

Admission to German-taught bachelor's programs at WU (academic year 2026/27)

Thank you for your interest in studying at WU Vienna University of Economics and Business.

WU currently offers the following **German-taught** bachelor's programs:

- Bachelorstudium Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften (Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences): <https://short.wu.ac.at/bawiso>
- Bachelorstudium Wirtschaftsrecht (Bachelor's Program in Business Law): <https://short.wu.ac.at/bawire>

The admission requirements are:

- To successfully complete the **selection procedure** (<https://short.wu.ac.at/selection-procedures>) for the program of your choice.
- To prove **C1-level German language skills**.
Accepted certificates: <https://short.wu.ac.at/language-certificates>

If you can prove A2-level skills at least, you can attend a German course as part of the **Vienna University Preparation Programme – VWU** (<https://short.wu.ac.at/vwu>).

If you cannot prove A2-level language skills, you cannot attend the VWU.

- To successfully complete your **high school (in combination with SAT/ACT/Advanced Placement/a completed 2-year associate degree) or bachelor's degree** (see "Proof of general university entrance qualification" below).

Please follow the steps indicated below:

Step 1: Online Registration

To apply for the VWU, please first complete the **online registration** at <https://bach.wu.ac.at/start/vi> and select "Vorstudienlehrgang" / "University Preparation Program".
Registrations and applications done by agencies are NOT accepted.

If you will **ONLY be attending the VWU (i.e.: no enrollment in the bachelor's program)** in the academic year 2026/27 (= winter semester 2026/27 and summer semester 2027).

- ➔ In this case, registration for the 2026/27 bachelor's selection procedure is **NOT necessary**.

However, if you still want to start the **bachelor's program in the winter semester 2026/27 or at the latest in the summer semester 2027:**

- ➔ You must successfully complete the [bachelor's selection procedure](#) for the **2026/27 academic year**. To do so, you must **additionally register for the selection procedure** in the online registration tool in **March 2026** and take part in the selection procedure. A positive selection procedure result is only **valid for two semesters** (winter semester 2026/27 and summer semester 2027). The selection procedures are conducted **entirely in German** and take place only once a year. We recommend that you only participate if you have German language skills **at level B2 or above**.

Please apply for the VWU **only at the university where you actually intend to pursue a bachelor's degree later on**. Note that you **cannot** change universities while attending the VWU. VWU certificates (German and subject exams) are accepted for bachelor's programs at VWU, **even if you previously attended the VWU at another university**.

Step 2: Application

Submit your application as soon as you can present **your secondary school leaving certificate/degree documents and the necessary proof of German language skills**.

You can either **submit the application in person** at the Study Service Center **or send it by post** to "WU Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Studienzulassung/Admissions, Building LC, level 2, Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria".

The processing of your application may take **several weeks**.

Required **original documents**:

1. Completed application form

- Bachelor Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften (Bachelor's Program in Business, Economics and Social Sciences): <https://short.wu.ac.at/wiso-antrag>
- Bachelor Wirtschaftsrecht (Bachelor's Program in Business Law): <https://short.wu.ac.at/wire-antrag>

2. Proof of German language skills

Accepted certificates: <https://short.wu.ac.at/language-certificates>

For the bachelor's program: level C1.

For the VWU: at least level A2.

3. Proof of general university entrance qualification

You can apply **either with a secondary school leaving qualification or a bachelor's degree** (full-time study duration at least three years, completed at an accredited university).

If you apply with a **high school diploma**:

- High School Diploma
- High School Transcript
- **One** of the following additional qualifications:
 - SAT: 1360 points (Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing)
 - ACT: 29 points (Composite Score)
 - Advanced Placement (AP): at least four exams, minimum passing grade 3; among those exams: one language (German, English, French, Latin, Spanish) and mathematics
 - Diploma and official final transcript of records of a **completed** associate degree (full-time study duration of two years; completed at an accredited university).

If you apply with a **bachelor's degree**:

- Degree/graduation diploma/certificate
- Final transcript of records

4. Legalization and translation of the documents mentioned in point 3 above

You can present your documents issued in English. We only accept **original documents**.

Note the special regulations for documents issued in the USA:

<https://short.wu.ac.at/legalization> -> United States of America

5. **Passport (by post:** no original, only a copy of the page with personal data)
6. **Curriculum vitae**, documenting your complete educational background.
7. **Additionally: photocopies** of all original documents listed above (passport: only the page with personal data).

If your documents fulfill the requirements, you will receive a digitally signed admission notice from us. This will contain detailed information about the enrollment procedure.

Step 3 and Step 4 apply only to applicants who have received an admission notice with supplementary examinations for the VWU.

Step 3: Registration at the VWU

Register for the course(s) at the VWU (www.vwu.at) with your **admission notice issued by WU** and pay the course fees.

It is also possible to sit for the supplementary examinations prescribed in your admission notice directly, without attending the preparatory courses offered at the VWU beforehand.

Step 4: Admission to the non-degree program at WU

Once you have registered at the VWU and paid the course fees, please come to the **WU Study Service Center** (<https://short.wu.ac.at/ssc>) **in person as soon as possible** during the **enrollment period** (<https://short.wu.ac.at/enrollment-period>) to enroll in the non-degree program "VWU" at WU. The enrollment must be completed **BEFORE the VWU course(s) start(s)**. After the enrollment, you need to **pay the Students' Union (ÖH) dues** (<https://short.wu.ac.at/semester-registration>).

The enrollment CANNOT be done online or by proxy.

Further relevant information

General Information for International Students (residence permits, living in Vienna, etc.)

<https://short.wu.ac.at/international-students>

Grants and Scholarships

<https://short.wu.ac.at/scholarships>

Tuition Fees / Students' Union (ÖH) Dues

<https://short.wu.ac.at/tuition>

Credit Transfer (after your official enrollment at WU)

<https://short.wu.ac.at/credit-transfer>