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WELCOME ...

Dear Students!

As Rector of the BOKU University, I would like to welcome you to our university.

Studying at BOKU means that you will acquire competences in natural sciences, engineering as well as social and economic sciences in all fields of study, this is what we call the "Three Pillar Model". We are the only university in Austria that considers all issues from these three perspectives. In this way, we ensure that BOKU students are encouraged to think in a holistic way.

Sustainability is one of the most important requirements of our time and a topic BOKU can convey in a particularly convincing way, as it is the only university in Austria dealing in all its research and teaching with the sustainable protection and future-oriented use of natural resources as well as the design of our living space; we stand for

(i) Conservation and development of protection for habitats and the economic market, as well as standards of living

(ii) Management of natural resources and the environment

(iii) Protecting food and health

With our six fields of competence areas

- Ecosystem Management and Biodiversity
- Agricultural Production and Food
- Sustainable Materials and Technologies
- Biotechnology
- Landscapes, Water, and Infrastructure
- Resources and Social Dynamics

BOKU can provide answers to current social issues. This begins with agricultural topics and extends to current biotechnological innovations, such as vaccine production.

BOKU is a modern life science university with about 10,000 students and around 100 professors. BOKU is also a special place with a very special, legendary "BOKU spirit". Studying with us means diversity of people and plurality of opinions.

We offer an excellent education to all who are willing to take responsibility for society. Respect for other opinions and cultures goes without saying at BOKU.

Studying at BOKU is the best investment in your future! We are happy that you have chosen BOKU for your studies and wish you all the best for your academic career!

Univ. Prof. MMag.
Dr. Eva Schulev-
Steindl
Rector



... TO BOKU!



As the chair of the Students' Union at BOKU (ÖH BOKU) we'd like to offer you a warm welcome. We represent you and your interests towards the university and support you in your daily university life. At BOKU we offer a large selection of campus activities and advice, in order to offer you the best university experience.

BOKU is a place where community and unity are lived: not only amongst students, but also when working with teachers. This allows discussion and communication on a mutual level, interdisciplinary teaching and research as well as learning from and with each other.

As ÖH BOKU, we are committed to ensuring that everyone has the same opportunities in access to university; no matter where you come from or who you are. If things are not going as smoothly as imagined, we are here to help. We offer advice in social, legal or academic affairs and can help in communications with the university administration and staff. For you as an international student, there are also two main offices at ÖH BOKU dedicated to helping you in managing your studies at BOKU: the Department for International Affairs, which supports people coming to BOKU via different mobility programmes like ERASMUS+ or CEEPUS, and the Office for Foreign Students, that specializes in supporting students coming from non-EU or non-EEA countries.

Don't hesitate to visit us, write us an e-mail, or just come by for a chat – we always have an open ear for your concerns or feedback and will do our best to help you or advise you on where to find the help needed.

We wish you an exciting and enjoyable stay at BOKU and a time to broaden your own horizons, make new friends and experience the unique BOKU-spirit!

Helene, Julie, Alex (f.l.t.r.)
Executive Board ÖH BOKU





A clear definition of the learning objectives is as much a part of the mission statement as promoting critical thinking and a culture of mutual respect.



The people at BOKU meet the challenges of tomorrow.

BOKU professes to being an international performer in research and teaching, cooperating across national and international borders, and initiating openmindedness towards new developments.



The combination of natural sciences, technology, environmental sciences, social sciences and economics makes BOKU graduates highly employable in research and business.



Studying at BOKU involves both a sound academic and practice-oriented education. It also brings with it a lifestyle: for it is in a nurturing, personable atmosphere that students acquire a deep knowledge of their field and prepare for their future career. As a public university, BOKU has been implementing the internationally recognized three-tier university education system (Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programmes) since as early as 2004. This enables students to freely pursue their studies either in Austria or abroad. Currently, there are seven Bachelor programmes, 31 Master and 13 Doctoral programmes. More than a third of the Master programmes are offered in collaboration with international partner universities. All study programmes share a strong interdisciplinary character, with special emphasis placed on natural resource management, the design of living

Studying at BOKU University

environments, and applied life sciences. With combinations of natural sciences, engineering, environmental sciences, social sciences and economics, BOKU graduates are highly employable in both business and research. BOKU's internationalisation strategy is also reflected in its study programmes, numerous exchange programmes, its courses held in foreign languages, its high number of international scientists, and its many language courses. The curricula are regularly updated and improved under the guidance of a robust quality management system that takes into account course evaluations, pedagogic research and user feedback. BOKU has a long tradition in hosting and supporting international students. Thus, we hope to provide you with the best international experience possible.

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PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

The study programmes at BOKU are organised according to the Bologna process. This European process has helped to increase the compatibility between education systems and makes it easier for students and job seekers to move within Europe. It also aims to make European universities and colleges more competitive and attractive to the rest of the world.

A new system was introduced which made an accumulation and transfer of credits (ECTS) possible and is based essentially on study cycles.

Currently, 13 doctoral programmes are offered at BOKU and each of them includes a workload of 180 ECTS. The programmes finish with the academic degree of Dr.nat.techn., Dr.rer.soc. oec. or PhD.

PROGRAMME	SEMESTER	ECTS	DEGREE
Bachelor	6	180	BSc
Master	4	120	Dipl.-Ing./MSc
Doctorate	6	180	Dr./PhD

STUDY CYCLES

The Bologna system as followed by BOKU distinguishes between three different study cycles. The first cycle (Bachelor) is geared towards the labour market and lasts at least three years. The second cycle (Master) is conditional on the completion of the first cycle. The doctorate can be seen as a third cycle in this system.

BOKU offers seven Bachelor programmes in German. Each of them covers a workload of 180 ECTS (course work and Bachelor's thesis) and finishes with the academic degree 'Bachelor of Science' (BSc).

There are 31 Master programmes offered at BOKU which can be divided into three different types: German, English and International Master programmes. In German and English Master programmes all courses take place at BOKU (student mobility is encouraged), while International Master programmes include an obligatory stay of one or two semesters at a partner university of the specific programme.

As a rule, a Master programme at BOKU consists of 90 ECTS coursework and 30 ECTS Master's thesis. The Master programmes finish after completion of 120 ECTS either with the academic degree of Diplom Ingenieur (Dipl.- Ing.) or Master of Science (MSc) - depending on the study programme.

STEOP - ORIENTATION PHASE IN BACHELOR PROGRAMMES

STEOP (Studieneingangs- und Orientierungsphase = study introduction and orientation phase) takes place in the first semester of the Bachelor programme.

There are at least two different STEOP courses which have to be finished in each Bachelor programme. The courses for STEOP should give a good overview of the essential learning outcomes of each study programme. This should help students to get an insight into the study programme and help them decide if personal expectations are being fulfilled and if expected requirements can be achieved.

Prior to completing the STEOP introduction phase a certain number of ECTS Credit points can be completed and accredited, but only if it is defined in the curriculum. If a STEOP exam is negatively assessed it can be repeated thrice.

COMPLETION OF STUDIES

Bachelor's degree programmes are completed after all study requirements have been met, the compulsory internship proofed and the Bachelor's thesis positively assessed.



Completion of Master programmes is marked by admission to the Master examination/defence (or graduation from the Master course without an examination before an examination committee – depending on the programme). Admission is subject to the following statutory requirements being met:

- the successful completion of all required courses in the curriculum (all exams must be accredited via BOKUonline)
- the Master's thesis having received a positive mark

For completion of a doctoral programme you must submit a dissertation and take a viva voce exam in front of an examination board. For more detailed information, please refer to the website.

GRADUATION AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREE

On completion of your studies, BOKU University invites you to celebrate this important step in your life by participating in a graduation ceremony to mark the completion of your Master's or doctoral degree.

Ceremonies take place in the university's ceremonial hall. A member of the rectorate and a witness will take part in the ceremonies. In order to properly mark this festive occasion, university dignitaries will appear in official attire (robes). Music will accompany the ceremony.

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM "ECTS"

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a tool that helps to design, describe, and deliver study programmes and award higher education qualifications. The use of ECTS, in conjunction with outcome-based qualifications frameworks, makes study programmes and qualifications more transparent and facilitates the recognition of qualifications.

BOKUonline includes detailed descriptions of study programmes, courses, university regulations and student services.

 online.boku.ac.at

The course descriptions contain information on the 'learning outcomes' (i.e. what students are expected to know, understand and be able to do), the course content, prerequisites, assessment and workload (i.e. the time students typically need to achieve the outcomes).

Each learning outcome is expressed in terms of credits: 60 credits represent the workload of an academic year of study, 30 credits the workload of a semester. At BOKU, 1 ECTS equals 25 hours of work. The number of ECTS credits for each course is indicated in the online course

catalogue. Students receive ECTS credits upon the successful completion of a course. After students have completed their studies at BOKU, they will receive a transcript of records which lists all courses completed and the grades (including a description of the grading scheme).

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The acknowledgement by the home university is based on a Learning Agreement, which is agreed upon by both participating universities as well as the student him or herself, and on the transcript of records.

ECTS GRADING SCALE

BOKU grades are currently comparable to ECTS grades as follows:

AUSTRIAN GRADE	ECTS GRADE	VERBAL
1 (sehr gut)	A	Excellent
2 (gut)	B	Good
3 (befriedigend)	C	Satisfactory
4 (genügend)	D/E	Pass
5 (nicht genügend)	F/FX	Fail

1 ECTS = 25 hours of work.

ADMISSION

Admission to BOKU University comprises the application, pre-registration and acceptance to the chosen degree programme.

🔗 For further information about pre-registration see "Registration at BOKU"

For full admission, students have to apply at the Study services:

🌐 short.boku.ac.at/6gv9mk

Exchange students apply at BOKU-International Relations (BOKU-IR), which also offers administrative guidance. Departmental co-ordinators are in charge of academic guidance for Erasmus students.

🌐 boku.ac.at/en/boku-international-relations

Full Degree Students

Admission is completed with the acceptance of the student by the Study services.

Please note that applications for a full degree programme distinguish between domestic and international prior qualifications and that the admission procedure can take about 12-15 weeks.

WHEN TO APPLY? - DEADLINES

Applicants from non-EU and non-EEA countries and stateless persons must submit their fully completed application for admission to study to the Admissions Office:

- from March 1st to July 31st for admission in the winter semester
- from October 1st to December 31st for admission in the summer semester

Please be aware that students from non-EU and non-EEA countries will have to apply for a Visa/resident permit to come to Vienna. This visa process may take a very long time (up to 6 months) and it is recommended to submit all application documents required as soon as possible.

For applicants with EU and EEA citizenship (see website: admission) enrolment for a master programme is possible within the enrolment period. The enrolment period for Bachelors programmes

spans from June 16th until September 5th. The enrolment period for Master's programmes is June 16th until October 31st, but the courses already start much earlier (winter semester - October 1st; summer semester - March 1st). Therefore it is highly recommended to apply a few months in advance!

REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor programme: completion of secondary school
- Master programme: completion of a relevant Bachelor programme or other equivalent degree programme at a recognised Austrian or foreign post-secondary institution
- Doctoral/PhD programme: completion of a relevant Master programme or other equivalent degree programme at a recognised Austrian or foreign post-secondary institution.

Language Requirements for Bachelor and Master programmes

- for application: German Level A2... <https://short.boku.ac.at/5e3gqd>
- for admission: German Level C1... <https://short.boku.ac.at/er6p3w>
- English Master programmes: English B2/C1

Check our website to find out which application documents you have to submit and which language certificates are accepted. Please also consider the legalisation regulations and translation regulations, which you can find there.

🌐 short.boku.ac.at/6gv9mk

After you have submitted all application documents, BOKU will verify them.



UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The VWU (Vorstudienlehrgang der Wiener Universitäten) is an institution providing university preparation courses for international students. Its role is to prepare students for supplementary examinations.

🌐 vwu.at

BACHELOR PROGRAMMES

Some secondary school certificates from other countries may not be equivalent to an Austrian school leaving certificate. In these cases, supplementary examinations may be required (e.g. mathematics, biology, physics, chemistry) if you have been admitted to a degree programme. These examinations must be completed as part of the VWU before starting your degree programme. Intensive courses are available from the VWU to prepare for the supplementary exams. To attend the Preparation Programme, you must enroll at BOKU University temporarily as a nondegree student until you have completed the necessary examinations.

MASTER PROGRAMMES

If your previous degree is not absolutely equivalent to a BOKU study programme, you will be admitted with pre-requisite courses: you will be enrolled as a regular student at BOKU, but you will have to attend some basic courses (which are set on a case by case basis and cover a workload of maximum 30 ECTS) in addition to your curriculum. These basic courses belong to the Bachelor programmes, are mostly held in German and have to be successfully completed in order to finish your study programme by the end of the second semester.

TUITION FEES

The standard tuition fee is € 363.36 per semester. The tuition fee for third country nationals is twice as much.

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As a general rule, these tuition fees are compulsory for all students at all Austrian universities.

Temporary waiver of tuition fees

However, tuition fees are waived temporarily for the length of the prescribed standard duration of the respective degree programme, plus two extra semesters (tuition-free period) for the following groups of degree programme students:

- Austrian citizens
- Citizens of EU countries
- Citizens of EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)
- Swiss citizens
- Refugees under the provisions of the Geneva Convention (including students from other EU countries)
- Beneficiaries of subsidiary protection status
- Privileged third-country nationals (begünstigte Drittstaatsangehörige) who hold a specific type of residence permit

Permanent waiver of tuition fees

A permanent waiver of tuition fees is granted to degree programme students who are citizens of one of the least developed countries according to the Tuition Fee Ordinance (Studienbeitragsverordnung). The Students' Union fee (approx. € 26 per semester) must however be paid by all students, irrespective of any tuition fee waivers.

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Exchange Students

Exchange students follow a degree programme at an international partner university and come to BOKU only for an exchange semester/year. As an exchange student, you will be given a temporary admission for max. two semesters. This means that you will not be able to finish your study at BOKU, but will graduate at your home university.

Most exchange students come to BOKU with one of the following exchange programmes:

- **ERASMUS+** is directed towards students from Europe who want to study 2-12 months at BOKU or participate at a shortterm mobility to BOKU.
- **ERASMUS+ Traineeship** might be interesting for European students who do a 2-12 months internship at BOKU.
- **CEEPUS** is a good option for students from Central and Eastern Europe who plan to study 1-10 months at BOKU.
- **Joint Study** is directed towards students from Northern, Central and Southern America, Southern Africa, Oceania, Asia and the UK who are studying 4-10 months at BOKU.
- **Erasmus + International Mobility** is also for students from third countries who want to do an exchange semester at BOKU. No full study programmes.

Exchange students coming to BOKU on one of these exchange programmes are exempted from paying the tuition fee and are only required to pay the Students' Union fee.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The usual application process starts at your home university. From there you have to apply for an exchange semester/year at BOKU and get nominated. After you have been nominated by your home university you can submit the application at BOKU.

Admission of Exchange Students

1. Exchange students, who have received less than 180 ECTS so far (bachelor students, students of integrated master programmes,...), have to enrol in a bachelor programme at BOKU.

You can also take master's courses to a certain extent, if you have the required pre-knowledge for the individual courses (see your transcript of records). This will be checked before we sign the Learning Agreement.

Language requirements: German language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of languages. (BOKU does not offer enough courses taught in English at bachelor level).

2. Exchange students, who hold a bachelor degree (certificate!) have to enrol in a master programme at BOKU.

Language requirements: either German OR English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of languages.

3. Exchange students, who have gained more than 180 ECTS in their study (or in consecutive studies) but whose home university does not award a bachelor degree after 180 ECTS, have to enrol in a master programme at BOKU.

Language requirements: either German OR English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of languages.

4. Students who hold a diploma degree or master degree, have to enrol in a PhD programme.

Language requirements: either German OR English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of languages.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Your academic transcript stating the total number of ECTS credit points that you have received (an official list of courses you have completed so far)
- A copy of your Bachelor's degree if you want to register for a Master programme
- A copy of your Master's degree if you want to register for a PhD programme
- A copy of a German language certificate at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Languages – CEFR if you have received less than 180 ECTS so far (it is also ok if the language certificate is indicated on the transcript of records)
- A copy of a German OR English language certificate at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Languages – CEFR if you have received more than 180 ECTS so far (it is also ok if the language certificate is indicated on the transcript of records)
- A copy of your ID-card (e.g. passport, page with your picture)
- A passport-sized photograph

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- ERASMUS+ (study exchange and traineeship): BOKU uses the online system "MobilityOnline" for the application procedure. You have to complete the online application form, create a learning agreement and upload the required documents into MobilityOnline. (Only students who have been nominated in advance will be able to complete the online application!)
- For CEEPUS and Joint Study you have to fill out an application form (which can be found online) and send the application form and also the required documents (see above) to the responsible coordinator at BOKU.
- To apply for an Erasmus+ International Mobility Scholarship at BOKU, please follow the application procedure at your home institution.

BOKU – International Relations will issue your admission letter as soon as the application is completed.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATION – WE´RE HERE FOR YOU!

