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Plan your studies at BOKU

Plan your life in Vienna

Overview of all study programmes

the Students' Union welcomes you to the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

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Welcome ...

Dear students,

We are happy that you have chosen BOKU for your studies! I cordially welcome you to a university which is unique in Austria and deals with the basic topics of our society concerning life on earth. Interdisciplinarity is a prerequisite for mastering the numerous global challenges and thus in your future job. BOKU teachers will support you as much as they can, maintaining a

nice atmosphere. Solidarity amongst students is the norm at BOKU.

The complex topics and the necessities which are raised by this knowledge-based society need diversity, flexibility and open-mindedness. The internationalisation strategy of BOKU will support you in these endeavours. More than 200 partner universities offer you options for exchange and joint- or double-degree master and PhD programmes.

"BOKU" means "tree" in Japanese – a nice sign for a university which focuses on sustainability. Founded in 1872, BOKU started with 70 students and few professors. Today we count 12,500 students and 2,550 employees. The sustainable use of natural resources is in the focus of our teaching and research. Natural science, technical sciences and social and economic sciences offer the competences needed to deal with the development of our living space, the management of natural resources and the securing of food and health, regionally and internationally. Researchers and students are actively involved in research and development. Tolerance and open-mindedness towards other cultures are important pre-requisites in this respect.

Climate change, sustainable energy and food supply, food security, protection against natural hazards, the development of a sustainable agriculture and forestry and the urban and rural space are important topics for society.

We need excellently trained, critical young people to deal with the manifold challenges ahead. We at BOKU will try our best to foster your personal development. Take your opportunity here.

I wish you every success and lots of fun during your studies at BOKU!

Martin Gerzabek
Rector



... to BOKU!

As the leaders of the Students' Union at BOKU we'd like to offer you a warm welcome. Our objective is to help you during your studies here in Vienna. We offer a variety of different campus activities, advice in a lot of situations and we try to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.

There are many reasons why the BOKU community is so unique. Firstly, interdisciplinarity is one of the main principles of teaching and research at our university. This encourages the various fields and subdivisions to interact and communicate with each other. The second reason is the mostly flat hierarchy between students and teachers, allowing discussions on the same level.

Of course, not everything is as easy-going as is pictured in the beginning. This is where we come into action. There are always possibilities for improvement, especially for you as international incoming students. It is our task to help you with advice in social or legal affairs, grants and scholarships or to help you in your communications with the university administration and staff. We're also part of the development of your study programme and therefore interested in your feedback. Don't hesitate to visit us, write us an Email or just come by for a chat – we can solve a lot of problems (or tell you where you can get help)!

For you as an international student, there are two main

offices at ÖH BOKU dedicated to staying in contact with you – first of all the international office which supports people coming to BOKU via different mobility programmes like ERASMUS+ or CEEPUS. Second, we have an office for foreign students which specialises in supporting students coming from non-EU or non-EEA countries.

BOKU deals with central, worldwide problems: from the responsible use of natural resources as a livelihood for humanity and the results of climate change to allowing the world's population. We wish you a good time at BOKU and hope you can acquire the knowledge to deal with these issues and broaden your horizons during your stay!

Katja, Gustav and Lukas (f.l.t.r.)
Executive Board ÖH BOKU



BOKU professes to being an international performer in research and teaching, cooperating across national and international borders, and initiating openmindedness towards new developments.



A clear definition of the learning objectives is as much a part of the mission statement as promoting critical thinking and a culture of mutual respect.



The people at BOKU meet the challenges of tomorrow.



The combination of natural sciences, technology, environmental sciences, social sciences and economics makes BOKU graduates highly employable in research and business.

Studying at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Studying at BOKU involves both a sound academic and practice-oriented education. It also brings with it a lifestyle: for it is in a nurturing, personable atmosphere that students acquire a deep knowledge of their field and prepare for their future career.

As a public university, BOKU has been implementing the internationally recognized three-tier university education system (Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programmes) since

as early as 2004. This enables students to freely pursue their studies either in Austria or abroad. Currently, there are eight Bachelor programmes, 26 Master and four Doctoral programmes. More than a third of the Master programmes are offered in collaboration with international partner universities. All study programmes share a strong interdisciplinary character, with special emphasis placed on natural resource management, the design

of living environments, and applied life sciences. With combinations of natural sciences, engineering, environmental sciences, social sciences and economics, BOKU graduates are highly employable in both business and research.

BOKU's internationalisation strategy is also reflected in its study programmes, numerous exchange programs, its courses held in foreign languages, its high number of international

scientists, and its many languages courses. The curricula are regularly updated and improved under the guidance of a robust quality management system that takes into account course evaluations, pedagogic research and user feedback. BOKU has a long tradition in hosting and supporting international students. Thus, we hope to provide you with the best international experience possible.

STUDY PRO GRAMMES



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Programme Structures

The study programmes at BOKU are organised according to the Bologna process. This European process has helped to increase the compatibility between education systems and makes it easier for students and job seekers to move within Europe. It also aims to make European universities and colleges more competitive and attractive to the rest of the world.

A new system was introduced which made an accumulation and transfer of credits (ECTS) possible and is based essentially on study cycles.

Study cycles

The Bologna system as followed by BOKU distinguishes between three different study cycles. The first cycle (Bachelor) is geared towards the labour market and lasts at least three years. The second cycle (Master) is conditional on the completion of the first cycle. The doctorate can be seen as a third cycle in this system.

BOKU offers eight Bachelor programmes in German. Each of them covers a workload of 180 ECTS (course work and Bachelor's thesis) and finishes with the academic degree 'Bachelor of Science' (BSc).

There are 26 Master programmes offered at BOKU which can be divided into three different types: German, English and International Master programmes. In German and English Master programmes all courses take place at BOKU (student mobility is encouraged), while International Master programmes include an obligatory stay of one or two semesters at a partner university of the specific programme.

As a rule, a Master programme at BOKU consists of 90 ECTS coursework and 30 ECTS Master's thesis. The Master programmes finish after completion of 120 ECTS either with the academic degree of Diplom Ingenieur (Dipl.-Ing.) or Master of Science (MSc) – depending on the study programme.

Currently, four doctoral programmes are offered at BOKU and each of them includes a workload of 180 ECTS. The programmes finish with the academic degree of Dr.nat.techn., Dr.rer.soc.oec. or PhD.

PRO-GRAMME	SEME-STER	ECTS	DEGREE
Bachelor	6	180	BSc
Master	4	120	Dipl.-Ing. / MSc
Doctorate	6	180	Dr. / PhD

StEOP – Orientation phase in Bachelor programmes

StEOP (Studieneingangs- und Orientierungsphase = study introduction and orientation phase) takes place in the first semester of the Bachelor programme.

There are at least two different STEOP courses which have to be finished in each Bachelor programme. The courses for STEOP should give a good overview of the essential learning outcomes of each study programme. This should help students to get an insight into the study programme and help them decide if personal expectations are being fulfilled and if expected requirements can be achieved.

Only if all STEOP exams of the introduction phase are graded positive are students allowed to take further courses and exams. If STEOP exams are negatively assessed they can be retaken twice.

Completion of Studies

Bachelor's degree programmes are completed after all study requirements have been met, the compulsory internship proofed and the Bachelor's thesis positively assessed.

Completion of Master programmes is marked by admission to the Master examination/defence (or graduation from the Master course without an examination before an examination committee – depending on the programme). Admission is subject to the following statutory requirements being met:

- the successful completion of all required courses in the curriculum (all exams must be accredited via BOKUonline)
- the Master's thesis having received a positive mark

For completion of a doctoral programme you must submit a dissertation and take a viva voce exam in front of an examination board. For more detailed information, please refer to the website.

Graduation and conferral of degree

On completion of your studies, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences invites you to celebrate this important step in your life by participating in a graduation ceremony to mark the completion of your Master's or doctoral degree.

Ceremonies take place in the university's ceremonial hall. A member of the rectorate and a witness will take part in the ceremonies. In order to properly mark this festive occasion, university dignitaries will appear in official attire (robes). Music will accompany the ceremony.

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System “ECTS”

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The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a tool that helps to design, describe, and deliver study programmes and award higher education qualifications. The use of ECTS, in conjunction with outcome-based qualifications frameworks, makes study programmes and qualifications more transparent and facilitates the recognition of qualifications.

BOKUonline includes detailed descriptions of study programmes, courses, university regulations and student services.

 online.boku.ac.at

The course descriptions contain information on the ‘learning outcomes’ (i.e. what students are expected to know, understand and be able to do), the course content, prerequisites, assessment and workload (i.e. the time students typically need to achieve the outcomes).

Each learning outcome is expressed in terms of credits: 60 credits represent the workload of an academic year of study, 30 credits the workload of a semester. At BOKU, 1 ECTS equals 25 hours of work. The number of ECTS credits for each course is indicated in the online course catalogue. Students receive ECTS credits upon the successful completion of a course. After students have completed their studies at BOKU,

they will receive a transcript of records which lists all courses completed and the grades (including a description of the grading scheme).


Exchange Students

The acknowledgement by the home university is based on a Learning Agreement, which is agreed upon by both participating universities as well as the student him or herself, and on the transcript of records.

ECTS Grading Scale

BOKU grades are currently comparable to ECTS grades as follows:

AUSTRIAN GRADE	ECTS GRADE	VERBAL
1 (sehr gut)	A/B	Excellent/Very good
2 (gut)	C	Good
3 (befriedigend)	D	Satisfactory
4 (genügend)	E	Pass
5 (nicht genügend)	F/FX	Fail

 1 ECTS = 25 hours of work.

Admission

Admission to the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna comprises the application, pre-registration and acceptance onto the chosen degree programme.

Q For further information about pre-registration see "Registration at BOKU"

For full admission, students have to apply at the Registration Office (admission unit):

 bit.ly/BOKU_admission

Exchange students apply at the Center for International Relations (ZIB), which also offers administrative guidance. Departmental coordinators are in charge of academic guidance for Erasmus students.

 bit.ly/BOKU_international

Full Degree Students

Admission is completed with the acceptance of the student by the Registration Office.

Please notice that applications for a full degree programme distinguish between domestic and international prior qualifications and that the admission procedure can take about 12-15 weeks.

When to apply? – Deadlines

Applicants from non-EU and non-EEA countries and stateless persons must submit their fully completed application for admission to study to the Admissions Office:

- by September 5 for admission in the winter semester
- by February 5 for admission in the summer semester

Please be aware that students from non-EU and non-EEA countries will have to apply for a Visa/resident permit to come to Vienna. This visa process may take a very long time (up to 6 months)

and it is recommended to submit all application documents required as soon as possible.

For applicants with EU and EEA citizenship or members of the group of persons "Personen-gruppenverordnung" (see website: admission) enrolment is possible within the enrolment period as well as within the extended enrolment period. The extended enrolment period ends on November 30 for the current winter semester and on April 30 for the current summer semester, but the courses already start much earlier (winter semester - beginning of October; summer semester - last week of February). Therefore it is highly recommended to apply a few months in advance!

Requirements

- **Bachelor programme:** completion secondary school
- **Master programme:** completion of a relevant Bachelor programme or other equivalent degree programme at a recognised Austrian or foreign post-secondary institution
- **Doctoral/PhD programme:** completion of a relevant Master programme or other equivalent degree programme at a recognised Austrian or foreign post-secondary institution.

Applicants with non-EU and non-EEA citizenship who apply for a Bachelor or Master programme also have to fulfil the special university entrance qualification.

Language Requirements

- Bachelor and German Master programmes: German level B2/C1 (Common European Framework of References for Languages – CEFR),
- International Master programmes



taught in English

- English Master programmes
- Doctoral programmes: English or German B2/C1

Check our website to find out which application documents you have to submit and which language certificates are accepted. Please also consider the legalisation regulations and translation regulations, which you can find there.

 bit.ly/BOKU_admission

After you have submitted all application documents, BOKU will verify them.

University Preparation Programme

The VWU (Vorstudienlehrgang der Wiener Universitäten) is an institution providing university preparation courses for international students. Its role is to prepare students for supplementary examinations.

 www.vwu.at

Bachelor programmes

Some secondary school certificates from other countries are not equivalent to an Austrian leaving certificate. In these cases, supplementary examinations may be required (e.g. mathematics, biology, physics, chemistry) if you have been admitted to a degree programme. These examinations must be completed as part of the VWU before starting your degree programme. Intensive courses are available from the VWU to prepare for the supplementary exams. To attend the Preparation Programme, you must enroll at BOKU University temporarily as a non-degree student until you have completed the necessary examinations.

Master programmes

If your previous degree is not absolutely equivalent to a BOKU study programme, you will be admitted with pre-requisite courses: you will be enrolled as a regular student at BOKU, but you will have to attend some basic courses



(which are set on a case by case basis and cover a workload of less than 30 ECTS) in addition to your curriculum. These basic courses belong to the Bachelor programmes, are mostly held in German and have to be successfully completed in order to finish your study programme.

Tuition Fees

The standard tuition fee is approx. €370 per semester. The tuition fee for third country nationals is twice as much. Check the exact numbers online!

 bit.ly/BOKU_tuition

As a general rule, these tuition fees are compulsory for all students at all Austrian universities.

Temporary waiver of tuition fees

However, tuition fees are waived temporarily for the length of the prescribed standard duration of the respective degree programme,

plus two extra semesters (tuition-free period) for the following groups of degree programme students:

- Austrian citizens
- Citizens of EU countries
- Citizens of EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)
- Swiss citizens
- Refugees under the provisions of the Geneva Convention (including students from other EU countries)
- Beneficiaries of subsidiary protection status
- Privileged third-country nationals (begünstigte Drittstaatsangehörige) who hold a specific type of residence permit (list available on the website)

Permanent waiver of tuition fees

A permanent waiver of tuition fees is granted to degree programme students who are citizens of one of the least developed countries accord-

ing to the Tuition Fee Ordinance (Studienbeitragsverordnung – for list see website).

Students from other groups of countries have the opportunity to apply for a performance-related study grant – see website.

The Students' Union fee (approx. €20) must however be paid by all students, irrespective of any tuition fee waivers.

 bit.ly/BOKU_tuition

Exchange Students

Exchange students follow a degree programme at an international partner university and come to BOKU only for an exchange semester/year. As an exchange student, you will be given a limited admission for max. two semesters. This means that you will not be able to finish your study at BOKU, but will graduate at your home university.

Most exchange students come to BOKU with one of the following exchange programmes:

- ERASMUS+ is directed towards students from Europe who want to study 3-12 months at BOKU.
- ERASMUS+ Traineeship might be interesting for European students who do a 3-12 months internship at BOKU.
- CEEPUS is a good option for students from Central and Eastern Europe who plan to study 1-10 months at BOKU.
- Joint Study is directed towards students from Northern, Central and Southern America, Australia and New Zealand who are studying 4 months at BOKU.
- Erasmus Mundus is a good option for students from third countries (various countries in Asia, Central and Southern America) who want to study at BOKU for 1-38 months.

Exchange students coming to BOKU on one of these exchange programmes are exempted from paying the tuition fee and are only required to pay the Students' Union fee.

Application Process

The usual application process starts at your home university. From there you have to apply for an exchange semester/year at BOKU and get nominated. After you have been nominated by your home university you can submit the application at BOKU.

Application Requirements

- Students who do not have a Bachelor's diploma (certificate has to be shown at the latest before the start of the semester at BOKU) have to enrol on a Bachelor programme.
- In cases where students without a Bachelor's diploma have already received more than 180 ECTS, they are allowed to take up to 30 ECTS of Master courses (1 semester) but still have to enrol in a Bachelor programme.
- Students who hold a Bachelor's degree (certificate!), should enrol in a Master programme.
- Students who hold a diploma degree or Master's degree, can also enrol in a doctoral programme.

Language Requirements

- Students who have received less than 180 ECTS so far, have to prove that they have German language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of languages. (BOKU does not offer enough courses taught in English at Bachelor level).
- Students who have received more than 180 ECTS so far, have to prove either German OR English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of languages.

Required Documents

- Your academic transcript stating the total number of ECTS credit points

that you have received (an official list of courses you have attended so far)

- A copy of your Bachelor's degree if you want to register for a Master programme
- A copy of your Master's degree if you want to register for a PhD programme
- A copy of a German language certificate at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Languages – CEFR if you have received less than 180 ECTS so far (it is also ok if the language certificate is indicated on the transcript of records)
- A copy of a German OR English language certificate at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Languages – CEFR if you have received more than 180 ECTS so far (it is also ok if the language certificate is indicated on the transcript of records)
- A copy of your ID-card (e.g. passport, page with your picture)
- A passport-sized photograph

Application Procedures

- ERASMUS+ (study exchange and traineeship): BOKU uses the online system "Mobility-Online" for the application procedure. You have to complete the online application form, create a learning agreement and upload the required documents into Mobility-Online. (Only students who have been nominated in advance will be able to complete the online application!)
- For CEEPUS and Joint Study you have to fill out an application form (which can be found online) and send the application form and also the required documents (see above) to the responsible coordinator at BOKU.
- The application for Erasmus Mundus scholarships can only take place through the website of the specific programme you want to be part of. To apply at

BOKU you should be aware that there are three categories of mobility (student staying < 10 months, students staying > 10 months and Post-Doc or administrative staff member), and the application process is different for each of them.

The Center for International Relations will issue your admission letter as soon as the application is completed.

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Wed: 2 – 4 pm

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Wed: 2 – 4 pm

A photograph of a forest with tall, thin trees and a grassy floor. Two students are present: one standing on the right holding a clipboard, and one kneeling on the left writing in a notebook. A third person's arm is visible in the foreground holding a white paper. The text 'BACHELOR PROGRAMMES' is overlaid in orange boxes, and a 'ger' logo is in the top right.

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Student Representation

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Forestry and Wood & Fibre Technology

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Forestry

The Bachelor programme in Forestry provides, in addition to a broad knowledge base, expertise in the areas of technology, ecology, economics and social sciences. In the foreground is knowledge of sustainable forest management, taking into account all the benefits of forests such as commercial function, protection, welfare and recreational function and the production and use of wood for material and energy generation. The acquisition of an analytical and systematic way of thinking with problem-solving skills in the field of forestry is the declared objective and an integral part of the course.

sample lectures

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- › forestry engineering
- › mechanics and wood physics
- › surveying

Natural Sciences

- › general chemistry
- › general botany
- › geology

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- › forest economics
- › accountancy
- › project management



Environmental Engineering

The Bachelor programme in Environmental Engineering is a versatile course with a broad scientific and professional engineering basis. It provides basic technical skills in the areas of water and soil, construction, land management, transport and geodata management.

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- › construction (framework structures, hydraulics and hydro-mechanics)
- › hydraulic engineering and general water management

Natural Sciences

- › mathematics
- › physics
- › general botany

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- › fundamentals of law
- › fundamentals of economics
- › economics



Food Science and Biotechnology

The Bachelor programme in Food Science and Biotechnology is a modern, interdisciplinary combination of micro- and molecular biology, chemistry and process technology, with an emphasis on the processing, finishing and preparation of plant and animal raw materials. Here, the implementation of biological and technological methods for food production as well as biotechnological methods and processes for the production of biofuels, biopharmaceuticals, enzymes and biological preparations for chemical synthesis is learned.

The knowledge and skills acquired will enable biotechnological or food technology processes to be planned, implemented, monitored and reasons given for their selection.

sample lectures

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- > fundamentals of bioprocessing
- > general process technology
- > heat and mass transfer
- > thermodynamics

Natural Sciences

- > analytical chemistry
- > general microbiology
- > biochemistry of metabolism

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- > legal bases
- > quality management
- > project management



Environment and Bio-Resources Management

The Bachelor programme in Environment- and Bio-Resources Management provides knowledge in economics and social sciences, and engineering and natural sciences. From these basic disciplines it is possible to study the dynamic tension between human actions and natural systems using scientific methods. Special attention is paid to socio-economic issues. Methods and tools for the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources at the operational, social and spatial level will be taught. The study is very broad-based and is not intended to offer any great depth of knowledge in the individual disciplines.

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- > process technology
- > hydraulic engineering
- > water management
- > waste disposal

Natural Sciences

- > botany
- > chemistry
- > physics
- > mathematics

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- > basics of macro- and microeconomics
- > fundamentals of politics
- > fundamentals of law



Wood and Fibre Technology

The Bachelor programme in Wood and Fibre Technology provides the knowledge and skills necessary in the fields of technology and economics for converting wood and natural fibers into modern, state-of-the-art and competitive materials. These are the basis for a wide variety of end products in the construction industry, in furniture and interior design and other interesting applications. In addition to technology and manufacturing technology, a major role is also played by material development, process engineering and energy technology.

sample lectures

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- > process technology
- > wood-based materials
- > fundamentals of timber construction

Natural Sciences

- > botany
- > chemistry
- > physics

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- > general business administration
- > fundamentals of economics
- > fundamentals of law



Landscape Architecture and Landscape Planning

The Bachelor programme in Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture focuses on the landscape in urban and in rural areas and its interactions with humans. Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture is an applied engineering science which uses a multidisciplinary approach in which the main focus is placed on the needs and use entitlements of humans, in line with the comprehensive goal of sustainability.

