



# Master Economics Welcome Event 2020

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# Welcome to the Master's Program Economics at WU Vienna!





- >A special year
- ➤A joint effort
- >A valuable experience

And the day will come when again...



### **Master Economics Team**



### Organisation:

Heidemarie Straka (program coordinator)

### Student Mentor:

Clara Anzengruber

### Academic Issues:

Guido Schäfer, Jesus Crespo Cuaresma (program directors)



# **Covid-19: Policies on Campus**

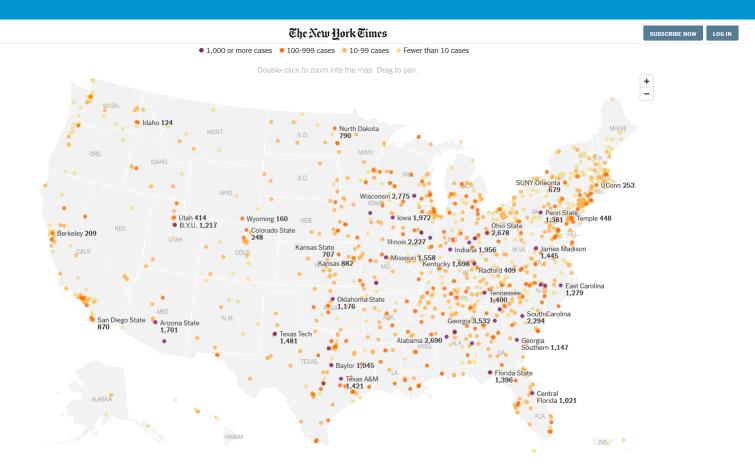


- > Teaching should continue under most circumstances, flexibly switching between on-campus and distance learning formats.
  - Course instructors will provide more information please check syllabi.
  - Inform the course instructor if you do not feel well.
  - Courses can also be followed in distance learning mode if necessary.
- Observe safety protocols on campus.
  - Wear a mask inside buildings!
  - Keep a distance where possible! Wash your hands! Use disinfectant!
  - Use only marked seats in class rooms! Indicate the number and stay at your seat.
- When moving between classrooms, follow the signs and keep a distance hallways can temporarily get crowded
- Class rooms and public places indoors on campus will get frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- Follow the guidelines for students issued by the Rectorate.



# **Covid-19 on US Campuses**







# **Covid-19: Off-Campus**

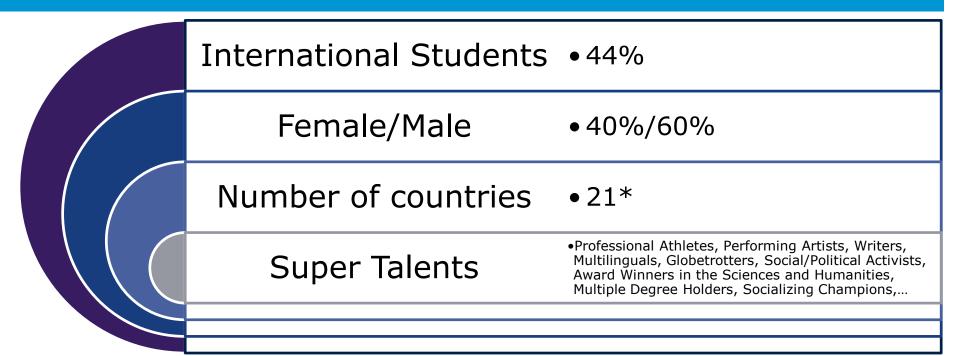


- ➤ If you have the typical symptoms (sore throat, fever, loss of smell, breathing difficulties,...) please stay at home!
  - Call 1450 to get testing and obtain further instructions.
  - Without symptoms/ with mild symptoms you can also get free testing directly at Ernst-Happel Stadion.
- > Should you fall sick and need support as you are alone in Vienna, your friends also have to self-quarantaine,... let us know!
  - Even though there are limits what we can do as the program management, we will try our best to organize support.
- > Some students can only participate in distance learning mode for now please support them as it may be harder for them to get started with the program.
- > Try to be careful in your off-campus activities. Many infections among students happen off-campus in dorms, at parties,...
  - Some US universities starting in August have several thousand infections by now.
- Meet your peers outside there are tons of cool activities inside and around Vienna!
  - Exchange ideas on Facebook, WhatsApp
- The more we mutually support each other, the better we function as a community, the better we will get through this public health crisis!



