

WU
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 Fact Sheet 2027-2028

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Academic calendar 2027/28

Winter semester 2027/28

WU Incoming Kickoff
(mandatory attendance)

WU Incoming Kickoff for students registered for any pre-semester program(s):
September 9 - September 10, 2027
WU Incoming Kickoff for all other students:
September 23 - September 24, 2027

The latest date of arrival is always one day prior to the relevant WU Incoming Kickoff.

Pre-semester programs
(optional)

Orientation and Cultural Program:
September 13 - September 24, 2027

Pre-semester German language courses:
September 13 - September 24, 2027

Teaching period

October 1, 2027 – January 30, 2028
Christmas break: December 24, 2027 – January 9, 2028 (*Several courses end before the Christmas break; students who cannot stay at WU in January should choose their courses accordingly.*)

Semester break

January 31 – February 29, 2028

Summer semester 2028

WU Incoming Kickoff
(mandatory attendance)

WU Incoming Kickoff for students registered for any pre-semester program(s):
February 3 – February 4, 2028 (tbc)
WU Incoming Kickoff for all other students:
February 24 – February 25, 2028 (tbc)

The latest date of arrival is always one day prior to the relevant WU Incoming Kickoff.

Pre-semester programs
(optional)

Orientation and Cultural Program:
February 7 – February 18, 2028 (tbc)

Pre-semester German language courses:
February 7 – February 18, 2028 (tbc)

Teaching period

March 1 – July 2, 2028
Easter break: April 10 – April 23, 2028
Pentecost break: June 3 – June 5, 2028

Registration and nomination deadlines

General information	WU only accepts exchange students nominated by their home universities. The home university exchange coordinator is responsible for nominating students online and forwarding WU's Nomination Letters to the nominated exchange students.
Prospective incomings	Interested in studying at WU? Prospective exchange students can find out more on our website .
Online nomination	Partner universities are asked to send an email to WU's main point of contact for partner universities (see contacts above), indicating the number of students they wish to nominate, after which the online nomination link will be provided.
Nomination deadlines	For the winter semester: May 1 For the summer semester: November 1 For full-year students: April 1
Application deadlines for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientation and Cultural Program• Pre-semester German language courses• Online pre-enrollment for students <p>For the winter semester: May 20 For the summer semester: November 20</p> <p>Invitations to apply online for the Orientation and Cultural Program and the pre-semester German language course will be sent out after May 2/November 2.</p>
Language requirements	Depending on the language of instruction (English or German), bachelor's exchange students must have a B2 level or above (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages , CEFR) in English OR C1 or above in German. Master's and PhD exchange students must have a level equivalent to C1 of the CEFR. WU does not request official language certificates. However, if students do not meet the language requirements, we reserve the right to exclude them from courses.

Course information

Courses in English	More than 350 English-taught courses are offered each term, covering all core fields of business and economics as well as related areas. Some courses are offered in block format to make scheduling easier. Courses & FAQs for bachelor's and master's students can be found on our Academics website .
Courses in German	Incoming exchange students can also attend courses taught in German.
Class format	Although WU has seven different examination types, most of the courses available to incoming exchange students are continuous assessment ("PI") courses. These courses are highly interactive courses including lectures, case studies, papers, presentations, and group projects. Exams and tests are held during the regular course sessions, and there is no special exam week at the end of the semester.
Attendance and participation	Attendance is mandatory in all courses; the specifics are indicated in each course syllabus.
Course registration/course overlap	WU's online course registration consists of three phases. During phase 1, students submit their course preferences in the online course preference tool . During phase 2, automatic course registration by algorithm , based on the preferences provided, takes place. Finally, during add and drop phase on LPIS, students may make changes to their timetables by adding and dropping courses, subject to availability. As attendance is mandatory, it is the students' responsibility to only register for courses they can attend in full. WU cannot guarantee spots in courses. For this reason, a certain degree of flexibility is expected. Students should look for alternatives to their course preferences in case registration for their preferred courses is not possible. Bachelor's students can only attend bachelor's level courses, master's students only master's level courses. Course numbers at WU have a purely administrative function and change every semester.

Course load Students must take a full workload at WU, which corresponds to 24 to 30 ECTS credits for bachelor's students and 20 to 30 ECTS credits for master's students. The maximum course load is 36 ECTS credits excluding language courses.

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

German language courses

Before the semester WU offers 2 ECTS pre-semester German language courses with levels ranging from absolute beginners to highly advanced speakers. These two-week intensive language courses are principally free of charge. A fee for administration and teaching materials (€ 40) will be charged. To participate, students need to apply by May 20 for the winter semester and by November 20 for the summer semester. Places are limited. You can find more details [here](#).

During the semester WU's Business Language Center offers German courses at all levels. For students, courses (30 contact hours) cost € 245.