The Bachelor programme aims to familiarise the student with matters relevant to the landscape and the interrelationships between planning, design and maintenance processes. Based on this, students acquire the ability to find creative and well-founded solutions in terms of the sustainable use of the landscape and open space.

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- > landscape planning
- > landscape architecture
- > surveying
- > constructive design
- > introduction to GIS/CAD

Natural Sciences

- > ecology in landscape planning
- > soil science
- > dendrology

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- > fundamentals of law
- > economics and politics of natural resources
- > theory and methodology of landscape planning



Agricultural Sciences

The Bachelor programme in Agricultural Sciences permits specialisation in the areas of crop and livestock production, the agri-food industry, fruit cultivation and horticulture, organic farming, agricultural biology, and viticulture and enology. The study imparts the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills that are required within the agricultural production process and for scientific specialisation in the agricultural sciences.

This versatile Bachelor programme deals with the agricultural production of raw materials and food products and offers a very broad education in the agricultural sector.

sample lectures

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- > agricultural engineering
- > subjects relating to land and economic production technology

Natural Sciences

- > botany
- > chemistry
- > mathematics

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- > fundamentals of economics
- > agricultural business administration
- > fundamentals of law



Equine Sciences

The Bachelor programme in Equine Sciences is jointly offered by the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna (VetMed.) and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna. Admission is only possible at the VetMed.

The Bachelor programme serves to impart comprehensive fundamental knowledge about theoretical and practical aspects of the equine industry, stud management and horse breeding as well as equestrian sport and all related duties in health care and business management. In addition to conveying basic knowledge, which will remain invaluable for a long time in a professional context, this also serves as an opportunity to learn, practice and implement knowledge and skills using real-life scenarios.

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- > farm building design and technology

Natural Sciences

- > grassland- and grazing management for horses
- > introduction to genetics
- > animal breeding for equine sciences

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- > legal aspects of horse management
- > business management for horse enterprises
- > estimation of breeding values in horses
- > farm business management

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34 Wildlife Management
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35 Management



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Environment and Bio-Resources Management

Overview

In this Master programme, students acquire the skills and multidisciplinary competences for developing interdisciplinary solutions to corporate and social problems. They learn to understand, analyse and work through complex issues and relationships in Environment and Bio-Resources Management.

Core modules and areas of specialisation:

- Environmentally-oriented business administration
- Environmental politics and environmental law
- Environmental and resource economics

Economic, social and legal skills are taught in conjunction with in-depth scientific natural- and engineering-scientific knowledge through customisable specialisation options.

Career Prospects

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of this Master programme, a versatile choice of career opportunities is open to graduates. They are able to assume management and leadership roles in companies and public institutions. The scope of duties includes, for example, the implementation and monitoring of legal environmental and conservation regulations, and the organisation and support of stakeholder processes. Graduates can be found working in the following sectors:

Private sector

Commercial, industrial and trade, supply and disposal companies, consulting and civil engineering offices, media and public relations, insurance companies and financial consultancies

Civil service

Federal, state, district and local governments, international organisations, environmental, energy, and regional development agencies

Non-profit organisations

Interest groups, associations and cooperatives, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), educational and research institutions - mobility / traffic - biodiversity / land use - regional development - environmental information - management - waste - energy - climate - water

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Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture

Overview

This Master programme covers the planning and design of landscapes in urban and rural areas, taking into account the natural conditions and spatial needs of the population.

The Department of Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture is considered an applied engineering science based on and implementing planning, design, technical, environmental and socio-economic knowledge. It is therefore a cross-curricular planning discipline, which places needs and use entitlements at the centre of the curriculum. Graduates acquire the ability to plan goals at the concept level from draft to design and implement a sophisticated plan to realise them.

Areas of responsibility lie, among other things, in outdoor design (garden, parks, squares, etc.) and in spatial development planning (landscape planning, spatial planning, conservation, tourism), as well as in cross-sectionally-oriented environmental planning and in gender mainstreaming.

The course is divided into a general compulsory block and six subject-specific specialisation units:

- Landscape Planning and Landscape Design
- Landscape Architecture and Landscaping
- Recreational Planning
- Rural Development Planning
- Water Management and River Landscape Planning

- Applied Conservation and Landscape Maintenance

Career Prospects

- Freelance or self-employed activity e.g. with an authorised civil engineer as consulting engineer for Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture or with a business license engineering office
- Expert activities
- Employees in planning offices
- In city and municipal administration, district, state and federal agencies
- In gardening and landscaping companies
- Educational and scientific institutions

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Food Science and Technology

Overview

This Master programme is a unique and exciting combination of general science, technology and the broad-ranging field of food science. It focuses on the processing, refining and preparation of plant, animal and microbial raw materials in the production of food. Special attention is paid to the quality of the food, especially from an environmental, health, nutritional and aesthetic point of view. The topic areas of food science, food technology and management and law are covered in the compulsory modules. These areas can be deepened through various electives and specialised in. Seminars and practical exercises, as well as a one-month compulsory internship, reinforce the practical character of this Master's degree.

Students can also acquire an additional qualification as "Junior Quality Manager" of the TÜV Austria as part of the study.

Career Prospects

The scope of careers is very broad and ranges from activities in the area of research and development, in the planning and application of procedures and equipment to the production and control of foodstuffs. Through opportunities to specialize within the curriculum, it is possible for students to deepen their skills in the following occupations:

- Process and product development
- Food production
- Quality management
- Hygiene and food safety
- Food analysis
- Product management
- Research and teaching
- Consulting
- Food inspection

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Biotechnology “BT”

Overview

This Master programme provides in-depth knowledge about biotechnological processes and the relevant areas of expertise biophysical chemistry, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, microbiology, nano-biosciences, applied mathematics, biostatistics, and process technology. In addition, quality management concepts and relevant issues of social, economic and legal sciences are imparted. In numerous practical exercises and seminars, the students acquire experience in laboratory work and the independent handling of relevant issues.

Graduates of this course are able to scientifically soundly analyse and assess these fundamentals of biotechnological processes. They can independently and efficiently develop, analyse, select and improve the procedures needed for the design, production and application of biotechnological materials. They can critically assess and debate their decisions and actions, also in terms of ethical responsibility. In addition to the qualification in general biotechnology, the Master programme allows for specialisation in the following areas: Bioinformatics, bioprocess engineering, medical biotechnology (in collaboration with the Medical University of Vienna), nano-biosciences and technology, plant biotechnology, and environmental biotechnology. A one-month internship in industry helps to consolidate the practical training.

Career Prospects

Due to the high interdisciplinarity of this Master programme, a variety of possibilities are available to graduates:

- Industrial biotechnology
- Pharmaceutical biotechnology
- Quality management
- Bioprocessing
- Agrobiotechnology
- Environmental biotechnology
- Nanobiotechnology
- Molecular biotechnology
- Cell and tissue engineering
- Biosafety
- Research and development for businesses or at domestic and foreign universities
- Regulatory affairs and food biotechnology

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Alpine Natural Hazards/ Torrent- and Avalanche Control

Overview

In this Master programme students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for the responsible handling of hazards in alpine areas. The study is based on the cycle of “integrated risk management”. Thus, the prevention and management of natural hazards form the fundamental pillars of this course. In addition to natural sciences and technical subjects, issues of natural hazards law, regional planning, disaster control and management are therefore essential parts of the training.

In addition to the compulsory courses, elective courses are available so that graduates can specialise. Subjects can be selected from the blocks “basics”, “core areas” and “area of application”.

Through this training, graduates learn to recognise potential hazards in the alpine region and are capable of efficient protection strategies and the planning of prevention measures.

Occupational Fields

- Prevention of natural alpine hazards
- Risk management
- Disaster management
- Integral catchment area management
- Assessment and analysis of hazards and evacuation processes in alpine areas

Career Prospects

- Services sector engineering and planning offices (consulting, planning, project execution)
- Public sector avalanches and torrent control, state government, ministries, infrastructure support and public administration
- Self-employed activities e.g. as consulting engineer, technical expert and project manager
- Research and development e.g. in universities and/or non-university research facilities and business development departments

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Forest Sciences

Overview

The forest fulfils a multitude of purposes: It is a raw material supplier and source of income, protection for settlements and roads against avalanches, falling rocks and mudflows, and it serves as a recreational space. The forest acts as an irreplaceable reservoir of drinking water, has a balancing effect on the climate, and draws the air from pollutants such as e.g. climate-damaging greenhouse gases, with the help of its enormous quantity of leaves. In addition, the forest is an important habitat for plants and animals.

In order to meet these diverse requirements and to ensure these functions in the long term, a specialised management of our forests is of particular importance. The graduates, with a particular focus on the principle of sustainability can therefore secure all the functions of the forest together with the maximum conservation of natural resources – through independent and conceptual planning.

These give this field of study, as well as a broad knowledge base, specialised knowledge in the fields of the natural sciences, engineering, social and economic science. Also, there is the possibility of choosing forest conservation, multifunctional forest management, forest ecosystems, wood production and logistics, as well as forest protection as areas of specialisation.

The study of forestry is an opportunity to go beyond classic forest management, and acts as a link between humans and forest biocoenosis.



Career Prospects

- In the public sector: e.g. for forestry, environmental and conservation agencies, interest groups, associations or in the service branches of torrent and avalanche control
- In the commercial sector: e.g. in private forestry enterprises, the timber industry or timber supplies
- In the service sector: e.g. in engineering offices or in the transmission of knowledge
- Research and development: e.g. at universities or other research institutions at home and abroad



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Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management



Overview

Wild animals (mammals, birds and fish) are often caught between ecology, economy and social policy. So many species of wildlife have an important ecological function which should be preserved or supported. Other species are of economic importance due to their use e.g. in hunting and fishing. Still others present a potential for conflict between different interest groups (nature conservation, agriculture, etc.) after their introduction. Some wildlife species are endangered, and so laws and regulations have been designed to maintain national and international levels.

Graduates of the course can consider themselves eligible for careers in a wide range of fields. They have learned not only the basics of wildlife ecology, but also know measures for the management of the various wildlife species and can plan and implement these in cooperation with individual user and interest groups.

The Master programme in Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management is a collaboration between the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna and the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, and offers students a comprehensive curriculum with the following specialisation possibilities among others: Wildlife Ecology, Wildlife Management, Limnology and Wildlife Medicine. In addition, learning is consolidated by means of a compulsory internship of minimum four weeks duration.



Career Prospects

The interdisciplinary and inter-university orientation of the Master's degree in Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management provides advantages for graduates of this course when applying for employment in the following areas:

- Conservation, hunting and forestry authorities
- District, state and federal agencies
- Sanctuary management
- Interest groups
- Educational and scientific institutions
- Planning offices
- Media and public relations
- Zoos and game parks

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Wood Technology and Management

Overview

The timber industry is one of Europe's, and especially Austria's, main industries. In the competition for materials, products based on wood and other renewable raw materials have to constantly defend their position through innovative technologies and continue to expand. This requires corresponding technical and economic know-how.

This Master programme offers a balanced combination of technology and management and provides precisely the knowledge management staff in the economic sector, as well as in the field of research and development, need in order to successfully lead the industry into the future.

In addition to general courses on wood technology, wood materials and management in the timber industry, this programme includes specific subjects that can be deepened through elective courses in the following modules: Engineered Materials and Product, Wood and Fibre Science, Biorefinery, Timber Industrial Manufacturing Process Technology, Polymer Technologies, Timber Construction, Concurrent Engineering, Logistics Management, Advanced Planning and Simulation, Corporate Governance and Controlling, and Environment.

Career Prospects

The combination of theoretical principles and practical implementation in a very wide range of wood uses including renewable raw materials offers graduates a variety of career options:

- Research and development in the areas of solid timber, wood and fiber materials and timber industrial production technology
- Services; for example in the relevant engineering and planning offices, university and non-university research and testing institutes, specialist media
- Public sector; for example in the area of relevant training, administration and interest groups
- Technical and economic management in companies in the timber industry, the timber trade and the relevant machine, plant and supply industry

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Agricultural and Food Science

Overview

In this Master programme, students acquire the skills necessary to be active in managing the production, processing and marketing of food. Further important occupational fields include the development of rural areas and the political and administrative development of agricultural policy. The course is applied or research-oriented, depending on priorities. It provides system and transformation knowledge about the regional to the global agricultural supply chain.

The Master programme bestows key technical, methodological and social qualifications in the field of Agricultural Economics. Teamwork, problem-solving and networked thinking are particularly encouraged.

The course is divided into a general mandatory subject block and elective courses. In the mandatory block, students acquire economic and social science-based knowledge. The elective courses are for individual specialisation in at least two of the following areas:

- Business administration
- Marketing
- Agricultural and food policy
- Regional development and rural sociology

Career Prospects

Graduates are employed in the supply chain of the agriculture and food sector.

- Management of companies in the agricultural and food sector: agricultural production, processing, food trade, industrial raw materials and bioenergy sources as well as education and consulting services
- Public administration, interest groups, research, education and advisory offices
- Regional management and regional development
- National and international organisations as well as non-governmental organisations

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Livestock Sciences

Overview

At the core of this Master programme are the fields of breeding, husbandry and feeding of farm animals. Subsequently, students also deal with issues in the production of animal foods.

Based on agricultural, scientific, and socio-economic principles, students acquire interdisciplinary, in-depth skills and knowledge of animal breeding, animal nutrition, and animal husbandry. Over the duration of their studies, students acquire key skills such as analytical, critical and independent thinking, goal-oriented problem solving, networked thinking and action as well as social competences.

The course is divided into a block of mandatory courses as well as a comprehensive block of specialised and supplementary electives. Within this block of electives, students have the possibility of individually customising their courses.

Career Prospects

- Production, marketing and services: agricultural holdings, service cooperatives, producer groups, breeders' organisations
- Pre-production and post-production areas: Commercial, industrial or agricultural and food industry trading
- Consulting and training: Chambers of agriculture, independent advice, agricultural schools and education
- Agricultural administration and policy: State governments, federal ministries, EU institutions, interest groups, inspection and certification programs
- Research and development: Universities, research institutions, industry
- Development cooperation

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Organic Agricultural Systems and Agroecology “AgrEco-Organic”

Overview

More and more farmers, consumers and the food industry are interested in high-quality organic food and its associated ethical, social, environmental and economic standards of quality.

In this Master programme a broad, interdisciplinary, theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the fields of organic farming and agroecology are imparted.

This knowledge includes and connects associated ethical, ecological, economic, political, cultural, geographical and technological characteristics of sustainable forms of land use. Problem- and project-related as well as practice-oriented inter- and trans-disciplinary studies and research are in the foreground. In this way independent and critical, as well as lateral, thinking and acting will promote the creation of sustainable land management.

The course provides a deeper understanding of one of the three major subjects of “Organic farming”, “Agroecology” or the international Master programme EUR-Organic, which is offered together with other universities. The basics offered in English form the common basis for the three major subjects.

Career Prospects

The languages of instruction, German and English, and the international nature of the course allow occupations and opportunities in sectors at both the national and international level.

- University and non-university research in the fields of agriculture and agroecology and adjacent areas of work
- Consulting, research, policy, practice and administration in development cooperation
- Public and private organisations in the areas of production, processing, branding and service provision in organic farming
- Organic farming associations, official consultancy, agricultural schools and education, consumer information, environmental consulting, environmental education, environmental policy, conservation consulting
- Pre-production and post-production sectors of organic agriculture including trade, commerce, food industry and agricultural machinery
- Agricultural holdings, service cooperation and producer organisations

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Phytomedicine

Overview

Huge numbers of plant-based foods and raw materials worldwide fall victim to pathogens and animal parasites. Therefore one of the main concerns of phytomedicine is to reduce such damage in the most efficient and environmentally friendly ways. In many cases, understanding of the causes of damage is still limited and few strategies are available for dealing with the above. Furthermore, it is not only natural influences that cause the appearance and impact of pests but also the involvement of mankind.

Understandably, the demands placed on the efficiency and compatibility of plant protection measures for plants, animals, humans and the environment are constantly growing. In addition to the quantity of food and raw materials produced in agriculture and forestry, their quality plays an increasingly important role. Safety for humans and the environment is the highest priority in the application of plant protection measures.

The objective of this Master course is to summarize the previous relevant subjects in the field

of agricultural and forestry science and related subjects from adjacent disciplines such as biology and biotechnology and to combine them with the main issues of plant health.

In addition to the compulsory courses, the following topics can be chosen from blocks of elective courses:

- Molecular Biology, Plant Biotechnology
- Analysis, Methodology, Diagnostics
- Integrated and Biological Plant Protection

Career Prospects

Employment opportunities are available in the following areas at local, national and international level:

- Public research and teaching
- Industrial research, development
- Industrial consulting and sales
- Consulting in agricultural and forestry-related plant protection
- Tree and wood maintenance
- Expert activities
- Special administrative activity in chambers of agriculture and ministries
- development services
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Plant Sciences

Overview

In this Master programme students acquire an in-depth, interdisciplinary knowledge about the functions and strategies involved in using agro-ecosystems for responsible and competent safe handling in the production of raw plant materials and food.

The focus of this course is the biology and function of cultivated plants. This ranges from molecular biology relating to crop production to the ecosystem level and includes the relevant agricultural and horticultural scientific methods.

The graduates acquire the necessary science-oriented skills for economical, high-performance, high-quality and environmentally friendly agricultural and horticultural production in arable rural areas.

The following electives serve to specialise:

- Plant Production and Pasture Management
- Plant Protection
- Plant Biotechnology and Cultivation
- Viticulture and Fruit-growing
- Horticulture and Horticultural Design
- Soil Science
- Agricultural Engineering

Career Prospects

- Production, marketing and services: Agricultural and horticultural businesses, farm co-operation or producer organisations
- Pre-production and post-production areas: Commerce, industry or trade in the agricultural and horticultural industry (seed production, plant cultivation, plant protection, agricultural technology, environmental protection etc.)
- Agricultural consulting and training
- Agricultural administration and policy and interest groups at state, federal and EU levels
- Research and development e.g. in universities and/or non-university research facilities and business development departments

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Environmental Engineering

Overview

Graduates from this field of study help to enable mankind's sustainable use of natural resources. The students acquire skills that enable them to link science with their technical applications, focusing especially on the interests of nature and environmental protection.

Central to the training is the ability to enact responsible and sustainable planning, designing, building and maintaining.

This Master's degree offers a wide range of electives in addition to a good sound knowledge of scientific technical basics and allows for specialisation in the following areas: Traffic planning and road construction, geodata management, land management and land development, risk management and resource protection, hydrology and water management planning, constructional hydraulic engineering and river basin management, structural engineering and construction, structural analysis and life cycle management, aquatic ecology, settlement, industrial water management and water conservation, sanitary engineering - technology and infrastructure management, provincial water and ground water management, geo engineering and applied geology as well as waste management and waste disposal.

Career Prospects

The Master programme in Environmental Engineering focuses particularly on the areas of water management, land management, construction engineering and the construction industry, transport and infrastructure planning, waste management, geo-information and risk management.

- In the private sector in civil engineering and planning offices, in consulting firms, in the construction industry and in the commercial and industrial sector
- In the civil service in federal ministries, in local government offices and in district administrative authorities and municipalities
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Viticulture, Enology and Wine Economics “WÖW”

Overview

This vocationally-oriented Master's degree offers application-relevant knowledge and skills in the three focus areas of viticulture, enology and wine economics. The course is offered together with Geisenheim University (Germany) as a joint-degree program.

Students acquire a broad, cross-disciplinary theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the fields of viticulture, enology and wine economics. These topics are covered in the scope of the compulsory module and each can be deepened and extended through a variety of elective modules. Specialisation is possible.

The aim of the Master programme WÖW is to train qualified Bachelor graduates for leadership and management tasks in the viticultural and oenological operational aspects of the industry and for science. Graduates have the skills of an oenologist as defined by the World Winegrowers' Association (OIV).

Career Prospects

Graduates have the ability to solve subject-specific questions based on in-depth engineering and economics expertise. They are active both nationally and internationally in the following areas:

- in wine farms and cellars,
- in companies in the wine and beverage industry and related sectors (suppliers, purchasing, sales),
- in consulting and management (official consultancy, food inspection, supplying industry and private consulting activity and development aid),
- in government and corporate research facilities
- in research and teaching at universities and colleges.

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Safety in the Food Chain “SIFC”

Overview

The international MSc SIFC was developed to provide a profound academic Master Programme concerning all areas of food safety. It offers a high level study course by combining all the existing expertise of European Life Science universities.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), Austria
- University of Copenhagen (UCPH), Denmark
- Wageningen University (WUR), the Netherlands
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany
- University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS), Czech Republic

This individual structure offers a new international perspective for students and facilitates movement between different universities. The MSc SIFC is structured into three modules and one Master's thesis of 30 ECTS credits each. The contents of the curriculum are focused on the entire spectrum of the food chain (regarding supply and production).

This Master programme is especially targeted towards students who hold a BSc degree in “Food Science and Technology”. Based on their fundamental knowledge in the fields of food science, natural and engineering science, students

will gain special knowledge as well as practical skills in the area of food safety, risk identification, risk assessment, and risk communication in a global context. Food and feed related issues will be combined in a complementary way.

