

(UNIVERSITY of VIENNA)

POCKET GUIDE 2010

FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

HOW TO GET TO VIENNA

You can take a flight to either **Vienna** or **Bratislava** (some of the cheaper airlines fly to Bratislava only).

The University is at the city center. So if you arrive at the Airport "Schwechat" in Vienna you best take the train (S7) to „Landstraße- Wien Mitte“ and then the Metro U3 (the orange one) to „Volkstheater“ and take the U2 to “Schottentor/University”.

If you arrive in Bratislava you can take the shuttle bus to “Vienna/Erdberg” and follow the same path with the Metro U3

- <http://www.airberlin.com>
- <http://www.skyeurope.com>
- <http://www.ryanair.com>

LIVING IN VIENNA

Basic Information

At this page you will find Information concerning most basic topics about studying and getting along in Vienna.

- <http://international.univie.ac.at/en/portal/welcomeguide/>

Transportation

Is quite cheap with the semester ticket. This you can get at the Schottentor stop by the university, but only after you have received your student id.

Food

It is best to buy your food at the cheaper supermarkets like Hofer or Lidl; other big chains like Billa or Merkur are a bit more expensive (especially concerning vegetables and fruit). Still if you live somewhere near a Billa and would have to walk a long way to the next Hofer it is not a big deal to go shopping at Billa (it is really just a bit more expensive).

You can also go and eat outside in restaurants and bars. Especially next to the university there are a lot of student cafés and restaurants which offer cheap and tasty meals (4-7 Euros). You can also eat at one of the universities cafeterias (~4 Euro for just food) located in and around the university, some of which serve tasty meals – but by far not all of them. If you plan to eat at the cafeteria frequently you should go

and get a “Mensapickerl” – a sticker for your student ID, entitling you for a discount – from the ÖH (the student’s union). Not only close to the university but all over the inner districts, there are nice restaurants, offering a great variety of different meals. We also have a big tradition of “Kaffehäuser” (cafés). For a Viennese coffee you have to pay between 1, 50 and 2, 20 Euro, except for several “traditional” coffee houses, which are mostly in the first (inmost) district, where you would have to pay about 3, 60 Euro. A great experience is also the Deewan, which is a Pakistani restaurant where you pay as much as you like.

Nightlife

Concerning the nightlife Vienna offers quite a number of nice clubs, bars and pubs (most of them again are located in the inner districts: districts 1-9). There is no entrance fee for pubs and bars and to get into a club you have to pay between 2 and 10 Euro (depending on the club). There are a number of concert halls spread over town and some pretty huge discotheques at the outer rim of the city.

Normal public transportation stops between 12pm (trams, busses) and 0.30am (Underground) but there are several nightlines (frequency of half an hour) which you can take to get back home after going out. (No matter where you live there is always a nightline you can take).

→ <http://www.vor.at> – Finding the best public transportation (day- and nightlines)

→ <http://www.falter.at/web/event/home.php> - Almost every happening worth going to is collected here – sadly German only

Shopping

If you would like to go shopping you can do so on “Mariahilfer Straße”, which is the main shopping street for that connects the “Ring” (the street around the first district) with the “Gürtel” (the big street which runs between the inner and the outer districts). There you find all the usual stores like H&M, Zara etc. but if you make a turn at “Neubaugasse” - which is a smaller shopping street crossing Mariahilfer Straße - you will find all sorts of little shops, second hand shops, designer shops etc. Additionally there are some smaller malls around town - always close to the metro - and a huge one called “SCS” at the southern city limit.

REGISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY

➔ REGISTRATION

At the University of Vienna organizing your studies is rather up to you: There is no fixed timetable which you are obliged to follow, but it depends rather on your motivation and your interests which and how many courses you choose. Once registered at the University of Vienna, you are not only reduced to the courses offered at the institute where you are studying, but you also have the possibility to take nearly every other course offered by other institutes (it is highly recommended to verify with the CE Coordinator of your home institution if your course choice will be accepted for your studies).

→ <http://www.univie.ac.at> – the university’s official home page

→ <http://studieren.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=364> - all official information about studying at the University of Vienna

The registration for your courses works via your account, which you can access online

with your at <http://studieren.univie.ac.at/index.php?id=34> This is your Univis account. With your matriculation number and your password you can access information on your marks and register for courses.

It is also important to note that each exam for a lecture can be taken at three opportunities and up to three times.

