

[AUTRICHE] – [FH Wien der WKW]

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I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

[Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back in time, would you go to this university and why ?]

I think that in a lifetime, one must do an Erasmus if he wants to work internationally wise. Leaving your home country, your home town, your comfort zone, is a step that not everyone is ready to take. In my case it was the best decision of the year, even though it may seem scary at the beginning, going to a different town, where they speak a different language and have different ways of living, it helps you walk out your comfort zone and get a real insight of how other countries live in there every day lives. Even going to another country in Europe is already a big change no need to change continents. Going to another country on a school or work/internship basis is completely different from going there on holiday. You actually see the really daily life and routines of the people living in that country. Personally, it helped me be even more open-minded and tolerant being able to adapt to how different people think and live. Coming back to wanting to work internationally, I think it is impossible to get along and have great success in an international company, if you don't understand the fact that people from different countries all have their own ways.

If I could go back in time I would go to this university for several reasons. The atmosphere of the university and the way the classes are taught. The teachers are nearly 100% intervenes, people who work in companies or even sometimes are CEO's or have built up their own company. Being in class with these teachers, and seeing this different kind of teaching from what we are used to having, is also resourceful and it adds a practical side rather than just theoretical.

GRADE : 5

=> 0 (I do not recommend this semester abroad to my best friend) – 5 (I totally recommend this semester to my best friend)

II. Before the travel

A. Preparation

1. Visa

[Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?]

No visa needed

2. The flight

[Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket]

I took the flight Marseille – Vienna with the company Ryanair, I took my flights in general up to 2 weeks in advance, they are very cheap during the winter.

3. My luggage

[Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)]

Books, paper and pens to not have to buy them all there, and make sure you have everything you need at the flat (mixer for example I needed and had to order one) since it's usually not close to home. Sports clothes or shoes is something I forgot as well

4. Bank account

[Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.]

No need to change bank in Vienna.

5. Insurance

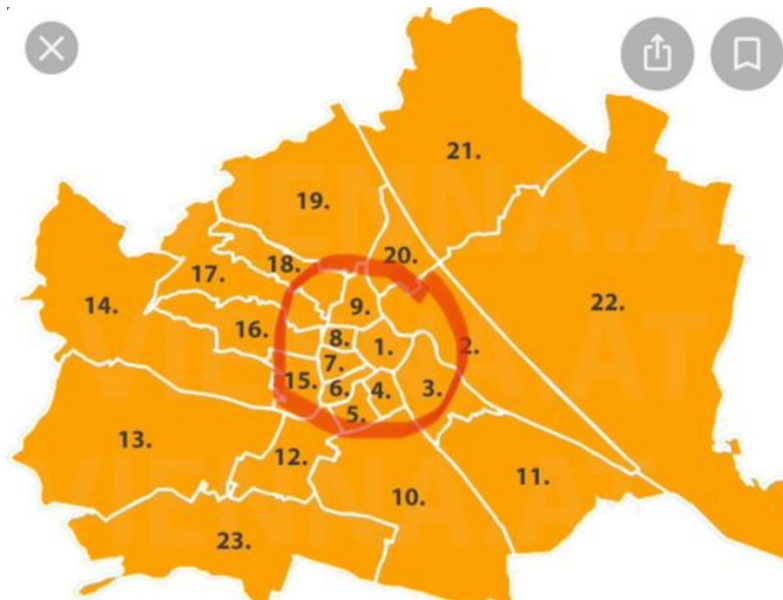
[Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?]

I subscribed to APRIL International Care

B. Housing

1. Where to live

[Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend)]



2. Find a flat or a room

[Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation]

I found a flat by asking people who had previously been there and by looking through the websites offered by the school. I would recommend colivi if you want to live with people in collocation, the appartements are great, renovated and clean. Everything is simple and they are very well organized. Otherwise, I would recommend The Social Hub. I knew some friends over there and it is a very nice place to be.

3. Cost

[Help : How much should I plan for a room or a flat?]

The rooms cost from 500 to 1000€ depending on what you are looking for. 500€ with colivi for a bedroom in which there is a desk and a bed, 700€ for a room with sofa, TV and shared common rooms/kitchen or The Social Hub, and 800-1000€ for a flat alone.

III. When I arrive at the university

A. Inscription at the university

[Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?]

There is a link to a platform that is sent by email on the first day, the platform is very understandable and quick response. Then upon arrival I had to go on the first day to sign a paper, pay a fee and then collected my student card.

B. Information on the university

1. Class

[Help : for each class tell us how was the class, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?]

- **Austrian culture and more;** the class was mandatory and very short, in general it was mainly to learn about Austria so it was pretty interesting to start of with.
- **Digital Brand Positioning;**
- **Event Management (1&2);** In this class we are in groups of 4-5 and have to, in the first part of the semester come up with an idea for a charity event, it can be any form. At the end of this first part we then vote for the best idea. The idea who wins the vote is the event that we are going to try and make happen. In the second part of the semester each group is given a different task (ex: communication, budgeting, sponsors, etc...). We ended up creating an event and raising over 1000€ for a charity without spending anything. The course was interactive, interesting, and resourceful.
- **Finance and Business Valuation;** The way I learnt finance in this class was very different to the French way, the course was very interesting, we talked about stock markets, taxes, real estate and much more, how to invest, the risks. The teacher was great and I loved this course.
- **Fundamentals of Corporate Finance;** The course above is the second part of this course, I loved it also.

- **Modern Business Concepts;** The course was very interactive and everyone was included in the learning and discussion, we did presentations and spoke about today and future topics, including Web 3.0 and many other topics, very interesting and captivating course and teacher.
- **Presenting & Communicating Business Topics;** In this course, we learnt, as the title of the course says, to present and communicate our ideas, it was a great experience and very helpful, I would, like all my other courses recommend this course.
- **Real Business Simulation;** This course was a simulation of a business, it was very interesting and interactive as it was in the format of a Board Game and not online, making it even more interactive and having to be concentrated because nothing was “calculated” automatically, and all previsions and risks had to be calculated manually.