Career Prospects

There are job facilities in governmental, but also private organisations on a national and international level:

- Food production and marketing
- Product development
- Food Safety Management
- Consumer organisations
- Scientific communication
- Research: in a university or non-university environment
- Governmental and non-governmental authorities in the area of food safety: e.g. EFSA

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Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region “DAFM”

Overview

Understanding the intercultural and regional aspects of sustainable agriculture and food technology is crucial in finding viable pathways to long-term success in Central and Eastern European agriculture. This Joint Master programme gives students the opportunity to improve their knowledge and grow their skill set with regard to the intercultural and social aspects, anthropic landscape and natural resources of sustainability in agriculture and the food industry in the Danube region.

The main focus of the programme is on self-development in a multicultural European region. At the end of this course, students are able to identify some of their own culturally-biased assumptions and behaviour, and begin to objectively address the benefits of EU multiculturalism for regional agriculture and food industry.

Sustainable development, food security, technology and quality, sustainable food production, biotechnology and sustainable energy make up the core content of the Master programme. This Master programme offers a unique and competent response to issues such as climate change and protection and promotion of livelihoods.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria
- Szent István University (SZIE), Gödöllő, Hungary
- University of Zagreb (UNIZG), Zagreb, Croatia
- University of Novi Sad (UNS), Novi Sad, Serbia
- Banat's University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine “King Michael I of Romania” (BUASVMT), Timisoara, Romania

Career Prospects

Graduates will have interdisciplinary knowledge, competencies and skills in agricultural and / or food science with a major focus on sustainability and sustainable technologies. A further focus of the qualification is intercultural learning, which allows graduates a deeper understanding of cultural and social development of and in the Danube region.

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European Forestry

Overview

This Master programme is provided by a consortium of seven well-known European universities. The MSc EF is an international double-degree programme, which has been acknowledged by the European Commission as a top quality European MSc under the Erasmus Mundus programme.

The focus of this Masters programme is in the international arena of forest resource management and utilisation, supported by a sound understanding of ecological conditions and their dynamics in Europe. The international environment of the MSc EF invites you to study and meet friends from all over the world. In addition to receiving a high quality education, you will enjoy nature and the cultural and recreational opportunities offered by many European cities.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), Austria
- University of Eastern Finland (UEF), Finland (Coordinator)
- University of Freiburg, Germany
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden
- University of Lleida (UdL), Spain
- Wageningen University (WUR), Netherlands
- AgroParisTech (APT), France

Career Prospects

Graduates are in high demand by the international labour market. The majority of our graduates are currently employed around the world in areas such as:

- Forest and nature management
- Agencies and governmental bodies
- Research institutions
- Environmental NGOs
- Forest enterprises in paper and pulp industries and saw milling



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Material and Energetic Exploitation of Renewable Raw Materials “NAWARO”

Overview

The material and energetic use of renewable raw materials, including the associated secondary raw materials from agriculture and forestry, can provide a significant contribution towards the solutions to forthcoming problems and offers a tremendous opportunity as a study and occupational field.

The combination of NAWARO's material and energy use is the strength of the new course. This is partly offered in English, but is open to mainly German-speaking students who wish to specialise in the forthcoming technical and socio-economic problems in the subject area of renewable resources at a national or European level. Provided are chemical-biological knowledge, engineering expertise in mineral extraction and processing, knowledge of material and energy use and technologies of conversion, energy technology, materials science, economics, business education, marketing, management and supplementary soft skills.

This Master programme can be completed as an international or national (BOKU only) Master course.

Partner Universities

The international Master's course is European-oriented and is based on the idea of a collaboration between the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU) and the Technical University of Munich (TUM).

Career Prospects

The skills taught in the natural, social and economic sciences and technical disciplines enable graduates opportunities in the following areas:

- Research and development, especially in the field of energy and process technology
- Environmental and resource economics
- Project management in the area of renewable raw materials
- Environmental engineering and environmental consulting
- Quality management
- Teaching in secondary education
- Production and use of biogenic materials
- Expert activity in the use of raw materials

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Animal Breeding and Genetics “ABG”

Overview

The focus of this Master programme is on the development of sustainable breeding programmes for farm animals, fish and companion animals. This innovative approach is based on the mobility of people, exchanging experiences in different disciplines and establishing a common high quality standard in education and training. The integrated European Master of Science Course in ABG aims to offer high quality international training, both in terms of scientific knowledge as well as in didactic skills.

ABG aims at building capacities in the fields of animal breeding and genomics to meet the following challenges in developed and developing countries:

- an increase in livestock and fish production, while preserving the quality of the products and animal welfare
- the preservation of natural resources, especially biodiversity, which are becoming scarcer and scarcer
- the development of sustainable animal breeding programmes that contribute to efficient food chains and the improved livelihood of farmers
- the development of sustainable breeding programmes that contribute to the improved health and welfare of companion animals (including populations in zoos and nature reserves)

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This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria
- Wageningen University (WUR), Netherlands
- AgroParisTech (APT), France
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB), Norway

Career Prospects

ABG prepares students in readiness to work for breeding organisations and in research. The course is adapted to a European perspective to the demands of society. This means that students will be ready to work for European animal breeding organisations which are among the best globally. Furthermore, ABG teaches students about the development of sustainable farm animal breeding. Graduates generally find positions in and outside Europe, in PhD training, research or development in a wide range of organisations related to animal breeding and genetics.

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Organic Agricultural Systems and Agroecology “EUR-Organic”

Overview

Farmers, consumers, processors, and traders are increasingly interested in high value organic products that fulfil ethical, social, ecological, and economic standards of quality.

Organic farming is based on a holistic approach. Consequently the production, processing and marketing of organically grown food requires special skills and knowledge. To meet this need, three universities from the Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS) network, together with an external university, have developed the MSc Programme Organic Agricultural Systems and Agroecology. The programme offers education and training in organic agro-food chains (including topics such as ethics, production systems, quality, policies, consumer demand, and market development) in an international context, and the opportunity to specialise according to the distinct profiles offered by the partner universities.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria (ELLS)
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany (ELLS)
- Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW), Poland (ELLS)
- Aarhus University (AU), Denmark (External partner)

Students completing the MSc Programme will be awarded a degree from two of these universities.

Career Prospects

The international occurrence of organic farming requires persons with a profound knowledge of the whole organic agrofood chain. Graduates would primarily expect to be employed nationally or internationally in the fields of:

- Food processing, trading companies
- Quality management
- Practice or extension services
- NGOs or other associations
- Research and teaching institutions
- Certification bodies
- Development cooperation

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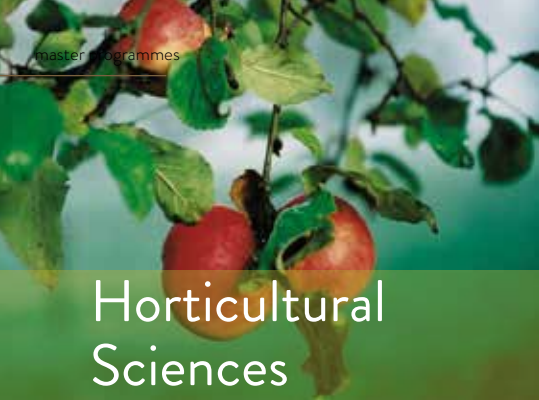
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Horticultural Sciences

Overview

Horticulture relies basically on human needs and life-quality, adopting industry's needs and responsibility towards the environment and sustainability. This Master programme consequently focuses on research-based teaching in all of the fields of horticultural plant-production (vegetables, ornamentals, pomology, viticulture, medicinal plants, postharvest and quality research), greenhouse technology, biotechnology and plant-physiology; and on socio-economics (horticultural supply- and value chains).

Partners in this teaching network aside from BOKU are the Faculty of Horticultural Sciences of University Budapest (CORVINUS, Hu), the Centre of Life and Food Sciences Freising-Weihenstephan of Technical University Munich (TUM; Ger) and the Faculty of Life-sciences of Humboldt-University Berlin (HUB, Ger).

Students start at the home university of their choice with the "Basic Courses". In the second semester one of the two optional blocks in "Methodological Courses": "From Genes to Plants" (Ger, Ger) or "From Plants to Genes" (Aut, Hu – takes place in Budapest and is recognised in Austria) can be chosen. The third semester opens the choice between the three blocks in 'Specialisation courses': 1) "Control and Optimization of Horticultural Systems" (Ger, Ger), 2) "Sustainable Fruit production" (It, It) and last not least 3) "High value crops" (Aut, Hu) - eligible for the students.

The fourth semester is dedicated to conducting the Master's thesis at any of the partner universities. For graduation and recognition it is

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important to check the actual legal national situation and ask for guidance from your supervisor or the academic coordinator. It is suggested to have supervisors from two different universities.

Career Prospects

Numerous key career qualifications and sufficient development options for individual areas of interest are offered:

- recognition, analysis of problems and implementing reasonable and responsible solutions in regional and international horticultural contexts
- applying and expanding acquired science-based knowledge and methodology
- team proficiency, being open to innovations and advanced communication
- and being involved in the international scientific teaching and research community.

International mobility and language proficiency are indispensable parts of the curriculum. English is the working and learning language. Skills in the local language are important for everyday life.

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Environmental Sciences – Soil, Water and Biodiversity “EnvEuro”



tions in Environmental Science and more than 200 high quality courses at four leading European universities.

This Master Programme is jointly offered by:

- University of Natural Resources and Life Science Vienna (BOKU), Austria
- University of Copenhagen (UCPH), Faculty of Science, Denmark
- Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU), Sweden
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany

EnvEuro is a double-degree Master Programme: students spend the first two semesters at their home university and the two last semesters at the host university.

Overview

Water is an integrating theme in the European Master in Environmental Science programme as water quality is to a large extent determined by the composition, properties, management and pollutant loads of the soil and the atmosphere.

Ecosystem stability and animal and human health are strongly affected by the quality of water in streams, lakes, marine water and groundwater. This creates a tight link between land use and water quality with a focus on soil quality, animal and human health. The quality of the aqueous environment can be used as a collective measure of terrestrial environmental quality; an approach which has been adopted in the European Water Framework Directive as well as in other EU directives. The comprehensive and coordinated environmental framework programmes are backed up by intensive and common monitoring programmes, legislation, regulation, management and policy practices which are seen as a strong advantage and a solid background for this MSc. The Master Programme offers a vast range of exciting possibilities with six different specialisa-

Career Prospects

Environmental careers will be found in the environmental sections of industries, environmental technology companies, consulting companies (agriculture, engineering), public administration from local to governmental levels, laboratories, universities and other research institutions, and in development agencies.

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Natural Resources Management and Ecological Engineering “NaRMEE”

Overview

In a world of increasing internationalisation and national interdependence, nations have become very much aware that their environmental impacts and “ecological footprints” do not respect national borders. The new-age watchword of “sustainability” also demands a matching international approach to environmental stewardship and resource management. There is a need for people trained in such skills, able to work in an international setting.

The Master study Natural Resources Management and Ecological Engineering (NaRMEE) has a strong international focus and is based on co-operation between the Lincoln University, New Zealand, the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna. Based on the mission statements of the participating universities, the educational goal of the study programme International Master in Natural Resources Management and Ecological Engineering, which is held in English, serves as preparation for an international career in the field of resource management and ecological engineering. The participating universities offer comparable and area-of-expertise-related studies in various subjects.

Graduates of the international Master NaRMEE are specialised in sustainable environmental management and integrate technical, ecological, economical, social and cultural aspects in their fields of work.

Career Prospects

NaRMEE graduates have excellent prospects for employment in international organisations such as the FAO and the European Commission, development aid organisations, the management of private companies, environmental consultancy and planning firms, in the public and private R&D sector and education.

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Limnology and Wetland Management “LWM”

Overview

This international 18-month Master programme combines the specific and unique expertise of three countries. All study locations are world-famous tourist locations – study where others are going for holidays and sight-seeing!

The Master’s curriculum comprises of 4 study-months at each of the LWM partner universities:

- BOKU (Vienna, Austria)
- Egerton University (Nakuru/
Egerton, Kenya)
- UNESCO-IHE (Delft, The Netherlands)

The 12-month taught programme is followed by a 6-month MSc research period at any of the partner universities.

The programme provides knowledge and practical skills towards the conservation and sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems and aquatic resources in different climatic and socio-cultural environments. Graduates are qualified to investigate, monitor and manage freshwater ecosystems in both temperate and tropical



zones by applying their ecological, technical, socio-economic and intercultural communication skills. Field-studies and excursions to various surface waters, including Kenyan “Flamingo lakes”, Lake Victoria and the Kenyan coastline are integral parts of the curriculum. Dedicated academic and supporting staff facilitate study progress, general student affairs, acquisition of housing and travel/transfers in all 3 countries.

Career Prospects

Graduates of the programme make substantial contributions in the following sectors: research and higher education; GOs & NGOs; international organisations such as the UN, FAO, & International River/Lake Commissions; development cooperation agencies; national and international environmental associations; environmental management companies and consultancy.

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Mountain Forestry

Overview

Mountain Forestry is defined as the sustainable, science-based management of forests and woodlands in mountain areas, taking specific ecological, ethical, technical, social, economical and political conditions of complex mountain systems into consideration. The Mountain Forestry Master programme aims to provide specialised knowledge with a focus on people living and working in mountainous areas in developing countries.

With the establishment of a Master of Science in Mountain Forestry, BOKU recognises the need for formal education in mountain research and science. The curriculum emphasises interdisciplinary work and learning by doing, and it fosters intercultural communication and teamwork, participatory thinking and bottom-up approaches.

Objectives

- To provide a focused and specialised education in managing mountain forest resources with a global perspective.
- To teach students to recognise and solve problems occurring in forest management and conservation in mountain regions.
- To strengthen interdisciplinary approaches in mountain forestry, integrating aspects of engineering, socio-economics, natural sciences and other subject-specific fields in mountain forest management.
- To provide methods and approaches appropriate for complex social and

economic environments with special emphasis on developing countries.

- To strengthen international co-operation and to create a global network of mountain foresters.

Career Prospects

As a graduate of the English Master programme in Mountain Forestry, students gain a wide range of technical, academic, and interpersonal skills enabling them to obtain top professional positions in both the national and international arena. Graduates are not only restricted to professional activities in highland or mountain regions, but may be fully integrated into general forest sciences within research and development institutions, the public and private sector, non-government organisations or community services. Graduates work in areas such as forest management, forest extension, wildlife management, forest policy and practice, research as well as administration.



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Water Management and Environmental Engineering “WMEE”

Overview

This international Master programme introduces students to principles in natural sciences and engineering techniques connected to water and associated processes. The general aim of the programme is to attain the knowledge and skills for the sustainable use of water resources, the protection of the environment, the assessment of mountain risks and the development of protection measures.

Specialisations in the fields of Water Management and Environmental Engineering or Mountain Risk Engineering are possible and will be certified in a Diploma Supplement.

Prospective students wishing to enroll on the Master programme must be able to demonstrate fundamental knowledge of the central subjects of a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering, as taught at BOKU.

Similarly, for a successful admission, competence in the English language has to be proven.

The professional education given in this Master programme combines a fundamental knowledge of the environmental system with the respectful and sustainable use and management of natural resources. The curriculum builds on joined-up thinking for the responsible planning,

design, building and maintenance of engineering solutions.

Career Prospects

Graduates of the Master programme typically work in the following areas:

- Civil- and environmental engineering consulting
- Engineering companies
- Public and private research facilities, technical boards
- Public administration

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Applied Limnology “AL”

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Overview

“Water is life” – mankind is depending on ecological services provided by wetlands, rivers, groundwater aquifers and lakes, which are among the most threatened ecosystems in the world.

The Master programme provides interdisciplinary expertise and professional skills for determining the ecological status of aquatic ecosystems, the assessment of human impacts, the conservation of endangered species and habitats, the development of appropriate restoration measures and the validation of management actions.

Study Applied Limnology at BOKU in international classrooms with students of more than 10 countries from 4 continents. Enjoy the opportunity to spice-up the study programme with modules/courses offered by international network partner institutes, such as Egerton University (Kenya) and a large number of partner universities within and outside Europe.

Career Prospects

Graduates of the programme make substantial contributions in the following sectors: research and higher education; environmental management companies; GOs & NGOs; international organisations such as the European Commission, UNESCO, FAO & International River/Lake Commissions; development cooperation agencies; national and international environmental associations and consultancy.



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PLAN YOUR STUDIES @ BOKU PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL

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How to Look for Courses at BOKU

The education management system at BOKU is called BOKUonline and also includes our course database.

 online.boku.ac.at

You will need it in order to ...

- ...search for suitable courses (=Lessons, LV)
- ...register for classes
- ...register for exams

! *PLEASE NOTE: You must register for each course on BOKUonline in order to take the course exam. For online applications you will need a BOKUonline login which you can only get after enrolling in person at the Student's Registration Office. Therefore plan to arrive a few days BEFORE the beginning of the semester.*

General information about BOKUonline:

 bit.ly/BOKUonline

Register for exams:

 bit.ly/BOKU_course_registration

Exchange Students

You will find the courses (LV) in our teaching information system. Each course has a corresponding number which has to be included when filling in the "Learning Agreement".

Please note that you can choose courses from various fields of study as long as you ensure that you fulfil the specific requirements for the individual course. If necessary, changes can still be made to your Learning Agreement after arrival.

Students who are completing a full study programme

Please stick to the curriculum of your study programme.

Please review carefully

- Whether all courses are offered during the correct semester
- Whether they are offered in English or German (Vortragssprache/ language of instruction)
- Whether you have the required background knowledge (if applicable)
- When and where the first session will take place (see "scheduled dates" in the course description)
- If any of your courses overlap (short overlaps between lectures = Vorlesungen, where attendance is not compulsory, this is normally not a problem)

! *ATTENTION: ECTS credits (found in the course description at BOKUonline) are not the same as semester hours!*

 bit.ly/BOKU_courses

If you want to get an overview on what is offered, you can also get ...

- ...lists of courses from an institute or department
- ...lists of courses from a specific study programme

At the beginning of the semester, the ZID (Information Technology Services) in cooperation with the ZIB (Center for International Relations), organises introductory events specifically for international students (both in German and in English) as part of the Welcome Days.

How to find your courses?

1) Go to online.boku.ac.at

2) Select the English version

3) Go to "Search" in the box at the top, scroll down to "Courses"



4) Click on "English"

5) Make sure that the "Language of Instruction" is English (*Attention: courses are only offered in English, if the language of instruction – see course description – is clearly stated to be English*)

6) Make sure that you look for courses in the right academic year

7) Make sure that you look for courses in the right semester

8) Click on "Search"

Thesis, Dissertation and Project Work

Regular Students

If you are attending a full degree programme at BOKU, you have to follow the guidelines of your programme.

Generally as a Bachelor student this means that you have to register for your Bachelor's thesis through BOKUonline. Master and PhD students have to search for a topic and supervisor with a *venia docendi* or an equivalent qualification on their own. More information is available on the Website -> Final Degree.

Exchange Students

If you wish to work on your thesis, dissertation or project, we ask you to do some research and contact your future BOKU tutor/supervisor.

Current projects at BOKU are listed at:

 alumni.boku.ac.at

 *A list of the BOKU departments is found at page 132*

We do not recommend sending mass-emails to multiple professors. Instead, please contact the departmental coordinator in charge.

Lists of departmental coordinators/project coordinators, ERASMUS departmental coordi-

nators, CEEPUS programme coordinators and Joint Study coordinators can be found on the BOKU website.

 bit.ly/BOKU_coordinators

Please write an email to your coordinator with the name of the programme you have completed, your home country and study programme, and explain that you would like assistance in finding a supervisor. (If you have already found someone on our website with whom you would like to work, please also give her/his name).

Documents to be attached to your email:

- a CV
- a project description

Please note the name of your BOKU-supervisor on the Learning Agreement and include an informal confirmation that he/she is willing to supervise you (e.g a copy of an email) in your application.

Your Master's thesis or project will not be shown on the BOKU transcript of records. Please ask your supervisor for an evaluation letter (on official letter paper with signature and stamp).

Language Courses at BOKU

If you want to learn German or improve your skills in another foreign language, the Centre of International Relations offers a variety of language courses at BOKU. A German intensive course before the beginning of the semester helps incoming students to get started in Vienna. Three different German courses during the semester will allow international students to study the language on a regular basis. We also teach twelve other languages at up to five different levels.

German as a Foreign Language

Intensive German language course (before semesterstart)

This course is especially for incoming students. It takes 2 weeks with a total of 50 classes (25 hours of teaching per week, 3 ECTS,) and costs

€250. In winter semester 2015/16 it takes place from 10 – 23 September 2015, in summer semester from 8 – 19 February 2016.

