

Achievement Goals: Stage Design

The goal of the stage design program at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz (KUG) is to make students familiar not only with important theories and approaches in both historical and – especially – contemporary stage design, but also with their practical application. The variety and constant change in every kind of artistic work involving the theater, which is based on the concept of renewal and the search for individuality, will receive the greatest attention.

Students will gain the ability to aptly analyze both literary and musical theatrical subjects and, in consultation with the regisseur, to arrive at individual and vital interpretations. The basic program will involve studying a number of theoretical fields that impart essential knowledge about many aspects of stage design. It will also include creative work designing concrete projects in the fields of acting, musical theater, musicals and dance theater. This will take place at the institute and, whenever possible, in practice at the theater. At the same time, such capacities as flexibility of thought, dealing with a wealth of information, approaching tasks in a conceptual and systematic way, and the ability to solve problems will be developed. In the course of this study program such essential qualities as creativity, innovative talent, decision-making capacity and the ability to carry out tasks will be furthered.

In addition to methodological competency, such social aspects as team work and communication skills will be encouraged. Emphasis will be placed on the increased readiness to be mobile, to adapt, and to understand other cultures. Students will be capable of applying their acquired knowledge and skills not only to their own professional field, but they will also be able to search out and establish themselves in other professional areas.

The structure of this study program will allow students to pursue part of their studies at internationally recognized foreign universities. This will further develop and strengthen their knowledge of languages and intercultural competency.