

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 at least a B1/B2 level of German according to the Common European Framework of Reference for exchange students. To improve their language skills, exchange students can take German courses before or during the semester:

sprachenzentrum.univie.ac.at/en

Exchange students receive special discounts for many of the courses.

Accommodation

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

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.

esnuniwien.com

Estimated monthly expenses

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

Accommodation (room in a hall of residence or shared flat):

Approx. € 320–450

Food/meals: approx. € 250–350

Personal expenses: approx. € 250–350

Contact & further Information

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International Office

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ERASMUS+

erasmus.incoming@univie.ac.at

Non-EU Student Exchange

non-eu-exchange@univie.ac.at

ERASMUS+ International Mobility

erasmus.international@univie.ac.at

 [international.univie](https://www.facebook.com/international.univie)

Student Exchange

international.univie.ac.at



Exchange students spend one or two semesters of their degree programme at the University of Vienna within a mobility scheme. The International Office is responsible for enrolling and counselling these students.

Our major student exchange programmes are:

- Erasmus+
- Non-EU Student Exchange
- Erasmus+ International Mobility

To be nominated for a study place within one of these programmes, students have to contact their home university first.

Academic Calendar

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

Application/Nomination deadlines

Erasmus+	Non-EU Student Exchange	ERASMUS+ International Mobility
1 May (winter semester)	1 May (winter semester)	1 May (winter semester)
1 November (summer semester)	1 October (summer semester)	1 November (summer semester)

How to Apply

1. Nomination by partner university
2. Online registration/application

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 an EU/EEA or Swiss citizenship have to apply for a visa at the Austrian embassy or consulate in their home country as soon as possible. Depending on the duration of the stay, there are two options:

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

Courses

The course catalogue can be found here: ufind.univie.ac.at/en

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

Course options

Depending on the bilateral agreements with the respective home universities, different regulations apply to Erasmus and Non-EU Exchange students regarding course selection.

Mobility coordinators at the department

Exchange students have mobility coordinators at their department for all subject-specific queries. The relevant contact details will be sent to exchange 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 a value of 3 to 8 ECTS credit points depending on the type and workload of the course. The full semester course load amounts to 30 ECTS credits. Incoming students are expected to take at least 16 ECTS during their stay at the University of Vienna.

Grading scale

excellent (1), good (2), satisfactory (3), sufficient (4), fail (5)

