

A brief introduction to Vienna

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1. Introduction

You have picked Vienna as your exchange spot and in our humble opinion you have made a great choice! To help you find your way around this busy yet homely city, the Medical University of Vienna (MUW) and the Vienna General Hospital (= Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien, AKH) we decided to jot down a collection of valuable info.

2. Who are we?

The Department of International Affairs of the Hochschülerinnen- und Hochschülerschaft an der medizinischen Universität Wien (ÖH Med Wien) is in charge of taking care of students from the MUW that decide to spend time abroad

and make the stay for students from abroad that come to Vienna (that means you!) an unforgettable experience.

Feel free to email us at internats@oehmedwien.com or visit us at the AKH, 6M on Tuesday between 12:30 p.m. and 2: 30 p.m.

You can find lots of useful info and documents on our website: <http://oehmedwien.com/wer-wir-sind/referate/referat-fuer-internationale-angelegenheiten/>

We work closely together with the Office for International Relations of the MUW: <http://www.meduniwien.ac.at/homepage/1/content/education/international-mobility/>

3. The Medical University of Vienna (MUW)

The MUW split from Vienna's main university in 2004 and is one of Europe's largest medical schools. Each year consists of approximately 700 students. Medical school in Austria consists of 6 years of study:

- 2 years of basic courses: mainly basic sciences, physiology and anatomy classes
- 2 years of medical courses: consisting of medical classes
- 2 years of clinical clerkships: 5th year consists of seven subjects, 6th year is divided into three tertials

See the detailed guide here:

<https://studyguide.meduniwien.ac.at/curriculum/n202-2015/?state=0-68066-4080/diplomstudium-humanmedizin>

As a student from abroad you will probably switch between the years for different courses depending on what your home-university requires.

4. The Allgemeines Krankenhaus (AKH)

Holy Moly! Finding your way around the AKH is going to be a challenge at first! But do not worry, if you get lost, find the starbucks again and you can re-orientate! It is located on the fifth floor (which is, ironically, the main floor) Here is a little help:

5. MedCampus

MedCampus is your main information management system where you can sign up for electives, check your student status and do various organizational things. You can find it at <https://campus.meduniwien.ac.at/med.campus/webnav.ini> and you can log in by using your Matrikelnummer with an “n” in front (like this: nMatrikelnummer) and your password. These will be provided by the Office for International Relations of the Medical University of Vienna in due time.

You can also change the language to English in the upper right hand corner in the grey bar next to the key in the hole, the house, the MUW-logo and the information-icon.

5.1 Signing up for electives

The MUW offers a vast majority of great and fun electives! If you want to sign up for one you have to do so via MedCampus:

- On the upper right hand corner you can find a “Suche”-field
- Click on it and pick “Lehrveranstaltungen”
- In the new mask enter whichever topic you would like to do an elective in (e.g.: “Forensische Medizin”)
- A list of all the related electives will pop up
- If you want more info on the elective in general or the time and place where it will be held simply click on its name (for example: pick “Abhaltungstermine” in the description for more info on the dates it will take place
- Pick the one you like and click on the little “T” button (this will only work if the little T is green; if it is red you cannot sign up, if it is grey you cannot sign up YET but will be able to at a later point in time)
- A pop-up window will appear, click on “Anmelden”
- Awesome! You just signed up!

Popular electives are: Forensische Medizin 1 and 2, the EKG-electives, Mysterien der Inneren Medizin, and many more. It’s best to just ask around and see which electives people recommend.

If you cannot sign up for an elective via MedCampus or are too late to sign up it is always a smart idea to just show up to the elective anyway and talk to the doctor that holds it and ask him/her to let you participate anyway. Usually you will get a spot because there is always people that sign up but end up not going.

5.2 Useful Abbreviations

To help you find your way around the confusing jungle of MUW-Abbreviations we compiled a little list:

VO= Vorlesung, not mandatory

SE= Seminar, mandatory

Wä10= Währingerstraße 10, Chemistry-building

Wä13= Währingerstraße 13, Anatomy-building

6. Your Email-Adress

You will get a student email-account from the MUW that you can access here: <https://webmail.students.meduniwien.ac.at/>

The login will be the same as for the MedCampus (nMatrikelnummer and password)

Be sure to check it on a regular basis because there will be important emails.

If you have issues with accessing this account please contact the Office for International Relations of the MUW.

7. Vienna

7.1 Living

Vienna is an expensive city and while it has amazing living opportunities and beautiful apartments it is a little hard on a student's budget.

The AKH is located on the border between the 9th and the 18th district so you probably do not want to live too far away from there. Smart districts to live in are the 8th, 9th, 18th, and well connected districts are the 7th, the 2nd, 17th and (if you can afford it) the first district.

There are a variety of websites where you can find people that rent out a room, for example: <http://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

Or the very cool initiative: <http://www.homey-homesharing.com/de/> where you can find someone to switch apartments with.

