

Graduation ceremony at Austria's only Distance-Learning University of Applied Sciences FernFH celebrates 117 new alumni

117 graduates recently successfully completed one of the five bachelor and master degree programmes at Ferdinand Porsche FernFH. On 4th July, they received their diplomas in Wiener Neustadt.

"I'm extremely proud of our graduates, they've achieved so much during their studies at FernFH. They've had to have a large amount of discipline, self-organisation and staying power in order to successfully reconcile studying, a private life and, for many, a professional career too," says Axel Jungwirth, Ferdinand Porsche FernFH CEO. Last Thursday, FernFH celebrated having 117 new alumni in Wiener Neustadt. During the celebratory graduation ceremony, they were awarded the academic degrees Bachelor and Master of Arts in Business in the presence of their families and friends.

Evelyn Ponsold, Kristina Kölch and Karina Eckerstofer spoke for all graduates when they emphasised in their speech, "we want to be involved in society where our skills and knowledge are needed". The 117 alumni have completed one of the five accredited degree programmes: "Business Informatics" (Bachelor / Master), "Business Administration and Psychology" (Bachelor / Master), "Aging Services Management" (Bachelor). Since its foundation in 2006, FernFH is proud to have 1338 alumni in total.

Martin Staudinger, Head of Academic Board, had a special message for the graduates: "I hope that you have more boredom in life – so that you can devise plans for the future from your memories. Boredom is often the initiative from which great new things and the impulse for creativity emerge. We can better connect ideas and thoughts and also reorder our lives."

Flexible and independent

The 117 alumni deliberately opted for a distance learning programme at Austria's only Distance-Learning University of Applied Sciences; the majority of the students were already working when their studies started, some were on part-time parental leave, for others traditional face-to-face study was not possible for geographical reasons.

The degree programmes at FernFH are structured according to the principle of blended learning: Innovative e-learning combined with few on-campus sessions. These sessions take place three times per semester for two days each (Friday, Saturday). During the distance learning phases students are able to divide up their learning workload themselves. The Online Campus, which includes all learning materials, videos, podcasts and forums, is accessible at any time.

Costs for the accredited degree programmes amount to 363.36 Euro plus the Austrian Union of Students contribution per semester.

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About Ferdinand Porsche FernFH

Ferdinand Porsche FernFH is Austria's first distance-learning University of Applied Sciences. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of FernFH Management & Service GmbH and was founded in 2006. FernFH is a pioneer when it comes to distance learning in Austria thanks to the innovative learning and teaching methods in the field of distance learning. All five publicly funded distance learning programmes are accredited by AQ Austria, the Austrian Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation. In 2016, FernFH was certified according to international standards by the evaluation agency evalag Baden-Württemberg. Ferdinand Porsche FernFH collects the tuition fees of 363.36 Euro per semester plus the contribution for the Austrian Union of Students. Furthermore, FernFH offers certificate programmes for executive education with "NPO Management" and "Evaluation in the Health, Social and Education Sector". The MBA programme "International Corporate Social Responsibility Management" is a new addition to the executive education portfolio. Preparations for further degree programmes and executive education programmes are currently underway. More Information on www.fernfh.ac.at/en.

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