## WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

### Fact Sheet 2016-2017

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Last update: February 2016. We reserve the right to make changes.
Academic calendar 2016/17 & holiday dates & exam dates

Winter semester 2016/17:
**Semester dates:** October 1, 2016 – February 3, 2017
**Christmas break:** December 24, 2016 – January 8, 2017
(Please note: Several courses for exchange students end before the Christmas break.)

**Information Session for incoming students** (mandatory, students can choose on which date they would like to attend the information session)
- Information Session 1: September 9, 2016
- Information Session 2: September 30, 2016

**Introduction weeks (optional):**
- Pre-semester German language courses: September 12, 2016 – September 29, 2016

**Semester break:** February 6, 2017 – March 5, 2017

Summer semester 2017:
**Semester dates:** March 6, 2017 – July 8, 2017
**Easter break:** April 10, 2017 – April 30, 2017
**Pentecost break:** June 4, 2017 – June 5, 2017

**Information Session for incoming students** (mandatory, students can choose on which date they prefer to attend the information session)
- Information Session 1: February 10, 2017
- Information Session 2: March 3, 2017

**Introduction weeks (optional):**
- Pre-semester German language courses: February 13, 2017 – March 2, 2017

**Exam dates** depend on the courses chosen. There is **no specific examination period** for all courses.

Online registration process & nomination deadlines & application deadlines

WU only accepts exchange students nominated by its partner universities. The home university exchange coordinator is asked to **nominate the students online** and forward **Nomination Letters** to the nominated exchange students, including their WU student ID numbers and passwords.

**Online nomination system:**
https://bach.wu.ac.at/bachapp/cgi-bin/nph-init/zas_incoming

**Nomination deadlines for partner universities:**
For the winter semester: May 1
For the summer semester: November 1

**Application deadlines for students for:**
- Orientation and Cultural Program
- Pre-Semester German language courses
- Housing
- Online pre-enrollment for students
For the winter semester: May 15
For the summer semester: November 15

Programs open to exchange students & language of instruction

**Courses in English:**
Our English course options for exchange students include around 180 high-quality courses offered every term in a broad variety of business fields. A wide range of courses are offered in blocks, which contributes to increased flexibility in scheduling courses by exchange students.

**Courses in German:**
Apart from courses offered in English language, incoming exchange students can also attend a variety of courses taught in German. For these courses, German language skills of at least level B2 according to the CEFR are required.

Courses for Bachelor students: https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/Incoming-students/exchange-semester/undergraduate-courses/

Courses for Master students: https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/Incoming-students/exchange-semester/graduate-courses/

**Subject areas** include:
- Marketing and Management
- Finance, Investment and Accounting
- Human Resources and Organizational Behavior
- Strategic Management
- Information Systems
| **Course load** | There is no minimum requirement for incoming exchange students. The maximum course load is 36 ECTS credits plus one German Business Communication course. |
| **German language courses** | **Before the semester:**  
WU offers an optional pre-semester German language course during the Orientation and Cultural Program three weeks prior to the start of the semester. To participate, students need to apply by May 15 for the winter semester and by November 15 for the summer semester. Places are limited. A reduced fee is available to Erasmus students.  
**During the semester:**  
WU offers German Business Communication courses at 5 different levels. German Business Communication courses are free of charge. Places are limited. |
| **Further services for exchange students** | **Orientation and Cultural Program:**  
Starts 3 weeks prior to the start of the semester and includes a sight-seeing program, field trips, presentations on Austria, etc.  
**Academic advisors:**  
For each of WU’s partner universities, a specific WU faculty member serves as academic advisor. Academic advisors support students in selecting appropriate courses and give advice on relevant academic matters.  
**Buddy Network:**  
The Austrian Students’ Union (ÖH) at WU provides exchange students with a “buddy,” a WU student who acts as their personal mentor. The Buddy Network also organizes a number of social activities for exchange students (skiing trips, trips to neighboring countries, theater visits, etc.) |
| **Accommodation** | **Staying in an OeAD Student Residence Hall**  
Students can apply for accommodation in student residence halls. Students interested in renting these rooms need to apply by May 15 for the winter semester and by November 15 for the summer semester and pay a deposit.  
**Private Accommodation**  
If students prefer to arrange their own accommodations in a private apartment, we recommend using the Housing Anywhere site or one of the other databases listed on our website. If proof of accommodation is needed for visa purposes, this proof will have to be issued by the landlord.  
**Further information:**  
https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/exchange-semester/accommodation/ |
| **Living costs** | Housing | approx. € 400–600 / month |
| | Insurance | approx. € 50 / month |
| | Food, personal expenses | approx. € 220–300 / month |
| | Utilities (phone, mail, etc.) | approx. € 15–30 / month |
| | Vienna public transport | approx. € 150 / semester |
| | Books | approx. € 75–150 / semester |
| | ÖH-Beitrag (Students’ Union dues) | approx. € 19 / semester |
| **Entry and residence regulations** | Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries (so-called “third country nationals”) need an entry visa or residence permit for entry into and residence in Austria. The type of permit depends on the length and purpose of the stay.  
**Further details:**  
https://www.oead.at/welcome_to_austria/legal_practical_issues/EN/ |
| **International Summer University**wU | This short-term academic program takes place at WU from July 4 – 22, 2016, and July 25 - August 12, 2016. Students can take 2–3 business courses on the graduate or undergraduate level. Networking opportunities and social programs with fellow students from over 30 countries add to the experience.  
WU partner universities can nominate their students to participate as exchange students.  
**Further details:**  
https://www.wu.ac.at/io/isuwu |