



Degree Programmes

This study placement is available for Aston Business Students.

Number of Places: 2

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 for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien
(Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration)

Augasse 2-6

1090 Wien

Austria



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

[International Studies Centre](#)

The **Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration)** is over 100 years old. Its predecessor, the Imperial Export Academy, was established in 1898, with the aim of imparting knowledge to businessmen engaged in foreign trade. Immediately following World War I, the Academy became a public World Trade University (Hochschule für Welthandel), offering a three-year degree program. The University was renamed again in 1975, this time to Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration). Since 1982 the WU has been housed in a large complex in Augasse and has more than 20,000 students.

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

"Vienna, the capital of Austria, is one of the most beautiful and dynamic cities in Europe. It is a blend between the traditional and the modern, a bridge between past and future. The city is a great place for young people to live in, as it offers a wide and constant stream of activities, such as concerts, exhibitions, and sport events. The numerous bars, clubs and restaurants also add to the vibrant life in Vienna. The city is also home to several world-renowned universities, including the Vienna University of Economics and Business. During my placement year at the latter, I had the opportunity to be part of a very enthusiastic and friendly academic community.

I was also one of the first to study at the new campus, which is among the most modern and innovative in Europe. Overall, I had a very exciting placement year, and the location, Vienna, was definitely of the most highly contributing factors."

- Bozhidar Goranchev, BSc Business and Management

Location

Vienna/Wien is the capital of Austria, and also one of the nine Provinces or States (*Länder*) of Austria. Vienna is Austria's capital city with a population of about 1.6 million (2.2 million within the metro 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

There is a two **week orientation and cultural programme** (OK-Program) which usually takes place three weeks before the start of the semester, and which includes Vienna city tours, day trips to other Austrian cities, company visits, and other activities which give an experience of Austrian culture.

[Academic Calendar](#)

Courses Available

Students will study for two semesters at WU Wien (September to June). WU Wien offers a wide range of courses for exchange students, and teaching and assessment will normally be in English or German depending on your degree requirements. German language courses are offered both prior to and during the semester. Details of modules in English can be found on the [website](#). For information about credits, grading, assessment, course types, etc. see the [website](#). German language courses are offered during the orientation and cultural programme. There are six different levels of language ability. Credit can be awarded for these.

WU has a career centre and they are running a special database for internships. However, you have to bear in mind that you will have to apply with the companies directly to get an internship.

[English](#)

[German](#)

Workload: 30 ECTS credits per semester

Living in Austria

- **Accommodation**

WU Wien offers student accommodation through the Zentrum für Auslandsstudien (ZAS), the International Studies Centre, in five different residences. Prices range from about €220 - €300 per month. Most rooms are double rooms. Students can, if they prefer, apply for private accommodation, which ranges from €250 - €350 per month.

To accommodate international students coming to Vienna, there is a variety of accommodation types. First of all there is private housing (please note that this is generally not a home stay and the student is treated as an independent adult). Secondly, there are a number of residence halls, but these are not necessarily located in the vicinity of the school. Finally, there are a small number of shared apartments at different locations in the city.

- **Living Costs approximate**

- Rent: €250 - €400 per month
- Basic essentials: €220 - €300 per month
- Public transport: €150 per semester
- Post/telephone: €15-30 per month
- Student union fee: €16 per semester
- Insurance: €20 per month for non-EU students
- Books: app. €75 – 150 per semester
- Entertainment: app. €50 – 150 per month

- **Academic advisors**

A member of the academic staff acts as an academic advisor for each partner university, and provides advice on appropriate modules and related academic matters.

- **Buddy Network**

The Students' Association (Österrische Hochschülerschaft – OEH) provides foreign exchange students with a “buddy”, a WU student who acts as his or her mentor. The Buddy network also organises social activities for exchange students.

If you are successful

You will be nominated by Aston International Placement Office.

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. You will receive a nomination letter from WU Wien, containing your student ID and password, which you will require to access further information about studying at WU Wien. You will also need to register for courses and apply for accommodation. You can also register online for the “Buddy Network”.
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

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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