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Academic calendar 2023/24

Winter semester 2023/24

WU Incoming Kickoff (mandatory attendance)

WU Incoming Kickoff for students registered for any pre-semester program(s):
September 14 - September 15, 2023
WU Incoming Kickoff for all other students:
September 27 - September 28, 2023

The latest date of arrival is always one day prior to the welcome days

Recommended date of arrival for students registered for any pre-semester program(s):
September 13, 2023

Latest date of arrival for all other students:
September 26, 2023

Pre-semester programs (optional)

Orientation and Cultural Program:
September 18 - September 29, 2023

Pre-semester German language courses:
September 18 - September 29, 2023

Teaching period

October 1, 2023 – February 2, 2024
Christmas break: December 23, 2023 – January 7, 2024 (*Several courses end before the Christmas break; students who cannot stay at WU in January should choose their courses accordingly.*)

Semester break

February 3, 2024 – March 3, 2024

Summer semester 2024

WU Incoming Kickoff (mandatory attendance)

WU Incoming Kickoff for students registered for any pre-semester program(s):
February 8, 2024 – February 9, 2024
WU Incoming Kickoff for all other students:
February 26, 2024 – February 27, 2024

Pre-semester programs (optional)

Orientation and Cultural Program:
February 12, 2024 – February 23, 2024

Pre-semester German language courses:
February 12, 2024 – February 23, 2024

Teaching period

March 1, 2024 – June 29, 2024
Easter break: March 23, 2024 – April 7, 2024
Pentecost break: May 19, 2024 – May 20, 2024

Registration and nomination deadlines

General information	WU only accepts exchange students nominated by their home universities. The home university exchange coordinator is responsible for nominating students online and forwarding WU's Nomination Letters to the nominated exchange students.
Prospectivel Incomings	Interested in studying at WU? Prospective exchange students can find out more on our website .
Online nomination	Partner universities are asked to send an email to WU's main point of contact for partner universities (see contacts above), indicating the number of students they wish to nominate, after which the online nomination link will be provided.
Nomination deadlines	For the winter semester: May 1 For the summer semester: November 1
Application deadlines for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation and Cultural Program • Pre-semester German language courses • Online pre-enrollment for students <p>For the winter semester: May 20 For the summer semester: November 20</p> <p>Invitations to apply online for the Orientation and Cultural Program and the pre-semester German language course will be sent out after May 2/November 2.</p>
Language requirements	Depending on the language of instruction (English or German), bachelor exchange students must have a B2 level or above (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages , CEFR) in English OR German. Master and PhD exchange students must have a level equivalent to C1 of the CEFR. WU does not request official language certificates. However, if students do not meet the language requirements, we reserve the right to exclude them from courses.

Course information

Courses in English	More than 250 English-taught courses are offered each term, covering all core fields of business and economics as well as related areas. Some courses are offered in block format to make scheduling easier.
Courses in German	Incoming exchange students can also attend courses taught in German. Courses & FAQs for bachelor's and master's students: https://www.wu.ac.at/io/academics
Class format	Although WU has seven different examination types, approx. 90% of courses available to incoming exchange students are continuous assessment ("PI") courses. These courses are highly interactive courses including lectures, case studies, papers, presentations, and group projects. Exams and tests are held during the regular course sessions, and there is no special exam week at the end of the semester.
Attendance and participation	Attendance is mandatory in all continuous assessment courses ("PI"), which account for 90% of all courses at WU.
Course registration/course overlap	WU's online registration system LPIS allows students to register for courses even if they overlap. As attendance is mandatory, it is the students' responsibility to only register for courses they can attend in full. Course registration is based on a first-come, first-served principle; therefore, we strongly recommend that students choose two back-up courses in case their registration for their preferred courses is not successful. Bachelor students can only attend bachelor level courses, master students only master level courses. Course numbers at WU have a purely administrative function and change every semester.
Course load	Students are expected to take a full workload at WU, which corresponds to 24 to 30 ECTS credits. The maximum course load is 36 ECTS credits excluding language courses.
Exam dates	Exam dates depend on the courses chosen. There is no specific examination period for all courses.