# Some interesting facts about you





<sup>\*</sup>Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine



# **An Invitation to Explore MSc Economics**



Lots of Resources for Students

Welcome Week

Applied Track and Science Track

11 Specializations

Exchange Semester

Data Analysis

Research Projects Lectures and Conferences

Policy Seminars Modern Campus

Job Resources

Vienna



# **Exploring Course Offerings**



# **MSc Economics**

Applied Track

1st Year: Mandatory Courses

Science Track

2nd Year: Electives, Exchange Semester, Thesis



# **Exploring Areas of Specialization**



### Lectures and Seminars

Applied Track: 4 Lectures, 2 Seminars – Science Track: 3 Lectures, 2 Seminars

**Industrial Economics** 

Regulatory Economics

Economic Development

Behavioral and Experimental Economics

International Economics

Money, Credit and Finance

**Spatial Economics** 

Labour Economics

Economics of Distribution

Public Sector Economics

Economic and Social Policy

Course Abroad

Tip: - Course Abroad: Additional specializations from partner university



# **Exploring a Semester Abroad**



"Study anything you are interested in at some of the best places for studying economics in the world"

University of Chicago	University of Illinois	ITAM, Mexico	Keio University, Japan	University of New South Wales	Stockholm School of Economics	Norwegian School of Economics
Université Libre de Bruxelles	Université Catholique de Louvain	University of Zurich	University of Lausanne	University of Mannheim	Humboldt University, Berlin	Free University, Berlin
Goethe University Frankfurt	University of Cologne	Erasmus University Rotterdam	Maastricht University	Tilburg University	Bocconi University	LUISS, Rome
Universidade Nova de Lisboa	Higher School of Economics, Russia	University of Economics, Prague	Corvinus University, Budapest	About 140 Partner Universities	Exchange semester is optional.	Transferable credits



# **Exploring Research**



MScEcon Curriculum: Research and Policy Seminars

Master's Thesis

Master's Thesis Conference Faculty research projects

Science Track

Fast Track option into PhD program

Research internships in Vienna

Top publications by (junior) professors in peer-reviewed journals

WU – one of the leading research universities in D/A/CH

Handelsblatt-Ranking: #1 in Austria

Tip: - Visit the Economics Research Seminar at the WU Department of Economics



# **Exploring Policy and Business**



MSc Economics – Mix of theory, methods and applications with a focus on data analysis

Academia

Applied Research Institutions

Think Tanks

Ministries, Public Administration

International Organisations

**Political Parties** 

Finance, Fintechs

**NGOs** 

Consulting

Multinational Companies

IT, Web Analytics

Strong reputation in job market

Tip: - NOeG mailing list has many job offers for economists: en.noeg.ac.at/mailing-list

- Career resources at MScEcon website
- LinkedIn Group "WU Master Economics":

350 profiles of graduates and fellow students







### Rich tradition in economics

- Austrian School of Economics (C. Menger, L. v. Mises, F.A. Hayek, J. Schumpeter,...)
- Red Vienna Urban Social Policy

### Political capital of EU member state

• Central Bank, Ministries, Think Tanks, Consulting Firms, EU Offices...

### **International Organisations**

• United Nations, OPEC, World Bank Office, Joint Vienna Institute (co-sponsored by IMF), IAASA,...

### International Financial and Economic Center

Headquarter and regional center for hundreds of international companies

### Conferences, Workshops, Public Lectures, Events, Internships, Jobs

Much more than you could ever attend!

### Tip: - NOeG mailing list: free subscription to get infos about events

- www.noeg.ac.at



# **Exploring Student Life**



Vienna has the largest student population in Germany, Switzerland, Austria

200,000 students

Vienna is the most liveable city in the world.

Economist "Global Liveability Index" 2019

Tip: - Find out yourself together with your fellow students ©



# **Welcome Week**



### **WELCOME WEEK 28.9 - 2.10**

**Monday** Wednesday **Thursday Friday Tuesday** Online Online 9:00 - 11:30 Online 9:00 - 13:00 Foundations of 11:00 Foundations of Economics Info Session Economics Online Offline Offline 13:00 Online Welcome Address Online Afternoon Free Day / Campus Tour **Initiatives** 14:30 Online Online Getting to 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 know each Office Hour Office Hour other Heidemarie Guido Schäfer Straka







### Websites

- For Prospective Students
- For Current Students

### Facebook Group

Master Economics @WU 2019/20

### LinkedIn Group

WU Master Economics

### Contact us

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- Office hours Guido Schäfer: Thu 4-5 p.m.



# Questions



Please raise your hand in MS Teams, turn on your microphone and your camera to pose your question.







# Thank you for your attention!

Please do not forget to fill out the <u>questionnaire!</u>

https://survey.wu.ac.at/msceconomics/index.php/768442?newtest=Y&lang=en