Orientation programs for exchange students

Orientation and Cultural Program WU offers a two-week program which includes activities, such as social events, a sightseeing program and out-of-town field trips. The program costs € 350. To participate, students need to apply by May 20 for the winter semester and by November 20 for the summer semester. Places are limited. Further information is available on our [website](#).

Buddy Network The Austrian Students' Union (ÖH) at WU are available to help exchange students find 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 evenings, etc.).

Documents

Confirmation of Arrival The Confirmation of Arrival is generated after the WU Incoming Kickoff. The date of the Kickoff counts as the arrival date. We don't sign forms from partner universities.

Erasmus+ Online Learning Agreement Erasmus+ students will have to use the [Online Learning Agreement](#). All other students should use the Learning Agreement that they have received from their home universities. We accept them as an editable PDF. The Incoming Team is responsible for signing these agreements.

Confirmation of Stay Please note that a **Confirmation of Stay** will only be issued for the **period of the student's actual studies at WU**. Students need to download their Confirmation of Stay on their own. The document confirms the last day that students are present at WU (e.g. last day of classes, last exam).

Transcript of records Grading Students need to download their transcript of records as soon as all their grades are available.

The following grading scale applies at WU:

- 1 excellent (Sehr gut)
- 2 good (Gut)
- 3 satisfactory (Befriedigend)
- 4 sufficient (Genügend)
- 5 fail (Nicht genügend)

WU does not use a standardized percentage-based grading scale. The percentage scores needed to receive the grades given above differ from course to course. In most cases, the course-specific grading scales can be found in the course descriptions online.

Inclusion and accessibility

General information

We would like to highlight that we gladly welcome students with physical, mental, and health-related conditions. WU Vienna offers a barrier-free campus experience and provides services, such as [BeAble](#), [Student Counselling](#), and an [Ombuds Office for Students](#). In Vienna, certain student residence halls also offer wheelchair-accessible and barrier-free facilities. If these housing options are of interest, please [click here for more information](#). In case students require assistance or other support services, they should contact the International Office of their home university, which will then in turn inform the International Office at WU Vienna. We are happy to assist and organize needed services if necessary.

Living in Vienna

Accommodation

Off-campus student housing is available through student residence providers. Private flats can be found online, e.g. through the housing platform Housing Anywhere.

For more information on finding accommodation, please visit our [dedicated website](#).

Estimated living costs

Housing | approx. € 450-900 /month
Health Insurance | approx. € 75 /month*
Food, personal expenses | approx. € 380 /month
Transportation | approx. € 132-294 /semester
Utilities (telephone) | approx. € 40 /month
Entertainment | approx. € 100-200 /month
Books | approx. € 75-150 /semester
Students' Union dues | approx. € 25 /semester

Total | approx. € 1250-2050 /month

* Students must have valid health insurance that covers their whole stay at WU, no health insurance plan is offered by WU. The price of the public health insurance provider (ÖGK) was used as an estimate for this calculation.

Sustainable exchange semester

General information

WU encourages incoming exchange students to make environmentally friendly choices. As a responsible university, we provide information on green mobility, sustainable housing options, and mindful consumer behavior. Further, WU offers student organizations and initiatives that allow for participation and an exchange of ideas.

To learn more about a sustainable exchange at WU, please have a look at [this website](#).

Entry and residence regulations

General information

Before traveling to Austria, students should make sure they are familiar with the regulations concerning visas and residence permits.

Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries and Switzerland (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 can be found on the [OeAD website](#).

About Vienna

Vienna ranks among the most attractive cities in the world. Tradition and culture, research and education, economic growth, and a safe and livable environment make it a place with a very high standard of living that is recognized internationally.

Further details can be found on the [Vienna Tourist Board website](#).

International Short Programs at WU

General information

In addition to a full exchange semester, WU offers intensive **academic short programs**. International Short Programs are characterized by their high-quality academic content, which is mediated in just a few course weeks and complemented by social and cultural activities. The programs are open to WU students and international students.

For more information on our short programs, please visit our [website](#).

Vienna Spring Programs

WU Vienna offers compact academic programs during the spring period, with the duration between one and three weeks. The programs focus on a specific topic, such as innovation management or marketing. Depending on the program, undergraduate or graduate students can participate. The courses are taught in English and are designed to be exclusive in order to foster close collaboration between students, lecturers, and industry professionals. These programs allow students to broaden their knowledge on the subject field, work on real-life projects in multicultural groups, and engage in various social and cultural activities.

International Summer University^{WU} (ISU^{WU})

This three-week program takes place at WU in summer and is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. The courses cover various current business-related topics and are taught in English. Upon successful completion, students are awarded 8 ECTS credits for the program. The program includes multiple networking opportunities and a cultural and social program with fellow students from all over the world. WU partner universities can nominate their students to participate in this program as exchange students.

WU Facts and Figures

Facts & Figures

To learn more about WU, and for a quick overview over our facts and figures, please have a look at [this website](#).

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