German language courses

Before the semester

WU offers pre-semester German language courses with levels ranging from absolute beginners to highly advanced speakers. These two-week intensive language courses are principally free of charge. A fee for administration and teaching materials (€ 40) will be charged. To participate, students need to apply by May 20 for the winter semester and by November 20 for the summer semester. Places are limited.

During the semester

WU's Business Language Center offers German courses at all levels. For students, courses (30 contact hours) cost € 224.

Documents

Confirmation of Stay

Please note that a **Confirmation of Stay** will only be issued for the **period of the student's actual studies at WU**. Students can download their Confirmation of Stay. The WU Incoming Kickoff that students participate in, will be given as their date of arrival. The last day that can be confirmed on the Confirmation of Stay is the last day that students need to be present at WU (e.g. last day of classes, last exam).

Transcript of records

Students can download their transcript of records approximately two month after their last course. They will be sent from WU's International Office if a partner university does not accept them from students.

Grading

The following grading scale applies at WU:

- 1 excellent (Sehr gut)
- 2 good (Gut)
- 3 satisfactory (Befriedigend)
- 4 sufficient (Genügend)
- 5 fail (Nicht genügend)

WU does not use a standardized percentage-based grading scale. The percentage scores needed to receive the grades given above differ from course to course. In most cases, the course-specific grading scales can be found in the course descriptions online.

Orientation services for exchange students

Orientation and Cultural Program

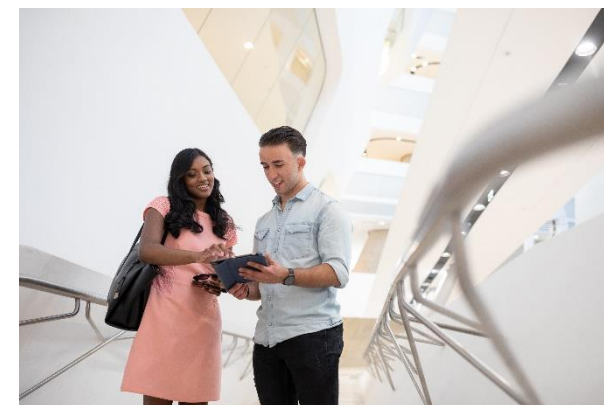
WU offers a two-week program, which includes activities such as social events, a sightseeing program, out-of-town field trips, presentations on Austria, etc. and costs € 350. To participate, students need to apply by May 20 for the winter semester and by November 20 for the summer semester. Places are limited.

Academic advisors

For each WU partner university, a specific WU faculty member acts as an academic advisor. Academic advisors support students in selecting appropriate courses and give advice on relevant academic matters.

Buddy Network

The Austrian Students' Union (ÖH) at WU are available to help exchange students find 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 evenings, etc.).



Inclusion and accessibility

General information

We would like to highlight that we gladly welcome students with physical, mental, and health-related conditions. WU Vienna offers a barrier-free campus experience and provides services, such as BeAble, Student Counselling, and an Ombuds Office for Students. In Vienna, certain student residence halls also offer wheelchair-accessible and barrier-free facilities. If these housing options are of interest, please [click here for more information](#). In case students require assistance or other support services, they should contact the International Office of their home university, which will then in turn inform the International Office at WU Vienna. We are happy to assist and organize needed services if necessary.

Accommodation

General information

Off-campus student housing is available through student residence providers. Private flats can be found for example through the housing platform Housing Anywhere.

For more information on finding accommodation, click here:
<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/exchange-semester/your-semester-at-wu-from-start-to-finish/accommodation>

Living costs

Housing | approx. € 450–650 / month
Insurance | approx. € 50 / month
Food, personal expenses | approx. € 220–300 / month
Utilities (phone, etc.) | approx. € 15–30 / month
Vienna public transport | approx. € 75–160 / semester
Books | approx. € 75–150 / semester
Students' Union dues | approx. € 23 / semester

Sustainable exchange semester

General information

WU encourages incoming exchange students to make environment friendly choices. As responsible university, we provide information on green mobility, sustainable housing options, and mindful consumer behavior. Further, WU offers student organizations and initiatives that allow for participation and an exchange of ideas.

To learn more about sustainable exchange at WU, please have a look at this website:
<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/exchange-semester/your-sustainable-exchange-stay-at-wu/>

Entry and residence regulations

General information

Before traveling to Austria, students should make sure they are familiar with the regulations concerning visas and residence permits.

Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries and Switzerland (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.

About Vienna

Further details: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/>

Vienna ranks among the most attractive cities in the world. Tradition and culture, research and education, economic growth, and a safe and livable environment make it a place with a very high standard of living that is recognized internationally.

Further details: <https://www.wien.info/en>

International Summer University^{WU}

General information

As an alternative to a full exchange semester, WU offers intensive three-week programs. These **short academic programs** take place at WU during the summer months (July and August). Students can attend two to three business courses on bachelor or master level. All courses are taught in English and cover several business-related topics.

Bachelor and Master students can earn 8 ECTS credits.

The program includes networking opportunities and a cultural and social program with fellow students from all over the world. Course materials, lunch on lecture days, and the public transportation ticket for Vienna are included in the fees.

Registration

WU partner universities can nominate their students to participate in this program as exchange students.

Further details: <https://www.wu.ac.at/io/isuwu>

WU Facts and Figures

Facts & Figures

To learn more about WU, and for a quick overview over our facts and figures, please have a look at this website:

<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/the-university/about-wu/facts-figures/>

THEMIS curriculum components: one-year-format

- **Selection**

Students will be selected by their home university and they will exchange on the fall term of the following academic year.

All students must demonstrate a superior level of academic performance, strong linguistic ability, as well as the desire and motivation for an international experience.

- **Study abroad term**

It offers the opportunity to acquire core knowledge and skills in an international context. While on the exchange, students will have the chance to create their own study plan by choosing their courses out of those offered by the partner school and approved by the network.

- **Joint Seminar**

The THEMIS seminar provides students with a chance to delve deeper into an area of international law relevant to their academic career. The seminar will focus on different subject each year and will be conducted in English. The program will develop by professors from the partner schools, local experts, and international faculty members. It will also provide the students with the opportunity to meet and share information with fellow network participants.

- **International Internship**

The internship is considered to be an integral part of the THEMIS educational experience. The internship gives the student a chance to put their academic knowledge into practice and begin developing their professional career. The THEMIS partners strongly recommend international internship or internships conducted abroad in an international environment (law studios, European organizations, multinationals...) and for 6 weeks. Students develop their ability to work in an international setting through their professional internships, creating a profile well-appreciated by international organizations.



WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

Tentative THEMIS Courses - Winter Semester 2023/24

<https://www.wu.ac.at/io/courses>

<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/incoming-students/themis>



Course no.	Course title	ECTS credits	Level	Language of instruction
0026	Tax Treaty Law	5	Master	English
0091	Introduction to the Law of International Commerce and International Private Law	6	Master	English
0115	Simulated Tax Treaty Negotiations with Brazil	4	Master	English
0116	Business Tax Law	5	Master	English
0122	Introduction to the US-Business Law and International Arbitration Law	6	Master	English
0342	Seminar on Recent Developments in European and International Tax Law	4	Master	English
0590	Issues in U.S. International Tax Law and Policy	1	Master	English
0824	Introduction to IT Law	4	Master	English
0835	ICT Law 1	4	Master	English
1114	Law and Language: Key Concepts, Cases and Comparative Challenges	6	Master	English
1121	Tax and Development	1	Master	English
1201	Tax Obstacles to International Economic Activity	1	Master	English
1373	Jurisprudential Perspectives of Taxation Law	1	Master	English
1374	Introduction to the Common Law from a tax law perspective	1	Master	English
1414	Mergers & Acquisitions: The M&A Process	6	Master	English
1424	Introduction to Tax Treaty Law	2	Master	English
1542	Comparative Corporate Law	6	Master	English
1921	Principles of International Law	4	Master	English
1922	European Law	4	Master	English
1980	European Value Added Tax - Current Issues and Future Developments	4	Master	English
1994	International Commercial Arbitration	6	Master	English
2375	U.S. Taxation of Cross-Border Transactions	1	Master	English
0701	Environmental Law	4	Master	German
0895	Seminar on Business Tax Law in form of simulated client meetings	4	Master	German
1174	European Law	4	Master	German
1920	European Law	4	Master	German
2189	Principles of International Law	4	Master	German