The two course levels *Beginner*

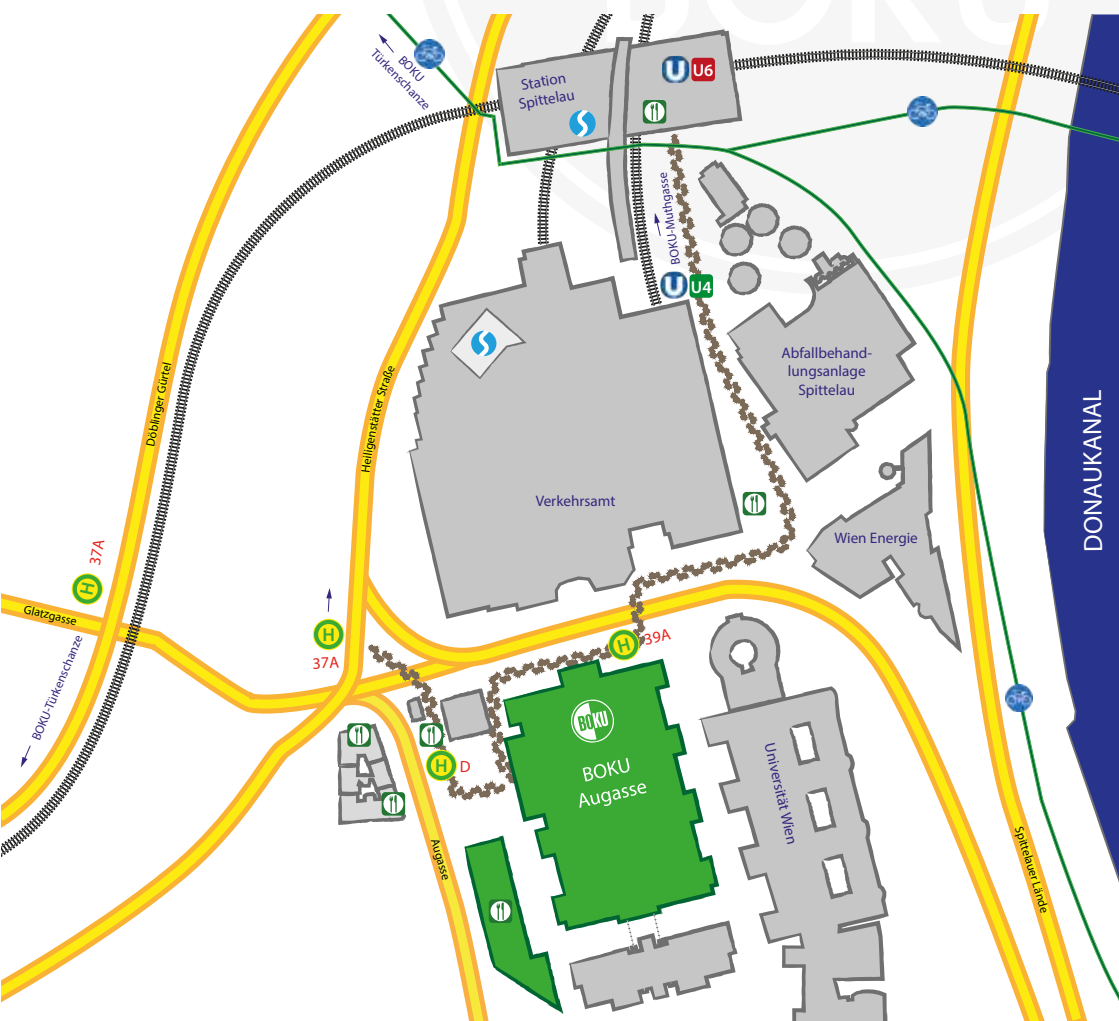
This course is especially for students with no knowledge of the German language. The content focus lies on cultural aspects of studying and living in Austria.

Intermediate to advanced level (German Refresher Course)

This course is for students who already have previous knowledge of the language on an intermediate to advanced level. It is especially designed for people who have learned the language but do not practise it on a regular basis. We also recommend this course for students with Dutch as mother tongue.

Location Augasse

1. Registration Office
 - > Block A (red), 2nd floor
2. Lecture Halls
 - > Audi Max
 - > HO 1–7
3. Alumni
4. BOKU4you
5. Staff Unit for the Support of People with Special Needs

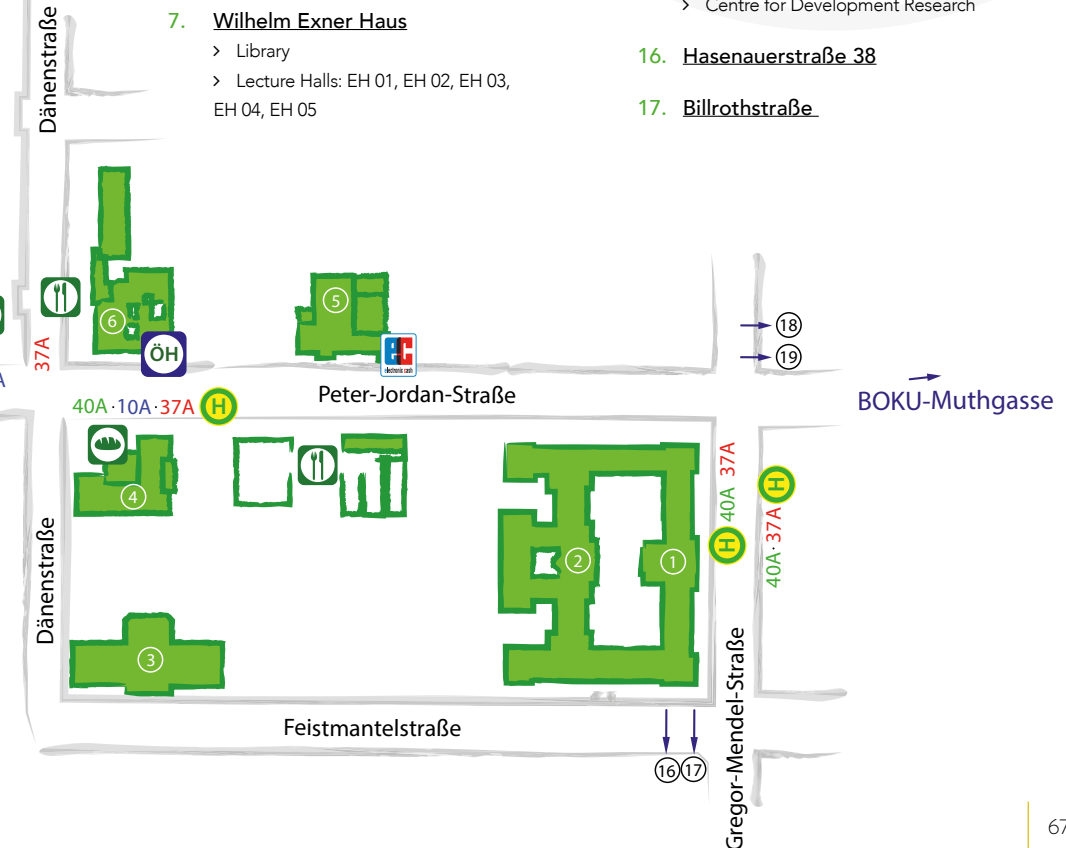


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Location Türkenschanze



1. Gregor Mendel Haus
 - > Lecture Hall B
 - > currently under construction
2. GreenHaus
3. Adolf v. Guttenberg Haus
 - > Lecture Hall GH 01
 - > Seminar Rooms: 01, 02, 03
4. Oscar Simony Haus
 - > Lecture Halls: EG03, EG04, EG05, EG07
 - > PC Room
5. Adolf Cieslar Haus
 - > ATM
 - > Rector's Office
 - > Techn. Facility Management
6. Türkenwirt
 - > Students' Union - ÖH BOKU
 - > TÜWI
7. Wilhelm Exner Haus
 - > Library
 - > Lecture Halls: EH 01, EH 02, EH 03, EH 04, EH 05
8. Center for International Relations
9. Franz Schwackhöfer Haus
 - > Seminar Rooms: 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10
10. Villa Max Emanuel
11. Baracke 1
 - > Mensa
 - > PC Room
12. Baracke 2
 - > BOKU Nursery & Kindergarten
13. Baracke 3
 - > BOKU Family Group
14. Baracke 4
 - > Centre for Global Change and Sustainability
15. Baracke 5
 - > Lecture Hall B
 - > Centre for Development Research
16. Hasenauerstraße 38
17. Billrothstraße



Location Muthgasse

18. Emil Perels Haus ("Muthgasse I")

- > Lecture Halls: HS XXI, HS XXII

19. Armin Szilvinyi Haus ("Muthgasse II")

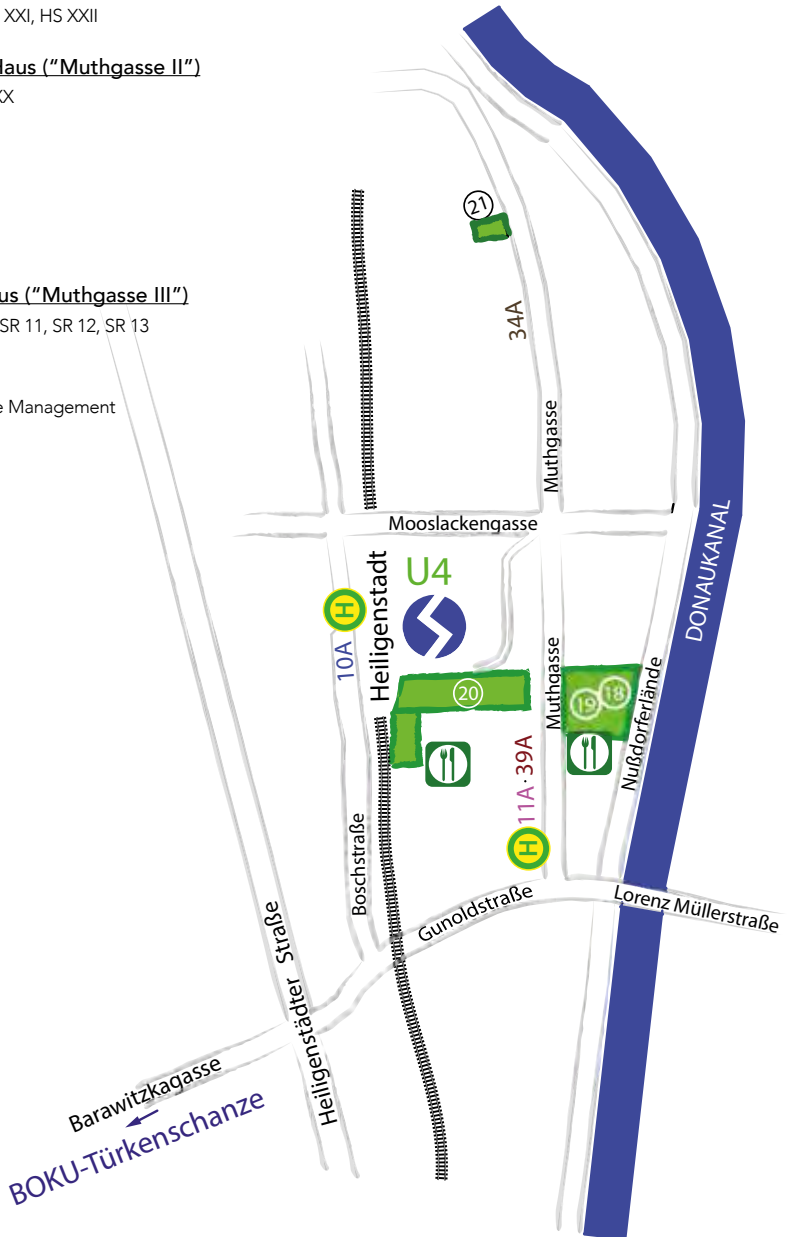
- > Lecture Hall HS XX
- > Mensa
- > ÖH BOKU
- > ÖH Lounge
- > Aula
- > Facultas

20. Simon Zeisel Haus ("Muthgasse III")

- > Seminar Rooms: SR 11, SR 12, SR 13

21. Muthgasse 107

- > Institute of Waste Management



GERMAN COURSES DURING THE SEMESTER

German for Beginners

- Winter semester – beginners
- Summer semester – beginners with previous knowledge (A1+)
- €130 per semester

German conversation

- The aim of this course is to especially improve oral language skills and fluent speaking. Topics change and are elected by the students.
- €130 per semester

German for Science (BOKU specific topics)

- In this course you will learn and practise advanced grammar and BOKU-specific vocabulary.
- €130 (exception: ERASMUS-students free of charge)

of cancellation. If you want to cancel the course, please send an email to languagecourses@boku.ac.at.

Language Courses during the Semester

The following language courses are offered at BOKU in the academic year 2015/2016 (planned, subject to changes):

- German
- English
- French
- Italian
- Spanish
- Czech
- Croatian
- Hungarian
- Polish
- Romanian
- Russian
- Slovakian
- Slovenian

Registration

To register for the intensive German language course, please send an email to languagecourses@boku.ac.at including course title and level, first and last name, gender, address and home country, and the scholarship programme with which you are coming to BOKU. There is no registration deadline, but there are only a limited number of places available, which are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. As soon as we receive your email with your complete data, we will send you a confirmation of registration and further information.

Cancellation

You can cancel your registration for the German intensive course exempt from charges until 20 August 2015 (for the courses in September 2015) and until 18 January 2016 (for the courses in February 2016) After these dates you will have to pay an administrative fee of €70 in case

In the winter semester courses start from 5 October 2015, in the summer semester from 29 February, 2016. All course levels, course descriptions and time schedules are available at: online.boku.ac.at

Registration

Registration for incoming exchange students

Incoming exchange students can register for language courses via their Learning Agreement or by sending an email to: languagecourses@boku.ac.at, giving the following information:

- The course title & level
- Your first and last name and gender
- Your address and home country
- The exchange programme with which you are coming to BOKU

The deadline to register by email for all language courses (except for German courses) is 3

September 2015 for the winter semester 2015/16 and 29 January 2016 for the summer semester.

Email registration for German courses is possible until 25 September 2015 for the winter semester and 18 February for the summer semester 2016. However, we do advise you to register as early as possible.

To register for the intensive German language course, please follow the instructions in the relevant section above.

Registration for full degree students at BOKU

To register for German Courses please send an email to: languagecourses@boku.ac.at, giving the following information:

- The course title & level
- Your first and last name and gender
- Your address and home country

The deadline for email registration for German courses is 25 September 2015 for the winter semester 2015/16 and 18 February for the summer semester. However, we do advise you to register as early as possible.

To register for all other language courses (except for German) please enrol at BOKUonline: online.boku.ac.at

Online registration period (planned, subject to minor changes):

For courses in winter semester 2015/16: 7 – 27 September 2015

For courses in summer semester 2016: 1 – 21 February 2016

Course fees, payment and cancellation

Course fees

- € Semester courses: €130 per course
- € Intensive German Language Courses before the beginning of semester: €250
- € German for Science (BOKU specific topics): free for students of Erasmus+

Payment

If you register by email, we will send you all information on payment. For registration to BOKUonline, please follow the payment instructions on our website:

 bit.ly/BOKU_language_courses

Cancellation

If you cancel your registration to a language course during the semester in the first week of the courses, and at the latest two days after your course has started, you will be exempt from charges. You can do this by sending an email to languagecourses@boku.ac.at. After this date, there will be no refund of the course fee in case of cancellation.

For cancellation of the intensive course, please follow the instructions in the relevant section above.

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Tandem

Language learning without a course



What is Tandem learning?

Tandem learning is a reciprocal language learning scheme in which you are paired with a native speaker of the target language to learn together. That means that students with different native languages teach each other. There is no financial cost involved and you can benefit regardless of your level of language. You meet to study together, practise speaking, find out more about the culture, discuss language problems and support each other's learning. Tools like cell phones, emailing, and Skype can also support tandem learning.

How does it work?

The imagination knows no limits when it comes to tandem learning: tandem partners can work through textbooks and exercise books, work through items from everyday life (e.g. newspaper articles, product information, radio broadcasts), practice structured dialogues on certain themes or simply have a chat with each other. Choosing an exercise method depends on prior knowledge and the learning objectives of the tandem learning partners.

What are the benefits of Tandem-Learning?

Students, teachers and researchers who are planning a semester abroad can already be in contact with their future host country before their stay has begun. They can begin to improve their language skills and gain an insight into the culture, mentality and social environment of the country. Tandem learning is also a convenient way to keep up your previously acquired language skills and make contact with native speakers.

How to apply?





You have to register online on our e-learning platform BOKUlearn. Follow the link and login

with your valid BOKUonline account. Scroll down the page to where you can find the search field, type the course name "Tandem Learning" and click on registration for the course. There you will find further information about how to use the e-learning platform. The registration period for the winter semester starts at the end of September / beginning of October. The registration period for the summer semester starts at the beginning of March.

Next steps?

A list containing all Tandem participants and their target languages will be published on BOKUlearn. You have to check the list and pick a Tandem partner on your own. You can contact your partner via telephone or email. In the middle of October (winter semester) and March (summer semester) there will be a Kick-off Meeting with some hints and tips for tandem leaning and the opportunity to meet the other participants.

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The Buddy Network at BOKU

The ZIB encourages the exchange of Austrian and international students through a buddy network. Therefore, you are appointed an Austrian student as a tutor to facilitate the first couple of steps in Vienna (if you requested it in your application form).

Your buddy will be very helpful, especially at the beginning, when you move into your new room and have to deal with Austrian and BOKU administration. They can introduce you to Viennese university life, help you to get accustomed to BOKU and show you a side of Vienna and Austria you would probably not discover otherwise.



WANT A BUDDY?

If you wish to have a buddy, please contact:

✉ buddy@boku.ac.at

Exchange Students can also indicate in their application to BOKU that they want a Buddy.

Facilities for Students with Special Needs

The integration of students and staff members with special needs is a key concern for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

For students with disabilities and/or physical or mental health issues, BOKU provides a service and counselling department; the Staff Unit for the Support of People with Special Needs.

Persons with a study-related impairment should be directly addressed and supported

- Mobility impairment
- Sensory impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Speech impairment
- Mental issues (depression, burn-out, ...)
- Chronic conditions (diabetes, Crohn's disease, ...)
- Partial performance weaknesses (dyslexia, dyscalculia, ...)
- Autism, AD(HS)

What is offered?

- Assistance and information on all study-related questions connected to disabilities and/or chronic conditions
- Individual assistance with organisation of study time
- Counseling on funding opportunities
- Legal framework

- Offer to provide guidance when commencing university studies
- Organisation of technical and/or personal assistance
- Co-operation with the Rectorate, stakeholders, instructors and other persons concerned in order to provide improved learning-, working- and examination conditions for the target group

Furthermore, the scope of duties includes:

- Assisting in the realisation of barrier-free access to all BOKU buildings
- Organising public events
- Public relations
- Stimulating projects and seminars dealing with handicap-specific topics and issues

STAFF UNIT FOR THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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Studying with Children

Verein Kindergruppen BOKU

The "Verein Kindergruppen BOKU" (Association of facilities BOKU, managed by parents), operates a kindergarten, family group and nursery at the BOKU-Campus at Türkenschanze. The goal and purpose of the association is to take care of children of both students and employees at BOKU within the frame of the day-to-day business at the university.

Target groups: children of BOKU students and employees from the age of one year up to primary school entry.

Costs

"For children living in Vienna, and to whom the funding rules of MA10 apply, admittance is free of charge according to the admittance model of "free kindergartens in Vienna" (excludes costs for meals).

For those children coming from outside Vienna, the monthly admittance fee is to be paid. The actual fee is calculated according to the funding of MA10 / Vienna for children living in Vienna.

The children's meals (morning sandwich, two-course lunch and afternoon sandwich) consists



of daily prepared, fresh organic food. Parents have to provide a monthly fee for the food of €67 (as of 11/2014). For low-income parents, there is the possibility to ask the magistrate MA 11 for support.

Organisation

With the exception of the qualified childcare staff, all work areas are organised and administrated by the participating parents, e.g. membership management, employer functions, children's meals, and cleaning. In practice, this means that at least one parent of every child independently takes on a defined activity in the organisation.

In the case of a child joining Kindergruppen BOKU, the parents are introduced to the structure and organisation of the groups of children and of the association. At the introduction, the tasks that require active parental involvement (shopping, organisation of events, hygiene and cleaning, maintenance, committee etc.) are explained and assigned.

Depending on the type (on-going or periodic) and the extent (amount of time/work required for completion) of the task, large task groups are formed who work together to complete the task independently. The responsibilities of the tasks are found in the

list of jobs and are updated and assigned at the general meeting.

Education

The educational care of children is undertaken by qualified kindergarten teachers, the number of which depends on the size of the groups of children. The teachers are chosen and assigned by the Verein Kindergruppen BOKU committee. As it is a major concern of parents that their children have the best care possible, you will be pleased to know that the competency of child carers at BOKU is above the average of comparable public institutions.

A professional cook is hired to provide healthy and fresh food. When formulating the menu, the cook pays close attention to the use of fresh and wholesome food from organic farms. In addition to taking on a "job", membership requires any further work that arises be taken care of. This can be, for example, assisting at various parties and activities (preparation of meals or supervising), and cleaning/maintaining the premises.