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Forestry

The Bachelor programme in Forestry provides, in addition to a broad knowledge base, expertise in the areas of technology, ecology, economics and social sciences. In the foreground is knowledge of sustainable forest management, taking into account all the benefits of forests such as commercial function, protection, welfare and recreational function and the production and use of wood for material and energy generation. The acquisition of an analytical and systematic way of thinking with problem-solving skills in the field of forestry is the declared objective and an integral part of the course.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- forestry engineering
- mechanics and wood physics
- surveying

Natural Sciences

- general chemistry
- general botany
- geology

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- forest economics
- accountancy
- project management



Environmental Sciences and Civil Engineering

The Bachelor programme in Environmental Sciences and Civil Engineering is a versatile course with a broad scientific and professional engineering basis. It provides basic technical skills in the areas of water and soil, construction, land management, transport and geodata management.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- construction (framework structures, hydraulics and hydro-mechanics)
- hydraulic engineering and general water management

Natural Sciences

- mathematics
- physics
- general botany

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- fundamentals of law
- fundamentals of economics
- economics



Food Science and Biotechnology

The Bachelor programme in Food Science and Biotechnology is a modern, interdisciplinary combination of micro- and molecular biology, chemistry and process technology, with an emphasis on the processing, finishing and preparation of plant and animal raw materials. Here, the implementation of biological and technological methods for food production as well as biotechnological methods and processes for the production of biofuels, biopharmaceuticals, enzymes and biological preparations for chemical synthesis is learned. The knowledge and skills acquired will enable biotechnological or food technology processes to be planned, implemented, monitored and reasons given for their selection.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- fundamentals of bioprocess engineering
- general process technology
- heat and mass transfer
- thermodynamics

Natural Sciences

- analytical chemistry
- general microbiology
- biochemistry of metabolism

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- legal bases
- quality management
- project management



Environment and Bioresources Management

The Bachelor programme in Environment- and Bioresources Management provides knowledge in economics and social sciences, and engineering and natural sciences. From these basic disciplines it is possible to study the dynamic tension between human actions and natural systems using scientific methods. Special attention is paid to socio-economic issues. Methods and tools for the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources at the operational, social and spatial level will be taught. The study is very broad-based and is not intended to offer any great depth of knowledge in the individual disciplines.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- process technology
- hydraulic engineering
- water management
- waste disposal

Natural Sciences

- botany
- chemistry
- physics
- mathematics

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- basics of macro- and microeconomics
- fundamentals of politics
- fundamentals of law



Wood and Fibre Technology

The Bachelor programme in Wood and Fibre Technology provides the knowledge and skills necessary in the fields of technology and economics for converting wood and natural fibers into modern, state-of-the-art and competitive materials. These are the basis for a wide variety of end products in the construction industry, in furniture and interior design and other interesting applications. In addition to technology and manufacturing technology, a major role is also played by material development, process engine and energy technology.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- process technology
- wood-based materials
- fundamentals of timber construction

Natural Sciences

- botany
- chemistry
- physics

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- general business administration
- fundamentals of economics
- fundamentals of law



Landscape Architecture and Landscape Planning

The Bachelor programme in Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture focuses on the landscape in urban and in rural areas and its interactions with humans. Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture is an applied engineering science which uses a multidisciplinary approach in which the main focus is placed on the needs and use entitlements of humans, in line with the comprehensive goal of sustainability. The Bachelor programme aims to familiarise the student with matters relevant to the landscape and the interrelationships between planning, design and maintenance processes. Based on this, students acquire the ability to find creative and well-founded solutions in terms of the sustainable use of the landscape and open space.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- landscape planning
- landscape architecture
- surveying
- constructive design
- introduction to GIS/CAD

Natural Sciences

- ecology in landscape planning
- soil science
- dendrology

Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- fundamentals of law
- economics and politics of natural resources
- theory and methodology of landscape planning



Agricultural Sciences

The Bachelor programme in Agricultural Sciences permits specialisation in the areas of crop and livestock production, the agri-food industry, fruit cultivation and horticulture, organic farming, agricultural biology, and viticulture and enology. The study imparts the interdisciplinary knowledge and skills that are required within the agricultural production process and for scientific specialisation in the agricultural sciences. This versatile Bachelor programme deals with the agricultural production of raw materials and food products and offers a very broad education in the agricultural sector.

SAMPLE LECTURES

Technical and Engineering Sciences

- agricultural engineering
- subjects relating to land and economic production technology

Natural Sciences

- botany
- chemistry
- mathematics
- physics
- geology

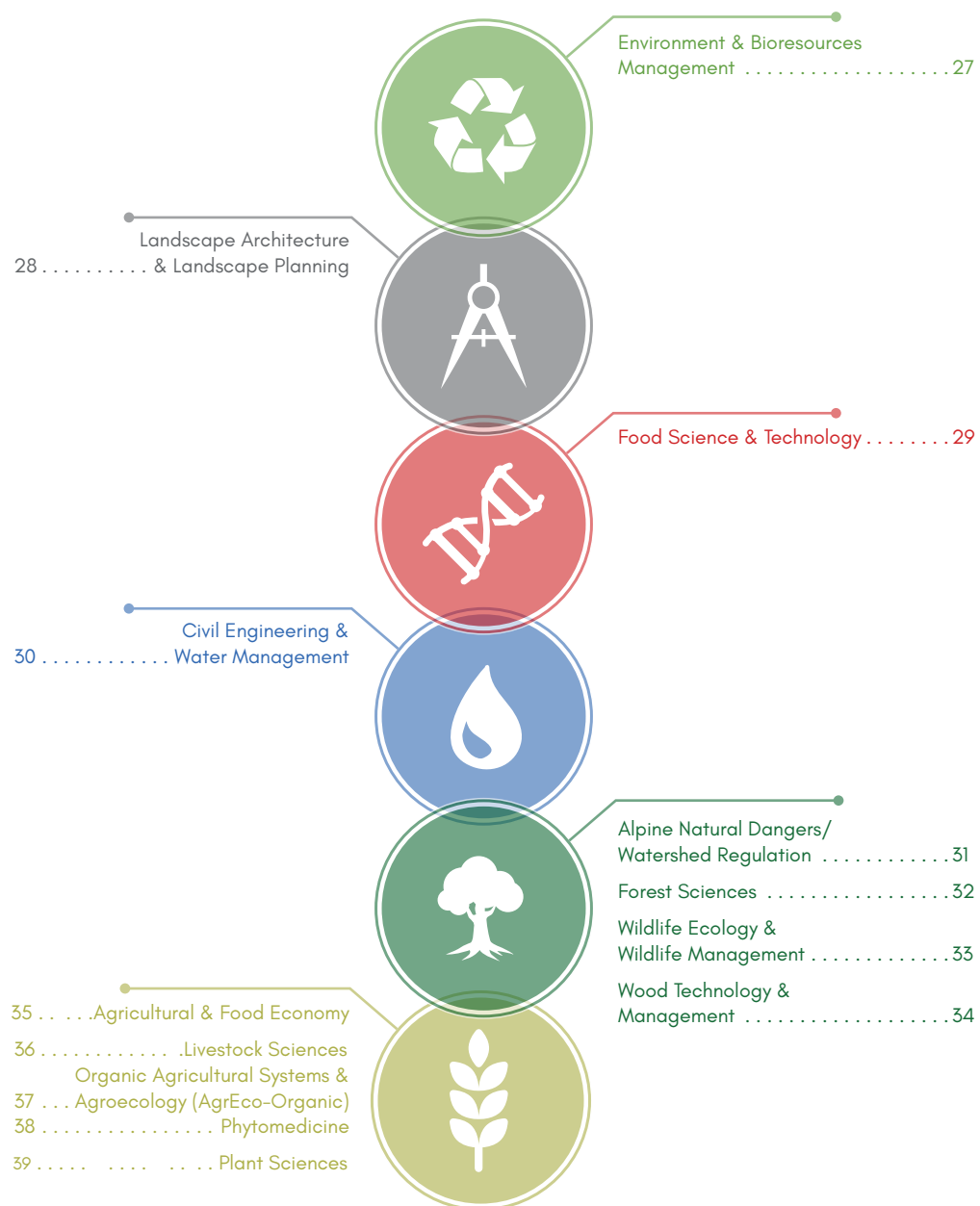
Economic, Social and Legal Sciences

- fundamentals of economics
- agricultural business administration
- fundamentals of law



MASTER PROGRAMMES

- German Master Programmes
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- English Master Programmes



ENVIRONMENT AND BIORESOURCES MANAGEMENT (UBRM)



OVERVIEW

In this Master programme, students acquire the skills and multidisciplinary competences for developing interdisciplinary solutions to corporate and social problems. They learn to understand, analyse and work through complex issues and relationships in Environment and BioResources Management.

Core modules and areas of specialisation:

- Environmentally-oriented business administration
- Environmental politics and environmental law
- Environmental and resource economics

Economic, social and legal skills are taught in conjunction with in-depth scientific natural- and engineering-scientific knowledge through customisable specialisation options.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of this Master programme, a versatile choice of career opportunities is open to graduates. They are able to assume management and leadership roles in companies and public institutions. The scope of duties includes, for example, the implementation and monitoring of legal environmental and conservation regulations, and the organisation and support of stakeholder processes. Graduates can be found working in the following sectors:

Private sector

Commercial, industrial and trade, supply and disposal companies, consulting and civil engineering offices, media and public relations, insurance companies and financial consultancies

Civil service

Federal, state, district and local governments, international organisations, environmental, energy, and regional development agencies

Non-profit organisations

Interest groups, associations and cooperatives, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), educational and research institutions - mobility / traffic - biodiversity / land use - regional development - environmental information - management - waste - energy - climate - water

INFO & SUPPORT

Study Programme Coordinator & Website

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umwelt-und-bioressourcenmanagement



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE PLANNING (LAP)

OVERVIEW

This Master programme covers the planning and design of landscapes in urban and rural areas, taking into account the natural conditions and spatial needs of the population.

The Department of Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture is considered an applied engineering science based on and implementing planning, design, technical, environmental and socio-economic knowledge. It is therefore a cross-curricular planning discipline, which places needs and use entitlements at the centre of the curriculum. Graduates acquire the ability to plan goals at the concept level from draft to design and implement a sophisticated plan to realise them.

Areas of responsibility lie, among other things, in outdoor design (garden, parks, squares, etc.) and in spatial development planning (landscape planning, spatial planning, conservation, tourism), as well as in cross-sectionally-oriented environmental planning and in gender mainstreaming.

The course is divided into a general compulsory block and six subject-specific specialisation units:

- Landscape Planning and Landscape Design
- Landscape Architecture and Landscaping
- Recreational Planning
- Rural Development Planning
- Water Management and River Landscape Planning

- Applied Conservation and Landscape Maintenance

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Freelance or self-employed activity e.g. with an authorised civil engineer as consulting engineer for Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture or with a business license engineering office
- Expert activities
- Employees in planning offices
- In city and municipal administration, district, state and federal agencies
- In gardening and landscaping companies
- Educational and scientific institutions

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FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (LMT)

OVERVIEW

This Master programme is a unique and exciting combination of general science, technology and the broad-ranging field of food science. It focuses on the processing, refining and preparation of plant, animal and microbial raw materials in the production of food. Special attention is paid to the quality of the food, especially from an environmental, health, nutritional and aesthetic point of view. The topic areas of food science, food technology and management and law are covered in the compulsory modules. These areas can be deepened through various electives and specialised seminars and practical exercises, as well as a one-month compulsory internship, reinforce the practical character of this Master's degree.

Students can also acquire an additional qualification as "Junior Quality Manager" of the TÜV Austria as part of the study.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The scope of careers is very broad and ranges from activities in the area of research and development, in the planning and application of procedures and equipment to the production and control of food products. Through opportunities

to specialize within the curriculum, it is possible for students to deepen their skills in the following occupations:

- Process and product development
- Food production
- Quality management
- Hygiene and food safety
- Food analysis
- Product management
- Research and teaching
- Consulting
- Food inspection

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CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATER MANAGEMENT (UIW)



OVERVIEW

Graduates from this field of study help to enable mankind's sustainable use of natural resources. The students acquire skills that enable them to link science with their technical applications, focusing especially on the interests of nature and environmental protection.

Central to the training is the ability to enact responsible and sustainable planning, designing, building and maintaining.

This Master's degree offers a wide range of electives in addition to a good sound knowledge of scientific technical basics and allows for specialisation in the following areas: Traffic planning and road construction, geodata management, land management and land development, risk management and resource protection, hydrology and water management planning, constructional hydraulic engineering and river basin management, structural engineering and construction, structural analysis and life cycle management, aquatic ecology, settlement, industrial water management and water conservation, sanitary engineering – technology and infrastructure management, provincial water and ground water management, geo engineering and applied geology as well as waste management and waste disposal.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Master programme in Environmental Engineering focuses particularly on the areas of water management, land management, construction engineering and the construction industry, transport and infrastructure planning, waste management, geo-information and risk management.

- In the private sector in civil engineering and planning offices, in consulting firms, in the construction industry and in the commercial and industrial sector
- In the civil service in federal ministries, in local government offices and in district administrative authorities and municipalities
- In research and development

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ALPINE NATURAL DANGERS/ WATERSHED REGULATION (FORST)



OVERVIEW

In this Master programme students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for the responsible handling of hazards in alpine areas. The study is based on the cycle of "integrated risk management". Thus, the prevention and management of natural hazards form the fundamental pillars of this course. In addition to natural sciences and technical subjects, issues of natural hazards law, regional planning, disaster control and management are therefore essential parts of the training.

In addition to the compulsory courses, elective courses are available so that graduates can specialise. Subjects can be selected from the blocks "basics", "core areas" and "area of application".

Through this training, graduates learn to recognise potential hazards in the alpine region and are capable of efficient protection strategies and the planning of prevention measures.

- Assessment and analysis of hazards and evacuation processes in alpine areas Career Prospects
- Services sector engineering and planning offices (consulting, planning, project execution)
- Public sector avalanches and torrent control, state government, ministries, infrastructure support and public administration
- Self-employed activities e.g. as consulting engineer, technical expert and project manager
- Research and development e.g. in universities and/or non-university research facilities and business development departments

OCCUPATIONAL FIELDS

- Prevention of natural alpine hazards
- Risk management
- Disaster management
- Integral catchment area management

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FOREST SCIENCES (FORST)



OVERVIEW

The forest fulfils a multitude of purposes: It supplies raw materials and is a source of income, protection for settlements and roads against avalanches, falling rocks and mudflows, and it serves as a recreational space. The forest acts as an irreplaceable reservoir of drinking water, has a balancing effect on the climate, and draws the air from pollutants such as e.g. climate-damaging greenhouse gases, with the help of its enormous quantity of leaves. In addition, the forest is an important habitat for plants and animals.

In order to meet these diverse requirements and to ensure these functions in the long term, a specialised management of our forests is of particular importance. The graduates, with a particular focus on the principle of sustainability can therefore secure all the functions of the forest together with the maximum conservation of natural resources – through independent and conceptual planning.

These give this field of study, as well as a broad knowledge base, specialised knowledge in the fields of the natural sciences, engineering, social and economic science. Also, there is the possibility of choosing forest conservation, multifunctional forest management, forest ecosystems, wood production and logistics, as well as forest protection as areas of specialisation.

The study of forestry is an opportunity to go beyond classic forest management, and acts as a link between humans and forest biocoenosis.

CAREER PROSPECTS

- In the public sector: e.g. for forestry, environmental and conservation agencies, interest groups, associations or in the service branches of torrent and avalanche control
- In the commercial sector: e.g. in private forestry enterprises, the timber industry or timber supplies
- In the service sector: e.g. in engineering offices or in the transmission of knowledge
- Research and development: e.g. at universities or other research institutions at home and abroad

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WILDLIFE ECOLOGY AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FORST)



OVERVIEW

Wild animals (mammals, birds and fish) are often caught between ecology, economy and social policy. So many species of wildlife have an important ecological function which should be preserved or supported. Other species are of economic importance due to their use e.g. in hunting and fishing. Still others present a potential for conflict between different interest groups (nature conservation, agriculture, etc.) after their introduction. Some wildlife species are endangered, and so laws and regulations have been designed to maintain national and international levels.

Graduates of the course can consider themselves eligible for careers in a wide range of fields. They have learned not only the basics of wildlife ecology, but also know measures for the management of the various wildlife species and can plan and implement these in cooperation with individual user and interest groups.

The Master programme in Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management is a collaboration between BOKU University and the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, and offers students a comprehensive curriculum with the following specialisation possibilities among others: Wildlife Ecology, Wildlife Management, Limnology and Wildlife Medicine. In addition, learning is consolidated by means of a compulsory internship of minimum four weeks duration.



CAREER PROSPECTS

The interdisciplinary and inter-university orientation of the Master's degree in Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management provides advantages for graduates of this course when applying for employment in the following areas:

- Conservation, hunting and forestry authorities
- District, state and federal agencies
- Sanctuary management
- Interest groups
- Educational and scientific institutions
- Planning offices
- Media and public relations
- Zoos and game parks

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WOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (FORST)



OVERVIEW

The timber industry is one of Europe's, and especially Austria's, main industries. In the competition for materials, products based on wood and other renewable raw materials have to constantly defend their position through innovative technologies and continue to expand. This requires corresponding technical and economic know-how.

This Master programme offers a balanced combination of technology and management and provides precisely the knowledge management staff in the economic sector, as well as in the field of research and development, need in order to successfully lead the industry into the future.

In addition to general courses on wood technology, wood materials and management in the timber industry, this programme includes specific subjects that can be deepened through elective courses in the following modules: Engineered Materials and Product, Wood and Fibre Science, Biorefinery, Timber Industrial Manufacturing Process Technology, Polymer Technologies, Timber Construction, Concurrent Engineering, Logistics Management, Advanced Planning and Simulation, Corporate Governance and Controlling, and Environment.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The combination of theoretical principles and practical implementation in a very wide range of wood uses including renewable raw materials offers graduates a variety of career options:

- Research and development in the areas of solid timber, wood and fiber materials and timber industrial production technology
- Services; for example in the relevant engineering and planning offices, university and non-university research and testing institutes, specialist media
- Public sector; for example in the area of relevant training, administration and interest groups
- Technical and economic management in companies in the timber industry, the timber trade and the relevant machine, plant and supply industry

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AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD ECONOMY (AW)



OVERVIEW

In this Master programme, students acquire the skills necessary to be active in managing the production, processing and marketing of food. Further important occupational fields include the development of rural areas and the political and administrative development of agricultural policy. The course is applied or research-oriented, depending on priorities. It provides system and transformation knowledge about the regional to the global agricultural supply chain.

