

## [AUTRICHE] – [FHWien 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 ?]*

My experience in Vienna went really well, I loved both the city and the university, as well as the classes! If I could go back in time, I would definitely choose Vienna again, and I'm very grateful to everyone who influenced my choice of destination!

**GRADE : [5/5]**

*=> 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 is needed to go to Vienna.

#### 2. The flight

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

I took a direct flight from Marseille to Vienna (which lasts about 1 hour and 30 minutes) with Ryanair. I bought my tickets around December.

#### 3. My luggage

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

Don't forget to bring warm clothes, as it can get quite cold in Vienna during the winter (hat, scarf, gloves, heavy coat...), and also bring summer clothes if you're coming for the summer semester, since it starts getting quite hot from the month of June.

#### 4. Bank account

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

I use Boursorama I did not have to change bank or to change credit card as they use the Euro in Austria.

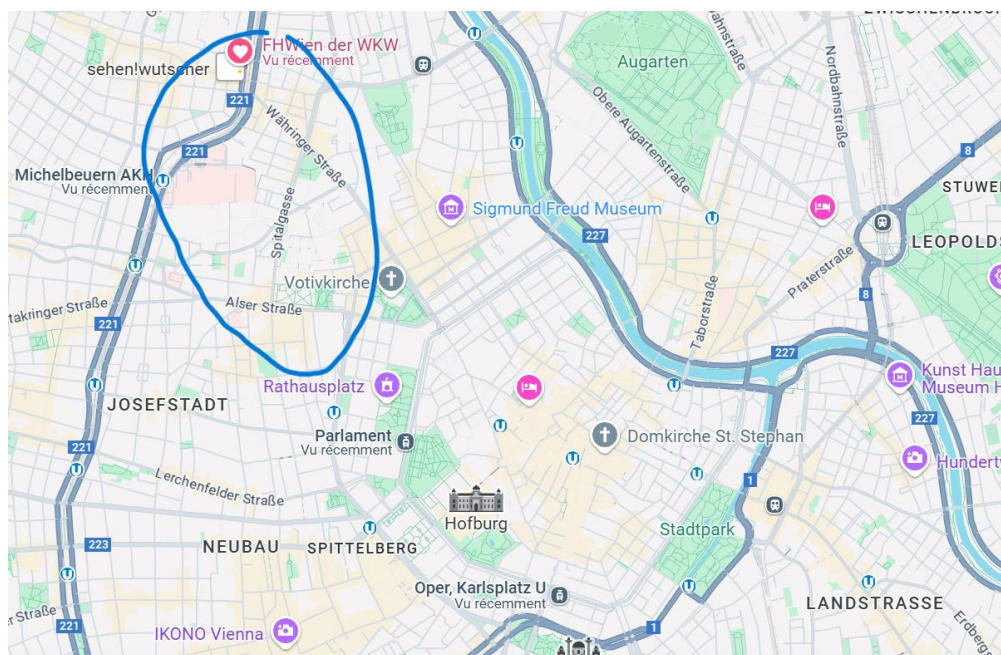
## 5. Insurance

*[Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?]*

*I did not subscribe to any insurance*

## B. Housing

### 1. Where to live



*(the area I lived in is circled in blue)*

There isn't really one perfect place to live in Vienna as it really depends on your budget and preferences. The good thing is that the city is very well connected, so wherever you live, you can usually get anywhere within 20 to 35 minutes using public transport, which is super efficient and reliable.

That said, I personally think living near the university, as I did, is a great option (18<sup>th</sup> district). It saves a lot of time when you go to class, and it's also quite close to the city center (around 20 minutes by public transport).

Some of the nicest districts to live in are also the 9th, 8th, 7th, and 2nd.

### 2. Find a flat or a room

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

I found my flat by asking people who went to Vienna in Erasmus before. Someone recommended Colivi to me, which is a very good option if you want to have roommates. The flats are very nice, clean and with everything you need inside (including sheets, towels, everything for the kitchen...). It can seem a bit expensive at first but it's Vienna

prices, and it's actually the same price as student housing but for a better quality in my opinion.

You just need to be careful, because when you go on their website it looks like there are plenty of options and that everything is available, but in reality, when you email them to ask, they send you a list of the apartments that are actually available — and there are a lot fewer!

### 3. Cost

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

I paid €610 per month for a 13.5 m<sup>2</sup> room in very good condition, in a shared apartment with 3 other flatmates, with a shared bathroom and kitchen. Most of my friends were paying around the same amount as well (between 500 and 700).

The only person I knew who was really paying less was sub-renting from someone else, so that might be a good option to explore — but you need to be very careful, as there are a lot of potential scams!

## III. When I arrived at the university

### A. Inscription at the university

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

The registration process at the university is done in several steps, but everything is clearly explained and pretty intuitive. Before arriving in Vienna, you receive a letter of acceptance and an email with a link to a platform (Mobility Online) where you have to upload several documents like your ID, Learning Agreement, and course choices. The platform is easy to use, and the international office responds quickly by email if you have any questions.

Once you arrive in Vienna, you have to officially register in the city by filling out the Meldezettel. It's a free but mandatory registration form that confirms your stay in Austria, and it's also required by the university.

After that, you have to finalize your course schedule (by making sure there are no overlaps) during an online appointment with someone from the Uni and pick up your student card at the university. Personally, all my communication with the university was done by email, which made the process very convenient, and everything was well organized.

