WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

Fact Sheet 2015-2016

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| Academic calendar 2015/16 & break/holiday dates & exam dates | **Winter Semester 2015/16:**  
**Semester dates:** October 1, 2015 – February 1, 2016  
**Christmas break:** December 24, 2015 – January 6, 2016  
(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 4, 2015  
Information Session 2: October 1, 2015  
**Introduction weeks (optional):** Orientation and Cultural Program and/or pre-semester German language courses: September 4, 2015 – September 25, 2015  
**Semester break:** February 1, 2016 – February 28, 2016  
**Summer Semester 2016:**  
**Semester dates:** February 29, 2016 – June 27, 2016  
**Easter break:** March 21, 2016 – April 3, 2016  
**Information Session for incoming students** (mandatory, students can choose on which date they prefer to attend the information session)  
Information Session 1: February 5, 2016  
Information Session 2: February 26, 2016  
**Introduction weeks (optional):** Orientation and Cultural Program and/or pre-semester German language courses (optional): February 5, 2016 – February 26, 2016  
**Exam dates** depend on the courses chosen. There is no specific examination period for all courses. |
| Online registration process & nomination deadlines | WU only accepts exchange students nominated by its partner universities. The home university exchange coordinator is asked to nominate the students online, send us a signed and stamped **Student Nomination Form**, and forward **Nomination Letters** to the nominated exchange students, including their WU student ID numbers and passwords.  
**Nomination deadlines:**  
For the winter semester: May 1  
For the summer semester: November 1 |
| Programs open to exchange students & language of instruction | **Courses in English:** [http://www.wu.ac.at/io/incoming/courses/coursesinenglish/en/](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/incoming/courses/coursesinenglish/en/)  
**Courses in German** (German language skills required):  
**Subject areas** include:  
- Marketing and Management  
- Finance, Investment and Accounting  
- Human Resources and Organizational Behavior  
- Strategic Management  
- Information Systems  
- Economics, Economic Policy and Trade Management  
- European and Eastern European Studies  
- Business Law  
- Business Skills  
For information about grading, assessment, course types, etc., please also have a look at: [http://www.wu.ac.at/io/incoming/courses/ectsassessment/en/](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/incoming/courses/ectsassessment/en/) |
| 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 |

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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

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.

Further information:
[http://www.wu.ac.at/io/incoming/services/housing/en/](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/incoming/services/housing/en/) and [www.housing.oead.ac.at/index_e.asp](http://www.housing.oead.ac.at/index_e.asp)

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### Living costs

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<td>Housing</td>
<td>approx. € 400–600 / month</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>approx. € 50 / month</td>
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<td>Food, personal expenses</td>
<td>approx. € 220–300 / month</td>
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<td>Utilities (phone, mail, etc.)</td>
<td>approx. € 15–30 / month</td>
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<td>Vienna public transport</td>
<td>approx. € 150 / semester</td>
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<td>Books</td>
<td>approx. € 75–150 / semester</td>
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<td>ÖH-Beitrag (Students’ Union dues)</td>
<td>approx. € 18 / semester</td>
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### 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/](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 6 – 24, 2015**, and **July 27 - August 14, 2015**. 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: [www.wu.ac.at/io/isuwu](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/isuwu)