The Master programme bestows key technical, methodological and social qualifications in the field of Agricultural Economics. Teamwork, problem-solving and networked thinking are particularly encouraged.

The course is divided into a general mandatory subject block and elective courses. In the mandatory block, students acquire economic and social science-based knowledge. The elective courses are for individual specialisation in at least two of the following areas:

- Business administration
- Marketing
- Agricultural and food policy
- Regional development and rural sociology

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Management of companies in the agricultural and food sector: agricultural production, processing, food trade, industrial raw materials and bioenergy sources as well as education and consulting services
- Public administration, interest groups, research, education and advisory offices
- Regional management and regional development
- National and international organisations as well as non-governmental organisations

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LIVESTOCK SCIENCES (AW)

OVERVIEW

At the core of this Master programme are the fields of breeding, husbandry and feeding of farm animals. Subsequently, students also deal with issues in the production of animal foods.

Based on agricultural, scientific, and socioeconomic principles, students acquire interdisciplinary, in-depth skills and knowledge of animal breeding, animal nutrition, and animal husbandry. Over the duration of their studies, students acquire key skills such as analytical, critical and independent thinking, goal-oriented problem solving, networked thinking and action as well as social competences.

The course is divided into a block of mandatory courses as well as a comprehensive block of specialised and supplementary electives. Within this block of electives, students have the possibility of individually customising their courses.

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Production, marketing and services: agricultural holdings, service cooperatives, producer groups, breeders' organisations
- Pre-production and post-production areas: Commercial, industrial or agricultural and food industry trading
- Consulting and training: Chambers of agriculture, independent advice, agricultural schools and education
- Agricultural administration and policy: State governments, federal ministries, EU institutions, interest groups, inspection and certification programs
- Research and development: Universities, research institutions, industry
- Development cooperation

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ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS AND AGROECOLOGY "AGRECO-ORGANIC" (AW)

OVERVIEW

More and more farmers, consumers and the food industry are interested in high-quality organic food and its associated ethical, social, environmental and economic standards of quality. In this Master programme a broad, interdisciplinary, theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the fields of organic farming and agroecology are imparted.

This knowledge includes and connects associated ethical, ecological, economic, political, cultural, geographical and technological characteristics of sustainable forms of land use. Problem- and project-related as well as practice-oriented inter- and trans-disciplinary studies and research are in the foreground. In this way independent and critical, as well as lateral, thinking and acting will promote the creation of sustainable land management.

The course provides a deeper understanding of one of the three major subjects of "Organic farming", "Agroecology" or the international Master programme EUR-Organic, which is offered together with other universities. The basics offered in English form the common basis for the three major subjects.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The languages of instruction, German and English, and the international nature of the course allow occupations and opportunities in sectors at both the national and international level.

- University and non-university research in the fields of agriculture and agroecology and adjacent areas of work
- Consulting, research, policy, practice and administration in development cooperation
- Public and private organisations in the areas of production, processing, branding and service provision in organic farming
- Organic farming associations, official consultancy, agricultural schools and education, consumer information, environmental consulting, environmental education, environmental policy, conservation consulting
- Pre-production and post-production sectors of organic agriculture including trade, commerce, food industry and agricultural machinery
- Agricultural holdings, service cooperation and producer organisations

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PHYTOMEDICINE

(AW)



OVERVIEW

Huge numbers of plant-based foods and raw materials worldwide fall victim to pathogens and animal parasites. Therefore one of the main concerns of phytomedicine is to reduce such damage in the most efficient and environmentally friendly ways. In many cases, understanding of the causes of damage is still limited and few strategies are available for dealing with the above. Furthermore, it is not only natural influences that cause the appearance and impact of pests but also the involvement of mankind.

Understandably, the demands placed on the efficiency and compatibility of plant protection measures for plants, animals, humans and the environment are constantly growing. In addition to the quantity of food and raw materials produced in agriculture and forestry, their quality plays an increasingly important role. Safety for humans and the environment is the highest priority in the application of plant protection measures.

The objective of this Master course is to summarize the previous relevant subjects in the field of agricultural and forestry science and related subjects from adjacent disciplines such as biology and biotechnology and to combine them with the main issues of plant health. In addition to the compulsory courses, the following topics can be chosen from blocks of elective courses:

- Molecular Biology, Plant Biotechnology
- Analysis, Methodology, Diagnostics
- Integrated and Biological Plant Protection

CAREER PROSPECTS

Employment opportunities are available in the following areas at local, national and international level:



- Public research and teaching
- Industrial research, development
- Industrial consulting and sales
- Consulting in agricultural and forestry-related plant protection
- Tree and wood maintenance
- Expert activities
- Special administrative activity in chambers of agriculture and ministries
- development services
- information industry

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PLANT SCIENCES (AW)



OVERVIEW

In this Master programme students acquire an in-depth, interdisciplinary knowledge about the functions and strategies involved in using agroecosystems for responsible and competent safe handling in the production of raw plant materials and food.

The focus of this course is the biology and function of cultivated plants. This ranges from molecular biology relating to crop production to the ecosystem level and includes the relevant agricultural and horticultural scientific methods.

The graduates acquire the necessary science-oriented skills for economical, high-performance, high-quality and environmentally friendly agricultural and horticultural production in arable rural areas.

The following electives serve to specialise:

- Plant Production and Pasture Management
- Plant Protection
- Plant Biotechnology and Cultivation
- Viticulture and Fruit-growing
- Horticulture and Horticultural Design
- Soil Science
- Agricultural Engineering

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Production, marketing and services: Agricultural and horticultural businesses, farm co-operation or producer organisations
- Pre-production and post-production areas: Commerce, industry or trade in the agricultural and horticultural industry (seed production, plant cultivation, plant protection, agricultural technology, environmental protection etc.)
- Agricultural consulting and training
- Agricultural administration and policy and interest groups at state, federal and EU levels
- Research and development e.g. in universities and/or non-university research facilities and business development departments

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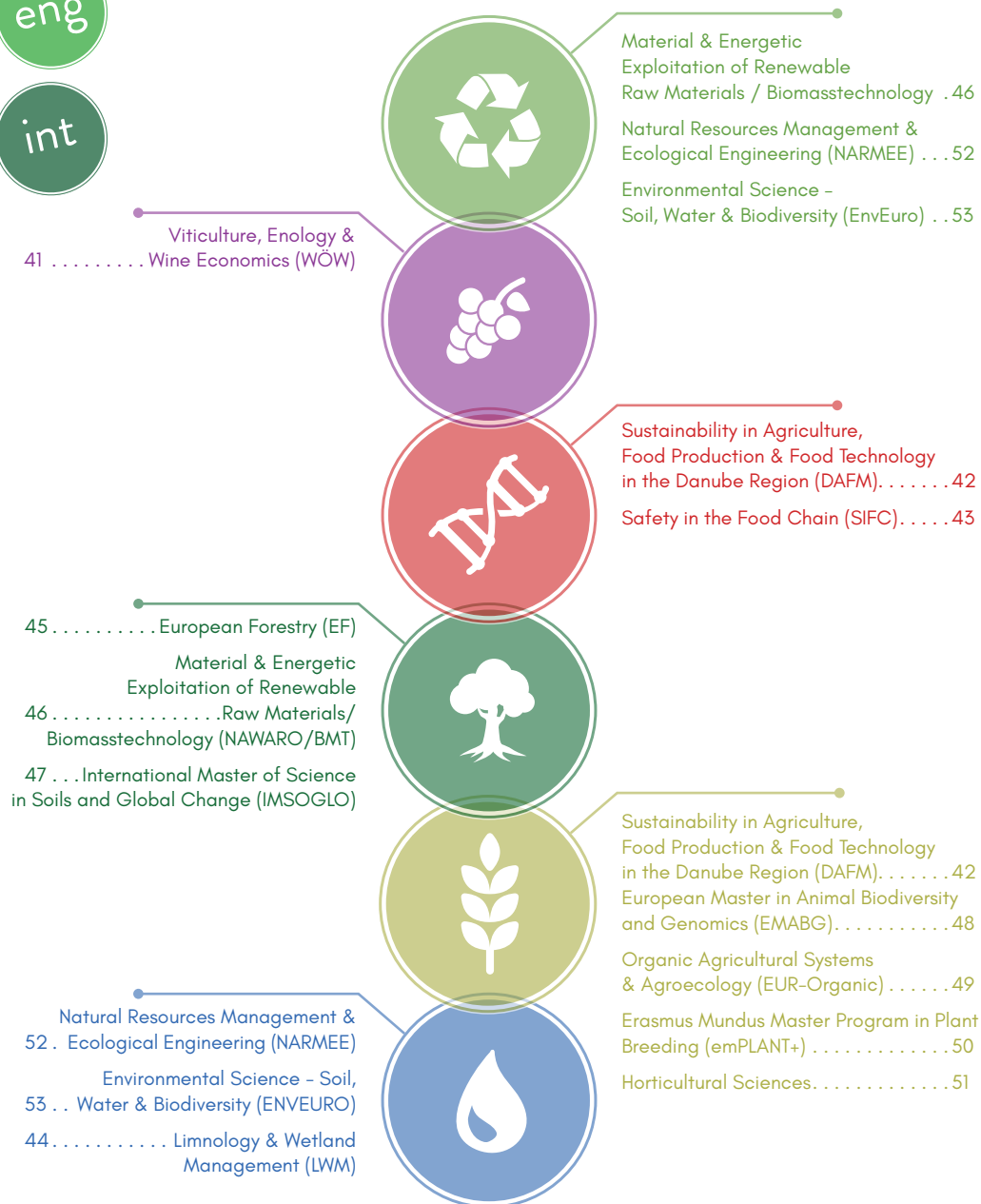


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INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAMMES



VITICULTURE, ENOLOGY AND WINE ECONOMICS (WÖW)



OVERVIEW

This vocationally-oriented Master's degree offers application-relevant knowledge and skills in the three focus areas of viticulture, enology and wine economics. The course is offered together with Geisenheim University (Germany) as a joint degree program.

Students acquire a broad, cross-disciplinary theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the fields of viticulture, enology and wine economics. These topics are covered in the scope of the compulsory modules and each can be deepened and extended through a variety of elective modules. Specialisation is possible.

The aim of the Master programme WÖW is to train qualified Bachelor graduates for leadership and management tasks in the viticultural and oenological operational aspects of the industry and for science. Graduates have the skills of an oenologist as defined by the World Winegrowers' Association (OIV).

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates have the ability to solve subjectspecific questions based on in-depth engineering and economics expertise. They are active both nationally and internationally in the following areas:

- in wine farms and cellars,
- in companies in the wine and beverage industry and related sectors (suppliers, purchasing, sales),
- in consulting and management (official consultancy, food inspection, supplying industry and private consulting activity and development aid),
- in government and corporate research facilities
- in research and teaching at universities and colleges

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SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE DANUBE REGION (DAFM)

OVERVIEW

Understanding the intercultural and regional aspects of sustainable agriculture and food technology is crucial in finding viable pathways to long-term success in Central and Eastern European agriculture. This gives students the opportunity to improve their knowledge and grow their skill set with regard to the intercultural and social aspects, anthropic landscape and natural resources of sustainability in agriculture and the food industry in the Danube region.

The main focus of the programme is on self-development in a multicultural European region. At the end of this course, students are able to identify some of their own culturally-biased assumptions and behaviour, and begin to objectively address the benefits of EU multiculturalism for regional agriculture and food industry.

Sustainable development, food security, technology and quality, sustainable food production, biotechnology and sustainable energy make up the core content of the Master programme. This Master programme offers a unique and competent response to issues such as climate change and protection and promotion of livelihoods.



This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE), Hungary
- University of Zagreb (UNIZG), Croatia
- University of Novi Sad (UNS), Serbia
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU), Czech Republic
- Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (SUA), Slovakia
- University of Life Sciences "King Michael I", Timisoara (ULST), Romania

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates will have interdisciplinary knowledge, competencies and skills in agricultural and / or food science with a major focus on sustainability and sustainable technologies. A further focus of the qualification is intercultural learning, which allows graduates a deeper understanding of cultural and social development of and in the Danube region. Students also have the opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge into practice during a study-related internship within this master programme.

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SAFETY IN THE FOOD CHAIN (SIFC)

OVERVIEW

The international MSc SIFC was developed to provide a profound academic Master Programme concerning all areas of food safety. It offers a high level study course by combining all the existing expertise of European Life Science universities.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- University of Copenhagen (UCPH), Denmark
- Wageningen University (WUR), the Netherlands
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU), Czech Republic

This individual structure offers a new international perspective for students and facilitates movement between different universities. The MSc SIFC is structured into three modules and one Master's thesis of 30 ECTS credits each. The contents of the curriculum are focused on the entire spectrum of the food chain (regarding supply and production).

This Master programme is especially targeted towards students who hold a BSc degree in "Food Science and Technology". Based on their fundamental knowledge in the fields of food science, natural and engineering science, students will gain special knowledge as well as practical skills in the area of food safety, risk identification, risk



assessment, and risk communication in a global context. Food and feed related issues will be combined in a complementary way.

CAREER PROSPECTS

There are job facilities in governmental, but also private organisations on a national and international level:

- Food production and marketing
- Product development
- Food Safety Management
- Consumer organisations
- Scientific communication
- Research: in a university or non-university environment
- Governmental and non-governmental authorities in the area of food safety: e.g. EFSA

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LIMNOLOGY AND WETLAND MANAGEMENT (LWM)

OVERVIEW

This international 18-month Master programme combines the specific and unique expertise of three countries. All study locations are world-famous tourist locations – study where others are going for holidays and sight-seeing! The Master's curriculum comprises of 4 studymonths at each of the LWM partner universities:

- BOKU University (Vienna, Austria)
- Egerton University (Nakuru/ Egerton, Kenya)
- IHE (Delft, The Netherlands)

The 12-month taught programme is followed by a 7-12 month MSc research period at any of the partner universities.

The programme provides knowledge and practical skills towards the conservation and sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems and aquatic resources in different climatic and sociocultural environments. Graduates are qualified to investigate, monitor and manage freshwater ecosystems in both temperate and tropical zones by applying their ecological, technical, socio-economic and intercultural communication skills. Field-studies and excursions to various surface waters, including Kenyan "Flamingo lakes", Lake Victoria and the Kenyan coastline are integral parts of the curriculum. Dedicated academic and supporting staff facilitate study progress, general student affairs, acquisition of housing and travel/transfers in all 3 countries.



CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of the programme make substantial contributions in the following sectors: research and higher education; GOs & NGOs; international organisations such as the UN, FAO, & International River/Lake Commissions; development cooperation agencies; national and international environmental associations; environmental management companies; and consultancy.

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EUROPEAN FORESTRY (EF)

OVERVIEW

The MSc in European Forestry (MSc EF) is a top class taught Erasmus+: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme (EMJMD) in the field of forest sciences. A consortium of six well known European universities provides an international double-degree programme, which has been acknowledged by the European Commission as a top quality European MSc under the Erasmus Mundus programme.

The two-year interdisciplinary programme provides academic education in the field of sustainable resource management with special emphasis of bioeconomy. MSc EF offers a new approach to the markets in forestry and nature management and it connects the increasing number of forest related issues with European dimension at international as well as national levels.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- University of Eastern Finland (UEF), Finland (Coordinator)
- University of Freiburg, Germany
- University of Lleida (UdL), Spain
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CAREER PROSPECTS

MSc European Forestry graduates are in high demand by the international labour market.

- Forest and nature management
- Agencies and governmental bodies
- Research institutions
- Environmental NGOs
- Forest enterprises in paper and pulp industries and saw milling



MATERIAL AND ENERGETIC EXPLOITATION OF RENEWABLE RAW MATERIALS (NAWARO) /BIOMASSTECHNOLOGY

OVERVIEW

The material and energetic use of renewable raw materials, including the associated secondary raw materials from agriculture and forestry, can provide a significant contribution towards the solutions to forthcoming problems and offers a tremendous opportunity as a study and occupational field. The combination of renewable raw materials' chemical, energetic and material use is the strength of this programme. The national variant (NAWARO) is partly offered in English but is open to mainly German-speaking students who wish to specialise in the forthcoming technical and socio-economic problems in the subject area of renewable resources at a national or European level. The international variant (Biomastechnology) is taught in English. Provided are chemicalbiological knowledge, engineering expertise in mineral extraction and processing, knowledge of material and energy use and technologies of conversion, energy technology, materials science, economics, business education, marketing, management and supplementary soft skills.

This Master programme can be completed as an international ("Biomastechnology") or national ("Material and Energetic Exploitation of Renewable Raw Materials", BOKU only) Master course.

Partner Universities

The international Master's course is European-oriented and is offered in collaboration between BOKU University and the Technical University of Munich (TUM).

CAREER PROSPECTS

The skills taught in the natural, social and economic sciences and technical disciplines enable graduates opportunities in the following areas:

- Research and development, especially in the field of energy and process technology
- Environmental and resource economics
- Project management in the area of renewable raw materials
- Environmental engineering and environmental consulting
- Quality management
- Teaching in secondary education
- Production and use of biogenic materials
- Expert activity in the use of raw materials

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INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOILS AND GLOBAL CHANGE (IMSOGLO)

OVERVIEW

Increased population pressure, industrialisation and intensive land use are causing depletion of natural resources and are limiting the performance of land with respect to its functions such as biomass production, carbon sequestration, water purification, etcetera. The additive effects of climate change and the above mentioned aspects of global change influence the capacity of soils to regenerate and may even cause soil degradation.

