



Degree Programmes

This opportunity is open to LSS and LHS students (Biology and Biological Science).

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk . **Deadlines** are published on **Aston Futures**.

Students can apply up to three universities maximum; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, you can find a template on Blackboard (overseas folder).

Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

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Please contact the International Placement Team before contacting the partner university:

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University of Vienna [Website](#) (in English)

[Important information for Erasmus students](#)

On 12 March 1365 Duke Rudolph IV ("the Founder") founded the University of Vienna. The University of Vienna celebrates its 650th Anniversary in 2015. The varied programme for the 650th Anniversary year starts on 12 March. We prepare festivals, exhibitions, symposia and presentations for a broad audience in various media.

[What it is like to study at UW](#)

Location

Vienna/Wien is the capital of Austria, and also one of the nine Provinces or States (Bundesländer) of Austria. Vienna is Austria's capital city with a population of about 1.8 million (2.6 million within the metropolitan area), Vienna is by far the largest city in Austria as well as its cultural, economic and political center. Situated on both sides of the River Danube, and only 60 kilometers off Austria's Eastern border, Vienna lies in the South East corner of Central Europe and is close to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.



Academic Year

Semester/key dates

Winter semester: beginning of October – end of January

Summer semester: end of February – end of June

[Academic Calendar](#)

[Other key dates](#)

Courses Available

[Course catalogue online](#)

Please visit the following links for information about the Department of Sociology:

[Link 1](#)

[Link 2](#)

[Department for Translation Studies](#)

[Workload:](#)

The University of Vienna sets no minimum requirements as to the number of ECTS credits that exchange students must obtain per semester. How many ECTS credits you are able to obtain will also depend on whether you take your courses in English or in German. Most exchange students obtain 20 to 25 ECTS credits per semester.

Austrian full-time students usually enrol for courses that will yield a maximum of 30 ECTS per semester.

Living in Austria:

- [Accommodation](#)

Besides the admission procedure (and the formalities of visa application) it is also necessary to find a suitable accommodation. There are various options for you depending on your individual needs and life style.

Halls/dormitories

Non-Austrian students can choose among the whole range of dormitories in Vienna. As the admission modalities differ from dormitory to dormitory you should ask directly at the dormitory of your choice about the formalities well in advance.

The costs vary from dormitory to dormitory and are approximately between € 200 – 550.

Flat/apartment sharing

A very common alternative to living in a dormitory is sharing a flat/apartment with other students. There are also some web portals in which you might find your future flat mate.

(See previous link)

Renting a flat/apartment

Before signing a rent contract it is advisable to gather information about your rights

and duties and to have the rental contract checked by an expert.

Looking for a flat can be time-consuming and should be well planned. If you commission an estate agency with the search you have to pay commission (usually several monthly rents) for this service. Take into account that deposits might have to be paid as well as payments for previous investments. (See previous link)

- [Living Costs \(approximates\)](#)

- Accommodation (including heating and electricity): € 300-450 per month
- Basic essentials: € 220 - €300 per month
- Public transport: €150 per semester (or €30 per month)
- Post/telephone: €15-30 per month
- Student union fee: €18,50 per semester (academic year 2014-15)
- Study and personal requirements, books, culture, entertainment: € 270
- **Monthly expenses: € 880 - 1.030**

- [Academic advisors](#)

General administration: the international office

Subject specific questions: departmental coordinators

- [ESN/Buddy system](#)

The Erasmus student network (ESN) provides foreign exchange students with a “buddy”, a student at the University of Vienna who acts as his or her mentor. ESN also organizes social activities for exchange students.

- [Sports](#)

Passion for sports? There are several options to choose from:

The University Sport Institute (USI) offers students, graduates and members of staff of the University inexpensive courses for various sports, ranging from A like aerobics to Z like zumba. To take part in one of the courses registration is mandatory!

[Unisport](#), which is organized by students, also offers many sport camps, courses and discounted memberships for fitness centers.

For keen sportsmen and -women, Vienna provides a large number of bicycle paths, one of which leads directly to the University of Vienna. There are several options to enjoy outdoor activities in Vienna, such as the Donauinsel or the Wienerwald.

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team or the University of Vienna will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor
7. Please also find the [checklist](#) for an Erasmus stay at the University of Vienna.

Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to WU Wien, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Austria. For further information, please see the website of the [Austrian Embassy](#) in London.

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