ASSOCIATION OF DAYCARE FACILITIES BOKU

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DAYCARE GROUPS

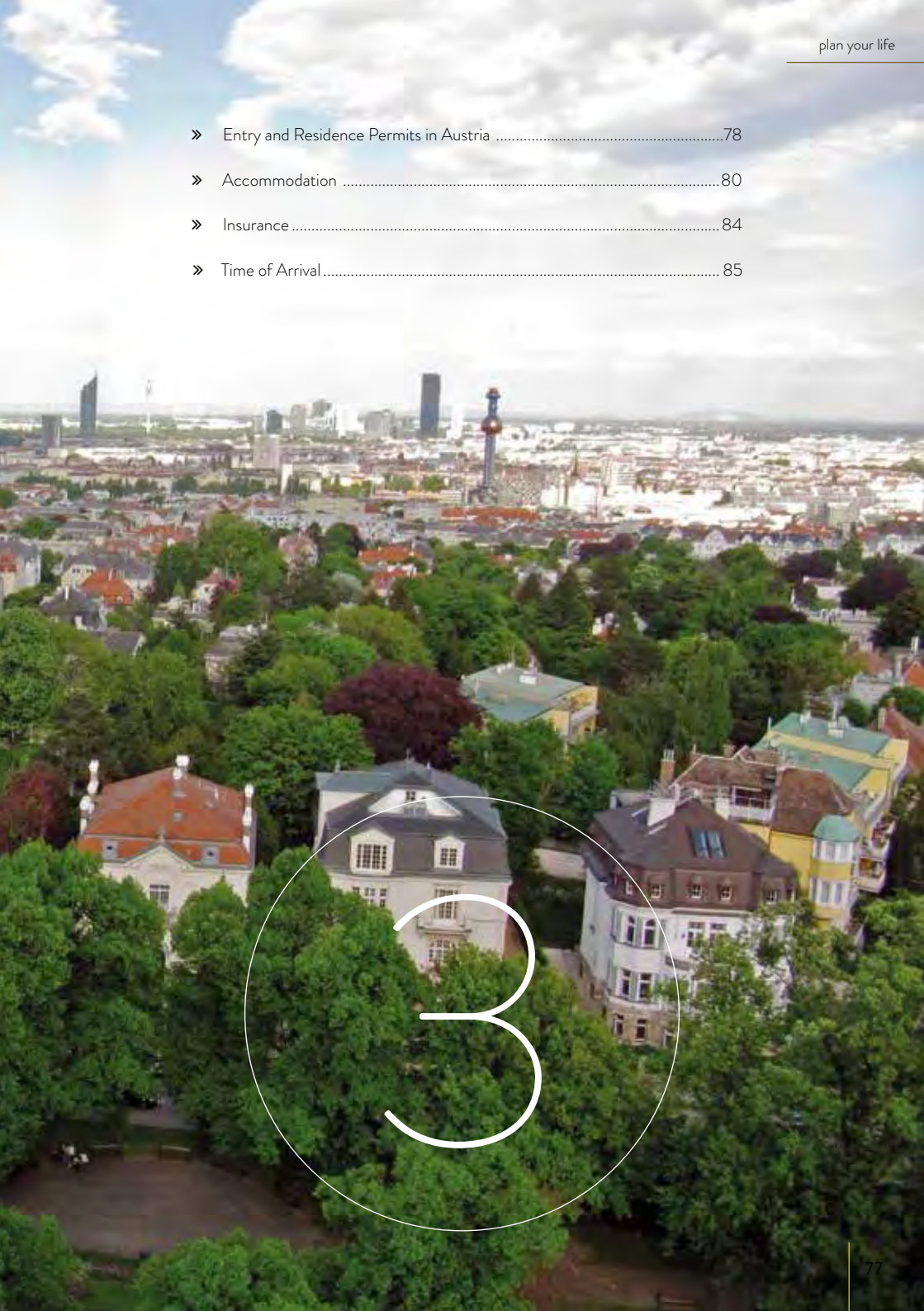
	Nursery	Family Group	Kindergarten
Age	1 to 3 years	2 years up to primary school entry	3 years up to primary school entry
Number of children	15 children	12 children	18 children
Opening hours	for all groups: Mondays - Thursdays 7 ⁴⁵ – 17 ⁰⁰ & Fridays 7 ⁴⁵ – 15 ³⁰		

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Entry and Residence Permits in Austria

Information for students of EU/EEA countries

If you are from an EU/EEA member state or from Switzerland you do not have to apply for a visa. A valid travel document (passport or identity card) for your entry into and your stay in Austria is sufficient.

Information for students of third countries

Stays of up to 6 months

If you want to study in Austria for no longer than 6 months, you will need either of the following visas for entry to and residence in Austria:

- a travel visa C ("Schengenvisa"): entitles you to stay in Austria and in all other Schengen countries for a maximum of 90 days; it is not necessary if you are allowed to enter Austria without a visa; or
- a residence visa D (Aufenthaltsvisum D): for stays of at least 91 days up to a maximum of 6 months; (not necessary

if you are a Japanese national).

These visas have to be applied for at the Austrian Embassy/Consulate in your home country before you leave. A visa cannot be renewed in Austria!

 bit.ly/entry_third_countries






Stays of more than 6 months

If you are from a non-EU or non-EEA country and are planning to stay for more than 6 months you need a "student" residence permit (Aufenthaltsbewilligung Studierender), which you will have to obtain from the Austrian embassy/consulate in your home country before you leave. Since you have to wait for a decision to be made in another country, you should submit your application at least 3 months before you intend to travel to Vienna. We recommend if possible that you submit your visa application 6 months before your entry into Austria.

Exemption from visa requirements (Visumfreiheit)

If you are allowed to enter Austria without a visa (check the link), you can apply for a residence permit during your stay in Austria. The application for the residence permit, however, does not permit you to stay longer than your visa-free stay,

OeAD

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-  bit.ly/entry_to_austria

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR APPLICATION FOR NATIONALS OF THIRD COUNTRIES

Along with the fully completed and signed form “Aufenthaltsbewilligung Studierender”, you are usually required to hand in the following documents to get a visa (Please note that this may differ from country to country and Austrian authorities may ask for additional documents in individual cases):

- ✔ recent colour photograph, size between 3.5 x 4.5 cm
- ✔ valid passport
- ✔ birth certificate
- ✔ Notification of admission (Zulassungsbescheid, Aufnahmebestätigung) of the university or university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule) or other educational institution
- ✔ Proof of sufficient financial means to finance your stay: students have to prove that they can afford to live in Austria and therefore have to have a certain amount of money per month. The exact amount depends at your age and it's higher for students above the age of 24. Proof of sufficient funds for a maximum of 12 months has to be provided e.g. by means of a savings account or a bank account at a bank (the account has to be accessible from Austria), or a (declaration of guarantee) of a person living in Austria, or proof of purchase of traveller's cheques for the necessary amount, or confirmation of the award of a scholarship/grant; if the costs for accommodation exceed a certain amount per month, you have to prove additional funds. For the exact amounts, please check the OeAD website
- ✔ Proof of accommodation in Austria: e.g. tenancy contract, assignment for the right of use of accommodation with a private person (e.g. family member, flat share, friend, ...), accommodation contract for a student hall of residence, confirmation of the reservation of accommodation by the OeAD Housing Office
- ✔ Proof of health insurance (“travel health insurance”) valid from entry to the beginning of your studies in Austria or to the beginning of your student insurance. An application for student insurance with the Austrian national health insurance provider (Gebietskrankenkasse) has to be provided upon request of the Austrian authority.
- ✔ Police record/certificate of good conduct (where available)

The original and a photocopy of all documents have to be submitted (certified, German translation).

If all documents are complete and in order, the Austrian embassy/consulate will issue the permit of residence (subject to a fee).

so you should apply for the residence permit as soon as possible upon your arrival in Vienna.

🌐 bit.ly/visa_exemption

Application

If you need a visa or residence permit for your stay, please submit your BOKU application documents in time as you will need to be accepted by BOKU in order to make your visa application!

❗ **PLEASE NOTE:**
The residence permit is not a work permit for Austria.



Accommodation

Vienna is not the cheapest city to live in and you should be prepared to spend between €230 and €600 per month for your accommodation. The next few pages offer some information and options about living so that you can find the best option for you to stay in the world's most livable city.

OeAD HOUSING OFFICE

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- 🌐 housing.oead.at/en

Student Residences

Student halls of residence are an easy option when moving to a new city; they're also a great way to make friends and contacts in a short time period.

To book a room in a student hall of residence please contact the OeAD (Österreichischer Austausch Dienst – Austrian Exchange Service):

🌐 housing.oead.at/en


Please note that the contract with the OeAD lasts for at least one semester. Therefore, during this period you are able to switch places within the OeAD-homes (if there are free places) but you will not be able to move into private accommodation.

When you move in you will have to pay a deposit for the room in addition to the deposit for the OeAD. You will get it back at the end of your stay providing the room is in the same condition as when you arrived.

Student halls of residence can also be booked on

 wihast.at

 akademikerhilfe.at

 **PLEASE NOTE:** *Rooms in the student residences are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.*

Currently we recommend you to apply in April or May for the following winter semester. For applications submitted after 15 August for the winter semester and 15 January for the summer semester, there is no guarantee that there will be rooms available.

Procedure

Register online on the OeAD webpage. As soon as you get the confirmation email from OeAD, please pay your deposit of €950 by bank transfer. Only then can OeAD reserve a room for you.

You can choose between single and shared double rooms (see form). Just state your preference on the form. Prices range from between approximately €200 and €325 for a shared double room, and between €270 and €550 for a single room. Rooms can only be reserved for whole months (e.g. if you move in on 24 October you have to pay for the complete month of October. The other option would be to move in and pay from 1 November and stay in a hostel in the meantime). Only in February and September

STUDENT RESIDENCES POPULAR WITH BOKU STUDENTS

base19

Gymnasiumstraße 85 | 1190 Wien
base19.at/en

STUWO

Kenyongasse 23-25 | 1070 Wien
Strozzigasse 6-8 | 1080 Wien
Strudlhofgasse 5 | 1090 Wien
stuwo.at/en

Akademikerhilfe

Michaelerstr. 11 | 1180 Wien (female only)
Starkfriedgasse 15 | 1180 Wien
Pfeilgasse 1a/3a/4-6 | 1080 Wien
akademikerhilfe.at/en/heime/wien

home4students

Döblinger Hauptstr. 55 | 1190 Wien
Neudegggasse 21 | 1080 Wien
home4students.at/en


OeAD

Sechshauser Straße 31 | 1150 Wien
housing.oead.at/en/accommodation/wien-en


Wihast

Brigittenauer Lände 224 | 1200 Wien
Tendlergasse 12 | 1090 Wien
Hirschengasse 23 | 1060 Wien
wihast.at/en

Rooms in student residences can also be arranged by directly contacting one of the residence organisations listed above. However, organising it through the OeAD is probably easier and more flexible.

 housing.oead.at/en/accommodation/wien-en

All student accommodation in Austria is listed on the website of the Students' Union:

 bit.ly/OeH_accommodations

USEFUL WEBSITES WHEN LOOKING FOR A FLAT

- 🌐 **Schwarzes Brett der ÖH – flat share rooms and flats, amongst other things (German)**
schwarzesbrett-oeh.at
- 🌐 **New English search engine for flats**
zoomsquare.com
- 🌐 **OeAD Apartments**
housing.oead.at/en/accommodation/wien-en
- 🌐 **Flats, Rooms, Apartments (German)**
studieren.at
- 🌐 **Marketplace for everything, including options for accommodation (German)**
willhaben.at
- 🌐 **Further flat and flat share options (in German, although some people will have their listing description for their flat in English too)**
wg-gesucht.de
- 🌐 **Job and residential market for students (German)**
jobwohnen.at
- 🌐 **Accommodation between private individuals (especially on short notice)**
odyssee-reisen.at/?lang=en
- 🌐 **Peer-to-peer property rental**
airbnb.com | 9flats.com | WIMDU.de
- 🌐 **Various facebook groups for flat share rooms in Vienna & BOKU**
fb.com



are bookings for half a month possible.

To cover its costs, the OeAD housing service charges €18 per month.

- ❗ **PLEASE NOTE:** *If you wish to withdraw your reservation please inform the OeAD as soon as possible! If you decide not to come to BOKU, please notify the Center for International Relations.*

Flat Share

The advantage of choosing to rent or share a flat with other students is that usually you do not need to pay commission fees. On the other hand, there is a risk that you won't find the right place or even a place at all. However, the Center for International Relations sometimes receives offers for accommodation from students who go abroad with ERASMUS for a semester or a year. These offers are posted on the Facebook group "Accommodation Exchange BOKU".

In addition, flat exchanges are a good source of finding a room in Vienna. You can start searching before you arrive and make contact with the landlady/landlord and/or your future flatmates. In general, rooms cost between €250 and €450 per month.



Photos: Charly Lair

- ❗ **PLEASE NOTE:** Unfortunately there are also a few fake adverts on these websites: When not using an official institution, such as the OeAD or contacting student dormitories directly, never transfer money (deposit/rent), before you have seen the room in person or have received the key!

Youth Hostels – Temporary Accommodation

Youth Hostels offer the best temporary accommodation. Reservation is recommended.

RECOMMENDED YOUTH HOSTELS

- 📍 **Jugendgästehaus Brigittenau**
Friedrich Engels-Platz 24 | 1200 Wien
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jgh.1200wien@chello.at
oejvh.or.at
- 📍 **Jugendherberge Myrthengasse**
Myrthengasse 7 | 1070 Wien
+43 1 52363160
hostel@chello.at
oejvh.or.at
- 📍 **Jugendgästehaus Hütteldorf**
Schlossberggasse 8 | 1130 Wien
+43 1 8771501
jgh@hostel.at
oejvh.at
- 📍 **Hotel Praterstern**
Mayergasse 6 | 1020 Wien
+43 1 2140123
hotelpraterstern@aon.at
hotelpraterstern.at
- 📍 **Wombat's City Hostel**
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office@wombats-vienna.at
wombats.at
- 📍 **Hostel Ruthensteiner**
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shb@hostel.at
oejvh.or.at

Insurance

The ÖH Students' Insurance

You've knocked over an expensive device in the university lab? Crashed into a glass door or accidentally destroyed a computer at BOKU? Broken a leg on a USI (University Sports Institute) skiing trip? It's not as bad as it looks, at least from a financial point of view. 70 cents out of your ÖH membership fee go towards a comprehensive liability and accident insurance with the Generali Insurance Company covering (almost) all possible scenarios. The ÖH has been offering this special service for all members for many years, always endeavouring to make the insurance coverage as comprehensive as possible.

GENERALI INSURANCES

If you have questions concerning the content of the contract - for example, whether a specific incident is covered by the insurance policy or not - you can call the free ÖH-Info-Hotline at Generali Insurances on

☎ 0800 / 204 4400

🕒 Monday – Friday: 9 am – 6 pm

Your insurance-related contact person within the ÖH can best be reached by email at

✉ studierendenversicherung@oeh.ac.at

If you have a valid national health insurance in a country that has concluded a health insurance agreement with Austria (at the moment these are the following countries: Bosnia, Croatia, Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey), you must bring the A3 form with you, which is available from your national health insurance provider. This form also has to be exchanged for forms that entitle you to medical treatment in Austria (Krankenscheine, "Krankenkassenschecks") at the relevant Austrian health insurance provider (Gebietskrankenkasse).

For students from countries with no national insurance agreement with Austria:

Degree programme students (ordentliche Studierende) at all universities who do not fall into the above-mentioned categories may take out a health insurance policy with the Wiener Gebietskrankenkasse themselves. The cost of this insurance is approx. €55 per month.

There are, however, limits concerning your maximum income in order to be eligible for this insurance; there are also other conditions which have to be met (periods of study, course changes etc.). With a completed application form and "Zulassungs- und Fortsetzungsbestätigung" (Admission and Study Confirmation), students must register with the specific university insurance scheme.

The following documents are required:

- Confirmation
- Study book sheet
- Registration forms

Unfortunately the application form is only available in German, but the online guide is also available in English. Exchange students and students of international or English Master pro-

Health Insurance

For students with bilateral health insurance agreements:


Students and visiting researchers from EU/EEA countries who are in possession of a valid national health insurance in their home country need the European Health Insurance Card or E102 form, which they should get BEFORE their arrival in Vienna from the appropriate authority in their home country.


grammes should ask for support at the Center for International Relations.

 bit.ly/wgkk_appication (German)

 bit.ly/wgkk_onlineguide

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 wgkk.at

Time of Arrival

Exchange students participating in the Intensive German Language Course should arrive in Vienna at least one day before the course starts. Check:

 boku.ac.at/int-languages-Germanintensive.html

For all other students, the best time to arrive is a few days before the semester begins (winter semester starts on October 1, 2015 and summer semester starts on February 22rd, 2016).

We would like to invite you to our Welcome Days for International Students which take place the week before the semester starts. Before that, you should register at the Studienabteilung (Registration Office).

Please be aware that you have to register for your courses. To be able to do that you need your BOKU account. This account will only be activated after you have registered at the Registration Office and after having paid the Students' Union fee of approx. €20 with a bank card (Maestro, Visa, Mastercard, ... – no cash) there. If you do not have a bank card, please ask your buddy to go to the Registration Office with you and use his/her card.

Please try to register for the courses as soon as possible after your arrival – some courses (excursions, seminars, practical courses,...) be booked up quickly. If you arrive late, please write an


email to the contact person given in the course description in BOKUonline and ask him/her if it is possible to register provisionally.

You should co-ordinate your arrival time with the office hours of the student residence or with the availability of your landlord/landlady. In most cases, it is not possible to move in during an evening or weekend. Please try to arrive in Vienna during daytime hours on a weekday. However, if it is only possible for you to arrive during the night or at the weekend and if you are not able to move into your room, please try to find a room for the first night at one of the temporary accommodations mentioned above.

As an exchange student, you will have been appointed a buddy who might, if you wish, be able to pick you up at the airport or the train station. Please contact your buddy in advance to arrange a meeting with them.

WELCOME DAYS

We kindly invite you to the Welcome Days for International Students: Get to know BOKU and your fellow students!

 bit.ly/BOKU_welcomedays

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BOKU Campuses

The main campuses – Türkenschanze and Muthgasse – are located in the 18th and 19th districts of Vienna. It takes you approximately 25 minutes by bus or 15 minutes by bicycle to go from one campus to the other. At both locations you can find numerous university buildings and each of them is named after a famous scientist: Gregor Mendel Haus, Wilhelm Exner Haus, Franz Schwackhöfer Haus, Adolf von Guttenberg Haus, Oskar Simony Haus and Armin Szilvinyi Haus. Depending on your study programme, your attendance will be concentrated in one location/building or another.

Q *A campus map can be found in the middle of this brochure*


The third main campus is the UFT Tulln. The university and research centre Tulln is located a little bit outside of Vienna, but you can reach it by train from the train station “Heiligenstadt” within 20 minutes.


BOKU Türkenschanze


The oldest location is situated in the 18th and 19th districts, very close to Türkenschanzpark. There, you can find important services like the main library, Facultas shop (sale of a range of lecture notes and office supplies), ÖH BOKU (Students’ Union), Center for International Relations, Kindergarten, as well as culinary and social facilities.

You can also find learning facilities in the Gregor-Mendel Haus (ground floor) and in the Wilhelm Exner Haus (in the main library including rooms for group works).

Transport connection BOKU Türkenschanze

 Bus line 40A: stops "Linéplatz" or "Dänenstraße"; connections from U6 station "Währinger Straße/Volksoper" and U2 station "Schottentor"

 Bus line 37A: stops "Linéplatz" or "Dänenstraße"; connections from U4 station "Spittelau" and U6 station "Nußdorferstraße"

 Bus line 10A: stop "Dänenstraße"; connections from U3 station "Johnstraße", U4 station "Heiligenstadt" (also S-Bahn stations) and S-Bahn station "Gersthof"




BOKU Muthgasse

The newest BOKU university buildings are located at Muthgasse in the 19th district (U4 metro station "Heiligenstadt"). There you can mainly find institutions which belong to


the faculties of chemistry, biotechnology, food sciences, plant sciences and water economics. You can also find BOKU's biggest lecture room there; including several seminar rooms, Mensa, a cafeteria, Facultas shop, EDV-Rooms and the Students' Union lounge.

Transport connection BOKU Muthgasse

Campus Muthgasse is a 5 minute walk away from station "Heiligenstadt". Use the following transportation to get there:

-  Bus lines 10A, 11A, 38A, 39A (final stop)
-  Metro U4 (final stop)
-  Train and S-Bahn lines (=suburban railway)

Connection between Türkenschanze and Muthgasse





 Bus line 10A: This bus line connects Türkenschanze to the university buildings at BOKU Muthgasse. The bus departs at the station "Dänenstraße" and stops at "Heiligenstadt". It's a 5 minute walk to the university campus Muthgasse. The bus ride takes 13 minutes.

Temporary location "Alte WU" at Augasse

The Gregor Mendel house is currently being renovated. Therefore, the building of the old University of Economics (Alte WU) is being used by BOKU. The Registration Office and a Mensa are located there. On the ground floor you can also find learning facilities and rooms for group work.

Transport connection "Alte WU"


From station "Spittelau" you reach the campus within a few minutes. The following transportation stops there:

-  Metro U4 and U6
-  Bus line 35A and 37A
-  Tram line D
-  Train and S-Bahn (=suburban railway)

BOKU Tulln

The main focus at Tulln is research. This location serves to open new perspectives for interdisciplinary cooperation along the research and process chain. The very modern research facilities are also used by students of Master or doctoral programmes. There are not many lectures which take place at BOKU Tulln; if so it's mainly block courses.