The future capacity of soils to support (human) life is at stake, and this has been realised by national and international organisations and governmental bodies, such as the EU. Programmes have been developed to protect the environment and to increase ecosystem resilience. Numerous directives have been developed and implemented that build on scientific knowledge on soil response to external pressures.

The International Master of Science in Soils and Global Change (IMSOGLO) programme aims to teach the knowledge, tools, technologies and applications in the context of soils and global change by bringing together the expertise of research groups at 4 renowned EU universities:

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- Ghent University (UGent), Belgium
- University of Göttingen (UGOE), Germany
- Aarhus University (AU), Denmark



Alarming effects of global change on soils observed throughout the world emphasize the need to train more people worldwide to understand how soils react to global change and to be able to develop prevention and remediation strategies and increase soil resilience.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Become a world citizen with a large international network and knowledge about how to tackle world problems, and a top-level researcher, academic or policymaker trained in soil management under global change with either:

- an agroecosystem focus or
- an integrated land management focus

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EUROPEAN MASTER IN ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY AND GENOMICS (EMABG)

OVERVIEW

The focus of the European Master in Animal Breeding and Genetics (EMABG) is on the development of sustainable breeding programmes for farm animals, fish and companion animals. The master programme offers high quality training in the field of animal breeding and genetics. It can be followed either entirely at BOKU University (Mobility track 1: National degree) or as an international joint master programme "European Master in Animal Biodiversity and Genomics" (Mobility track 2: Joint degree), offered at six leading European universities.

EMABG fills a real need for the industry sector and the whole society. It is designed to answer the scientific, practical and societal challenges of animal breeding and genomics. These challenges can be summarised for both developed and low-income countries as follows:

- meet the increased demand for animal and fish products, while preserving or improving the quality of the products, the welfare of animals and minimizing the environmental impact;
- preserve natural resources, with special attention to biodiversity;
- make efficient use of novel tools and technologies to reach these goals while maintaining social acceptance of animal breeding;
- develop sustainable animal breeding programmes that contribute to improved livelihood of farmers and efficient food chains;
- develop sustainable breeding programmes that contribute to improved health and welfare of companion animals, including populations in zoos and nature reserves.

The international master is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria (Coordinator)
- Wageningen University (WUR), Netherlands
- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (UGOE), Germany
- AgroParisTech (APT), France
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU), Norway

CAREER PROSPECTS

The objective of the European Master in Animal Breeding and Genetics is to train and educate students on a high level, with the primary focus on theoretic background and current research practices. Consequently, the graduates will be well fitted to pursue follow up qualifications within the academia, such as doctoral studies at BOKU or elsewhere. Graduates of the EMABG will be also well suited to fill advanced level positions in breeding companies, breeding organisations or in other parts of the animal breeding industry, acting as geneticists or consultants.

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ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS AND AGROECOLOGY (EUR-Organic)

OVERVIEW

Farmers, consumers, processors, and traders are increasingly interested in high value organic products that fulfil ethical, social, ecological, and economic standards of quality.

Organic farming is based on a holistic approach. Consequently the production, processing and marketing of organically grown food requires special skills and knowledge. To meet this need, three universities from the EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS) network, together with two external universities, have developed the MSc Programme Organic Agricultural Systems and Agroecology. The programme offers education and training in organic agro-food chains (including topics such as ethics, production systems, quality, policies, consumer demand, and market development) in an international context, and the opportunity to specialise according to the distinct profiles offered by the partner universities.

- Food processing, trading companies
- Quality management
- Practice or extension services
- NGOs or other associations
- Research and teaching institutions
- Certification bodies
- Development cooperation

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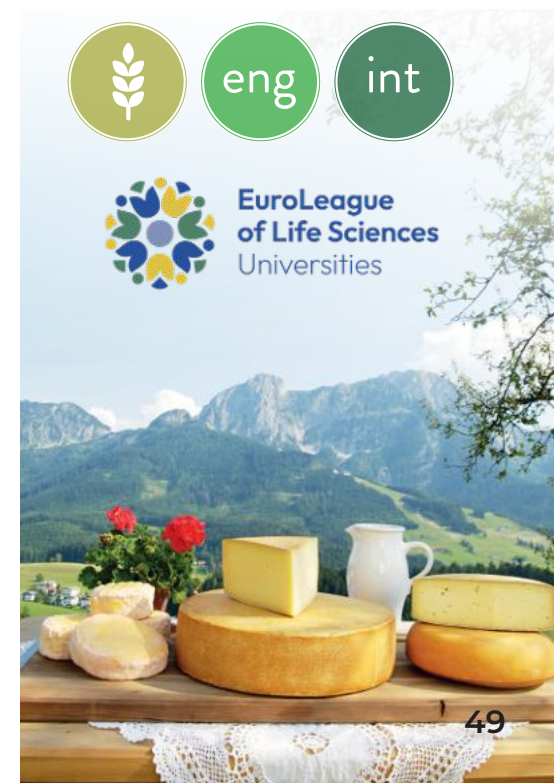
This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria (ELLS)
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany (ELLS)
- Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW), Poland (ELLS)
- Institut supérieur d'agriculture et d'agro alimentaire Rhône-Alpes (ISARA), Lyon, France (External partner)
- Wageningen University (WUR), Netherlands (NEW!)
- University of Tuscia (UNITUS), Italy (NEW!)

The full Master programme consists of two semesters at BOKU and two semesters at the selected partner university. Students will be awarded a degree from two universities.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The international occurrence of organic farming requires persons with a profound knowledge of the whole organic agrofood chain. Graduates would primarily expect to be employed nationally or internationally in the fields of:



ERASMUS MUNDUS EUROPEAN MASTER IN PLANT BREEDING (emPLANT+)

Starting with the 2026/27 cohort, applicants will no longer be able to choose BOKU as their second-year university.

OVERVIEW

This two years masters' programme (120 ECTS) is offered by a consortium of six leading European universities in the field of plant sciences in order to face the challenges of global changes such as population growth and climate change.

The complementarity of the consortium members in terms of specializations, working methods, climatic specificities and collaboration partners produces a programme that could not be offered by one organization alone. The wealth of knowledge and expertise in the fields of plant breeding, plant biology, seed technology, biotechnology of emPLANT+ is unique in the world.

emPLANT+ aims at providing students interested in Plant Breeding with excellent training in science, management, law, languages and soft skills that are needed in this field by the Seed Industry and Research Institutes.

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

emPLANT+ is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Plant Breeding organized by a consortium of six Universities and Graduate Schools across Europe:

- BOKU University, Austria
- Institut Polytechnique UniLaSalle (ULS), France
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life

Sciences (MATE), Hungary

- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden
- Università Degli Studi di Milano (UMIL), Italy
- Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV), Spain

CAREER PROSPECTS

The development and release of new varieties, along with associated activities, is one of the fields of technology with greater projection and foreseeable demand in the future.

emPLANT+ has been developed to respond to the needs of the seed and plant companies in terms of knowledge and competences.

The contacts with the seed industry and associated structures during the two years (lectures, visits, internships) will facilitate the students' job insertion.

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HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

OVERVIEW

Horticulture relies basically on human needs and life-quality, adopting industry's needs and responsibility towards the environment and sustainability. This Master programme consequently focuses on research-based teaching in all of the fields of horticultural plant-production (vegetables, ornamentals, pomology, viticulture, medicinal plants, postharvest and quality research), greenhouse technology, biotechnology and plant-physiology, and on socio-economics (horticultural supply and value chains).

This Master programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE), Hungary
- Humboldt University of Berlin (HU), Germany
- University of Bologna/Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (UNIBO), Italy

Students start at the home university of their choice with compulsory courses. The second and third semesters focus on specialisations and methodology. At least one exchange semester at a partner university is required. The Master's thesis in the fourth semester can be completed at any of the partner universities.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Numerous key career qualifications and sufficient development options for individual areas of interest are offered:

- recognition, analysis of problems and implementing reasonable and responsible solutions in regional and international horticultural contexts
- applying and expanding acquired science-based knowledge and methodology
- team proficiency, being open to innovations and advanced communication
- and being involved in the international scientific teaching and research community.

International mobility and language proficiency are indispensable parts of the curriculum. English is the language of instruction. Skills in the local language are important for everyday life.

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NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND ECOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

(NARMEE)

OVERVIEW

A world of ever increasing population, degrading environments and related competition for declining resources requires new, innovative approaches for the management of natural resources on a global scale.

NARMEE is a two year international master's programme offering high-quality education in five thematic fields to address the big challenges in a globalized world:

- Agro-municipal resources management
- Ecological engineering and risk management
- Nature conservation and biodiversity management
- Global resources and sustainability management
- Human dimension and socio-economic aspects of sustainable development

The Master Programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- Czech University of Life Sciences (CZU), Czech Republic
- Lincoln University (LU), New Zealand



NARMEE students start at one of the partner institutions (home university) and spend one semester at one of the other universities. The master thesis is jointly supervised and along with the study experience abroad this adds to the global dimension of the NARMEE curriculum.

CAREER PROSPECTS

NARMEE graduates have excellent prospects for entrepreneurship and employment in public and community-owned associations and enterprises, NGO and private sectors involved in environmental resource management and ecological engineering at national, EU and international level.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES – SOIL, WATER AND BIODIVERSITY (EnvEuro)

OVERVIEW

EnvEuro is a two-year double-degree Master's programme in Environmental Science offered jointly by four leading European universities. The programme focuses on critical themes such as soil, water, and biodiversity, reflecting Europe's long history of natural resource use and the lessons learnt from environmental mismanagement.

Given Europe's commitment to addressing environmental deterioration and ecosystem vulnerability, the EnvEuro programme stands at the forefront of environmental research and practice. It emphasises the intricate relationships between natural resource use and their effects on both the environment and society. Through this programme, students gain valuable insights into European ecosystems and the principles guiding current environmental management efforts.

All students will start up with a common introduction to European environmental practises including legislation, regulation, monitoring/data collection and policy as well as other courses fundamental to Environmental Science. Students can then choose from five specialisations: Water Resources, Soil Resources and Land Use, Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Environmental Management, and Climate Change.

This Master Programme is jointly offered by:

- BOKU University, Austria
- Wageningen University (WUR), Netherlands
- Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU), Sweden
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany

EnvEuro is a double-degree Master Programme: students spend the first two semesters at their home university and the two last semesters at the host university.



CAREER PROSPECTS

Environmental careers are offered in the environmental sections of industries, environmental technology companies, consulting companies (agriculture, engineering), public administration from local to governmental levels, laboratories, universities and other research institutions, and in development agencies.

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OVERVIEW

This Master programme provides in-depth knowledge about biotechnological processes and the relevant areas of expertise biophysical chemistry, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, microbiology, nano-biosciences, applied mathematics, biostatistics, and process technology. In addition, quality management concepts and relevant issues of social, economic and legal sciences are imparted. In numerous practical exercises and seminars, the students acquire experience in laboratory work and the independent handling of relevant issues.

Graduates of this course are able to scientifically soundly analyse and assess these fundamentals of biotechnological processes. They can independently and efficiently develop, analyse, select and improve the procedures needed for the design, production and application of biotechnological materials. They can critically assess and debate their decisions and actions, also in terms of ethical responsibility. In addition to the qualification in general biotechnology, the Master programme allows for specialisation in the following areas: Bioinformatics, bioprocess engineering, medical biotechnology (in collaboration with the Medical University of Vienna), protein engineering and technology, plant biotechnology, and environmental biotechnology. A one-month internship in industry helps to consolidate the practical training.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Due to the high interdisciplinarity of this Master programme, a variety of possibilities are available to graduates:

- Industrial biotechnology
- Pharmaceutical biotechnology
- Quality management
- Bioprocessing
- Agrobiotechnology
- Environmental biotechnology
- Nanobiotechnology
- Molecular biotechnology
- Cell and tissue engineering
- Biosafety
- Research and development for businesses or at domestic and foreign universities
- Regulatory affairs and food biotechnology

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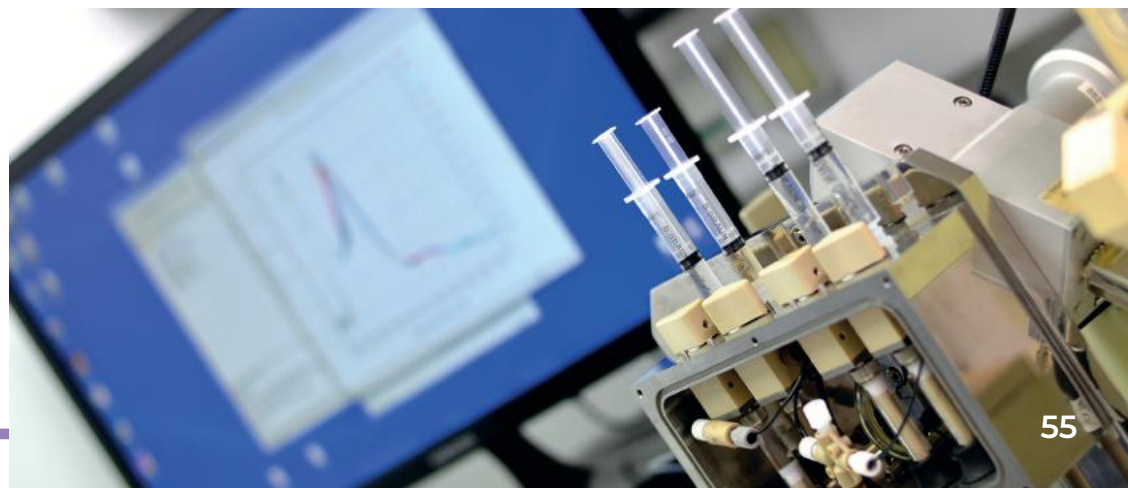
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MOUNTAIN FORESTRY

OVERVIEW

Mountain Forestry is defined as the sustainable, science-based management of forests and woodlands in mountain areas, taking specific ecological, ethical, technical, social, economical and political conditions of complex mountain systems into consideration. The Mountain Forestry Master programme aims to provide specialised knowledge with a focus on people living and working in mountainous areas in developing countries.

With the establishment of a Master of Science in Mountain Forestry, BOKU recognises the need for formal education in mountain research and science. The curriculum emphasises interdisciplinary work and learning by doing, and it fosters intercultural communication and teamwork, participatory thinking and bottom-up approaches.

Objectives

- To provide a focused and specialised education in managing mountain forest resources with a global perspective
- To teach students to recognise and solve problems occurring in forest management and conservation in mountain regions
- To strengthen interdisciplinary approaches in mountain forestry, integrating aspects of engineering, socio-economics, natural sciences and other subject-specific fields in mountain forest management
- To provide methods and approaches appropriate for complex social and economic environments with special emphasis on developing countries



- To strengthen international co-operation and to create a global network of mountain foresters

CAREER PROSPECTS

As a graduate of the English Master programme in Mountain Forestry, students gain a wide range of technical, academic, and interpersonal skills enabling them to obtain top professional positions in both the national and international arena. Graduates are not only restricted to professional activities in highland or mountain regions, but may be fully integrated into general forest sciences within research and development institutions, the public and private sector, non-government organisations or community services. Graduates work in areas such as forest management, forest extension, wildlife management, forest policy and practice, research as well as administration.

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WATER MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (WMEE)



OVERVIEW

This English Master programme introduces students to principles in natural sciences and engineering techniques connected to water and associated processes. The general aim of the programme is to attain the knowledge and skills for the sustainable use of water resources, the protection of the environment, the assessment of mountain risks and the development of protection measures.

Specialisations in the fields of Water Management and Environmental Engineering or Mountain Risk Engineering are possible and will be certified in a Diploma Supplement.

Prospective students wishing to enroll in the Master programme must be able to demonstrate fundamental knowledge of the central subjects of a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering, as taught at BOKU.

Similarly, for a successful admission, competence in the English language has to be proven.

The professional education given in this Master programme combines a fundamental knowledge of the environmental system with the respectful and sustainable use and management of natural

resources. The curriculum builds on joined-up thinking for the responsible planning, design, building and maintenance of engineering solutions.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of the Master programme typically work in the following areas:

- Civil- and environmental engineering consulting
- Engineering companies
- Public and private research facilities, technical boards
- Public administration

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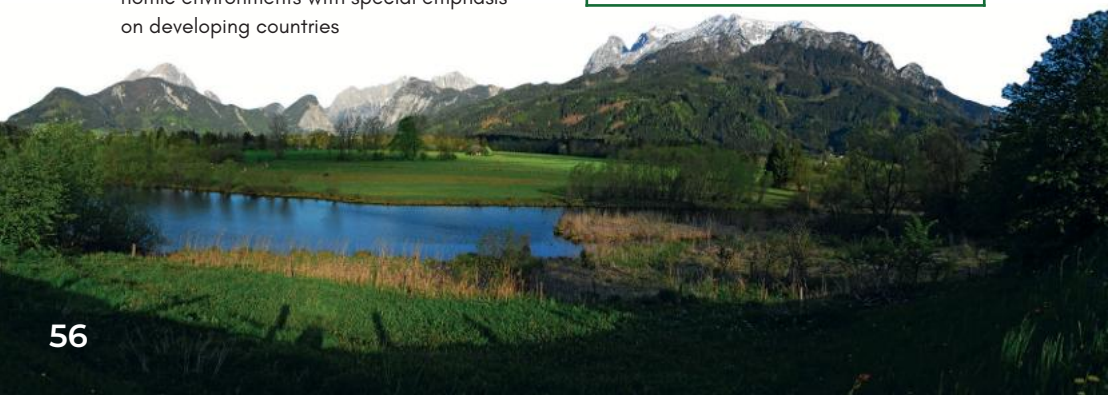
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APPLIED LIMNOLOGY (AL)

OVERVIEW

"Water is life" – Humans depend on ecological services provided by wetlands, rivers, groundwater aquifers and lakes, which are among the most threatened ecosystems in the world.