2. Organization of the Class

[Help : tell us the duration of the class, the volume of work, the behavior of teachers etc. ?]

From 1h45 to 3h30 classes, with a break or two during the class, the volume of work is correct, and the teachers are great.

3. List of courses and recommendation

[Help : list your different courses and let us know what do you think : level (easier, same or harder than the 1st semester course at MOMA, what you liked about the content, how is the class organization, who is the professor). Finally, for each class, tell us if you recommend the course.]

- **Austrian culture and more;** the class was mandatory and very short, in general it was mainly to learn about Austria so it was pretty interesting to start of with.
- **Digital Brand Positioning;** The professor was great, integrating also all students in the course, topics very interesting, we had many presentations but that were coherent, very interesting and fun to do and present. I would say the level is same that MOMA.
- **Event Management (1&2);** This course was the most interactive course I’ve had and I didn’t think that we would actually come up to create our own event and manage it whilst raising 1000€ for a charity. The teachers are professionals in the event industry, working with government of Austria to make events throughout the country; they were very attentive and helpful; teaching us a lot of new things and allowing me to gain a lot of experience this area. The level wasn’t harder of easier, it was a different kind of class that I’ve never had and cannot give my opinion on this.
- **Finance and Business Valuation;** The finance course in this school, I felt in love with finance because of it, the teacher was very interesting and managed to make the finance course interactive, which is very hard to do in this kind of courses. He was very helpful and didn’t hesitate to take time with me after the courses to speak about my projects and give me some advice in many different areas. I learnt a lot from this course and teacher and would say it was one of my favorite

courses. I would say that is harder than MOMA, but the way it was taught and was captivating made it seem easier.

- **Fundamentals of Corporate Finance;** The course above is the second part of this course, I loved it also and have the same advice as just above.
- **Modern Business Concepts;** The teacher was a young man who had built his business, and who dropped out of university because it did not correspond to him at the time. he eventually came to this school to give his different vision as an entrepreneur and business man, and allowed me to be even more open-minded with this different vision of someone who succeeded in a different way. He was very comprehensive towards everyone and open to speak about many topics. We learnt a lot about the future and not only the present, on topics such as AI, Web 3.0, cryptocurrencies, digital businesses etc... Something that in MOMA we are not really focused on or used to learn about. This different course and vision brought by this teacher was great and I really appreciated this course. It is not able to compare the level of this course with MOMA but I would say it is the same level study wise as MOMA.
- **Presenting & Communicating Business Topics;** This course was very interesting on the expressive side, we did many presentations, and learnt a lot of vocabulary. It helped me gain confidence, and has made me much more comfortable presenting topics. The teacher was reassuring and helpful. For this course I would say it is the same level as Montpellier as well.
- **Real Business Simulation;** On the contrary to MOMA, this business game was in a board game format, making it much more interesting. We had to invest into machines, use debt, invest, pay all fees and taxes, and research into markets and products. It was realistic and really had to work hard as a team to get good results. I found this course much harder than the course at MOMA

4. Exam

[Help : How was the exam? Format? Duration? Grade]

The exam grade go from 1 to 5, with 5 being 0-50% (0-10/20 in France), and each other grade adding an extra 10% with 1 being from 90-100% (18-20/20). There were different formats depending on the classes, written tests, oral participation, oral presentations, essays or reports. The final grade was usually divided in two tests with mid-term (30-50% final grade) and final exams (50-70% final grade).

IV. When I life there

A. Safety

[Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid]

It is very safe, there can be some drunk people but they are not dangerous just ignore them and they never bother you really. One of the safest cities I've been in.

B. Phone and Internet

[Help : How to be able to call and have internet]

It is included in your mobile data offer if you have a European one, at least it was my case with Orange.

C. Events

[Help : How to know about the events?]

In Vienna there is a very good ESN group that organize parties and events very often which are fun, you can also ask them for any advice on events. You have also have an app called "Luceo" that gives you all the events for every day.

D. Sports

[Help : What sport can I do ? and how?]

In the WU sports of Vienna, you can join pretty much any sport for free since you are a student in Vienna. Otherwise there is the DonauSportsCenter where you can pretty much go and play any sport with your friends (tennis courts, football, rugby, volleyball, etc...)

E. Eating

[Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. an international house buffet)]

Billa is the best store to go to, good quality food and not too expensive, they have their own brand which is cheaper and is fine. You should try the Kaisershmarnn as a desert, the Kaiserkrainer for a hotdog and of course the Schnitzel at Figmuller. If you like Kebabs there is one of the best kebabs I have ever tried with everythind made in from of your eyes called Ferhat Doner.

F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

[Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike]

Vienna has a great public transport network, the metro, tram and buses take you pretty much anywhere.

G. Travels

[Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend]

Vienna is in the center of Europe and you have train, bus and plane tickets very cheap to go anywhere in Europe. The cheapest places and ones I would recommend to go to is Budapest (3-5 days; 20-30€ A/R), Prague (2-4 days; 40€ A/R), Bratislava (1 day; 15€ A/R)

H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

[Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time]

Don't spend all your money in the beginning in the euphoria of the first weeks, and travel. It is so cheap to go anywhere in Europe from Vienna, make the best of this opportunity.

V. After your semester abroad

A. What are you planning do to?

[Help : What do you want to do next year]

I am planning to do a Masters, and start my business aside.

B. Did you apply for master?

[Help : in which master where you accepted]

Master of International Management of SME (PME) in Montpellier Management.

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