Transport connection BOKU Tulln

 Train from U4 station and also train station "Heiligenstadt" to Tulln, 10 minute walk to the campus.



Registration at BOKU

After your arrival please go to the "Studienabteilung" (Registration Office) as soon as possible.

Online Pre-Registration

- ❶ **PLEASE NOTE:** Before you go to register at the Registration Office (Studienabteilung), you have to complete the BOKUonline pre-registration.

Please do not fill out the pre-registration for the summer semester before January (registrations before December count for the winter semester and will be deleted!), or the pre-registration for the winter semester before

June (Pre-registrations before May count for the summer semester and will be deleted!).

The general deadline is January 31 (summer semester) and August 31 (winter semester), but exchange students are able to pre-register later.

- Upload a photo
- Fill in your nationality, otherwise you will be asked for an Austrian social security number

Registration Office

Please bring the following documents:

- Your letter of admission ("Bescheid über Zulassung zum Studium") which was sent to your home address as soon as the appli-

- cation forms were complete and in order
- A valid passport or identity card

At the Registration Office you have to pay the Students' Union fee of approx. €20 by bank card (Maestro, Visa, Master Card ...).

If you don't have a cash card, you can ask your Buddy to go with you to the Registration Office and pay with his/her card. (If you pay online or with a payment form, you can only activate your BOKUonline account and register for courses approximately 5 days after having paid. Some courses might be full by then!)

- !** *IMPORTANT: The Students' Union fee is obligatory. Enrolment is only valid after payment. If you do not pay the Students' Union fee, you cannot register for courses and will not get any certificates. Please be aware that students doing an internship or working on their thesis must also pay the Students' Union fee. Otherwise you will not get a confirmation of your stay!*

After enrolment you will receive your BOKUcard (= student identity card). Furthermore, you will get an email address and a user account for the computer labs.

If you are staying in Vienna for the whole academic year, another payment notification will be sent to your BOKU email address at the end of the winter semester. Then you have to pay the Students' Union fee for the summer semester.

When you first register as a student in Austria, you will receive your personal registration number ("Matrikelnummer"). This number will be yours for the rest of your academic career in Austria, even if you change universities. Every letter and report will carry this number.

The BOKUcard is the official confirmation that you are attending BOKU and it must be given to you personally. Confirmation of enrolment/continuation ("Inskriptionsbestätigung") can be printed via BOKUonline.

Course Registration







During your registration at the Registration Office you will get a pin code for BOKUonline. If you pay the Students' Union fees with your bank/credit card you can activate your BOKUonline account immediately afterwards and register for your courses there.

Please consider

- When and where are my courses?
- Are there any overlaps (especially for excursions, seminars and practical exercises)?
- If yes to the above, which courses can I take instead? See "Scheduled Dates" in course description at BOKUonline. It is not always a problem when courses overlap and it is sometimes unavoidable, particularly for lectures.
- Exchange students: If necessary, you can change your learning agreement within the first 4 weeks of your stay.

- !** *IMPORTANT: Register as soon as possible – some courses (excursions, seminars, practical exercises...) can fill up very quickly.*

REGISTRATION OFFICE (STUDIENABTEILUNG)

-  NOW: Augasse 2-6 | 1090 Wien
-  2016: Gregor-Mendel-Str. 33 | 1180 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-1084
-  studabt@boku.ac.at
-  boku.ac.at/en/studieninteressierte/kontakt-beratung
-  Mo, Tu, Th, Fr: 9 – 12 am
Wed: 2 – 4 pm



The Austrian Students' Union

The Austrian Students' Union (Österreichische Hochschülerschaft) is the only recognised representation for all students at Austrian universities. When registered at the university, every Austrian student automatically becomes a member of the ÖH, with a membership fee of approx. €20 per semester (which you will already have paid). This compulsory membership fee provides the ÖH with political and financial independence and ensures that it can fulfil its tasks.



NOTE: the fee also includes indemnity insurance and accident insurance.

The ÖH provides you with useful things like copy cards, chip cards for printers, the "Mensa Pickerl" (which allows you to buy lunch in the Mensa = student restaurant cheaper), folders, calendars and exam questions.

ÖH BOKU

At the ÖH-BOKU there are about 100 students who are working for other

students voluntarily! Their main interest is helping students at BOKU and they are highly motivated to organise courses and events. The ÖH consists of various departments. For you as an international student, it is mainly the Department of International Affairs which will be of concern. Other departments are, for example, for Female Affairs, Sports or Environment.

Department for International Affairs (Erasmus Student Network BOKU)

The Department for International Affairs ÖH BOKU is happy to offer advice to anyone who is studying at an Austrian university or planning to do so. Its aim is to provide advice for foreign students concerning questions of admission, residence permits, language courses, financial support etc. This department also tries to help national students who are planning to study abroad. Furthermore, they cooperate with the ZIB – Center for International Relations and other organisations to improve the stay of all foreign students at BOKU. You are also welcome to ask for advice and help during the semester.

The international department of the ÖH is a part of ESN Austria (Erasmus Student Network). It is a union which aims to improve the everyday life of students during their time on the Erasmus programme and it organises lots of national and international events to connect students throughout Europe. You are invited to take part!

They provide you with an ESN Welcome package consisting of the ESN membership card, the "A1" B-free prepaid phone card, a free "BAWAG PSK" bank account with €10 starting balance and many, many other goodies. You can get your package directly at the ESN office.

Office for Foreign Students and Applicants

The Office for Foreign Students and Applicants is responsible for degree and non-degree students at BOKU. We assist you with information on the application procedures and documents required for the degree you intend to study.

Please note that all application information is clearly stated on the BOKU website and if anything is unclear, feel free to ask us for assistance. We understand that these initial procedures can be overwhelming and that a second opinion, or even just a confirmation from us that you are on the right track, could be helpful for you. BOKU also provides foreign students (from certain countries which are in a list on the BOKU-website, 1st appendix) with a performance related study grant that can be applied for each semester on fulfillment of the requirements.





For additional information about:

- the performance related study grant procedure
- tuition fees
- visa requirements and renewal processes
- insurance in Austria as a student
- starting and registering for courses in your first semester



you are welcome to our office during our opening hours or on appointment per email. You can also ask us about any information you require at any time per email and we shall reply as swiftly as possible.

STUDENTS' UNION AT BOKU (ÖH BOKU)


Office

-  Peter Jordan-Straße 76 | 1190 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-2000
-  sekretariat@oehboku.at
-  oehboku.at/english
-  fb.com/oehboku

Department for International Affairs

-  international@oehboku.at
-  esnaustria.org

Office for Foreign Students and Applicants

-  refausl@oehboku.at



BOKU IT-Services

BOKUonline ...

... is the campus management system at BOKU. A lot of the university's administrative procedures can and have to be done through it. It helps with...

- Registration for courses,
- Registration for exams,
- Printouts of study-relevant confirmations in the self-service (e.g. Transcript of Records),
- Update of contact data (email, study and home address),
- Curricula,
- Class schedule,

- Timetable for students,
- Certifications,
- Persons,
- Accounts,
- Rooms,
- Evaluations.

Q For further information regarding course see "Registration"

! **ATTENTION:** Contents of courses are accessible without application, but to register for courses and exams it is necessary to have a BOKU-account. As part of the Welcome Days for international students, a BOKUonline teaching session will take place.

Other online services for students Student Mailbox

Every student at BOKU has his/her own email address which always ends with ...@students.boku.ac.at. All official notifications from the university and from professors are sent to this address, so you should not miss them. You can use either the mailing system which is provided for students or forward your emails to another email ac-

count (you can set this up through BOKUonline with the link "E-mail Addresses")

 students.boku.ac.at

BOKUlearn

Some lecturers use this e-learning platform to provide students with necessary learning materials e.g. Powerpoint slides, papers, scripts, videos and so forth. There is also the possibility of submitting homework and papers online. You can also register for "Tandem" at BOKUlearn. "The evaluation of exchange students" stay at

BOKU is also possible through BOKUlearn.

 learn.boku.ac.at

Internet connection printing and computer rooms at BOKU WLAN

You can find WLAN-Hotspots (eduroam) almost everywhere at BOKU. It should provide an easy and comfortable opportunity for students to connect to the internet with all kinds of electronic devices within BOKU's buildings.

Eduroam

Eduroam (Education Roaming) is an international project which allows you to log into the WLAN of many home/internal and foreign education institutions (universities, universities of applied life sciences, etc.). The authentication works with your BOKU username:

- Login/UserID: BOKU username@boku.ac.at
- Password: Password of your IT-Account (=BOKUonline)

BOKUprint

Different options for scanning, printing and copying are available at BOKU: BOKUprint, Uni-Flow and iPrint.

An overview of the position of multifunctional devices can be found online.

If you want to use the multifunctional devices at BOKU you only need your BOKUcard or your BOKUaccount and your current password.

To be able to print/scan/copy with your BOKU-card you need to upload credit with some special payment machines. They are located in the Exnerhaus (Kopierraum EG/31) and at Muthgasse (Aula Muthgasse II).

Copying

Well, there's not that much to say about it: log into a copy machine (with your BOKUcard) and print.

Scanning

There are two different functions to choose from:

- Scan To Email: your scan results are sent to your BOKU email address (with a slightly lower scan quality) or
- Scan To Home: with this option your scans will be saved in your personal home-file.

Printing

Print jobs can be sent to any copy machine/copier from your personal laptop via WLAN or from the BOKU computers.

To send a print job from your personal laptop you need to install the printer driver and the iPrint Client. More information is available on the ZID website:

 bit.ly/BOKU_iprint (German)

Your print jobs can be performed on any printer at BOKU. The multifunctional devices have a so called "pick up" service, and your print job is saved on the server for up to 7 days. Afterwards, it is deleted from the server.

Computer rooms

The ZID offers computer rooms to the students at BOKU. These offer a wide range of software and infrastructure in the so called PC-Räume. They are located in several BOKU buildings (Exner-Haus UG, Baracke 1 – above the Mensa, Muthgasse).

 bit.ly/BOKU_pcrooms

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ZID)

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Library







The library contains books relevant to the fields of study at the university; these being general engineering sciences, general natural sciences, agriculture, forestry, water and waste management, food science and biotechnology, landscape planning, environmental sciences and economics. All in all, around 500,000 volumes, 2,300 scientific magazines and about 6,000 maps and atlases are available.

To borrow books you are required to register. You can do this at the main desk in the library by showing your BOKUcard and then filling out the form for users.

The search and the extension of the loan period can be completed via the internet. You can borrow a maximum number of 10 volumes at the same time.

At the beginning of each semester, a short course on how to use the library is offered. A useful library guide can be found on the university library's homepage.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVE - MAIN LIBRARY



-  Peter Jordan-Straße 82 | 1190 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-2060
-  ub.support@boku.ac.at
-  boku.ac.at/en/bib
-  Mo-Th 8³⁰ am – 8 pm
Fr 8³⁰ am – 5 pm
-  The lending desk closes 15 min before closing time.

The library offers a workstation for blind or visually impaired persons (VIP).


In addition to the main library there are six more specialised libraries.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES



Food- and Biotechnology

-  Muthgasse 18 | 1190 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-2095



Social Sciences, Economics and Law

-  Feistmantelstraße 4 | 1180 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-4412



Forestry, Nature, Forest Technology

-  Peter Jordan-Straße 82 | 1190 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-4371



Landscape Architecture & Landscape Planning

-  Peter Jordan-Straße 65 | 1180 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-7240

Water Management, Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering

-  Muthgasse 18 | 1190 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-5503

Sustainable Agricultural Systems

-  Gregor Mendel-Straße 33 | 1180 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-3250

Alumni Association/Career Service

The Alumni Association promotes student and graduate networking activities with companies and supports them when entering professional life. The association runs a vacancy database, offers job application counselling, prevocational seminars and alumni meetings.

Job services such as a CV check or seminars are also available for students without a membership. Members receive exclusive job offers and internships via email. Membership registration is available online for both students and graduates. The membership fee for students is €20 per year.

Job and Application

Thanks to the support of BOKU Alumni/Career Service, job hunting is easier for you. The vacancy database offers a large number of BOKU-related and current vacancies. From 9 – 12 am and 1 – 4 pm you can have your application documents and CV checked for free.

Also our XING-network, which was specifically set up, and our Facebook account help you reach BOKU colleagues, get in touch with them and exchange experiences with students and graduates.







Events

Preparing for job search, designing your application documents, simulating job interviews or providing information on recruiting processes by assessment centres are some of the topics offered in our seminars.

Magazine

The BOKU Magazine provides information on interesting alumni career paths and shows important job providers for BOKU graduates. The magazine is published quarterly and sent to members by mail.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

-  NOW: Augasse 2-6 | 1090 Wien
-  2016: Gregor-Mendel-Str. 33 | 1180 Wien
-  +43 1 47654-2017
-  alumni@boku.ac.at
-  alumni.boku.ac.at
-  fb.com/bokualumni

Study Abroad

During your studies at BOKU, you have several opportunities to spend some time abroad.





You can take an International Master programme, do an exchange semester/study year or an internship abroad, take a summer course or join an international student conference.

- Widen your scientific skills and competences
- Improve your language skills
- Broaden your horizons
- Get to know people from

all over the world

- Experience different cultures, societies and ways of living

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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-  +43 1 47654-2600
-  international@boku.ac.at
-  bit.ly/BOKU_goinginternational



Eating on Campus

There are several opportunities to have lunch on each campus at reasonable prices between €2,70 and €5,40.

Campus Türkenschanze

Türkenwirt (TÜWI)

In TÜWI, there is no meal plan; people there are a bit more spontaneous. The daily menu is always vegan and freshly cooked. They only use organic and fair trade ingredients. You can also get classics such as cheese and ham toast, sandwiches, cakes, etc. Often there are also parties and live concerts.

- 📍 Peter-Jordan-Straße 76 | 1190 Wien
- 🕒 Mo – Fr: 8 am – 10 pm

TÜWIs Hofladen

... is a small self-organised wholefood shop offering regional, organic and seasonal products.

They have sandwiches, pastries and sometimes pizza or soup.

- 📍 Peter-Jordan-Straße 76 | 1190 Wien
- 🕒 Mo – Th: 9 am – 6 pm
Fr: 9 am – 3³⁰ pm

Felber Bakery

In the small bakery in front of the Oscar-Simony House (vis-à-vis from TÜWI) students get a 10% discount.

- 📍 Peter-Jordan-Straße 65 | 1180 Wien
- 🕒 Mo – Fr: 7 am – 5 pm

Mensa Baracke (MEP Gourmet GmbH)

The cafeteria in Baracke 1 next to Wilhelm-Exner-House offers three different menus (one vegetarian).

- 📍 Borkowskigasse 1 | 1190 Wien
- 🕒 Mo – Fr: 11 am – 2 pm



BOKU-Stand

The BOKU-Stand at the construction site offers two different “dishes of the day” (one vegetarian), salad, soup and a variety of snacks.

- 📍 Construction container
- 🕒 7 am to 5 pm

Campus Muthgasse

University Cafeteria (Mensa Markt)

The cafeteria in Muthgasse offers meals to suit all tastes and appetites. Two different menus and a “dish of the day”(Tagesteller) are served. The self-service restaurant with a salad bar and vegetable buffet rounds off the culinary choices available.

- 📍 Muthgasse 18 | 1190 Wien
- 🕒 Cafeteria: Mo – Fr: 10 am – 2 pm
- 🕒 Buffet: Mo – Th: 9 am – 3 pm
Fr 9 am – 2 pm

Campus Augasse

University Cafeteria (Mensa Markt UZA1)

The cafeteria is located on Augasse - the new university location. Two different menus are offered and a changing dish of the day.

- 📍 Augasse 2-6 | 1090
- 🕒 Mo – Fr: 11 am – 2 pm

MEAL DISCOUNT FOR STUDENTS

ÖH Mensapickerl


- 📍 Students can purchase meals at a discount of €0,80 per menu. In order to receive the discount, you must go to the Students’ Union’s office (ÖH BOKU) and then activate the discount in one of the green terminals to get an “M” written on your BOKUcard.

BOKU Facebook Exchange Group

On the Facebook Page "BOKU Exchange" we offer three groups:

- ESN Incomings
BOKU [semester]
- BOKU Exchange Alumni
- Accommodation
exchange BOKU

Here you can exchange helpful information, look for rooms and keep contact with your new international friends.

 fb.com/boku.exchange

Newsletter for International Students


The Center for International Relations publishes an international newsletter for students on a regular basis. If you want to subscribe, please send a short email to: buddy@boku.ac.at.

International "BOKU Stammtisch" (regular meeting)

All international and Austrian students are invited to join the weekly international "BOKU Stammtisch" (regular meeting). It is a good opportunity to exchange experiences with your international colleagues. The dates will be sent out with the international newsletter.

ESN-Events – Events with the ERASMUS Student Network

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe. The ESN is organising a series of interesting events.

 esn.org

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TÜWI – association for communication and integration

The TÜWI is an open organisation that performs a number of different activities. It operates a cultural pub at the main BOKU campus Türkenschanze and it offers products from guaranteed organic sources. In TÜWI numerous cultural events are held such as concerts, DJ nights, festivals, readings, films, theatre, cabarets, slide shows etc. International students, like all students, are invited to contribute and participate.

 tuewi.action.at


Cultural activities BOKU-Choir

In the BOKU choir, students and employees sing together. The choir arranges trips and choir weekends. Take a look at the BOKU choir website to learn more about their activities.

 bokuchor.boku.ac.at


BOKU Brass Band

In 2010, Austria's first university brass band was founded at BOKU. The brass band organises several concerts in every academic year.

 blaskapelle.boku.ac.at

BOKUball

The BOKU ball takes place in the Viennese imperial palace (Wiener Hofburg). This beautiful celebration occurs in this great setting at the beginning of every year. If you want to get to know the famous Austrian ball tradition, this ball will be a great event for you.

 For further information see page 125

An aerial photograph of Vienna, Austria, taken from the perspective of someone looking out of an airplane window. The wing of the aircraft is visible in the upper right corner. The city below is densely packed with buildings, streets, and green spaces. The Danube River is visible in the distance. The text "PLAN YOUR LIFE IN VIENNA UPON ARRIVAL" is overlaid on the left side of the image in white, outlined letters, with each word on a separate red rectangular background. A large white number "5" is circled in red on the right side of the image.

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Vienna

Vienna is worth living!

For the sixth time, Vienna has been rated the most liveable city worldwide (according to the 2015 Quality of Living worldwide city ranking, published by the international consulting firm Mercer). The main reasons for the high ranking are this high quality of living combined with cultural activity and affordable tuition fees.

With its history, its cultural traditions, and its location in the centre of Europe, Vienna is of special interest, particularly for students.

The ranking "Best student cities in the World" published by the British international education company Quacquarelli Symonds, puts Vienna in seventh place in Europe. Vienna is a city with rich cultural attractions and highlights. Next to the many historical buildings, there are museums with some of the most important artworks ever created, e.g. by artists like Klimt, Schiele, Dürer, Rembrandt, etc. Furthermore, it is the city of classical music,

hosting the world famous Musikverein (Music Lovers Hall) and an outstanding Opera House.

However, the city also features vibrant cafés and clubs, modern architecture, trendy designer stores and music festivals for all tastes. Vienna's many faces ranging from traditional and historical to progressive and alternative – complement one another. Be ready to explore Vienna's unexpected secrets!

Safety

Vienna is also a very safe city. It is no problem to take public transport on your own during the night. Students can feel safe in all areas of the city. However, in certain crowded (and especially touristic) places, you should take good care of your belongings. If something is stolen from you or

you lose something, immediately report it to the closest police station. In Vienna, you can also turn to the lost and found service ("Fundstellen")

*"Eat Sachertorte,
Kaiserschmarrn,
Marmeladepalatschinken
and Schnitzel; drink
Kaiserspritzer and
Wiener Ottakringer;
Mariahilferstraße,
Saunaparty,
Museumsquartier, Tel
Aviv Beach, Heuriger in
Grinzing and Lisa. I don't
regret that I chose Vienna"*

Giuseppe, Erasmus
student from Italy, 2015



*"Everything was perfect –
the view, the atmosphere,
Donaukanal with friends,
dancing at the Spanish night..."*

Paulina from Poland, 2015



of the municipal authorities ("Magistratische Bezirksämter") or to the headquarters of the lost and found service.

If you lose an important document e.g. certificate, contract, I.D., you should report it to the police or a lost and found service. Here you will receive an official notice of loss, which you need to take to the issuer of the document in order to get a replacement.



Arrival in Vienna

Arrival by Plane

When you arrive at the Vienna International Airport (Wien-Schwechat) you will be in the Bundesland (Federal State) of Lower Austria, about 15 kilometres south of Vienna. Further information about the airport is available online:

 viennaairport.com/en

There are several possibilities to get to the city centre:

- by bus
- by suburban railway (S-Bahn 7)
- by the City Airport Train (CAT)
- by taxi

Check timetables and fares online:

 oebb.at/en

Bus

Regular bus transfers take you from the airport to the city centre (Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz, Westbahnhof). The ride takes about 20-45 minutes depending on traffic. You can buy a ticket from the driver (cash).

