



## BERICHT

(Bitte **spätestens 2 Monate nach Beendigung Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts** vollständig übermitteln)

1. Gastuniversität (Land/Stadt/Uni) University of Chicago

2. Studienjahr  Wintersemester 2017  Sommersemester 20  

Aufenthaltsdauer (Tag, Monat, Jahr) von 25.09.2017 bis 16.03.2018

3. Studienrichtung(en) Politikwissenschaft Matrikel. Nr. A-XXXXXXXXXX

Bachelorstudium  Diplomstudium  Lehramtsstudium  Masterstudium

E-Mail-Adresse (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Stipendium bewilligt für 6 Monate Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt €3600

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Gesamtsumme Stipendien \_\_\_\_\_

5. Wohnmöglichkeit (zutr. bitte ankreuzen):  Studierendenheim  
 Privat

6. Kosten Unterkunft gesamt €3900 Reisekosten gesamt €700

(An- und Abreise, öffentl. Verkehrsmittel)

Lebenshaltungskosten gesamt €4900 Visakosten €150

Studienkosten gesamt €1500 Versicherungskosten gesamt €420

(z.B. Studien - Sprachkurs-, Bibliotheksgebühren  
Kursmaterial, Application Fees)

**Gesamtkosten Auslandsaufenthalt** €11570

### Verfassen eines persönlichen Erfahrungsberichtes über

**Ihren Studienaufenthalt** Anhaltspunkte: Gastuniversität, Kurse, Prüfungen, Mitstudierende, Unterkunft etc.

(Bitte verwenden Sie ein **extra Beiblatt**: mind. 1 Seite; **Überschrift des Berichtes**: Ihre Matrikelnummer, Name der Gastuniversität und des Gastlandes, Ihre Studienrichtung sowie der Zeitraum des Aufenthaltes.)

### Abgabe des Leistungsnachweises der ausländischen Institution (Transcript) sowie des Anrechnungsbescheides (Formular: Antrag-Anerkennung-Studienerfolgsnachweis)

**JA**, ich bin damit einverstanden, dass dieses Formular zusammen mit meinem Bericht für Mitstudierende auf der Webseite zur Ansicht zur Verfügung steht. Bitte bedenken Sie, dass Sie diesen Bericht auch anonymisiert ohne Name abgeben können.

**NEIN**, ich stimme einer Veröffentlichung nicht zu.

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By the time I had been accepted to study in Chicago for a semester, I knew what I had gotten myself into. With the University of Chicago being one of the highest-ranking universities in the United States and countless reports from past students mentioning UChicago's academic rigor (not to mention the motto: "the place where fun comes to die"), I was prepared to encounter some challenges.

However, looking back on the experience now, I don't think I ever expected to enjoy my time abroad this much. I felt so lucky to be surrounded by such ambitious and intelligent peers, as well as such well-established lecturers. As I was fulfilling my EC requirements abroad, I was also able to take whichever classes I wanted. There was so much on offer that I found it very difficult to choose only three classes per quarter but I enjoyed them all. Yes, there will be a heavy workload and a lot more will be expected from you than you are used to at the University of Vienna, but if you work hard and manage your time well, there is nothing you won't be able to do.

The University of Chicago has a quarter-system, which means that one semester is actually split into 2 'quarters'. Each quarter (3 months) will have a series of mid-term assignments/exams, which heavily contribute to your grade, as well as final assignments/exams. This means there is no such thing as leaving everything to the last minute. You will constantly have something to do but so will everyone else. Funnily enough, some of my best memories are of the long nights spent at the Regenstein (the library) with friends. Though I did emphasize the type of work ethic expected at the University, don't forget to socialize and have fun! I would recommend signing up for one of the many clubs offered there or taking some time to explore Chicago's unique neighborhoods, all of which have something different to offer. Exchange students didn't receive a travel-pass for the metro or buses as ordinary students did, but that wasn't too problematic. I mostly relied on Uber-pool most of the time. Not only was it super convenient (20 minutes to downtown) but pretty cheap to use.

As for housing, it was almost impossible to find a single room, which was available for two whole quarters. However, finding a room on UChicago Marketplace (3 weeks prior to my arrival) was relatively easy and straightforward. Finding an apartment for the second quarter, after being well acquainted with my surroundings, was even easier. The first time around I lived on 53<sup>rd</sup> Greenwood and the second time around on 54<sup>th</sup> Woodlawn. Both apartments were located close to the Quad and main university buildings (approx. 10 minutes), as well as supermarkets such as Hyde Park Produce and Target. Both areas were also a little safer than others so I would highly suggest trying to find a place to stay there. On the note of safety, Chicago is a little more dangerous than Vienna so I would just recommend staying alert and trying to avoid walking home alone at night. There are also University Shuttles available when it gets dark, as well as patrolling security guards so I wouldn't waste time

getting paranoid or overly worried.

In conclusion, I think spending a semester abroad is always an enriching experience. Take new classes, meet new people and try new things! Your time abroad is what you make of it.