The Master programme provides interdisciplinary expertise and professional skills for determining the ecological status of aquatic ecosystems, the assessment of human impacts, the conservation of endangered species and habitats, the development of appropriate restoration measures and the validation of management actions.

Study Applied Limnology at BOKU in international classrooms with students of more than 10 countries from 4 continents. Enjoy the opportunity to spice-up the study programme with modules/ courses offered by international network partner institutes, such as Egerton University (Kenya) and a large number of partner universities within and outside Europe.



CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of the programme make substantial contributions in the following sectors: research and higher education; environmental management companies; GOs & NGOs; international organisations such as the European Commission, UNESCO, FAO & International River/ Lake Commissions; development cooperation agencies; national and international environmental associations and consultancy.



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GREEN BUILDING ENGINEERING

OVERVIEW

With an equivalent to roughly 13% of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product), construction-related spending accounts for up to \$10 trillion globally, making the construction sector one of the largest of the world economy. Apart from the economic aspect, the sheer size of the sector makes it one of the main factors when it comes to environmental impact. Buildings alone account for more than 30% of the global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and more than 40% of global energy consumption, with the numbers growing annually. Furthermore, due to relatively long lifespan of buildings, action taken now would continue to affect the GHG emission over a medium term, bringing multiple benefits to both the economy and society.

As construction and demolition are the biggest sources of waste and contribute mass-wise to around 35% of all waste in the EU, we need to start considering all phases of construction within our design. The industry should become more aware of the pollution and waste generated, including the parameters of sustainable construction by aiming at closed-loop material cycles. This and many other aspects of resource-efficient and effective use of raw materials and energy are taught within the new master.



CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of the Green Building Engineering master will be sought out engineers throughout various disciplines of the construction sector and beyond with development opportunities into different areas. They will be able to work either directly:

- Construction sector (e.g. in engineering or planning offices, construction companies, freelance engineers, consultants)
- Public sector (e.g. federal ministries, provincial governments, municipalities)
- Service sector
- Research and Development (e.g. universities and in general in the education sector, research institutions, R&D divisions of various companies, consulting)

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION



OVERVIEW

Humanity is about to transgress planetary boundaries, with climate change inducing one of the most critical societal challenges. Increasingly, climate change adversely impacts our physical environment and socio-ecological systems so that growing and diverse groups of society call for a low- to zero-carbon transformation. This transformation will provide opportunities and risks for a more just society and inevitably will be conflict-laden due to trade-offs, adverse feedbacks among sectors and diverse competing interests.

The inter- and transdisciplinary programme Climate Change and Societal Transformation conveys a systems perspective on the global climate crisis. It integrates (1) a physical understanding of the climate system, its processes and drivers, and climate change and associated impacts, (2) a socio-ecological analysis of the drivers, agents and impacts of climate change and of potential solutions, and (3) transformative approaches for a sustainable and just society explicitly taking global North-South dynamics into account. Thereby, the programme provides fundamental knowledge about the climate system and climate change as a physical phenomenon, environmental threat, and as a social and political crisis with its associated strategies and solutions.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Master's program qualifies graduates to pursue the following professional activities:

- Teaching and research in inter- and transdisciplinary climate and sustainability science (university level, public and private research, educational institutions, national and international level)
- Development, implementation and assessment of strategies and policies for climate change mitigation and adaptation (public sector, non-governmental organizations, consulting and advisory firms, statistical offices, sustainability departments)
- Contributing to the development and implementation of solutions for sustainable development in the public and private sector
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GREEN CHEMISTRY

OVERVIEW

Modern society faces the great challenge of ensuring that a steadily growing population is equally supplied with energy, food, medicines, and everyday necessities without continuing to place an excessive burden on the environment. At the same time, the emission of greenhouse gases must be reduced in order to curb climate change.

The development of new chemical substances and methods can make a major contribution to solving all these complex problems. To do this, however, it is essential to follow the principles of green chemistry, while also taking into account the broader consequences of change in their application in order to generate innovations in the interests of sustainable development.

Green Chemistry is a jointly established English-language master's programme between the TU Wien, BOKU University and the University of Vienna.



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HOW TO LOOK FOR COURSES AT BOKU

The education management system at BOKU is called BOKUonline and also includes our course database.

online.boku.ac.at

You will need it in order to ...
...search for suitable courses
...register for courses
...register for exams

PLEASE NOTE: You must register for each course on BOKUonline in order to take the course exam. For online applications you will need a BOKUonline login which you can only get after enrolling in person at the Study services. Therefore plan to arrive a few days BEFORE the beginning of the semester.

Exchange Students

You will find the courses in our teaching information system. Each course has a corresponding number which has to be included when filling in the "Learning Agreement".

Please note that you can choose courses from various fields of study as long as you ensure that you fulfil the specific requirements for the individual course. If necessary, changes can still be made to your Learning Agreement after arrival.

STUDENTS WHO ARE COMPLETING A FULL STUDY PROGRAMME

Please stick to the curriculum of your study programme.

Please check carefully that:

- the courses are offered in the right semester
- the courses are offered in the right language
- you have the required background knowledge (if applicable)
- you are familiar with the registration process
- you know when and where the first session will take place
- your courses do not overlap excessively (short overlaps between lectures = Vorlesungen, where attendance is not compulsory, it is normally not a problem)

Unfortunately the courses for the upcoming semester will only be online shortly before the semester starts. Exercises have different registration times than courses, often with small time windows and can be very competitive, so mind the date AND the time. Therefore we recommend that you look for courses that have been offered in the same semester a year before when you make your Learning Agreement (as a rule, only few courses change every year.)

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short.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-howtolookforcourses-en.htm

If you would like an overview of which courses are offered, you can also see

- lists of courses from an institute or department
- lists of courses from a specific study programme

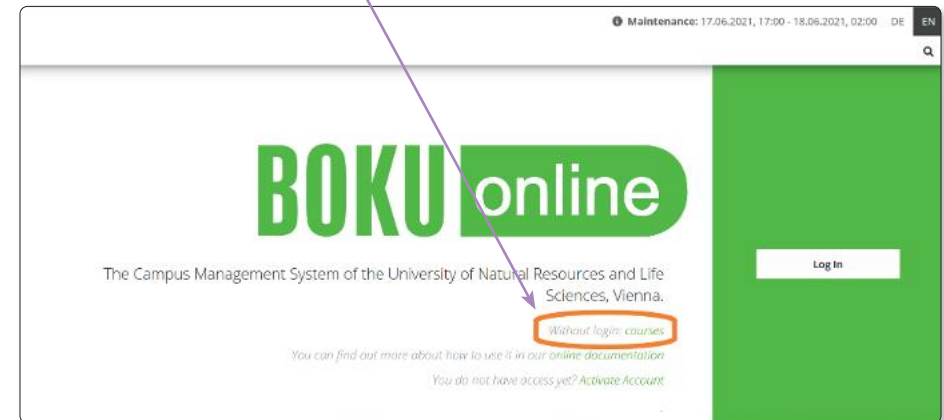
At the beginning of the semester, the BOKU-IT in cooperation with BOKU-International Relations (BOKU-IR), organises introductory events specifically for international students (both in German and in English) as part of the Welcome Days.

HOW TO FIND YOUR COURSES?

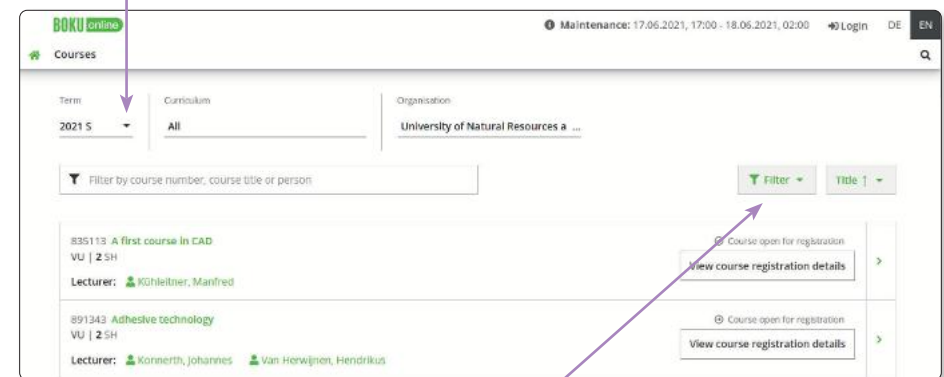
1) Go to online.boku.ac.at

2) Select the English version

3) Go to "Without login: courses"



4) Make sure that you look for courses in the right semester



5) Use the filter options select English as "Language of Instruction"

ATTENTION: courses are only offered in English, if the language of instruction - see course description - is clearly stated to be English

LOCATION TÜRKENSCHANZE

1. Gregor Mendel Haus (MENH-)

- Study services
- BOKU4you
- Lecture Halls: 11 (MENH-01/26), 31 (MENH-03/28), MENH-03/01
- Seminar rooms: SR01/HS 1 (MENH-EG/09), SR02 (MENH-EG/27), SR03 (MENH-EG/33), SR04 (MENH-EG/49), SR05 (MENH-EG/51), MENH-01/36.1,

- MENH-01/43, MENH-02/17.1, MENH-02/08, MENH-03/08, MENH-03/31.1, MENH-03/39, MENH-03/36, SR D1 (MENH-DG/08)
- Banquet Hall
- Alumni
- Infodesk/BOKU Shop
- Café Mendel

2. Justus v. Liebig Haus

- Rector's Office

3. Adolf v. Guttenberg Haus (GUTH-)

- Lecture Hall GH 01
- Seminar Rooms: 01, 02, 03

4. Oscar Simony Haus (SIMH-)

- Seminar rooms: SR01 (SIMH-EG/02), SR02 (SIMH-EG/03), SR03 (SIMH-EG/04), SR04 (SIMH-EG/07), SR D1 (SIMH-DG/01), SR D3 (SIMH-DG/04)

5. Adolf Cieslar Haus

- ATM
- Techn. Facility Management

6. Türkenwirt (TÜWI-)

- Lecture Halls: TÜWI 01
- Student's Union - ÖH BOKU
- Study areas, ÖH Lounge
- TÜWI + Hofladen
- Mensa BOKU
- Institute for Development Research

7. Wilhelm Exner Haus (EXNH-)

- Library
- Lecture Halls: EH 01, EH 02, EH 03, EH 04, EH 05
- Staff Unit for the Support of People with Disabilities

8. BOKU-International Relations

9. Franz Schwachhöfer Haus (SCHW-)

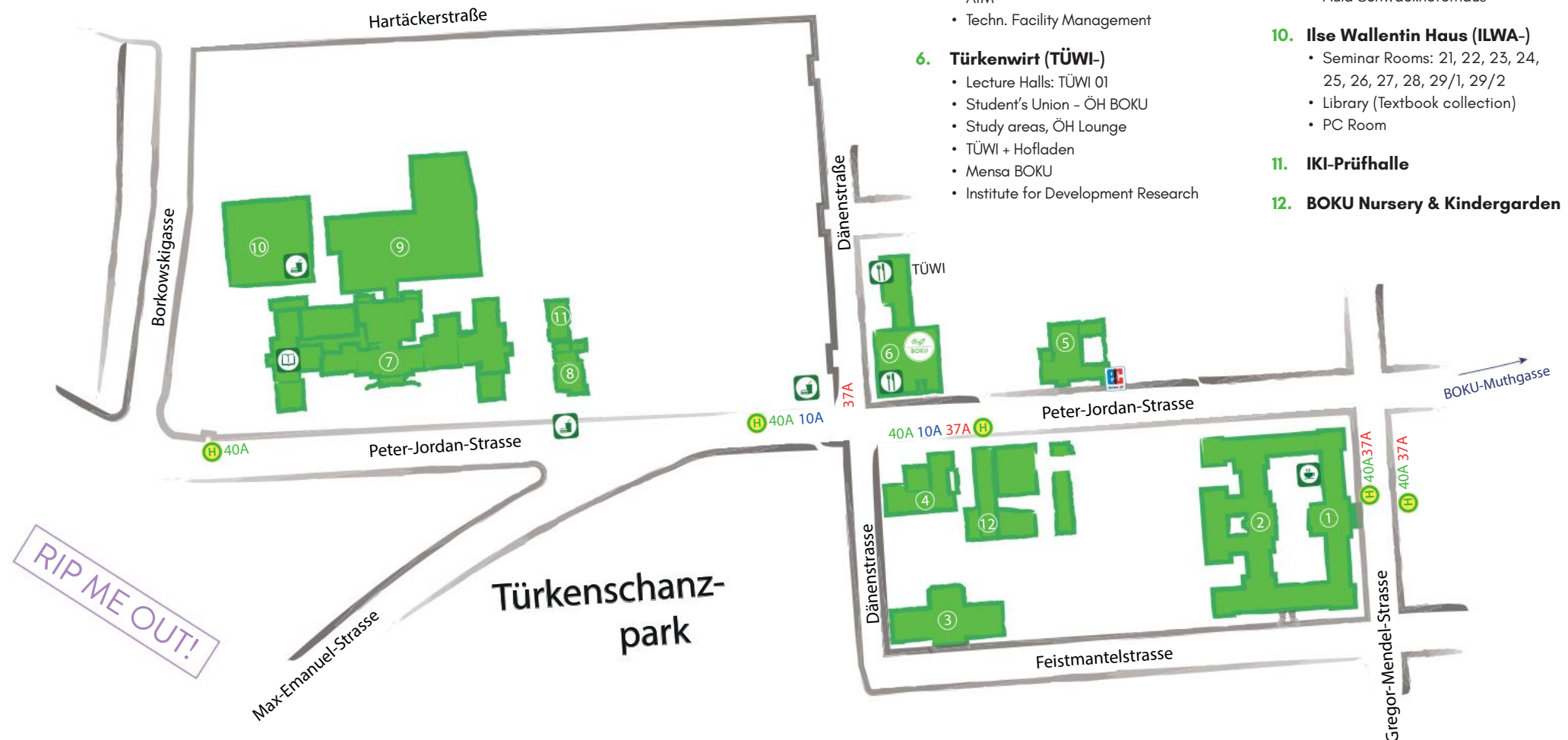
- Seminar Rooms: 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10
- Aula Schwachhöferhaus

10. Ilse Wallentin Haus (ILWA-)

- Seminar Rooms: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29/1, 29/2
- Library (Textbook collection)
- PC Room

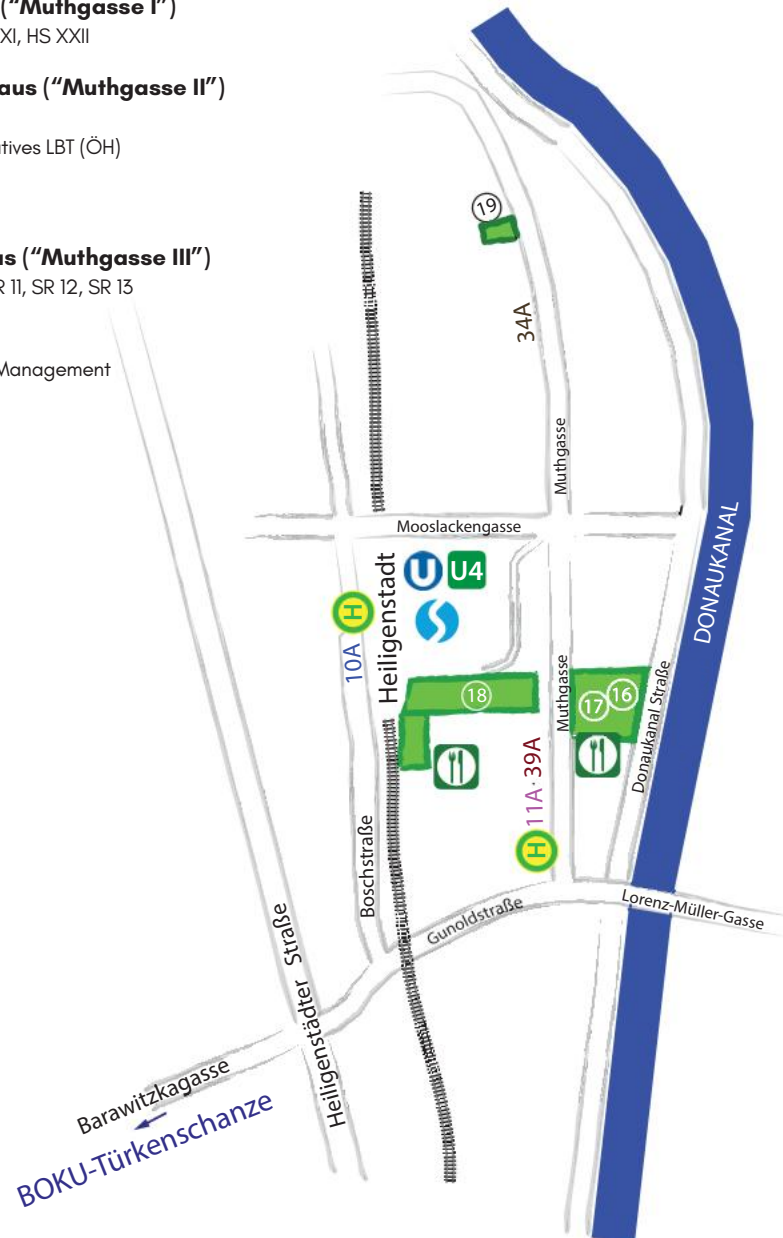
11. IKI-Prüfhalle

12. BOKU Nursery & Kindergarden



LOCATION MUTHGASSE

- 16. Emil Perels Haus ("Muthgasse I")**
 - Lecture Halls: HS XXI, HS XXII
- 17. Armin Szilvinyi Haus ("Muthgasse II")**
 - Lecture Hall HS XX
 - student representatives LBT (ÖH)
 - ÖH Lounge
 - Aula
- 18. Simon Zeisel Haus ("Muthgasse III")**
 - Seminar Rooms: SR 11, SR 12, SR 13
- 19. Muthgasse 107**
 - Institute of Waste Management



LANGUAGE COURSES AT BOKU

If you want to learn German or improve your skills in another foreign language, BOKU-International Relations offers a variety of language courses at BOKU. A German intensive course before the beginning of the semester helps incoming students to get started in Vienna. Three different German courses during the semester will allow international students to study the language on a regular basis. We also teach thirteen other languages at up to five different levels.

take place from 07-18 September 2026, and in the summer semester probably from 08-19 February 2027.

