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Academic calendar 2017/18 & holiday dates & exam dates	<p><u>Winter semester 2017/18:</u> Semester dates: October 1, 2017 – February 4, 2018 <i>Christmas break: December 24, 2017 – January 7, 2018</i> (Please note: Several courses end before the Christmas break; students who cannot stay at WU in January should only choose those.)</p> <p>Information Session for incoming students (mandatory, students can choose on which date they would like to attend the information session) Information Session 1: September 7, 2017 Information Session 2: September 28, 2017</p> <p>Introduction weeks (optional): Orientation and Cultural Program: September 7, 2017 – September 29, 2017 Pre-semester German language courses: September 11, 2017 – September 28, 2017</p> <p><i>Semester break: February 5, 2018 – March 4, 2018</i></p> <p><u>Summer semester 2018:</u> Semester dates: March 5, 2018 – July 1, 2018 <i>Easter break: March 26, 2018 – April 8, 2018</i> <i>Pentecost break: May 20, 2018 – May 21, 2018</i></p> <p>Information Session for incoming students (mandatory, students can choose on which date they prefer to attend the information session) Information Session 1: February 9, 2018 Information Session 2: March 2, 2018</p> <p>Introduction weeks (optional): Orientation and Cultural Program: February 9, 2018 – March 2, 2018 Pre-semester German language courses: February 12, 2018 – March 1, 2018</p> <p>Exam dates depend on the courses chosen. There is no specific examination period for all courses.</p>
Online registration process & nomination deadlines & application deadlines	<p>WU only accepts exchange students nominated by its partner universities. The home university exchange coordinator is asked to nominate the students online and forward Nomination Letters to the nominated exchange students, including their WU student ID numbers and passwords.</p> <p>Online nomination system: https://bach.wu.ac.at/bachapp/cgi-bin/nph-init/zas_incoming</p> <p>Nomination deadlines for partner universities: For the winter semester: May 1 For the summer semester: November 1</p> <p>Application deadlines for students for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orientation and Cultural Program - Pre-Semester German language courses - Housing - Online pre-enrollment for students <p>For the winter semester: May 15 For the summer semester: November 15</p>
Programs open to exchange students	<p>Courses in English: Our English course options for exchange students include more than 200 high-quality courses offered every term in a broad variety of business fields. A wide range of courses are taught in a block format, which contributes to increased flexibility in scheduling courses by exchange students.</p> <p>Courses in German: Apart from courses offered in English language, incoming exchange students can also attend a variety of courses taught in German.</p> <p>Courses & FAQs for Bachelor students: www.wu.ac.at/io/undergraduate-courses</p> <p>Courses & FAQs for Master students: www.wu.ac.at/io/graduate-courses</p> <p>Courses at WU might overlap and the registration system allows students to register for conflicting courses. As courses are based on continuous assessment of student performance, attendance of all course sessions is mandatory. Thus, it is the students' responsibility to only register for courses they can attend in full.</p>

	<p>Course registration is based on the first-come, first-served principle, therefore we strongly recommend that students prepare 2 back-up courses in case registration for their preferred courses is not successful.</p> <p>Course numbers at WU have a purely administrative function and change every semester.</p>
Course load	<p>There is no minimum requirement for incoming exchange students. The maximum course load is 36 ECTS credits plus one German Business Communication course.</p>
Language requirements	<p>Depending on the language of instruction (English or German), exchange students are required to have an advanced level of English or German (comparable to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference), to be able to successfully complete courses at WU.</p> <p>WU does not require official language certificates as we trust our partners to send students who fulfil the aforementioned criteria. However, if students do not meet the language requirements, we reserve us the right to withdraw them from courses.</p>
German language courses	<p>Before the semester: WU offers an optional pre-semester German language course during the Orientation and Cultural Program three weeks prior to the start of the semester. To participate, students need to apply by May 15 for the winter semester and by November 15 for the summer semester. Places are limited. A reduced fee is available to Erasmus students.</p> <p>During the semester: WU offers German Business Communication courses at 5 different levels. German Business Communication courses are free of charge. Places are limited.</p>
Further services for exchange students	<p>Orientation and Cultural Program: Starts 3 weeks prior to the start of the semester and includes a sight-seeing program, field trips, presentations on Austria, etc.</p> <p>Academic advisors: For each of WU's partner universities, a specific WU faculty member serves as academic advisor. Academic advisors support students in selecting appropriate courses and give advice on relevant academic matters.</p> <p>Buddy Network: The Austrian Students' Union (ÖH) at WU provides exchange students with a "buddy," a WU student who acts as their personal mentor. The Buddy Network also organizes a number of social activities for exchange students (skiing trips, trips to neighboring countries, theater visits, etc.)</p>
Accommodation	<p>Exchange students arriving in Vienna have several options to choose from when booking their housing for their stay. These options can include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • residence halls run by OeAD (Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research), which is the main housing provider for students in Austria • or a private flat that can be found for example through the housing platform Housing Anywhere, • or through another third-party provider. <p>Staying in an OeAD Student Residence Hall Students can apply for accommodation in student residence halls. Students interested in renting these rooms need to apply by May 15 for the winter semester and by November 15 for the summer semester and pay a deposit.</p> <p>Private Accommodation If students prefer to arrange their own accommodations, we recommend using the Housing Anywhere site or any other databases listed on our website. If students need proof of accommodation for visa purposes, this proof has to be issued by the landlord.</p> <p>Further information: https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/exchange-semester/accommodation/</p>

Living costs	Housing	approx. € 400–600 / month
	Insurance	approx. € 50 / month
	Food, personal expenses	approx. € 220–300 / month
	Utilities (phone, mail, etc.)	approx. € 15–30 / month
	Vienna public transport	approx. € 150 / semester
	Books	approx. € 75–150 / semester
	ÖH-Beitrag (Students' Union dues)	approx. € 20 / semester
Entry and residence regulations	<p>Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries (so-called "third country nationals") need an entry visa or residence permit for entry into and residence in Austria. The type of permit depends on the length and purpose of the stay.</p> <p>Further details: https://www.oead.at/welcome_to_austria/legal_practical_issues/EN/</p>	
International Summer University^{WU}	<p>This short-term academic program takes place at WU from July 10 – 28, 2017, and July 31 – August 18, 2017. Students can take 2–3 business courses on the graduate or undergraduate level. Networking opportunities and social programs with fellow students from over 25 countries add to the experience.</p> <p>WU partner universities can nominate their students to participate as exchange students.</p> <p>Further details: https://www.wu.ac.at/io/isuwu</p>	