Vienna, Austria

**Vienna University of Economics and Business**

USC’s exchange program in Austria is designed to expose students to the life and culture of the Austrian people. Despite the fact the majority of the population (92%) is German-speaking, Austria is culturally and ethnically diverse including six officially recognized ethnic groups: Croats, Czechs, Hungarians, Roma/Sinti, Slovaks and Slovenes. Students will attend the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), located in the capital city of Vienna and situated along the Danube River. The WU is over 100 years old with a student population of 20,000. International students account for about 20% of the total number of students. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program offers a wide range of courses in English (CoinE) to students with little or no knowledge of German. Courses in English are offered in the following subject areas: Marketing and Management, Regional and Business Environmental Policy, European and Eastern European Studies, Finance, Investment and Accounting, Economic Policy and Trade Management, Business Skills, Human Resources and Organizational Behavior, and Management Information Systems. Students attend classes with Austrian and other international students.

During the semester, German business-related language courses are offered at six different levels. German language courses are also offered two weeks prior to the start of the semester for an additional fee. Students with advanced level German may also enroll in standard university courses with local and other international students which are taught exclusively in German.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least junior standing prior to attending the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Given the types of subjects offered, students should be majoring or minoring in Business or a related field. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

**Courses and Credits**

Students typically earn 15 credit hours per semester. A detailed list of courses offered in English is available at [http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/courses/coursesinenglish](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/courses/coursesinenglish). Following are a few examples of WU subjects offered in English.

**Sample Subject Offerings**

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Living Arrangements
Students can choose to live in residence halls or in shared apartments with Austrian students or other international students. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. Housing costs are paid to the WU and vary based on the type of accommodation chosen, which can be arranged by the Austrian Exchange Service. The cost for student accommodations ranges from 225€ to 500€. Information on the various residence halls can be found at http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/housing.

Budgeting
Students should prepare for the following costs in Vienna, in addition to housing and USC tuition: 220€ to 300€ a month for food and personal expenses, 150€ a semester for public transit, 15€ to 30€ a month for utilities, 50€ to 150€ a month for entertainment and 75€ to 150€ a semester for books. For more information, visit http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/lifeinvienna#living.

Master Calendar
The fall semester goes from October to February and the spring semester goes from February to the end of June. USC students can attend Vienna for the fall semester by choosing courses that have exams which take place in December. Students can attend Vienna for the spring semester or academic year as well. For more information, http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/dates.

Insurance
Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details. WU-Wien does have a recommended insurance program as well: http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/prep/index#insurance.

Orientation
Two weeks prior to the start of the semester, the WU offers an optional Orientation and Cultural Immersion Program for an additional cost which includes excursions and company visits. During these two weeks, students can also attend intensive German language courses at all levels. Both are strongly recommended for exchange students. For more information, visit http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/okprogram.

Excursions
For an additional fee, the WU’s Buddy Network organizes a trip to Prague and a skiing trip. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel.

Visa
Students that plan to attend the Wu-Wien for a semester or academic year are required to get a visa through the Austrian embassy or consulate. More information can be found at http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incomings/exchange/prep/index#entry

Footnotes
USC students can attend the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration during the fall or spring semester or academic year. Visit the WU’s website at http://www.wu-wien.ac.at/isc/exchange
For more information on Austria, please see: www.austria.info.

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