You can find a list of all the student's homes here: <http://www.studium.at/studentenheime/wien>

7.2 Eating

There are various university cafeterias located close to the MUW buildings and the AKH that serve more or less edible food. Here are the most convenient ones:

- The Afro-Asian Institute Mensa: **AAI-Mensa** <http://www.aai-wien.at/aai-mensa> located on Türkenstraße 3, 1090 Wien
- Neues Institutsgebäude Mensa: **NIG-Mensa** <http://menu.mensen.at/index/index/locid/5> Located on Universitätsstraße 7, 1010 Wien, top floor
- **AKH-Mensa** located inside the AKH on level 5. There is no weekly food schedule available for students so you just have to drop by and see whether anything suits your taste. Since the menu is pretty repetitive chances are you will find the same offers more than once. The food is mediocre for the price to put it gently, however there is a student discount if you have a "Mensa-Pickerl" (to get this useful little sticker, visit us on level 6, room M, at the AKH). You can use it to get discounts at any cafeteria that is university associated (not only MUW but also main Uni etc).

If you are not the cafeteria type of person the AKH offers a couple of alternatives: The **SPAR** and the **ANKER** in the lobby are accustomed to hungry employees and patients roaming around during lunch time and have a fair set of lunch-related offers.

There is a place that sells Pizza and a small variety of Asian specialties right next to the SPAR (we do not recommend the noodles, the rice dishes are good though).

7.3 Studying

If you at some point during all the fun and excitement of being in Vienna feel like you need to comfort your guilty conscience, there are a lot of places to study in Vienna. Here are a few popular selections:

- The Lesesaal at the AKH: slightly hidden and unsightly but with vast space and a convenient location. This spot is located directly in the AKH: just turn right after you cross the lobby and enter the long hallway (look for a sign that says “Leitstelle 5C”, if you reach the escalators you have gone too far already). Make another right (don’t let the closed blue doors scare you off) et voilà, there you are! Opening hours are: Mo - Fr: 9:00 - 24:00 o’clock, Sa, Su: 9:00 - 23:00 o’clock.
- The library aka as the “BIB” located on level 5 close to the back entrance to the Starbucks. Not only offers it a selection of all the books you need but also a fair amount of study desks and lots of silence. There are some computers available. Opening hours are: Mo - Fr: 8:00 - 20:00 o’clock, Sa: 9:00 - 17:00 o’clock.
- The ComputerLernStudio (CLS): This nice spot is exclusively for MUW-Students and has a computer at every study desk. Mo – Fr: 10:00 – 19:00 o’clock. During the main exam period the CLS has expanded opening hours.

For more study locations check out: <http://oehmedwien.com/services/lernzentren/>

Do not forget to check out Main University’s glorious old library. You can study there Mo – Fr from 9:00 – 22:00 o’clock and on Saturdays from 9:00 – 18:00 o’clock. To access it you need a main university library sticker though. Will it might get a bit complicated for you to acquire this sticker (ask at the info-desk), you can just visit and take a look at the library through a glass window.

7.4 Getting around

You will probably not get around buying a long-term ticket for the public transport system. While it is possible to do Vienna by bike, the public transport has several huge advantages (especially during the cold months where there will be a significant amount of snow). The public transport (including buses, Bims and all U-Bahns) is operated by the “Wiener Linien”. Most students buy a “Semesterticket” as it poses the cheapest option. If you are here for some odd months or a very limited amount of time it might be best to check out their website <http://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/tab.do?tabId=0> or visit one of their info-counters (they are located at all bigger U-Bahn-stations like Westbahnhof, Wien Mitte and Schottentor).

7.5 Working out/Sports

All that good Viennese food needs to go somewhere and what better way is there than to work it off right away. Vienna has an endless supply of fitness centers but USI (Universitäts-sportinstitut) is where the fun happens. This university sports institute offers many fun, crazy, and sometimes absurd classes. Check out their website at: <https://www.univie.ac.at/USI-Wien/> . They have special prices for students and the first week of the semester you can try whichever class you like for free.

7.6 Calling Home

You can buy a SIM-card for your phone in any of the cell phone provider's stores or, more cheaply and equally good, at certain supermarket chains.

8. Learning German

There are so many opportunities to take German classes in Vienna, it would be impossible to list them all. The Main University offers the most popular classes: <http://sprachenzentrum.univie.ac.at/>

9. Valuable Websites, Email-Addresses and Contacts

Our website: <http://oehmedwien.com/wer-wir-sind/referate/referat-fuer-internationale-angelegenheiten/>

The general ÖH-website: <http://oehmedwien.com/>

Our email-adress: internats@oehmedwien.com

The Office for International Relations:

<http://www.meduniwien.ac.at/homepage/1/content/education/international-mobility/>

Its email-adress: internationalmobility@meduniwien.ac.at

M3e (the study guide): <https://studyguide.meduniwien.ac.at/curriculum/n202-2015/?state=0-68066-4080/diplomstudium-humanmedizin>

MedCampus: <https://campus.meduniwien.ac.at/med.campus/webnav.ini>

MUW Email-Accounts: <https://webmail.students.meduniwien.ac.at/>

Österreichischer Austauschdienst: <http://oead.at/>

Living: <http://www.homey-homesharing.com/de/>

<http://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

<http://www.studium.at/studentenheime/wien>

Cafeterias: <http://www.aai-wien.at/aai-mensa>

<http://menu.mensen.at/index/index/locid/5>

Studying: <http://oehmedwien.com/services/lernzentren/>

Wiener Linien: <http://www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3/ep/tab.do?tabId=0>

Universitätssportinstitute(USI): <https://www.univie.ac.at/USI-Wien/>

Sprachenzentrum der Universität Wien: <http://sprachenzentrum.univie.ac.at/>