THE TWO COURSE LEVELS

Beginner

This course is especially for students with no knowledge of the German language. The content focus lies on cultural aspects of studying and living in Austria.

Intermediate to advanced level

(German Refresher Course)

This course is for students who already have previous knowledge of the language on an intermediate to advanced level. It is especially designed for people who have learned the language but do not practise it on a regular basis. We also recommend this course for students with Dutch as mother tongue.

German as a Foreign Language

**INTENSIVE GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE
(BEFORE START OF THE SEMESTER)**

This course is especially for incoming students. It takes 2 weeks with a total of 50 classes (25 hours of teaching per week, 3 ECTS,) and costs € 250. In the winter semester 2026/2027, the course will

GERMAN COURSES DURING THE SEMESTER

GERMAN FOR BEGINNERS

- Winter semester – beginners
- Summer semester – beginners with previous knowledge (A1+)
- € 130 per semester

GERMAN CONVERSATION

- The aim of this course is to especially improve oral language skills and fluent speaking. Topics change and are elected by the students.
- € 130 per semester

GERMAN FOR SCIENCE (BOKU SPECIFIC TOPICS)

- In this course you will learn and practise advanced grammar and BOKU-specific vocabulary.
- € 130 (exception: ERASMUS-students free of charge)

Registration

To register for the intensive German language course, please send an email to sprachkurse@boku.ac.at including the course title and level, first and last name, address and home country, and the scholarship programme with which you are coming to BOKU. The registration deadline for the intensive courses in September is 16 August 2026, and for the February course it will probably be 10 January 2027. Please note that there is a limited number of places available, which are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If places are available, we are happy to accept registrations after the deadline. After successful registration, you will receive a confirmation and further information on the payment of the course.

Cancellation

You can cancel your registration of the German intensive course exempt from charges until 23 August 2026 (for the courses in September 2026) and 17 January 2027 (for the courses in February 2027). After these dates you will have to pay an administrative fee of € 70 in case of cancellation. If you want to cancel the course, please send an email to sprachkurse@boku.ac.at.

Language Courses during the Semester

The following language courses are offered at BOKU in the academic year 2026/27 (planned, subject to changes):

- German
- English
- French
- Italian
- Spanish
- Czech
- Croatian
- Hungarian
- Polish
- Romanian
- Russian
- Slovakian
- Slovenian
- Chinese

In the winter semester courses start from 05 October 2025, in the summer semester from 08 March 2026. All course levels, course descriptions and time schedules are available at: online.boku.ac.at

REGISTRATION

Registration for incoming exchange students

As an exchange student, please add the language course you want to take to your Learning Agreement and register by email to:

sprachkurse@boku.ac.at

- The course title & level
- Your first and last name
- The exchange programme with which you are coming to BOKU

The deadline to register by email for all language courses is 30 August 2026 for the winter semester and 31 January 2027 for the summer semester.

If places are available, we also accept registrations at a later stage up to the beginning of the semester, but we recommend that you register as early as possible.

To register for the intensive German language course, please follow the instructions in the relevant section above.

Online registration period

(planned, subject to changes):

- For courses in winter semester:
31 August – 20 September 2026
- For courses in summer semester:
01 February 2027 – 21 February 2027

Course fees, payment and cancellation

Course fees

- Semester courses: € 130 per course
- Intensive German Language Courses before the beginning of semester: € 250
- German for Science (BOKU specific topics): free for students of Erasmus+

Payment

If you register by email, we will send you all information on payment. For registration to BOKUOnline, please follow the payment instructions on our website:

 <https://short.boku.ac.at/eyqekx>

Cancellation

If you cancel your registration to a language course during the semester in the first week of the courses, and at the latest two days after your course has started, you will be exempt from charges. You can do this by sending an email to sprachkurse@boku.ac.at. After this date, there will be no refund of the course fee in case of cancellation.

For cancellation of the intensive course, please follow the instructions in the relevant section above.

BOKU-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PAUL NAGEL

 Peter-Jordan-Straße 82a | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654-32017
 sprachkurse@boku.ac.at
 boku.ac.at/int-languages-en.html

TANDEM - LANGUAGE LEARNING WITHOUT A COURSE

WHAT IS TANDEM LEARNING?

Tandem learning is a reciprocal language learning scheme in which you are paired with a native speaker of the target language to learn together. That means that students with different native languages teach each other. There is no financial cost involved and you can benefit regardless of your level of language. You meet to study together, practise speaking, find out more about the culture, discuss language problems and support each other's learning. Tools like cell phones, emailing, and Skype can also support tandem learning.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The imagination knows no limits when it comes to tandem learning: tandem partners can work through textbooks and exercise books, work through items from everyday life (e.g. newspaper articles, product information, radio broadcasts), practice structured dialogues on certain themes or simply have a chat with each other. Choosing an exercise method depends on prior knowledge and the learning objectives of the tandem learning partners.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TANDEM-LEARNING?

Students, teachers and researchers who are planning a semester abroad can already be in contact with their future host country before their stay has begun. They can begin to improve their language skills and gain an insight into the culture, mentality and social environment of the country. Tandem learning is also a convenient way to keep up your previously acquired language skills and make contact with native speakers.

HOW TO APPLY?

You have to register online on our e-learning platform BOKUlearn. Follow the link and login with your valid BOKUonline account. Scroll down the page to where you can find the search field, type the course name "Tandem Learning" and click on registration for the course. There you will find further information about how to use the e-learning platform. The registration period for the winter semester starts at the end of September / beginning of October. The registration period for the summer semester starts at the beginning of March.

NEXT STEPS?

A list containing all Tandem participants and their target languages will be published on BOKUlearn. You have to check the list and pick a Tandem partner on your own. You can contact your partner via telephone or email. In the middle of October (winter semester) and March (summer semester) there will be a Kick-off Meeting with some hints and tips for tandem learning and the opportunity to meet the other participants.

BOKU-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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 +43 1 47654-32000
 tandem@boku.ac.at
 boku.ac.at/int-languages-tandem-en.html

THE BUDDY NETWORK AT BOKU

BOKU-IR encourages the exchange of Austrian and international students through a buddy network. Therefore, you are appointed an Austrian student as a tutor to facilitate the first couple of steps in Vienna (if you requested it in your application form).

Your buddy will be very helpful, especially at the beginning, when you move into your new room and have to deal with Austrian and BOKU administration. They can introduce you to Viennese university life, help you to get accustomed to BOKU and show you a side of Vienna and Austria you would probably not discover otherwise.

WANT A BUDDY?

If you wish to have a buddy please contact:

 buddy@boku.ac.at

Exchange Students can also indicate in their application to BOKU that they want a Buddy.



FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The BOKU University aims to provide equal and inclusive access for all students.

For students with disabilities and/or physical or mental impairments, BOKU has a service and advice center – the Coordination Office for Gender Equality, Diversity and Accessibility.

PERSONS WITH A STUDY-RELATED IMPAIRMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTLY ADDRESSED AND SUPPORTED.

Students or staff with the following can expect a full range of support and services:

- Mobility impairment
- Sensory impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Speech impairment
- Mental issues (depression, burn-out, ...)
- Chronic conditions (diabetes, Crohn's disease, ...)
- Partial performance weaknesses (dyslexia, dyscalculia, ...)
- Autism, AD(H)D

WHAT IS OFFERED?

- Assistance and information on all study-related questions connected to disabilities and/or chronic conditions
- Counseling on funding opportunities
- Legal framework
- Offer to provide guidance when commencing university studies
- Organisation of technical and/or personal assistance
- Co-operation with the Rectorate, stakeholders, instructors and other persons

concerned in order to provide improved learning-, working- and examination conditions for the target group

COMPENSATION FOR DISADVANTAGES IN EXAMINATIONS

Students who provide evidence of disability/impairment that makes it impossible for them to take the examination in the prescribed method have the right to a different method in accordance with 59 para. 1 no. 12 UG 2002, whereby the content and requirements of the examination may not be impaired by the different method.

boku.ac.at/fileadmin/data/H01000/mitteilungsblatt/MB_2024_25/MB29/Richtlinie_ueber_abweichende_Pruefungsverfahren_26.05.2025.pdf

The Coordination Office for Gender Equality, Diversity and Disability is an institution according to § 19 Abs. 2 Z 7 UG and is assigned to the Rectorate. As a contact point for a wide range of topics relating to gender and diversity competence, inclusion and disability, the advancement of women and equality, or deals with issues of equal opportunities and (anti-)discrimination. As a cooperation partner, we accompany and advise BOKU-internal processes (like Diversity Strategy of BOKU) and are involved in the initiation and implementation of topic-related measures.

Our offer is directed to all BOKU members as well as to those interested in studying at BOKU.

COORDINATION OFFICE FOR GENDER EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

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 kostelle@boku.ac.at

 short.boku.ac.at/Disability



STUDYING WITH CHILDREN

VEREIN BOKU KINDERGARTEN

The "Verein BOKU Kindergarten" (Association of facilities BOKU, managed by parents), operates two family groups and a nursery at the BOKU-Campus at Türkenschanze. The goal and purpose of the association is to take care of children of both students and employees at BOKU within the frame of the day-to-day business at the university.

Target groups: children of BOKU students and employees from the age of one year up to primary school entry.

COSTS

For children living in Vienna, and to whom the funding rules of MA10 apply, parents have to provide a monthly fee of € 250 (94 for fresh cooked food and a 156 admittance fee).

For those children coming from outside Vienna, a higher monthly admittance fee is to be paid. The actual fee is calculated according to the funding of MA10 / Vienna for children living in Vienna. Boku students who are active in exams are supported by the ÖH BOKU and receive a refund of up to € 85 per month.

The children's meals (morning sandwich, two-course lunch and afternoon sandwich) consist of fresh organic food, prepared daily. Parents have to provide a monthly fee for the food of € 94 (as of 02/2027). For low-income parents, it is possible to ask the magistrate MA 11 for financial support.

ORGANISATION

With the exception of the qualified childcare staff, all work areas are organised and administrated by the participating parents, e.g. membership management, employer functions, children's meals, and cleaning. In practice, this means that at least one parent of every child independently takes on a defined activity in the organisation.

In the case of a child joining BOKU Kindergarten, the parents are introduced to the structure and organisation of the groups of children and of the association. At the introduction, the tasks that require active parental involvement (shopping, organisation of events, hygiene and cleaning, maintenance, committee etc.) are explained and assigned. Depending on the type (on-going or periodic) and the extent (amount of time/work required for completion) of the task, large task groups are formed who work together to complete the task independently. The responsibilities of the tasks are found in the list of jobs and are updated and assigned at the general meeting.

EDUCATION

The educational care of children is undertaken by qualified kindergarten teachers, the number of which depends on the size of the groups of children. The teachers are chosen and assigned

by the Verein Kindergruppen BOKU committee. As it is a major concern of parents that their children have the best care possible, you will be pleased to know that the competency of child carers at BOKU is above the average of comparable public institutions.

In addition to taking on a "job", membership requires any further work that arises be taken care of. This can be, for example, assisting at various parties and activities (preparation of meals or supervising), and cleaning/maintaining the premises.

IMPORTANT:

If you would like to have your child looked after at the BOKU Kindergarten, you should register it as soon as possible! The demand is high and if you register your child earlier, you have a better chance of getting a place. To attend kindergarten, it is essential that the child and one parent are registered in Vienna as their main place of residence.

DAYCARE FACILITIES BOKU

 Peter-Jordan-Straße 63A/2 | 1180 Wien
 kindergarten@boku.ac.at
 short.boku.ac.at/kiga

DAYCARE GROUPS

	NURSERY	FAMILY GROUP 1	FAMILY GROUP 2
AGE	1 to 3 years	2 years up to primary school entry	2 years up to primary school entry
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	15 children	20 children	20 children
OPENING HOURS	for all groups: Mondays – Thursdays 7 ⁴⁵ – 17 ¹⁵ & Fridays 7 ⁴⁵ – 15 ³⁰		

PLAN YOUR LIFE IN VIENNA PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL



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ENTRY AND RESIDENCE PERMITS IN AUSTRIA (VISA)

The BOKU is an internationally-orientated university, where students from all over the world are warmly welcome!

We did our best to put together all the relevant information on travelling and living in Austria as a student, and to highlight the potential issues you may encounter:

boku.ac.at/int-in-life-visa-en.html

The most up-to-date information, such as application forms and document checklists, can be found in the OeAD database:

oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/

For students from non-EU countries we are happy to offer support and to answer any questions you may have.

- If you are taking part in an exchange programme, please contact your coordinator at BOKU-International Relations:

boku.ac.at/int-contact-en.html

- If you are taking an international or English-language Master programme, please contact the coordinator of your programme:

short.boku.ac.at/int-master-en.html

- If you are taking a German-language study programme or an English-language doctoral programme, please contact the Department for International Affairs of the Austrian Student Union (ÖH) at BOKU:

oehboku.at/referate/internationale-angelegenheiten/

EU/EEA MEMBER STATE OR SWITZERLAND

- If you are from an EU/EEA member state or from Switzerland you do not have to apply for a visa to stay in Austria. A valid travel document (passport or identity card) for your entry and stay in Austria is sufficient. Within three days of your arrival you should register at the local authorities, by completing and submitting a 'Meldezettel'.

boku.ac.at/int-in-vienna-registration-en.html

STUDENTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES (NON-EU/EEA/SWITZERLAND)

Students from third countries require either a visa (if staying up to 6 months), or a Residence Permit 'Student' (if staying more than 6 months).

Exception: Students who are taking part in a Union or multilateral mobility programme (e.g. Erasmus+, OeAD scholarship) or for whom an agreement between two or more higher education institutions is in place and who are in possession of a valid residence title 'Student' of another EU member country (except Ireland and Denmark) are allowed to enter Austria without requiring a visa and to stay in Austria for up to 360 days.

As the application and decision process for a Residence Permit 'Student' takes very long, we recommend that students who want to stay more than 6 months in Austria submit your application at the competent Austrian authority (embassy, general-consulate) in your home country 6 months before your arrival.

At the BOKU, students from all over the world are very welcome. It is important to note that an admission letter from the university is no guarantee that you will receive a visa or residence permit in Austria. The authorities in Vienna consider the requirements, applications, and submitted documents very carefully and decide from case to case, whether a student will receive a residence permit or not.

Students from third countries - staying up to 6 months:

boku.ac.at/int-in-life-visa-en-non-EU-1-6months-en.html

Students from third countries - staying longer than 6 months:

boku.ac.at/int-in-life-visa-en-non-EU-6months-up-en.html



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ACCOMMODATION

Vienna is not the cheapest city to live in and you should be prepared to spend between € 350 and € 670 per month for accommodation. The next few pages offer some information and options about living, so that you can find the best option for you to stay in one of the world's most livable city.

STUDENT RESIDENCES

Student halls of residence are an easy option when moving to a new city; they're also a great way to quickly make friends and new contacts. The easiest way to book a room in a student hall of residence is to use the service of the OeAD (Österreichischer Austauschdienst - Austrian Exchange Office) - but you can also contact the dormitories directly (more complicated, but probably cheaper) or look for private accommodation.

🌐 www.oeadstudenthousing.at/en/

Please note that the contract with OeAD student housing lasts for at least one semester. Therefore, during this period you are able to switch places within the OeAD student housing residences (if there are free places) but you will not be able to move into private accommodation.

When you move in you will have to pay a deposit for the room in addition to the deposit for the OeAD student housing. You will get it back at the end of your stay providing the room is in the same condition as when you arrived.

OeAD STUDENT HOUSING OFFICE

🏠 Ebendorferstraße 7 | 1010 Wien
 ☎ +43 1 53408-800
 ✉ housing@oead.at
 🌐 www.oeadstudenthousing.at/en/

Student halls of residence can also be booked on:

🌐 www.wihast.at/en
 🌐 akademikerhilfe.at/en

⚠ PLEASE NOTE: Rooms in the student residences are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Currently we recommend you to apply in April or May for the following winter semester. For applications submitted after 15 August for the winter semester and 15 January for the summer semester, there is no guarantee that there will be rooms available.

PROCEDURE

Register online here:

www.oeadstudenthousing.at/en/application/

After you have received an offer for a room via email, you can confirm it by transferring the deposit to the account indicated by the OeAD student housing (further details will be sent to you along with the offer). You have to pay a deposit in the amount of 2 monthly accommodation fees. OeAD-Scholarship holders do have to pay a deposit of € 250.

Only after the OeAD student housing has received the deposit will the room be booked for you. You can choose between single and shared double rooms (see form). Just state your preference on the form. Prices start at € 330 for a shared double room, and between € 365 and € 900+ for a single room or flat. Rooms can only be reserved for whole months (e.g. if you move in on the 24th of October you have to pay for the complete month of October. The other option would be to move in and pay from 1st of November and stay in a hostel in the meantime).