➔ LANGUAGE COURSES

For the last 85 years people from all over the world have come to learn German at the University of Vienna, which is situated in the heart of the city. The teachers do not only help their learners to improve their language skills but also want to give them an insight into Austria's culture and the Viennese way of life. Different course programs are offered during the academic year (October-June) and in summer there are also special courses for beginners as well as for proficiency students.

July-course: 5th July – 30th July 2010

Monday to Friday 9.15 - 12.00 hrs

August-course: 2nd - 27th August 2010

Monday to Friday 9.15 -12.00 hrs

September-course: 30th August - 17th September 2010

Monday to Friday 9.15 - 13.00 hrs

The maximum number of students per class is 16. Classes in 8 different levels are offered each session and consecutive courses can be booked.

These courses are not free of charge! For registration and fees see

http://www.univie.ac.at/WIHOK/sommer_e.html

Campus Europae Language Course with G. Nimac

Starting at September 1st; Approx. 10 ECTS, 6 hours per day, Mo-Fr for 5 weeks

This course is free for Campus-Europae Incomings!

It is a beginner crash-course which you should definitely take unless you already speak German. Register with the CE-Coordinator Julia Seyss-Inquart!

➔ CALENDER OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Beginning of study year October 1st

Beginning of winter semester October 1st

Beginning of lectures October 1st

Period of registration July 1st – October 15th

Grace period October 16th – November 30th

Leisure day November 2nd

Christmas holidays December 22nd – January 6th

End of semester January 31st

Free Period February 1st – 28th

Beginning of summer semester March 1st

Beginning of lectures March 2nd

Period of registration January 12th – March 13th

Grace period March 14th – April 30th

Easter holidays April 6th – April 19th

End of semester June 30th

Summer holidays July 1st – September 30th

End of study year September 30th

➔ ACCOMMODATION

You can either stay in a dormitory (see online accommodation list) or in a shared apartment (however most of the rooms in shared apartments are more expensive than dorm rooms). If you are Erasmus-student (=first year of CE) the Erasmus-office will arrange everything concerning the accommodation for you.

- <http://www.housing.oead.ac.at/> - the organization arranging housing for incomings
- <http://www.jobwohnen.at/> - a database for cheap apartments/shared flats

➔ SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY

Sports

The USI (The University's Sports Institute) offers more than 1000 courses for students: more than 150 different sports for €11-95/semester per course. It is important to register soon, since to courses all have limited access and are generally overbooked! Private fitness clubs often have special student prices and start at approximately € 50 per month.

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- <http://www.usi.at> – The University's Sport Institute

Computer facilities

There are computers, with internet access all over the university: Main library, Campus and NIG. This is also where you can print and copy (copy card at facultas) or scan.

ESN Vienna

The European Student Network Vienna cares about incoming students and offers a wide range of different possibilities to meet other students. They are organizing an orientation week at the beginning of the semester, "jours fixes", one-time-events and weekend trips to the nice cities nearby (Bratislava, Prague, Budapest) and even a very cheap course for classical dances to be prepared for the ball season (which has a very long tradition in Vienna) – there's program offered for at least 5 activities per week.

- <http://esn.univie.ac.at>

Buddy Network

At the University of Vienna there exists an excellent Buddy-Network. Everyone coming in via the Erasmus Network will be acquainted with a student from Vienna, who will help you with your first steps at the university (registration, making your timetable etc.) and who will also show you around Vienna (show you the university, the nice places to hang out

➔ VISA

The study visa is necessary for all students from countries outside the European Union or Schengen space.

EU students still have to register at the magistrate, which costs about 30€. Usually your dormitory organization tells you where to register.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

➔ CURRENCY

Euro

➔ **BANK ACCOUNT**

Free accounts for students available at most banks (e.g. Raiffeisenbank, Erste Bank...), some offer special offers for students.

➔ **MOBILE PHONE**

There are lots of different providers: the cheapest ones are YESS (you can buy it at Hofer) or BOB (4 cent per minute per call), which offer low-price prepaid cards, but you should bring your own cell phone. The ESN offers you also a free Sim-Card for T-Mobile, which is especially of interest if you want to use your cell phone to call internationally, but is rather expensive to use for calling friends in Austria.

➔ **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

122: Firefighters, 144: First Aid, 133: Police, Euro-Emergency call: 112

CONTACTS

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