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International Office

# STUDENT



# EXCHANGE

at the University of Vienna

Exchange students come to study one or two semesters at the University of Vienna in the context of a mobility program. The International Office is responsible for enrolling and counselling these students.

Our major student exchange programs are:

- ERASMUS
- Non-EU Student Exchange Program

To be nominated for one of the places, students have to contact their home university first.

## CONTACT & FURTHER INFORMATION

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<http://international.univie.ac.at/incoming-students/>

- ERASMUS: [erasmus.incoming@univie.ac.at](mailto:erasmus.incoming@univie.ac.at)
- Non-EU Student Exchange Program: [non-eu-exchange@univie.ac.at](mailto:non-eu-exchange@univie.ac.at)

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Winter semester	—————	1 October to 31 January
Semester break	—————	1 to 28 February
Summer semester	—————	1 March to 30 June
Summer break	—————	1 July to 30 September

## APPLICATION NOMINATION DEADLINES

ERASMUS	Non-EU Student Exchange Program
1 May (winter semester)	1 May (winter semester)
1 November (summer semester)	1 October (summer semester)

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Nomination by partner university
2. Preregistration online

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## ARRIVAL / ORIENTATION

We recommend that exchange students arrive 1–2 weeks before the start of the semester.

In September/February orientation sessions will be held during which students register at the university, receive their student ID card and get information regarding their stay at the University of Vienna.

## VISA

Exchange students who do not have EU/EEA or Swiss citizenship should apply for a visa at the Austrian embassy or consulate in their home country as soon as possible! Depending on length of stay, there are two options:

- up to 6 months: visa D
- longer than 6 months: residence permit

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## COURSES

The course catalogue can be found here:

<http://vorlesungsverzeichnis.univie.ac.at>

It can be searched by keyword(s) or language of instruction, or browsed by various subjects/departments. Please note that not all courses are offered each semester. Course registration is normally opened about a month before the semester starts and done online via each student's own university account. The exams usually take place at the end of the semester.

### COURSE OPTIONS

Depending on the bilateral agreements with each respective home university, different regulations apply for ERASMUS and Non-EU Exchange students regarding course selection.

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### ERASMUS departmental coordinators

ERASMUS exchange students have separate departmental coordinators for all subject-specific queries. The relevant contact details will be sent to the students once they have been nominated.

## CREDITS AND GRADES

The University of Vienna applies the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). One course typically has between 3 and 8 ECTS credits depending on the type and workload of the course.

The full semester course load amounts to 30 ECTS credits.

**Grading scale:** excellent (1), good (2), satisfactory (3), sufficient (4), fail (5)

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND GERMAN COURSES

Some fields of study offer a wide range of courses in English, but at many departments the majority of courses is taught in German. We therefore recommend German language competence of at least European level B1/B2 for exchange students. To improve language skills, German courses can be taken before or during the semester:

<http://deutschkurse.univie.ac.at>

Exchange students receive special discounts for many of the courses:

<http://international.univie.ac.at/incoming-students/>

## ACCOMMODATION

The University of Vienna does not operate any student dorms, but exchange students can apply for rooms in a hall of residence administrated by other institutions, or choose private housing.

Further information can be found on our website:

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## ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK

The ERASMUS Student Network (ESN) of the University of Vienna supports exchange students amongst other things by organising various social events. The ESN buddies help exchange students to find their way around in Vienna and provide a good opportunity for international students to get in touch with local students.

<http://uni-wien.esnaustria.org/>

## ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES

Please be aware that depending on individual needs these figures may vary strongly.

Housing (room in a hall of residence or shared flat): approx. € 300–450

Food/meals: approx. € 250–350

Personal expenses: approx. € 250–350