STUDENT RESIDENCES POPULAR WITH BOKU STUDENTS

► base19

Gymnasiumstraße 85 | 1190 Wien
viennabase.at/viennabase19/

► STUWO (Special offers available via ESN)

Kenyongasse 23-25 | 1070 Wien
 Strozgasse 6-8 | 1080 Wien
 Strudlhofgasse 5 | 1090 Wien
stuwo.at/en

► Akademikerhilfe

Michaelerstr. 11 | 1180 Wien (female only)
 Starkfriedgasse 15 | 1180 Wien
 Pfeilgasse 1a/3a/4-6 | 1080 Wien
 Muthgasse 23 | 1190 Wien
akademikerhilfe.at/en/vienna

► home4students

Döblinger Hauptstr. 55 | 1190 Wien
 Neudeggasse 21 | 1080 Wien
home4students.at/en

► OeAD student housing

Sechshauser Straße 31 | 1150 Wien
oeadstudenthousing.at/en/accommodation/vienna/

► Wihast

Brigittenauer Lände 224 | 1200 Wien
 Tendlergasse 12 | 1090 Wien
 Hirschengasse 23 | 1060 Wien
www.wihast.at/en

► The Fizz

Dresdner Str. 107, | 1200 Wien
the-fizz.com/student-accommodation/vienna-brigittenau

Rooms in student residences can also be arranged by directly contacting one of the residence organisations listed above. However, organising it through the OeAD is probably easier and more flexible.

🌐 oeadstudenthousing.at/en/accommodation/vienna/

All student accommodation in Austria is listed on the website of the Students' Union:

🌐 www.oeh.ac.at/wohnen

In July, August, September and February bookings for a day or half a month are possible in OeAD-Guesthouses.

USEFUL WEBSITES WHEN LOOKING FOR A FLAT

- 🌐 Schwarzes Brett der ÖH – flat share rooms and flats, amongst other things (German)
schwarzesbrett.oeh.ac.at/wohnen/
- 🌐 OeAD Apartments
www.oeadstudenthousing.at/en/
- 🌐 Flats, Rooms, Apartments (German)
studieren.at
- 🌐 Marketplace for everything, including options for accommodation (German)
willhaben.at
- 🌐 Further flat and flat share options (in German, although some people will have their listing description for their flat in English too)
wg-gesucht.de
- 🌐 Peer-to-peer property rental
airbnb.com | 9flats.com | WIMDU.de
- 🌐 Various facebook groups for flat share rooms in Vienna & BOKU

ⓘ PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to withdraw your reservation please inform the OeAD student housing as soon as possible! If you decide not to come to BOKU, please notify BOKU-International Relations.

FLAT SHARE

The advantage of choosing to rent or share a flat with other students is that usually you do not need to pay commission fees. On the other hand, there is a risk that you won't find the right place or even a place at all. However, BOKU-International Relations sometimes receives offers for accommodation from students who go abroad with ERASMUS for a semester or a year. These offers are posted on the Facebook group "Accommodation Exchange BOKU".

In addition, flat exchanges are a good way of finding a room in Vienna. You can start searching before you arrive and make contact with the landlady/landlord and/or your future flatmates. In general, rooms cost between € 350 and € 600 per month.

ⓘ PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately there are also a few fake adverts on these websites: When not using an official institution, such as the OeAD student housing or contacting student dormitories directly, never transfer money (deposit/rent), before you have seen the room in person or have received the key!

YOUTH HOSTELS – TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Youth Hostels offer the best temporary accommodation. Reservation is recommended.



RECOMMENDED YOUTH HOSTELS

- ▶ **Jugendgästehaus Brigittenau**
Adalbert-Stifter-Straße 73 | 1200 Wien
+43 1 3328294
jgh.1200wien@chello.at
oejhv.at
- ▶ **Jugendherberge Myrthengasse**
Myrthengasse 7 | 1070 Wien
+43 1 52363160
hostel@chello.at
oejhv.at
- ▶ **Jugendgästehaus Hütteldorf**
Schlossberggasse 8 | 1130 Wien
+43 1 8770263
jgh@hostel.at
hostel.at/hostel-wien-hueteldorf
- ▶ **Wombat's City Hostel**
Mariahilfer Straße 137 | 1150 Wien
Rechte Wienzeile 35, 1040 Wien
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bookvienna@wombats.eu
wombats.at
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INSURANCE

THE ÖH STUDENTS' INSURANCE

Have you knocked over an expensive device in the university lab? Crashed into a glass door or accidentally destroyed a computer at BOKU? Broken a leg on a USI (University Sports Institute) skiing trip? Fortunately, it's not as bad as you might think, at least from a financial point of view. 70 cents out of your ÖH membership fee go towards a comprehensive liability and accident insurance with the Generali Insurance Company covering (almost) all possible scenarios. The ÖH has been offering this special service for all members for many years, always endeavouring to make the insurance coverage as comprehensive as possible.

GENERALI INSURANCES

If you have questions concerning the content of the contract - for example, whether a specific incident is covered by the insurance policy or not - you can call the free ÖH-Info-Hotline at Generali Insurances on

☎ 0800 / 204 4400

+43 (1) 204 4400

🕒 Monday - Friday: 9 am - 6 pm

Your insurance-related contact person within the ÖH can best be reached by email at

✉ studierendenversicherung@oeh.ac.at

General insurance questions:

✉ wiref@oeh.ac.at

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH BILATERAL HEALTH INSURANCE AGREEMENTS:

Students and visiting researchers from EU/EEA countries who are in possession of a valid national health insurance in their home country need the European Health Insurance Card (for students) or

E102 form (for visiting researchers), which they should get BEFORE their arrival in Vienna from the appropriate authority in their home country.

If you have a valid national health insurance in a country that has concluded a health insurance agreement with Austria (at the moment these are the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Türkiye), you must bring the A3 or A4 form (for stays where your primary residence ("Hauptwohnsitz") is in Austria) with you, which is available from your national health insurance provider. This form also has to be exchanged for forms that entitle you to medical treatment in Austria (E-card Ersatzbeleg) at the relevant Austrian health insurance provider (Österreichische Gesundheitskasse).

FOR STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES WITH NO NATIONAL INSURANCE AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRIA:

Degree programme students (ordentliche Studierende) at all universities who do not fall into the above-mentioned categories may take out a health insurance policy with the Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (ÖGK) themselves. The cost of this insurance is € 78,84 per month.

There are, however, limits concerning your maximum income in order to be eligible for this insurance; there are also other conditions which have to be met (periods of study, course changes etc.). With a completed application form and "Zulassungs- und Fortsetzungsbestätigung" (Admission and Study Confirmation), students must register with the specific university insurance scheme.

The following documents are required:

- Application Form
- Current Study Confirmation
- Identity Card or e-cards

Unfortunately the application form is only available in German, but the online guide is also available in English. Exchange students and students of international or English Master programmes should ask for support at BOKU-International Relations.

🌐 www.gesundheitskasse.at/cdscontent/load?contentid=10008.728203&version=1737116973

TIME OF ARRIVAL

Exchange students participating in the Intensive German Language Course should arrive in Vienna at least one day before the course starts. Check:

🌐 boku.ac.at/int-languages-German-en.html

For all other students, the best time to arrive is a few days before the semester begins (winter semester starts on October the 1st, and summer semester starts on March the 1st).

We would like to invite you to our Welcome Days for International Students which take place the week before the semester starts. Before that, you should register at the Study services.

Please be aware that you have to register for your courses. To be able to do that you need your BOKU account. This account will only be activated after you have registered at the Study services and after having paid the Students' Union fee of approx. € 26 with a bank card (Maestro, Visa, Mastercard, ... - no cash) there. If you do not have a bank card, please ask your buddy to go to the Study services with you and use his/her card.

Please try to register for the courses as soon as possible after your arrival - some courses (excursions, seminars, practical courses,...) are booked up quickly. If you arrive late, please write an email to

ÖSTERREICHISCHE GESUNDHEITSKASSE (ÖGK)

🏠 Wienerbergstraße 15 - 19 | 1100 Wien

☎ +43 50766-11

🌐 www.gesundheitskasse.at

the contact person given in the course description in BOKUonline and ask him/her if it is possible to register provisionally.

You should co-ordinate your arrival time with the office hours of the student residence or with the availability of your landlord/landlady. In most cases, it is not possible to move in during an evening or weekend. Please try to arrive in Vienna during daytime hours on a weekday. However, if it is only possible for you to arrive during the night or at the weekend and if you are not able to move into your room, please try to find a room for the first night at one of the temporary accommodations mentioned above.

As an exchange student, you will have been appointed a buddy who might, if you wish, be able to pick you up at the airport or the train station. Please contact your buddy in advance to arrange a meeting with them.

WELCOME DAYS

We kindly invite you to the Welcome Days for International Students: Get to know BOKU and your fellow students!

- Winter Semester: September 24 - 29

- Summer Semester: February 23 - 26

🌐 boku.ac.at/int-in-welcome-en.html

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BOKU CAMPUSES

The main campuses – Türkenschanze and Muthgasse – are located in the 18th and 19th districts of Vienna. It takes you approximately 25 minutes by bus or 15 minutes by bicycle to go from one campus to the other. At both locations you can find numerous university buildings and each of them is named after a famous scientist: Gregor Mendel Haus, Wilhelm Exner Haus, Franz Schwachhöfer Haus, Adolf von Guttenberg Haus, Oskar Simony Haus, Armin Szilvinyi Haus, Emil Perels Haus, Simon Zeisel Haus and Ilse Wallentin Haus. Depending on your study programme, your attendance will be concentrated in one location/ building or another.

The third main campus is the UFT Tulln. The university and research centre Tulln is located a little bit outside of Vienna, but you can reach it by train from the train station "Heiligenstadt" within 20 minutes.

BOKU TÜRKENSCHANZE

The oldest location is situated in the 18th and 19th districts, right next to Türkenschanzpark. There, you can find important services like the main library, BOKU-International Relations, the Students' Union, Kindergarten, as well as culinary and social facilities.

 A campus map can be found in the middle of this brochure

You can also find study facilities in the TÜWI, the Gregor-Mendel Haus (ground floor) and in the Wilhelm Exner Haus (in the main library including rooms for group work, the Cafeteria in the Schwachhöferhaus and the Herbarraum in the Exner Haus). Additionally the Students' Union in offers learn spaces and a lounge the TüWi building.

TRANSPORT CONNECTION BOKU TÜRKENSCHANZE

- ② Bus line 40A: stops "Linnéplatz" or "Dänenstraße; connections from U6 station "Währinger Straße/Volksoper" and U2 station "Schottentor"
- ② Bus line 37A: stops "Linnéplatz" or "Dänenstraße"; connections from U4 station "Spittelau" and U6 station "Nußdorferstraße"
- ② Bus line 10A: stop "Dänenstraße"; connections from U3 station "Johnstraße", U4 station "Heiligenstadt" (also S-Bahn stations) and S-Bahn station "Gersthof"

BOKU MUTHGASSE

These BOKU university buildings are located at Muthgasse in the 19th district (U4 metro station "Heiligenstadt"). There you can mainly find institutions which belong to the institutes of chemistry, biotechnology, food sciences, plant sciences and water economics. You can also find several seminar rooms there and the Students' Union lounge.

TRANSPORT CONNECTION BOKU MUTHGASSE

Campus Muthgasse is a 5 minute walk away from station "Heiligenstadt". Use the following transportation to get there:

- ② Bus lines 10A, 11A, 38A, 39A (final stop)
- ② Metro U4 (final stop)
- ② Train and S-Bahn lines (=suburban railway)

CONNECTION BETWEEN TÜRKENSCHANZE AND MUTHGASSE

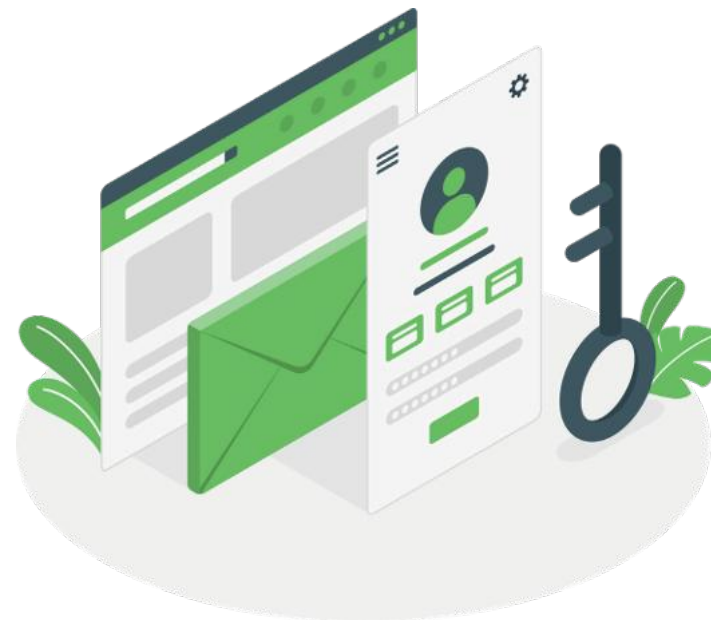
- ② Bus line 10A: This bus line connects Türkenschanze to the university buildings at BOKU Muthgasse. The bus departs at the station "Dänenstraße" and stops at "Heiligenstadt". It's a 5 minute walk to the university campus Muthgasse. The bus ride takes 13 minutes.

BOKU TULLN

The main focus at Tulln is research. This location serves to open new perspectives for interdisciplinary cooperation along the research and process chain. The very modern research facilities are also used by students of Master or doctoral programmes. There are not many lectures which take place at BOKU Tulln; if so it's mainly block courses.

TRANSPORT CONNECTION BOKU TULLN

- ② Train from U4 station and also train station "Heiligenstadt" to Tulln, 10 minute walk to the campus.



REGISTRATION AT BOKU

After your arrival please go to the Study services as soon as possible. Please book an appointment online in advance.

 short.boku.ac.at/qk6m32

The general deadline is February 5 (summer semester) and September 5 (winter semester).

STUDY SERVICES

Please bring the following documents:

- A valid passport or identity card

At the Study services you have to pay the Students' Union fee of approx. € 26 by bank card (Maestro, Visa, Master Card ...).

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

ⓘ PLEASE NOTE: Before you go to register at the Study services, you have to complete the BOKUonline pre-registration.

Please do not fill out the pre-registration before the registration period starts, otherwise it will count for the previous semester and will be deleted. Students, who attend a Bachelor full degree (no exchange students) have to pre-register within the registration period. Master and exchange students are able to pre-register later.

If you don't have a card, you can ask your Buddy to go with you to the Study services and pay with his/her card. (If you pay with a payment form, you can only activate your BOKUonline account and register for courses approximately 5 days after having paid. Some courses might be full by then!)

① **IMPORTANT:** The Students' Union fee is obligatory. Enrolment is only valid after payment. If you do not pay the Students' Union fee, you cannot register for courses and will not get any certificates.

After enrolment you will receive your BOKUcard (= student identity card). Furthermore, you will get an email address and a user account for the computer labs.

If you are staying in Vienna for the whole academic year, another payment notification will be sent to your BOKU email address at the end of the winter semester. Then you have to pay the Students' Union fee for the summer semester. When you first register as a student in Austria, you will receive your personal registration number ("Matrikelnummer"). This number will be yours for the rest of your academic career in Austria, even if you change universities. Every letter and report will carry this number.

The BOKUcard is the official confirmation that you are attending BOKU and it must be given to you personally. Confirmation of enrolment/continuation ("Inskriptionsbestätigung") can be printed via BOKUonline.

🌐 short.boku.ac.at/it-services-for-new-students

COURSE REGISTRATION

During your registration at the Study services you will get a pin code for BOKUonline. If you pay the Students' Union fees with your bank/credit card you can activate your BOKUonline account immediately afterwards and register for your courses there.

🌐 short.boku.ac.at/it-activate-account

For further information see also how to look for courses:

🌐 short.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-howtolookforcourses-en.html

PLEASE CONSIDER

- When and where are my courses?
- Are there any overlaps (especially for excursions, seminars and practical exercises)?
- If yes to the above, which courses can I take instead? See "Scheduled Dates" in course description at BOKUonline. It is not always a problem when courses overlap and it is sometimes unavoidable, particularly for lectures.
- Exchange students: If necessary, you can change your Learning Agreement within the first 5 weeks of your stay.

① **IMPORTANT:** Register as soon as possible – some courses (excursions, seminars, practical exercises...) can fill up very quickly.

STUDY SERVICES

🏠 Gregor-Mendel-Str. 33 | 1180 Wien
☎ +43 1 47654-0
✉ studienervices@boku.ac.at

You have to book an appointment in advance:

🕒 <https://boku.ac.at/studienervices/terminbuchung-studienervices>



THE AUSTRIAN STUDENTS' UNION

The Austrian Students' Union (Österreichische Hochschüler*innenschaft) is the only recognised representation for all students at Austrian universities. When registered at the university, every Austrian student automatically becomes a member of the ÖH, with a membership fee of approx. € 26 per semester (which you will already have paid). This compulsory membership fee provides the ÖH with political and financial independence and ensures that it can fulfill its tasks.

