Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

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**OVERVIEW**

CALS is currently in the process of establishing an agreement with the Vienna University of Economics and Business (Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien or WU). If you are interested in attending WU, please let us know so we can notify you when the agreement has been signed.

This exchange program will be open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

**PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

Courses in English and, subject to German language skills, courses in German

Subject fields include:

- Economic Policy and Trade Management
- European and Eastern European Studies
- Finance, Investment and Accounting
- Human Resources and Organizational Behavior
- Information Systems
- Marketing and Management
- Regional and Business Environment Policy
- Soft Skills

For more information about grading, assessment, course types, please check out:

http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incoming/courses/ects

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

- **Fall (Winter) 2012/13 (the best semester for AEM students):**
  - (Please note: Courses for exchange students usually end before the winter break)
  - Introduction days: September 7 – 28, 2012 (Orientation and Cultural Program, German course)
  - Recommended arrival date for participants in the OK Program and/or Intensive German Language Courses is Thursday, September 6, 2012.

- **Spring (Summer) 2013:**
  - Introduction days: February 8 – March 1, 2013 (Orientation and Cultural Program, German course)
  - Recommended arrival date for participants in the OK Program and/or Intensive German Language Courses is Thursday, February 7, 2013.

**NOTE:** Because classes end in June, students at WU for the spring will most likely have a difficult time finding a summer internship that permits a July start date!

**STUDENT REPORTS**

None yet!

**ABOUT WU**

WU is the largest business school in Europe and one of the most international in nature. The student body is very diverse, with 20% of the students coming from all over the world pursuing their Bachelor’s, Master’s or PhD degree at WU. The University is EQUIS accredited and nicely ranked at FT rankings. In addition to the 2 Bachelor’s Degrees with four majors (including one English track for exchange students), WU currently offers 12 Master’s Programs, 8 of which are in English. WU has over 27,000 students and is the most international in the German-speaking world.

Check out photos of the campus here: http://www.wu.ac.at/press/images/.

WU has over 220 partner universities, including some of the top schools in the world: http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/news/partners; 46 of their partner universities are located in the US. Every year WU welcomes 1,000 incoming exchange students, who can choose from a variety of over 120 courses in English at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Additionally, WU also offers comprehensive services ranging from housing, advising and a pre-semester orientation program, German language courses, buddy network, and so forth.

**ORIENTATION AND SUPPORT**

Each semester two Information Sessions for Incoming Exchange Students are held. Here the exchange students will be given detailed information on all issues related to their study period at WU (final registration and student ID, course registration and information, campus orientation, practical information and similar).

A three week Orientation and Cultural Program (“OK Program”) is offered three weeks before the official start of the semester (i.e. in September and February). The program is designed to help students get accustomed to life in Austria, with special emphasis on getting to know the city of Vienna and the WU itself. The program includes:

- WU campus tour
- sightseeing tours in Vienna including Schönbrunn Palace and various museums
- many cultural and business-related excursions
- a presentation on the Austrian political system
- visits of the Austrian Parliament and the OPEC
- two day trips with excursions to towns and cultural highlights outside Vienna A detailed schedule can be found enclosed. In addition to the Orientation and Cultural Program, the International Office also offers intensive German language courses for exchange students Courses are available for different levels, ranging from absolute beginners in German to levels appropriate for students who would like to prepare for taking courses taught in German. During the semester the buddy network arranges a variety of activities for exchange students, such as city trips to neighboring countries (Munich, Prague, Venice, Budapest, and similar), and sports events (eg ski weekends).

**International Office:** The International Office at the WU provides consultation and services for all incoming exchange students. It is the university’s central service unit for the international exchange of students and every partner university student has an International Office coordinator, who will be his main point of contact regarding the study abroad period at WU. http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incoming

**Buddy Network:** The Students’ Association Buddy Network provides every foreign exchange student with a ‘buddy’, a regular WU student who acts as his/her personal mentor. Their buddy will be there to give them advice and practical support. Their buddy can assist them if they arrive outside the opening hours of their student residence, by collecting their room key for them in advance. Their buddy is also there to give them a hand during their first days at the WU and will show them around Vienna.

**ACADEMIC ADVISORS:** For each WU partner university an academic advisor is appointed from the WU faculty. This person represents the exchange program from an academic standpoint. The most important tasks of the academic advisors are to assist incoming students from partner universities in academic issues, and to select WU outgoing students.

**CLASS REQUIREMENTS**

CALS students must take 30 ECTS at WU (equal to 15 US Credits).
### HOUSING

Housing is guaranteed, provided that students apply until the deadline (May 20 for autumn term, November 20 for spring term). Housing for WU incoming exchange students is arranged by the Austrian Exchange Service (ÖEAD).

ÖEAD offers pre-reserved quotas in a range of student residences of different standards, prices and locations for WU exchange students. These quotas make it possible that more exchange students live together in the same student residence. Students can therefore choose from a variety of options ranging from single apartments, to double rooms. The student residences on offer are located off campus, but WU can easily be reached by public transport.

A detailed list of dormitories can be found under: [http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incoming/exchangein/housing](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incoming/exchangein/housing)

Of course, students can also opt for private accommodation if they prefer to live in a private flat. In this case they have to arrange housing by themselves, links to housing databases are provided by the International Office.

### STUDENT VISA

Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries (so-called “third country nationals”) need an entry or residence permit for entry into and residence in Austria. The type of permit depends on the length and purpose of the stay. For details please visit: [http://www.oead.at/welcome_to_austria/legal_practical_issues/entry_to_austria/EN/](http://www.oead.at/welcome_to_austria/legal_practical_issues/entry_to_austria/EN/)

### APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange adviser in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS.

### PROGRAM COSTS

CALS students pay their current Cornell tuition with no additional administrative fees.

Students are responsible for their own living expenses including travel, accommodation, meals, healthcare, books and supplies during the exchange period. Standard financial aid packages apply and are adjusted to cover cost of living in host country and student visa & travel.

### FINANCIAL AID

If you are currently receiving financial aid, your package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your exchange program.