The city of learning
Universities and colleges of the highest order

St. Gallen’s excellent reputation as a city of learning has spread far beyond the borders of eastern Switzerland and indeed the entire country. There is a reason for this: in this city, education and learning are writ large.

The University of St. Gallen (HSG), with its practical array of subjects in the areas of business, law and social sciences, enjoys an international reputation. The more than 100 seats of learning here are all of an outstanding quality, starting with preschool centres and primary and secondary schools, all the way through to grammar schools, vocational and scientific colleges, FHS St. Gallen (university of applied sciences) and the PHSG teaching college based in St. Gallen, Rorschach and Gossau. The cantonal hospital in the city also plays a leading role in training healthcare workers. Private and special schools, foreign-language schools and grammar schools complete the offer.
The city’s vocational and further education centres are recognised far beyond its borders. Regular awards to graduates underline the high quality of education at the industrial and commercial vocational centres (GBS and KBZ St.Gallen), and the vocational training centre for health and social professions (BZGS). The centres all offer complete further education programmes too – as do the various private schools in St.Gallen with their wide-ranging offers of courses.

The University of St.Gallen (HSG) has an international reputation and is a regular recipient of top rankings and awards. Its broad range of courses and qualifications, including postgraduate offers, is firmly focused on practical application. For example, on the Executive Campus HSG, the university’s continuing education centre, employees from companies from all sectors are a regular sight. The entire population benefits from an extensive programme of public lectures at the university.

At FHS St.Gallen some 1,600 students are enrolled in the four faculties of Business, Social Work, Technology and Health. On top of that, a similar number are studying for their FHS Masters and other continuing education courses. The FHS St.Gallen and its institutes fulfil an important role in applied research and development. At the same time, it ensures the transfer of research findings into practice.

Future state schoolteachers are trained at the canton’s teacher training college, the PHSG. Its more than 270 highly qualified lecturers ensure that the PHSG has a leading role among similar institutes. About 1,400 students are currently enrolled at the college, which also offers further teacher training and has a leading competence centre for research, development and counselling, making a key contribution to scientific research into education questions and problems.

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