Suburban Railway (S-Bahn 7)

The S-Bahn stops in Wien Mitte – Landstraße (underground U3, U4, suburban railways, buses and trams), Praterstern (U1, U2, suburban railways, buses and trams), Handelskai (U6, S45, suburban railways and buses) and Florisdorf (U6, suburban railways buses and trams). A ride takes 20 – 45 min depending on your destination.

City Airport Train (CAT)

The CAT is the fastest and most expensive public transport connecting the airport to Landstraße – Wien Mitte (U3, U4, suburban railways buses and trams).

Taxi

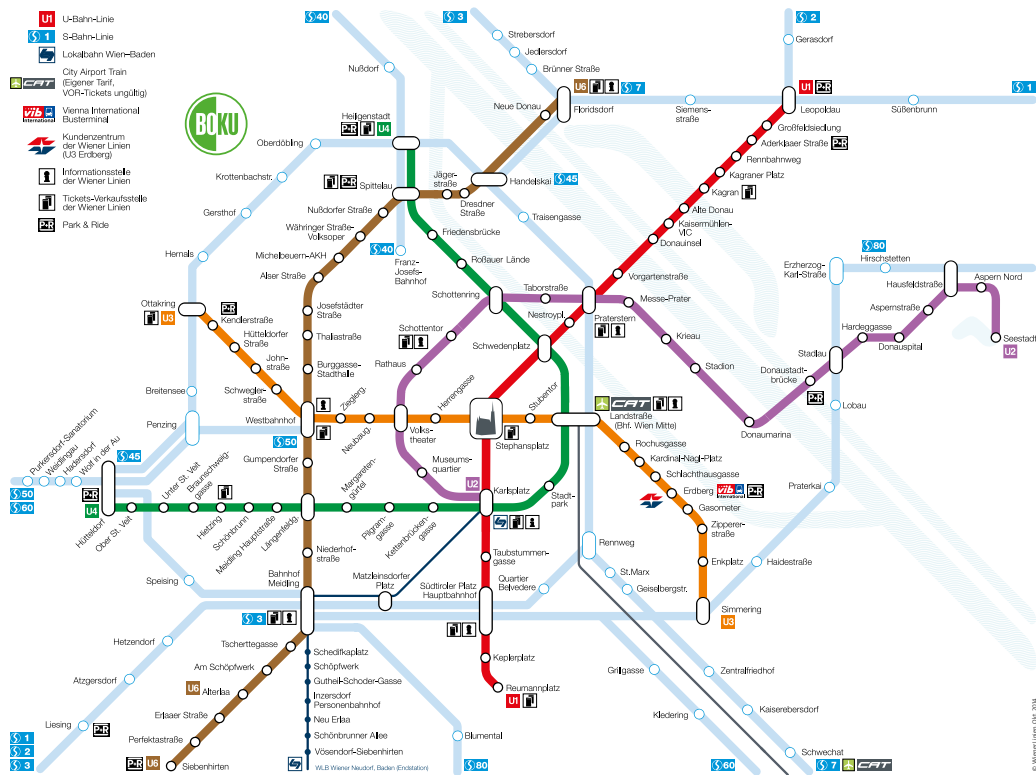
A taxi to the centre is around €27 to €40.

Arrival by Train ...

... at Hauptbahnhof

Many trains from southern and eastern Europe arrive at the new main station (Hauptbahnhof). The main station is located at the subway station "Südtirolerplatz" (U1). Tram D takes you directly to the centre (Karlsplatz with connections to U1,





U2 and U4).

Furthermore, you can take tram O and 18 (to the “Westbahnhof”) or the buses 13A and 69A. There is also a suburban train stop at the “Hauptbahnhof”.

... at Wien Meidling

If you arrive at the train station Wien Meidling you can take the subway U6.

... at Westbahnhof

Many trains from Western or Northern Europe arrive at “Westbahnhof”. From there, you can take the underground U3 (orange) and U6 (brown) as well as trams 5, 6, 9, 18, 52 and 58.

Arrival by Bus

The main bus station for big bus carriers like Eurolines is located in Erdberg where you can get on the underground U3 (orange). Travel in the direction of “Ottakring” to reach the city centre.

Arrival by Car

It is advisable to only use a car in Vienna in the outer districts and for excursions (in the inner districts a “Parkpickerl” or parking permit is required). For the inner districts and inner city we recommend that you use public transport, a bike or walk.

Getting Around in Vienna



Unterwegs



Wiener Linien (Vienna Lines)

Vienna has a dense network of public transport. Its 117 lines – underground, tram, bus – plus the suburban railway (S-Bahn) can take you easily to any place in Vienna.

On the homepage of the Wiener Linien you can find timetables and route maps. AnachB is a very useful website for finding your way around Vienna and there is also the Wiener Linien smartphone app “qando”. Qando shows real-time departures, available “car2go” cars and “Citybike” stations nearby.

 wienerlinien.at

Night Buses

On weekends, the subway runs 24 hours a day with at least one every twenty minutes. During the week, there are night buses every 30 minutes when the underground is closed. No special ticket is required as normal tickets are valid.

Tickets

Students of an Austrian university who are not older than 25 can get a semester ticket, which is the cheapest option if you stay for a semester or more (valid from February 1 – June 30, or September 1 – January 31) for €150. Please be



Photo: Raphael Zwiauer

aware that you get this ticket for half price (€75) if Vienna is your main residence (this has to be indicated on the "Meldezettel" when registering in Vienna, only before 1st February/September). During the course-free period in summer when the semester ticket is not valid (July, August), you can buy monthly tickets for approx. €30.

With a valid BOKUcard (or the confirmation of registration at BOKU = Inskriptionsbestätigung), you can get the semester ticket online or at any ticket office of the "Wiener Linien". During the "Welcome Days" and the infosessions "First Steps" we will provide you with an English

WIENER LINIEN

-  Customer Centre – (U3-stop Erdberg)
Erdbergstraße 202 | 1030 Wien
-  +43 1 7909-120
-  auskunft@wienerlinien.at
-  wienerlinien.at
-  Mo, We, Fr: 8 am – 3 pm
Th: 8 am – 5³⁰ pm

translation of the form. Please make sure that you bring your "Melde-bestätigung" (confirmation of registration in Vienna) when you buy the ticket.

Bicycle

Vienna is a great city for cycling.

A to B helps to find the quickest route between two locations by bike and also shows the height profile of the routes.

 anachb.at



Repair and Second Hand Bikes

The ÖH BOKU Sport Department regularly organises a bicycle repair. The exact dates are announced on their website


Those who do not have a bike can search for a used bike on the first Wednesday of the month between 3 to 5 pm at the bicycle flea market at WUK. If you have a broken bike, and you don't know how to repair it or you need a special tool, there is also a 100m² workshop, lots of spare parts, tools and people who know how to repair a bike.

SECOND HAND BICYCLES

Every 1st Wednesday of the month between 3 and 5 pm the WUK Bicycle-Self-Help-Workshop organises a bicycle flea market

 Währinger Straße 59 | 1090 Wien
 bit.ly/WUK_bicycle_flea_market


IG Fahrrad has new, rental and second hand bikes

 ig-fahrrad.at


All bicycle flea markets in vienna are listed on this website

 radflohmkt.at

Bicycle-related workshops, discussions, a library, borrowing cargo and other bikes

 wien.gv.at/verkehr/radfahren/fahrradhaus

Online you can find cheap used bikes on

 willhaben.at



Next Bike Free Rental

In the cycling season (until 15 November) you can use the rental bikes of Nextbike in Tulln without charge. The voucher code can be found on the homepage of BOKU Mobility Management.

 unterwegs.boku.ac.at

You have to log in with your BOKU name and password and then the nextbike voucher code will be visible.

Citybikes

The Citybike Wien system is an innovative and environmentally friendly means of public transport and not a conventional bike rental system.

You can hire their bikes at many bike stations across Vienna and return them at any station, independent of where you started your trip, 24 hours a day. To use Citybike Wien services, one-time registration is required, either via the Internet or directly at a Citybike terminal. Registration is possible by using a MAESTRO card (cash-dispensing card) issued by an Austrian bank, a credit card from VISA, MasterCard, or JCB Credit card. Following your initial registration, you can hire one bike per card immediately. Every time you use the bike, the first hour is free of charge, afterwards you pay a certain fee.

 citybikewien.at

 map.bikecitizens.net/at-vienna

Critical Mass

Critical Mass is a monthly protest by cyclists reclaiming the streets. Bicyclists and, less frequently, other forms of self-propelled commuter take to the streets en masse. It is sometimes called an "organised coincidence" because there is no leader or membership. It is held on the third Friday of every month. Before the rides, bikers meet at Schwarzenbergplatz between 4:30 and leave at 5.

 fb.com/groups/Critical.Mass.Vienna





Austrian Federal Railway (ÖBB)

An online timetable and online tickets for Austria and destinations abroad can be found on the ÖBB website:

oebb.at/en

For a journey with the ÖBB within Vienna ("Kernzone 100") you only need a valid ticket for the "Wiener Linien". If you already have a ticket for Vienna you only need to get an ÖBB-ticket starting at the city limit ("Stadtgrenze").

Tickets bought online or at machines are slightly cheaper than when you buy them at the counter.

Discount card - the "VORTEILSCard"

The "Vorteilscard" entitles the cardholder to a 45 – 50% reduction on all tickets for travel on the Austrian Federal Railway System.

- VORTEILSCARD Jugend for €19 (for anybody below the age of 26)
- VORTEILSCARD Classic for €99 (for anybody, without age restriction)
- VORTEILSCARD Family for €19 (for adults travelling with children)

The card is available at all Austrian train stations. The card is valid for 1 year starting on the day issued.

oebb.at/en/Services/New_for_you/The_OeBB_VORTEILSCARD

Group Travels

A group travelling together in one class receives a reduction. The more people travel together, the cheaper it gets. And this starts with just two passengers. A consistent system

of discounts for groups helps you to quickly find the right ticket.

For short trips on suburban and regional service trains you can get the "Einfach-Raus-Ticket". It's valid for two to five people but only during specific hours. For further details check:

oebb.at/en/Tickets/Groups

Cars

Leave your own car at home or just share it! You can offer your ride via flinc or find the best driver for your route. There is a group for BOKU students and staff only. The access password for this BOKU group can be found on the homepage of Mobility Management BOKU.

flinc.boku.ac.at



If you ride a car in the city pay attention to the parking situation. In many districts a "Parkpickerl" or parking permit is required for cars). Further information about Parkpickerl and parking generally can be found at:

wien.gv.at/verkehr/parken/kurzparkzonen
(German)

Taxi

Calling a Taxi might sometimes be unavoidable. The telephone numbers for Taxis in Vienna are:

+43 1 60160
+43 1 40100
+43 1 31300

BOKU UNTERWEGS

- Institute for Transport Studies (IVe)
- mobilitaetsmanagement@boku.ac.at
- unterwegs.boku.ac.at

Everyone who lives in Austria is required by Austrian law to register with the local authorities. Registration with the municipal authorities must be completed within three working days of your stay in Austria. The documents required are a valid passport and the residence registration form ("Meldezettel").

 bit.ly/meldezettel

Registration in Austria (for a stay longer than 3 months)

If you are an EEA citizen (EU country + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or a Swiss citizen and

you want to stay in Austria for longer than 3 months you have to register with the competent municipal authority (Magistrat, Bezirkshauptmannschaft) at the latest 4 months after your registration in Vienna and you will receive a confirmation of registration (up to a €55 fee).

For this registration the following documents are necessary:

- filled in and signed application form
- valid identification card or passport
- proof of an adequate health insurance (e.g. European Health Insurance Card or Private Health Insurance Policy)
- proof of sufficient financial means
- students also need a confirmation of admission by the university

This registration is necessary in addition to the one according to the Registration Act! In case of non-compliance with this regulation, a fine (up to €200) may be imposed.

 bit.ly/confirmation_registration

 bit.ly/anmeldebescheinigung

Meldezettel

Zustellförmige bitte einreichen (2)

FAMILIENNAME oder NACHNAME (in Blockschrift), AKAD, GRAF (abgefragt)

VORNAME & Geburtsort (bei Firmen (bei Reisepässen)

Familienname vor der ersten Ehescheidung/

GEBURTSORT (in Blockschrift) GEBÜCHT männlich weiblich RELIGIONSGEBÜCHTENTIS

GEBURTSORT & Reisebureau (bei Firmen: Stadtgebäude nach 8 Geburtsort, Bundesland (Stadt) und Staat (Land))

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STAATSANGEBÖRIGKEIT Österreich ☐ anderer Staat ☐ Name des Staates

Angabe der ZNR-Zahl (sovereign)

REISEBUREAU (bei Firmen AN, z.B. Reisepass, Personalwesen: Nummer: Ausstellungsdatum:

ausweisliche Geburts- Ort

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Zugang aus dem Ausland ? ☐ ja ☐ nein ☐ Angabe des Staates

ANMELDUNG der ☐ Strafe (Pütz) bzw. Ort ohne Straßennummern Haus Nr. Siegel Tür Nr. ☐ Untersuchen in ☐ Postleitzahl Ortsgemeinde, Bundesland

Sie verzeihen bei Auswand ? ☐ ja ☐ nein ☐ Angabe des Staates

in Pütz oder Anmeldung Untersuchen/ Thema in Blockschrift, Datum und Unterschrift) ☐ Datum und Unterschrift des Untersuchen/ (Gestaltung der rechtlich der Meldezettel)

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Hier VOR DEM BEZIRKSAMT AUSFÜHREN!		
ANTRAG AUF AUSSTELLUNG EINER □ ANMELDEBEZEICHNUNG □ BEZEICHNUNG DES DAUERAUFHALTS für EWR-Bürger:innen und Schweizer Bürger:innen		An der Wiener Landesregierung Innereuropäische Dienststelle vom Ausländerdienst 1010 Wien, Altes Rathaus 1010 Wien, Altes Rathaus 1. Stock (Eingang 3) Tel: +43 (0) 1 4060 1000 2033 Fax: +43 (0) 1 4060 1000 2034 E-Mail: anmeldung@redcross.at www.redcross.at
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Money & Bank Account

Bank Office Hours ...

... vary from bank to bank. In general, the following timetable can be used as a guideline:

- 🕒 Mo, Tue, We, Fri: 8 am – 12³⁰ pm
and 1³⁰ pm – 3 pm,
- 🕒 Thu 8 am – 12³⁰ pm
and 1³⁰ pm – 5³⁰ pm.

Exchanging Money ...

... is possible without any identification at every Austrian bank. In most cases you have to pay a fee. You need a passport for identification to exchange travellers cheques. All banks accept cheques but charge a fee.

A Cash Card ("Bankomatkarte")...

... allows you to withdraw money from any cash machine in Austria from your account in your home country (if it features the Maestro or Cirrus symbol). Ask at your bank whether you have to

pay a fee for this service. Credit cards (Visa and MasterCard) are accepted in most of the major stores.

Opening a Bank Account

Most banks offer free bank accounts for students. To open an account, in most banks you need your passport and your student I.D. Students older than 25 might have to provide proof of university registration ("Studienbestätigung").

Cost of Living

During their stay in Vienna, most of the exchange students need about €600 to €1,100 per month.

Price examples

TÜWI offers meals from €4; a coffee is usually around €3; a beer (0,5l) is around €3,50 a cinema ticket is €8.

Phone

Telephone Book

Find phone numbers online:

- 📞 herold.at/en

Calling Code

For telephone calls within Austria, zero (0) has to be dialled before the respective area code. The dialling code for Austria is +43, the regional code for Vienna is (0)1.

Mobile Phone ("Handy")

You can either choose a contract (for a minimum time of one year) or a prepaid card model.

Currently, the cheapest option is most likely a prepaid simcard from Yesss! or HoT that you can buy at Billa and Hofer supermarket. Other providers of mobile phone services are A1, T-Mobile, Drei, bob, tele.ring and eety.

Find price comparisons online:

- 📞 durchblicker.at/handytarife

Public Phones

In Austria there are either coin-box telephones or ones that can be used with a calling card. You can buy calling cards in post offices and in "Tabak Trafiken" (tobacco shops).

Sports

A good opportunity to meet Austrian students is to do sports together.

ÖH BOKU - Office for Sports

The objective is to provide students easy accessibility to a variety of sport offers that are normally quite expensive to conduct privately. For example, taking a hike in the mountains requires mostly a car and someone who has knowledge of the surroundings. In this case the ÖH provides the car for as low as €5 per person and someone who has been hiking in that area before. For Mixed Soccer and Mixed Volleyball we rent sports halls that are provided for free to the students. Registration is on a weekly first come, first serve basis. The following sports options are currently provided for free or at a very low cost for both men and women:

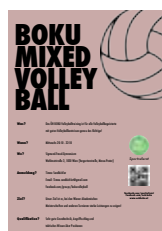
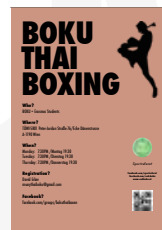
- Mountain Hiking
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Table Tennis
- Mountain Biking
- Marathon Training
- Thai Boxing
- Yoga
- Badminton

All current offers you can see at

 [fb.com/sportreferat](https://www.facebook.com/sportreferat)

ÖH OFFICE FOR SPORTS

 Peter Jordan Straße 76 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654 2030
 sport@oehboku.at
 oehboku.at/referate/sport





The University Sports Institute (USI)

Every semester, the USI offers an impressive number of courses for around 50,000 students. A complete list can be found on their home-

page. Additionally, the University Sports Institute organises trips like hiking, rock climbing, skiing and snowboarding.

The registration form (Inskriptionsblatt) can be found on the homepage. You do not need to register in person but if someone is doing it for you, they have to bring your student I.D.

Swimming Pools

If you are keen on water, just check the list of indoor and outdoor pools:

wien.gv.at/freizeit/baeder (German)





Green Spots to hang out

Vienna is a very "green" city so you can enjoy relaxing in one of the many parks.

If Türkenschanzpark next to BOKU is too small for you, you can go to the "Donauinsel", the green "Prater", or even to the forests east and southeast of Vienna, the "Wienerwald".

The botanical garden in the 3rd district might also be of special interest for you!

USI

-  Auf der Schmelz 6a | 1150 Wien
-  +43 1 4277-17001
-  usi@univie.ac.at
-  univie.ac.at/USI-Wien

Cultural Activities

Vienna is internationally known for its cultural and historical diversity.

To find out what is going on in Vienna's theatres, concert halls and cinemas, you can check the weekly programme of the magazine "Falter"

 falter.at (German)

Classical Music / Opera

Vienna is the city of classical music, the world-famous "Musikverein", the Opera House and several theatres. More than 10 big stages, music halls and theatres perform different shows every single night.

The Wiener Musikverein...

... (Viennese Music Association), is a concert hall in the Innere Stadt borough of Vienna, Austria. It is home to the Vienna Philharmonic

orchestra. The "Great Hall" (Großer Saal) due to its highly regarded acoustics is considered one of the finest concert halls in the world. You can mainly enjoy classical music concerts in the Musikverein.

 musikverein.at

The Konzerthaus...

... emphasises both tradition and innovative musical styles. The idea is to be more interesting to the broader public than the traditional Musikverein. The Konzerthaus has the Vienna Symphony in residence. Besides many classical music events you will find jazz and world music concerts in the Konzerthaus.

 konzerthaus.at



The Vienna State Opera ...

... (Wiener Staatsoper) is one of the top opera addresses in the world – where you can enjoy the very best in first-class productions. This famous stage offers a different programme every day, with over 50 operas and ballet works on over around 300 days per season.

 wiener-staatsoper.at

Theatre

A list of Vienna's theatres can be found at:

 wien.info/en/music-stage-shows/theater

The current theatre programme is published in daily newspapers or in the monthly programme of the Tourismusverband (tourism board).

Vienna's English Theatre and Open House Theatre produce performances in English.

 englishtheatre.at

 openhousetheatre.at

- !** **CHEAPER TICKETS FOR STUDENTS:**
Remaining theatre tickets for students ("Restkarten") can be purchased for

around €5, 15 to 30 minutes before the start, on showing the student I.D. Furthermore, there is a good chance of getting standing room tickets for €3.50 an hour before the beginning of the performance.

Cinema

For cinema fanatics, Vienna offers many beautiful movie theatres with a decent programme beyond the Hollywood mainstream. There are quite a few cinemas which show films in the original language with German subtitles. In most cinemas at the beginning of the week, tickets are a bit cheaper. The "Filmcasino" offers a carnet for eight shows for €60, at the "Votivkino" in cooperation with the "De France" there is a so-called "Votivcard" – ten shows for €62. The carnet for ten shows at the "Stadtkino" is €65.

The complete programme for all cinemas in Vienna can be found on:

 [skip.at & film.at](http://skip.at&film.at)

Festivals

There are plenty of festivals taking place in Vienna, most of them the warm season. To name



a few of them, here is a short overview:

The Wiener Festwochen (Vienna Festival) ...

