions in 17 regions
- Publications: anthology of the year's lectures
- Recordings: radio broadcasts on two local radio stations
- Videos: of the lectures at [www.uni-graz.at/montagsakademie](http://www.uni-graz.at/montagsakademie)
- Free of charge; registration is not necessary

### Some Facts & Figures

- 136 lectures ■ 96 live broadcasts ■ approx. 75,000 attendances ■ 7 anthologies ■ 64 video recordings online (programme total to May 2012)

## Vita activa – Bridging Generations through Learning

### Profile

- New learning opportunities for adults of all age groups, older learners in particular, who
- are interested in learning about current topics of and latest developments in scientific/academic research,
- are interested in looking at their environment from a scientific/academic perspective,
- are willing to contribute their knowledge and experience to the learning situation,
- want to further their knowledge and put it to use in their day-to-day activities,
- are interested in the University of Graz as a cross-generational learning space.

Didactical principles: Learning through research; intergenerational learning

3 main themes: Creating knowledge – Transferring knowledge and experience – Creating effective learning

### We offer participants...

- A series of 14 courses comprised of 23 seminars and workshops, totalling 170 learning units (not including study groups and project work)
- Variety of formats: lectures, lecture series, workshops, summer universities and semester courses
- Can be attended as single classes or as a series
- Programme structure facilitating continuous and systematic learning
- Free of charge or modest fees; registration is necessary

### Some Facts & Figures

- First pilot 2006; full programme was started in 2009 ■ Academic year 2010/11: 349 attendances; 52.7% over 50 years old; age range 21 to 84 years

## Megaphon-Uni – Learning without Barriers

In collaboration with the organisation CARITAS Graz-Seckau / street magazine „Megaphon“

### Profile

- Reduction of educational barriers; designed especially for socially disadvantaged people who, for different reasons (education, migration, social status), have not yet been in touch with a university
- Introducing various academic disciplines and questions
- Mutual benefit: Academic presenters have the opportunity to get in contact with a completely different audience and setting from those they are used to through their teaching at the university.

### We offer participants...

- Easily accessible presentations based on scientific/academic research; direct relation to social situation of participants
- Registration is not necessary; can be attended as single classes
- Lectures, workshops, excursions
- Free of charge

### Some Facts & Figures

- Started in 2004 ■ over 3,600 attendances ■ 163 presenters
- 2010: Documentary film “Die andere Universität” [The alternative university] (programme total to July 2011)