### 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?]*

Everything is in the third point ☺

## 2. Organization of the Class

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

Most of the professors are very kind and engaging, as they are often professionals who currently work or have worked in the field. This means they usually have relevant examples to share and a strong understanding of their subject. The individual workload can be intense at times, but overall it's manageable. We have to attend to minimum 75% of the class. Most classes last between 3 and 4 hours. They are usually scheduled in blocks over 1 to 3 weeks, during which we start and finish the class, and do the exam. As a result, I almost never had more than two different classes in the same week. I really liked this system because it allows you to focus on one subject at a time and finish it before moving on to the next. It also means there's no set exam period like at Moma, where all the exams happen within a few days. So even though the semester is officially said to end on July 1st, it can vary depending on the courses you choose — and it usually ends a bit earlier.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.]*

The university offers a wide range of courses in English. We had access to a course catalogue with detailed descriptions, which was very convenient. It's possible to choose all your courses individually, or to select pre-arranged "packs" of courses. Choosing a pack helps to ensure there are no schedule conflicts between classes, which makes organizing the timetable much easier. Personally, I chose the ISP 2 pack, added one course to make 30 ECTS, and replaced one with another from the list of individual courses.

- **Austrian Culture & More:** This class is mandatory. It's held online during 2 days and is designed to introduce Austrian culture and help us meet our future classmates by putting us into small groups. It was nice but a bit too long for what it is in my opinion.
- **Business Strategy and Strategic Controlling:** This was the first — and worst — class I had in Vienna. The sessions were extremely long (about 5 hours) with only one short break in the middle. The course only lasted two weeks (with a class every day), but the professor made it very intense. Every morning we had 5 hours of class, and in the afternoon, we had to work on long case studies for the next day. The topics were interesting, but way too much content was covered at once for us to actually have time to remember the information. Having good grades was quite easy though if you work well.

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to find examples of ethical issues in different contexts and present them to the class. The professor covers topics such as conflicts of interest, the slippery slope, governance ethics, ethical marketing, and more. The final assessment was a paper we had to do analyzing a situation and how a series of unethical decisions led to a larger problem. I recommend this course, and I would say the level is easier than at MOMA.

#### 4. Exam

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

The exams I had were often in the form of a written report to hand it along with a final oral presentation (there were very few courses where we actually had to memorize the material). Most of the work was done in groups, and the professors were rather nice with grading. The grading scale goes from 1 (the best) to 5 (the worst), and most people I was with received mostly 1s and 2s in each subject.

### IV. When I lived there

#### A. Safety

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

Vienna is a very safe city. As a woman, I was able to walk home alone at any time, even at night, without ever feeling unsafe. Additionally, night buses run every day, and the metro operates all night on Fridays and Saturdays, which is very convenient and reassuring.

#### B. Phone and Internet

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

For three and a half months, I used my Bouygues Telecom plan to access the internet, but I had to switch during the last month because I received a warning saying I had been using data outside of France for too long. So I bought a SIM card at a supermarket (Hofer) and got a one-month plan.

#### C. Events

*[Help : How to know about the events?]*

Even before the mobility started, we were added to a WhatsApp group with all the Erasmus students who would be there at the same time. In this group, the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) coordinators share the dates and locations of all the events. During the integration week, there's one event per day, which makes it easy to quickly meet new people and integrate more easily. There are also events throughout the entire semester.

## D. Sports

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

I personally didn't do any sports through the university, but I think it's quite easy if you look into it. Otherwise, the city is full of parks, so it's pretty easy to find nice spots for jogging. I also have friends who rented padel courts for a few hours at a reasonable price.

## E. Eating

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

At the university, there isn't a student cafeteria like the CROUS at Moma. So we usually bought lunch from the store across from the university (BILLA). For everyday groceries, I recommend Hofer (Austria's version of Aldi) or Lidl, which are the cheapest supermarkets. You should also definitely try the Döner kebabs, which are everywhere in Vienna and quite cheap.

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

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

I lived about a 10-minute walk from the university, so I always went on foot. But even if you live farther away, the university is very easy to access, like most places in Vienna, by metro or tram.

## G. Travels

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

I recommend taking the train to Budapest and Pragues because it's quite affordable, not far, and definitely worth visiting! I traveled with RegioJet, which I recommend as it offers good service at a reasonable price.

I took FlixBus to Bratislava (about 1 hour and 15 minutes from Vienna). I recommend going because it's really cheap and close, but one day is more than enough to visit the city! The city center is very nice, but you can see most of the sights quite quickly.

I also took FlixBus to Krakow, Poland (about 8 hours by bus), and I paid €35 for a round trip. I recommend going — I really loved the city — but you have to be prepared for a long journey if you decide to travel by bus.

My favorite trip, and the one I recommend the most, is Albania. We took a flight from Vienna to Tirana and stayed for four days, renting a car and booking Airbnbs in several cities. It was one of my best trips — Albania is definitely worth visiting! (Be aware that you need a passport to go there as it is not in the EU!)

## 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 ]*

## V. After your semester abroad

### A. What are you planning do to?

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

Next year I'm planning to do my Masters in France.

### B. Did you apply for master?

*[Help : in which master where you accepted]*

I was accepted in the Master Management de la Transition Ecologique et de l'Economie Criculaire (MTEEC) at Moma.

*[remember to fill in the excel : <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11-vB4ABdkzIJR1AQ82drWyAVXfnCpRYr8COkeKihnls/edit?usp=sharing>]*