... is a cultural festival in Vienna that takes place every year for five or six weeks in May and June. The Vienna Festival show theater-, opera-, and danceproductions from all over the world.

 festwochen.at/en

The Jazz Fest Wien ...

... (Vienna Jazz Fest) is a modern, urbane festival with an international reputation which places it as one of three most important Jazz festivals in the world, a factor which has only boosted Vienna's position as an attractive travel destination.

 viennajazz.org/en

The ImPulsTanz - Vienna International Dance Festival

... is one of the largest festivals of contemporary dance and performance worldwide. Each summer, thousands of dancers, choreographers and artists from all over the world come together in Vienna, work together for five weeks and celebrate contemporary dance.

 impulstanz.com/en

"Donauinselfest" (Danube Island Festival)

At the end of June the Danube Island Festival takes place. Over a length of several kilometres big stars and not so big stars perform a diverse selection of (musical) acts on different stages. You'll have to squeeze in as half of Vienna will be there (free entry).

"Popfest" at Karlsplatz

At the end of July, Karlsplatz turns into a pop music scene with many international

and local musicians (free entry).

 popfest.at

"Afrikatage" (African days)

At the end of July/ beginning of August, there will be a big open-air venue alongside the Danube with live music, stands with handcrafted goods and political information, delicious food and much more, all about African culture.

 wien.afrika-tage.de

Museums

Vienna has a vast variety of museums. The offer is so big that you would need to stay for a whole course of studies to thoroughly visit all of them. The "Museumsquartier" has an outstanding location with the "Leopold-Museum", the "MUMOK", the "Kunsthalle Wien", the "ZOOM Kindermuseum" and the "Architektur Zentrum Wien".

 mqw.at



Cultural Institutes

Some countries (e.g. Italy, Hungary, Poland, Great Britain) maintain cultural institutes in Vienna, which offer special events (film evenings, exhibitions, concerts ...).

The addresses of these institutes can be found on the pages of the Austrian Foreign Ministry:

 bmeia.gv.at/en

ÖH OFFICE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

 Peter Jordan Straße 76 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654-2032
 kultur@oehboku.at
 oehboku.at/referate/kultur

Health Care

In Case of Illness

A list of doctors in Vienna can be found at

- 📍 praxisplan.at
(search for language skills is possible).

In case you need a doctor, you should try to find out in advance whether he/she is working together with the Viennese health insurance service ("Wiener Gebietskrankenkasse").

In order to see the doctor, you need some kind of proof of insurance:

- European Union citizens can use their

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), when they go to see a doctor and do not have to pay for the basic medical services.

- If you have insured yourself directly with the Viennese health insurance, you will receive a health insurance card from them (and you do not have to pay for basic medical services)
- If you have private health insurance, please ask the insurance company what you have to do when you need to see a doctor.

HOSPITALS

📍 **Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien (AKH)**
Währinger Gürtel 18-20 | 1090 Wien
+43 1 40400-0
akhwien.at

📍 **Wilhelminenspital**
Montleartstraße 37 | 1160 Wien
+43 1 49150-0
wienkav.at/kav/wil

📍 **Krankenanstalt Rudolfstiftung**
Juchgasse 25 | 1030 Wien
Tel.: +43 1 71165-0
wienkav.at/kav/kar

📍 **SMZ Ost – Donauspital**
Langobardenstraße 122 | 1220 Wien
+43 1 288 02-0
wienkav.at/kav/dsp

📍 **Krankenhaus der Barmherzigen Brüder**
(also helps patients WITHOUT INSURANCE)
Johannes von Gott-Platz 1 | 1020 Wien
+43 1 21121-0
barmherzige-brueder.at

📍 **Krankenhaus Lainz**
Wolkerbergengasse 1 | 1130 Wien
+43 1 80110-0
wienkav.at/kav/khl

📍 **Unfallkrankenhaus Lorenz Böhler**
Donaueschingerstraße 13 | 1200 Wien
+43 1 33110
auva.sozvers.at

📍 **St. Anna Kinderspital (for children)**
Kinderspitalg. 6 A | 1090 Wien
+43 1 40170
stanna.at



Psychosocial Crises

In case of mental illness you should turn to the social psychiatric emergency service.

The Psychological Counseling Services support you with the choice and start of your academic studies, coach you with your personal development and provide advice regarding academic and personal concerns.

PSYCHOSOCIAL EMERGENCY

Social Psychiatric Emergency Service (Sozialpsychiatrischer Notdienst & Psychosoziale Information)

- Gumpendorfer Straße 157 | 1060 Wien
- +43 1 31330
- sndpost@psd-wien.at
- psd-wien.at
- 0 am – 12 pm

Psychological Counselling Services

- Lederergasse 35/4th floor | 1080 Wien
- +43 1 402 30 91
- psychologische.studentenberatung@univie.ac.at
- studierendenberatung.at
- Mo-Fr: 9 am – 12 am
and 1 pm – 3 pm
(except for Tuesday mornings)

Help with Drugs

In case of problems with drugs you should either turn to the ambulatory “addiction as-

sistance (=“ambulatorium suchthilfe wien”) for medical support or go to the “Jedmayer”.

ADDICTION ASSISTANCE

Ambulatory (Suchthilfe Wien)

- Gumpendorfer Gürtel 8 | 1060 Wien
- +43 1 4000-53760
- ambulatorium@suchthilfe.at
- suchthilfe.at

Jedmayer (Suchthilfe Wien)

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Vaccinations

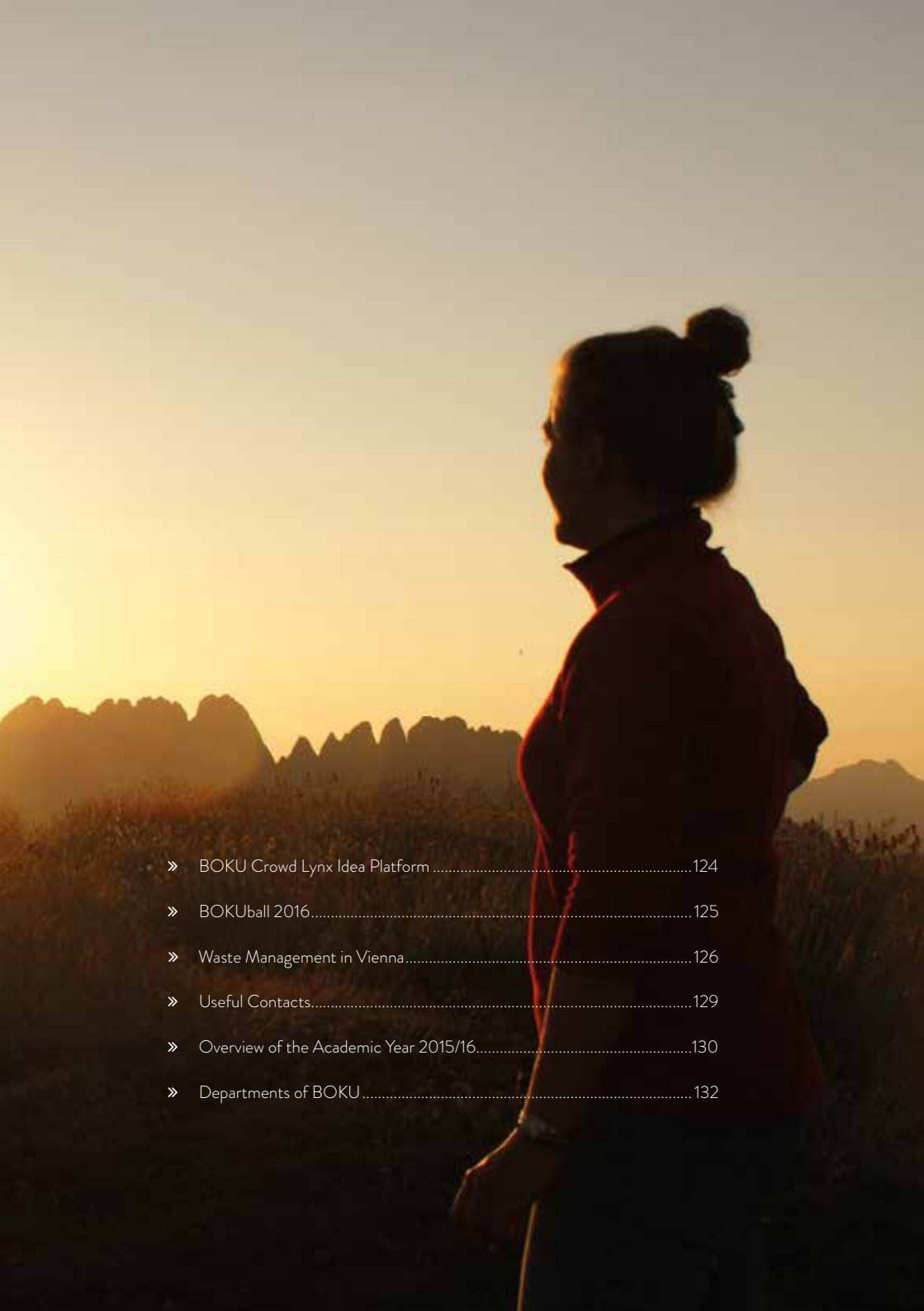
No special vaccinations are required for travelling in Austria. However, immunisation against tick-borne encephalitis (TBE - German: FSME) is recommended, especially if you spend the spring semester in Vienna. You can either get vaccinated in advance by your own doctor, or alternatively during the first days after your arrival. From March onwards, the vaccine is available in all pharmacies; it is best to buy it there and then go to a general practitioner or contact the local “Health Offices” of Magistratsabteilung 15 (MA 15) to arrange an appointment for the vaccination. A list of addresses can be found at:

- wien.gv.at/gesundheit/einrichtungen/gesundheitsaemter

If you spend a lot of time outside, it's recommendable to wear protective clothes and check your body for ticks.

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BOKU Crowd Lynx Idea Platform

Do you often have good ideas to improve products, your private life, society, or your university? BOKU needs your ideas and invites you to share them on the BOKU Crowd Lynx idea platform. Help us to create a sustainable future! Here you can find out how.

Since 2014, the Students' Union and BOKU have been members of the idea- and innovation platform Crowd Lynx, in order to offer all staff and students the possibility of sharing and implementing innovative and creative ideas with other people. After logging in here: crowdlynx.com/boku, using your BOKU account, you can:

- share ideas
- like ideas
- comment on ideas (give feedback, leave tips or suggestions, share your own experience, your personal opinion, etc.)
- form idea-teams
- invite and add experts or other relevant people to an idea
- participate in calls for ideas that address specific issues or problems
- win great prizes

So the questions are: Where do you see room for improvement? Which inspirations from your home university do you want to share with BOKU? What would you like to contribute to an environmentally and socially sustainable development of BOKU and/or society as whole?

The idea management system of BOKU is designed to use the creative potential of all people – staff and students – to generate ideas that make a difference! The aim is to create involvement and participation, to promote networks and openness as well as to facilitate self-organisation between BOKU members and beyond. In addition, costs and resources can often be saved by operational improvements.

We would be very happy if you could help to make the BOKU Crowd Lynx Idea Platform an active, vibrant and diverse instrument within the organisational context of BOKU. Only through broad participation can we create real added value to our working culture and our environment.

Please find all further information on functions, benefits, fields of application etc. at:

 ideenplattform.boku.ac.at (German)



BOKUball 2016 – (egg) white GOLD!

In recognition of the International year of legumes nominated by UNESCO, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences prom will be celebrated under the theme of this valuable resource of food and fodder! At the location of the famous Viennese imperial palace (Wiener Hofburg), where harmonious modernity meets tradition, students and alumni, lecturers and scientists, as well as friends of BOKU will celebrate a glittering ball night!

SAVE THE DATE!

- 🕒 January 22, 2016
- 📍 Hofburg Vienna
- 📅 Ticket sale: starting from December 14, 2015
- 🌐 bokuball.at



Waste Management in Vienna

Waste ≠ Waste

Waste is generated as a by-product of all human activities, but not all waste is the same. Some products are in use for only a few minutes before becoming “waste”, such as takeaway coffee cups, others can be in use for decades, such as concrete blocks used in construction. Based on physical and chemical characteristics, the waste can be radioactive, hazardous, organic or inorganic, reusable and/or recyclable, with a high or low energy content etc.

According to Austrian legislation waste is defined as movable objects, of which the holder has the intention to dispose; or the collection and treatment of which is in the public interest due to the hazards to human health and the environment, fire and explosion risk, public safety etc.



Waste Source Separation

In Austria, only a small portion of the original amount of waste ends up in landfills due to the advanced waste treatment system. Source separation of waste is a prerequisite in order to maintain the technological and economic feasibility of a complex system of waste treatment from the waste bins to the final disposal.

In Vienna, household waste and waste from household similar facilities (e.g. universities, offices etc.) is source separated into seven different waste factions:

- wastepaper (red label),
- white glass (grey label),
- coloured glass (green label),
- metals (blue label),
- plastic packaging (yellow label),
- organic waste (dark brown label) and
- residual waste (orange label).

So-called “special waste”, such as bulky waste, batteries, energy-saving light bulbs, electronic equipment, hazardous substances, etc. are collected at collection sites or by mobile hazardous waste collection trucks. Batteries can also be brought to supermarkets, where they are taken back.

Vienna has a long tradition of separate collection. Since 1979 plastic, glass and metals have been collected separately; approximately 15 years before separate collection became mandatory for the whole of Austria. Also in comparison with other European cities, Vienna shows excellent results with a high collection efficiency and high enthusiasm amongst Viennese people for separate collection.

Reuse

Reuse and recycling have a very high significance for the whole waste management system. By implementing recycling and reuse strategies, a series of negative effects to the environment can be avoided since recycling is more energy efficient, uses less water in the production cycle and has lower emissions than the primary production of materials.

Reuse involves all processes such as repair procedures, washing, painting and similar, which have the common goal of prolonging the life span of the product. Furthermore, reuse procedure can involve more complicated processes. A prominent example is the reuse of waste electronic equipment, which requires a manufacture reassembling facility with a number of qualified professionals. In order to be certified and put back on the market, electronic equipment has to

be in good working order for the same purpose for which it was manufactured. In Vienna there are several companies involved with the repair of discarded electronic devices.

The company R.U.S.Z. (rusz.at) has specialised in washing machines, dishwashers, electric cookers and coffee makers. Beside reuse activities, the company also offers onsite repair and the sale of new kitchen electronic devices. Another company in Vienna which deals with the reuse of electronic is D.R.Z. (drz-wien.at). They are specialised in repairing computers, laptops and audio devices on the one hand and dismantling and pre-treatment for metal recycling from waste electric and electronic equipment on the other.

Recycling

Waste paper

Separately collected waste paper is used in the paper industry and, depending on the paper quality, either used for the production of recycled paper or as a fuel substitute.

- ❶ **Suitable for waste paper bins** are: newspapers, magazines, writing paper, envelopes, paper bags, cardboard boxes, etc.
- ❷ **Not suitable for waste paper bins** are: dairy and beverage composite packaging, which belong in the "Öko-Box".

More than 120,000 tons of waste paper are collected annually in Vienna. With the use of waste paper in the paper production, 270,000 t of wood are saved annually. This spares 480,000 trees from being cut down annually. The production of recycled paper requires 95% less waste and 60% less energy in comparison to the production of new white paper.



Glass

- ❶ **Suitable items for white glass bins** are: uncoloured disposable bottles, uncoloured soda bottles, uncoloured wine and spirits bottles, etc. **Suitable items for coloured glass bins** are: coloured disposable bottles, coloured wine, spirits and soft drink bottles, etc. **Also slightly tinted glass is suited for coloured glass bins.**
- ❷ **Not suitable for both waste glass bins** are: tableware, vases, glass plates, porcelain, pottery, drinking glasses, light bulbs, halogen lamps, windows, flat and wired glass, mirrors, glass aquariums, plastic bottles, screw caps, capsules, strips of lead, etc.

Every year in Vienna around 27,000 t of waste glass are gathered. Throughout Austria, more than 250,000 t of primary raw materials (silica sand, limestone, dolomite and soda) are saved annually through waste glass recycling.



Metal

- ❶ **Suitable items for metal bins** are: beverage and food cans, metal foils, metal tubes, metal caps of glasses and bottles, pots, pans, cutlery, cables, wires, coffee packaging made from aluminium, etc.
- ❷ **Not suitable for metal bins** are: paint, spray and oil cans and oil contaminated parts, bulky large metal parts, household appliances, bicycle parts and other.

The collected scrap metal is first separated by magnetic mechanic separation into different metal types and segregated from interference and foreign substances. Ferrous metals are used as scrap along with other types of scrap and pig

iron in steel mills for steel production. Aluminium packaging can be used for the production of high quality castings. The scrap metal represents economically the most valuable type of waste. More than 15,000 t of scrap metal are collected annually in Vienna. From this amount 65 Viennese Giant Wheels or 1.6 million bicycles could be produced.



Plastic bottles

In Vienna, approximately 5,000 t of plastic bottles are collected annually. Through the recycling of PET bottles alone, nearly 10,000 t of oil are saved annually for the production of these bottles.

- ❶ **Suitable for plastic bottle containers** are: plastic bottles for beverages (PET bottles), completely drained plastic bottles for detergents and cleaning agents; plastic bottles for personal care products such as shampoo, shower gel; plastic bottles for food, for example, vinegar, cooking oil, dairy products.
- ❷ **Not suitable for plastic bottle containers** are: dairy and beverage composite packages, packaging chips and ceramics, plastic cups, small films, plastic bags, fruit and vegetable baskets, PVC products, etc.



Organic waste

For suitable recycling of organic waste, source separation is one of the key components. In Vienna, approximately 100,000 t of organic

waste is collected annually. The collected organic waste is then transformed via controlled composting process into compost of highest quality, which can be obtained for free from the Viennese disposal sites in household quantities (<1m³).

- ❶ **Residual waste in general** represents all other products which are not suited for recycling procedure.
- ❷ **Not suitable for residual waste** are the following items: wood, used tires, waste electrical equipment, cardboard, concrete, CDs and DVDs, cooking oils and fats, etc.



Residual waste

Vienna's residual waste is incinerated together with other combustible waste such as bulky waste and mixed trash in one of Vienna's waste incinerators. The incineration process is also used for electricity and heat production. In one of the incinerators alone, enough electricity is produced for 25,000 households and district heating for 50,000 households.



Waste management is a very complex system in which the collection, treatment and disposal of waste represents only part of the whole picture. The overall efficiency depends largely on the habits of every single citizen. Therefore, it is very important for every individual to understand and be aware of their role in the waste management process.

Useful Contacts

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Students' Union @ BOKU (ÖH BOKU)

ÖH BOKU is the Students' Union at BOKU. We service all students in legal, social and financial affairs and represent the student body versus the university and local as well as federal government.

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Center for International Relations (ZIB)

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Student Advisory Service – BOKU4you

BOKU4you assists you in choosing the right study programme. They organise "info-events" concerning the BOKU degrees and provide you with informational folders and other kinds of information regarding study programmes.

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Registration Office (Studienabteilung)

This Office is responsible for admission and registration as well as all other administrative issues concerning your degree (except: International Master programmes) - e.g. preparation of BOKU course and degree certification, accreditation of certificates and/or degrees from other universities and equivalent institutions, change of your degree course, etc.)

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Austrian Students' Union (ÖH)

The Austrian Students' Union is the general student representative body in Austria and serves as the student government by federal law. The ÖH is member of European Students' Union. Membership of the ÖH is compulsory for every university student in Austria, including PhD candidates.

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WINTER SEMESTER 2015/16

Important Events

Data Collection for Admission (pre-registration)

from June 22, 2015

Registration Period

June 22 – September 5, 2015

Late Registration

September 6 – November 30, 2015

Beginners Tutorial

September 28 – October 2, 2015

Welcome Days for International Students

September 24 – 29

Admissions Office closed

July 27 – August 7, 2015

Course Period

Start of Winter Semester

October 1, 2015

End of Winter Semester

January 31, 2016

Course free Period

Christmas holidays

December 21, 2015 – January 6, 2016
(no examinations until January 2)

Winter holidays

February 1 – February 21, 2016

All Souls Day

November 2, 2015

All public holidays

SUMMER SEMESTER 2016

Important Events

Data Collection for Admission (pre-registration)

from December 18, 2015

Registration Period

January 8 to February 5, 2016

Late Registration

February 6 to April 30, 2016

Beginners' Tutorial

February 22, 2016

Welcome Days for International Students

February 15 – 19

Course Period

Start of Summer Semester

February 22, 2016

End of Summer Semester

June 30, 2016

Course free Period

Easter

March 21 – April 8, 2016
(no examinations March 23 – April 1, 2016)

Pentecost / Whitsun

May 14 – 17, 2016

Summer

July 1 – September 30, 2016
(no examinations: July 11 – August 26, 2016)

Rector's Day

May 27, 2016

All public holidays



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Department of Biotechnology

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Department of Water, Atmosphere and Environment

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Department of Nanobiotechnology

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Department of Chemistry

chemie.boku.ac.at/en



Department of Integrative Biology and Biodiversity Research

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Department of Food Science and Technology

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Department of Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Sciences

rali.boku.ac.at/en



Department of Economics and Social Sciences

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