

# **The Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies in the University Clinic of Dentistry of Vienna**

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The study of dentistry is divided into 3 sections, the 3<sup>rd</sup> part is composed of a preclinical part, including the prosthodontic bases (8<sup>th</sup> semester) and a clinical part (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> semester). In the preclinical part, all the processes necessary for the prosthetic diagnostic and therapy should be trained. This is anamnesis, occlusal index, clinical examinations condylography, cephalometrics, impressions, different bite registrations, fabrication of casts and articulator-mounting. The theoretical knowledge and practical skills for creating high-quality dental single restorations, bridges and implant supported restorations are taught. In this section the students get to know the contents of the fixed and removable prosthetics, both theoretically and practically. The pre-clinical practical training is very intense, because all the bases of fixed and removable prosthetics are taught. The clinical part starts in the 10 semester, the prosthodontic patients are treated by students in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> semester. 90 percent of the patients of the dental school are complex cases. Most of them need pre-therapy and the treatment takes more than 2 semesters. Students cannot get enough experience in the treatment of complex cases during their studies. Therefore we offer the postgraduate Master of Science in Prosthetics which is also presented in this lecture.