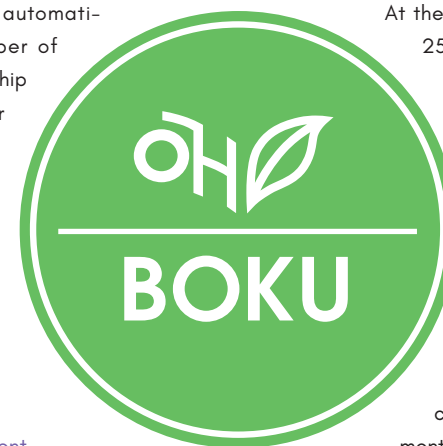
① **NOTE:** the fee also includes accident and liability insurance

The ÖH provides you with useful things like the "Mensa Pickerl" which allows you to buy lunch in the Mensa = student restaurant cheaper, financial

and legal advice as well as goodies like pens or calendars.

ÖH BOKU

At the ÖH-BOKU there are about 250 students who are working for other students voluntarily! Their main interest is helping students at BOKU and they are highly motivated to organise courses, workshops and events as well as to help you with problems regarding your daily university life. The ÖH consists of various departments. For you as an international student, it is mainly the Department of International Affairs which will be of concern. Other departments are, for example, for Social Support, for Foreign Students or Education Policy.



Department for International Affairs

The Department for International Affairs of ÖH BOKU is happy to offer advice to anyone who is studying at BOKU university or planning to do so. Its aim is to provide advice for foreign students concerning questions about residence permits, language courses, financial support etc. This department also tries to help national students who are planning to study abroad. Furthermore, they cooperate with BOKU-International Relations and other organisations to improve the stay of all foreign students at BOKU. You are also welcome to ask for advice and help during the semester, just feel free to contact the department.

ESN BOKU (Erasmus Student Network) is a part of the international department of the ÖH BOKU. It is a union that aims to improve the everyday life of students during their time on the Erasmus programme and it organises lots of national and international events to connect students throughout Europe. They organise a Welcome Week at the beginning of every semester where you get introduced to other exchange students and BOKU in general. You are invited to participate!

Come by the office and get your ESN membership card that brings you a lot of benefits and goodies. If you are studying an ELLS Masters degree, the Euroleague Student Association (ELSA) is also situated at the International Office - feel free to contact us if you have questions or need assistance.

Department for Foreign Students and Applicants

The Department for Foreign Students of ÖH BOKU is responsible for degree and non-degree students at BOKU. We assist you with information on the application procedures and documents required for the degree you intend to study. Please

note that all application information is clearly stated on the BOKU website and if anything is unclear, feel free to ask us for assistance. We understand that these initial procedures can be overwhelming and that a second opinion, or even just a confirmation from us that you are on the right track, could be helpful for you.

For additional information about:

- tuition fees
- visa requirements and renewal processes
- insurance in Austria as a student
- starting and registering for courses in your first semester

You are welcome to come to our office during our opening hours or on appointment per email. You can also ask us about any information you require at any time per email and we shall reply as swiftly as possible.

STUDENTS' UNION AT BOKU (ÖH BOKU)

OFFICE

🏠 Peter Jordan Straße 76 | 1190 Wien

☎ +43 1 47654-19100

✉ sekretariat@oehboku.at

🌐 oehboku.at

📷 Instagram: @oehboku

DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

✉ international@oehboku.at

DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

✉ refausl@oehboku.at

BOKU IT-SERVICES

Overview over IT Services for new students:

🌐 [short.boku.ac.at/
it-services-for-new-students](https://short.boku.ac.at/it-services-for-new-students)

Video tutorials show you the first steps:

🌐 [short.boku.ac.at/
it-services-stud-videotutorials-en](https://short.boku.ac.at/it-services-stud-videotutorials-en)

BOKUONLINE ...

... is the campus management system at BOKU. A lot of the university's administrative procedures can and have to be done through it. It helps with...

- Registration for courses,
- Registration for exams,
- Printouts of study-relevant confirmations in the self-service (e.g. Transcript of Records),
- Updating contact data (email, study and home address),
- Curricula,
- Class schedules,
- Timetables for students,
- Certifications,
- Staff info,
- Accounts,
- Rooms,
- Evaluations.

💡 For further information regarding courses, see "Registration"

ⓘ **ATTENTION:** Contents of courses are accessible without application, but to register for courses and exams it is necessary to have a BOKU-account. As part of the Welcome Days for international students, a BOKUonline teaching session will take place.

🌐 online.boku.ac.at

OTHER ONLINE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Student Mailbox

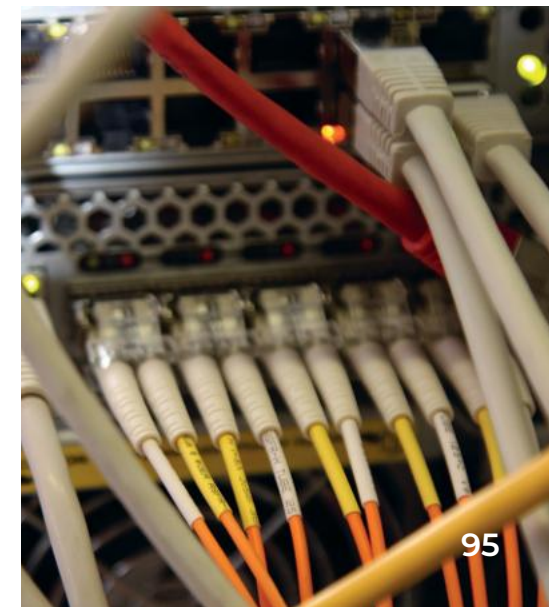
Every student at BOKU has his/her own email address which always ends with ...@students.boku.ac.at. All official notifications from the university and from professors are sent to this address, so you should check them regularly! You can use either the mailing system which is provided for students or forward your emails to another email account (you can set this up through BOKUonline with the link "E-mail Addresses")

🌐 students.boku.ac.at

BOKUlearn

Some lecturers use this e-learning platform to provide students with necessary learning materials e.g. Powerpoint slides, papers, scripts, videos and so forth. There is also the possibility of submitting homework and papers online. You can also register for "Tandem" at BOKUlearn. "The evaluation of exchange students" stay at BOKU is also possible through BOKUlearn.

🌐 learn.boku.ac.at



INTERNET CONNECTION, PRINTING AND COMPUTER ROOMS AT BOKU

WiFi

You can find WiFi-Hotspots (eduroam) almost everywhere at BOKU. It should provide an easy and comfortable opportunity for students to connect to the internet with all kinds of electronic devices within BOKU's buildings.

Eduroam

Eduroam (Education Roaming) is an international project which allows you to log into the WiFi of many home/internal and foreign education institutions (universities, universities of applied life sciences, etc.). Eduroam requires a separate password. Please follow the instructions on following page:

 short.boku.ac.at/it-eduroam-en

BOKUprint

An overview of the position of multifunctional devices can be found online.

If you want to use the multifunctional devices at BOKU you only need your BOKUcard or your BOKUaccount and your current password.

To be able to print/scan/copy with your BOKUcard you need to upload credit with some special payment machines. For more information see:

 short.boku.ac.at/it-bokuprint-credit-topup

BOKU - IT HOTLINE

 Peter-Jordan-Straße 82 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654-2101
 boku-it@boku.ac.at
 short.boku.ac.at/it-hotline-en

Copying

Well, there's not that much to say about it: log into a copy machine (with your BOKUcard) and print.

Scanning

There are three different functions to choose from:

- Scan To Email: your scan results are sent to your BOKU email address (with a slightly lower scan quality) or
- Scan To Home: with this option your scans will be saved in your personal home-file.
- Scan To BOKUdrive: your scans will be saved in your BOKUdrive cloud storage.

Printing

Print jobs can be sent to any copy machine/copier from the BOKU computers or your personal laptop. To send a print job from your personal laptop you need to install the iPrint Client and you need to be connected to the BOKU VPN-Network. More information is available on the BOKU-IT website:

 short.boku.ac.at/it-bokuprint-en

Your print jobs can be performed on any printer at BOKU. The multifunctional devices have a so called "pick up" service, and your print job is saved on the server for up to 7 days. Afterwards, it is deleted from the server.

Computer rooms

The BOKU-IT offers computer rooms to the students at BOKU. These offer a wide range of software and infrastructure in the so called PC-Räume. They are located in several BOKU buildings (Mendelhaus EG, TüWi building 20G, Muthgasse, ...).

 short.boku.ac.at/it-pc-rooms



LIBRARY

The library contains books relevant to the fields of study at the university; these being general engineering sciences, general natural sciences, agriculture, forestry, water and waste management, food science and biotechnology, landscape planning, environmental sciences and economics. All in all, around 606,000 volumes, 5,888 scientific magazines and about 6,000 maps and atlases are available.

To borrow books you are required to register. You can do this at the main desk in the library by showing your BOKUcard.

The search and the extension of the loan period can be completed via the internet. You can borrow a maximum number of 10 volumes at the same time.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVE - MAIN LIBRARY

 Peter-Jordan-Straße 82 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654-38060
 ub.support@boku.ac.at
 boku.ac.at/en/bib

The lending desk closes 15 min before closing time.

At the beginning of each semester, a short course on how to use the library is offered. A useful library guide can be found on the university library's homepage.

The library offers a workstation for blind or visually impaired persons (VIP).

In addition to the main library there are six more specialised libraries.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

FOOD- AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

 Muthgasse 18 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654 38095

SOCIAL SCIENCES, ECONOMICS AND LAW

 Feistmantelstraße 4 | 1180 Wien
 +43 1 47654-73011

FOREST, NATURE, TECHNOLOGY

 Peter Jordan-Straße 82 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654-87124

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE &

LANDSCAPE PLANNING

 Peter Jordan-Straße 65 | 1180 Wien
 +43 1 47654-85331

WATER MANAGEMENT, HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING

 Muthgasse 18 | 1190 Wien
 +43 1 47654-81603

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION/CAREER SERVICE

The Alumni Association promotes student and graduate networking activities with companies and supports them when entering professional life. The association runs an online job market, offers job application counselling, prevocational seminars and alumni meetings.

Job services such as a CV check or seminars are also available for students without a membership. Members receive job offers and internships via email. Membership registration is available online for both students and graduates. The membership fee for students is € 22 per year.

JOB AND APPLICATION

Thanks to the support of BOKU Alumni/Career Service, job hunting is easier for you. The online job market offers more than 1300 BOKU-related and current vacancies. You can send your application documents at any time and we will arrange an appointment via phone or Zoom, to discuss your CV for free.

Our Facebook or Instagram accounts can help you reach BOKU colleagues, get in touch with them and stay informed about BOKU.

STUDY ABROAD

During your studies at BOKU, you have several opportunities to spend some time abroad.

You can take an International Master programme, do an exchange semester/study year or an internship abroad, take a summer course or join an international student conference.

- Widen your scientific skills and competences
- Improve your language skills
- Broaden your horizons

EVENTS

Preparing for job search, improving your application documents, simulating job interviews or providing information on recruiting processes by assessment centres are some of the topics offered in our seminars.

MAGAZINE

The BOKU Magazine provides information on interesting alumni career paths and shows important job providers for BOKU graduates. The magazine is published quarterly and sent to members via mail.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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alumni.boku.wien

- Get to know people from all over the world
- Experience different cultures, societies and ways of living

BOKU-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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+43 1 47654-32000
international@boku.ac.at
boku.ac.at/int-out.html



LUNCH AT BOKU

There are several options for having lunch on each campus at reasonable prices between € 5 and € 12.

CAMPUS TÜRKENSCHANZE

Türkenwirt (TÜWI) & TüWi Hofladen

TÜWI is no regular restaurant, as you might know. The daily lunch menu is always vegan and freshly cooked – served Monday to Friday. They only use organic and fair trade ingredients. You can also get classics such as the TüWi Burger, sandwiches or other sweet treats from the TüWi Hofladen that also sells locally grown vegetables, fruits and other products.

In the Türkenwirt building:

Peter-Jordan-Straße 76 | 1190 Wien
TÜWI: 11 am – 00 am
Hofladen: 10 am – 5 pm

Mensa BOKU

Can be found in the new Türkenwirt building, offering a large variety of daily dishes, meal deals, breakfast offers and more.

Peter-Jordan-Straße 76 / 1190 Wien
Mo – Fr: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
<https://www.mensen.at/>

CAFÉ MENDELHAUS

Small café with nice terrace in the Mendelhaus courtyard

Gregor-Mendel-Str. 33 | 1180 Wien
Mo-Fr: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



M-CAFE BOK'S

Ilse-Wallentin-House (Mensa)

The cafeteria at the Ilse-Wallentin-House offers a small selection of daily dishes, breakfast, coffee and more.

 Peter-Jordan-Straße 82 | 1190 Wien
 Cafeteria: Mo – Do: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm
 Fr: 8.30 am – 2.30 pm
 Warm meals: 11.30 am – 1.00 pm

MEAL DISCOUNT FOR STUDENTS

ÖH Mensapickerl

Students can purchase meals at a discount of € 2 per menu. To receive this discount:

- First you need to go to the Student's Union Office (ÖH BOKU) to sign the form and get an 'M' printed on your BOKU card. The office is on the 2nd floor of the TÜWI building at Campus Türkenschanze.
- Then, register at the cashier in the Mensa with your bank card before 11 am or after 2 pm.

Please note that you need to pay by card to receive the discount (except at the TÜWI: you can receive the discount there simply by showing the 'M').

BOKU FACEBOOK EXCHANGE GROUP

On the Facebook Page "BOKU Exchange" we offer three groups:

- BOKU Exchange
- Accommodation exchange BOKU

Here you can exchange helpful information, look for rooms and keep in contact with your new international friends.

 fb.com/boku.exchange

NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

BOKU-International Relations publishes an international newsletter for students on a regular basis. If you would like to subscribe, please send a short email to: buddy@boku.ac.at.

INTERNATIONAL "BOKU STAMMTISCH" (REGULAR MEETING)

All international and Austrian students are invited to join the weekly international "BOKU Stammtisch" (regular meeting). It is a good opportunity to meet and chat with fellow international colleagues. The dates will be sent out with the international newsletter.

ESN-EVENTS - EVENTS WITH THE ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe. The ESN organises a series of interesting events throughout the year:

 boku.esnaustria.org





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VIENNA

VIENNA IS WORTH LIVING!

Numerous times, Vienna has been rated the most liveable city worldwide. The main reason for the high ranking is the high quality of living combined with cultural activity and affordable tuition fees.

With its rich history, its cultural traditions, and its location in the centre of Europe, Vienna is of special interest, particularly for students.

Vienna is a city with rich cultural attractions and highlights. Next to the many historical buildings, there are museums with some of the most important artworks ever created, by artists such as Klimt, Schiele, Dürer, Rembrandt, etc. Furthermore, it is the city of classical music, hosting the world famous Musikverein (Music Lovers Hall) and an outstanding Opera House.

However, the city also features vibrant cafés and clubs, modern architecture, trendy designer stores and music festivals for all tastes. Vienna's many faces, ranging from traditional and historical to progressive and alternative, all complement one another. Be ready to explore Vienna's unexpected secrets!

"Vienna is a fantastic city, with lots of different activities to offer, the cherry on top being that a lot of them are for free!"

Anna from Italy, 2023

SAFETY

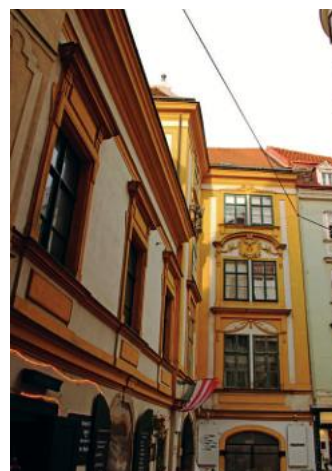
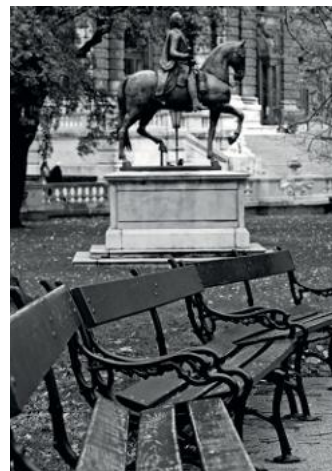
Vienna is also a very safe city. It is no problem to take public transport on your own at night. Students can feel safe in all areas of the city.

However, in certain crowded (and especially touristic) places, you should take good care of your belongings. If something is stolen from you or you lose something, immediately report it to the closest police station. In Vienna, you can also turn to the lost and found service ("Fundstellen") of the municipal authorities ("Magistratische Bezirksämter") or to the headquarters of the lost and found service.

If you lose an important document e.g. certificate, contract, I.D., you should report it to the police or a lost and found service. Here you will receive an official notice of loss, which you need to take to the issuer of the document in order to get a replacement.

"Eat Sachertorte, Kaiserschmarrn, Marmeladepalatschinken and Schnitzel; drink Kaiserspritzer and Wiener Ottakringer; Mariahilferstraße, Saunaparty, Museumsquartier, Tel Aviv Beach, Heuriger in Grinzing and Lisa. I don't regret that I chose Vienna"

Giuseppe, Erasmus student from Italy, 2015



ARRIVAL IN VIENNA

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

When you arrive at the Vienna International Airport (Wien-Schwechat) you will be in the Bundesland (Federal State) of Lower Austria, about 15 kilometres south of Vienna. Further information about the airport is available online:

[viennaairport.com/en](https://www.viennaairport.com/en)

There are several possibilities to get to the city centre:

- by bus
- by suburban railway (S-Bahn 7)
- ÖBB Train
- by the City Airport Train (CAT), although this option is way more expensive as the train
- by taxi

Check timetables and fares online:

[oebb.at/en](https://www.oebb.at/en)

BUS

Regular bus transfers take you from the airport to the city centre (Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz, Westbahnhof). The ride takes about 20–45 minutes depending on traffic. You can buy a ticket from the driver (cash).

SUBURBAN RAILWAY (S-BAHN 7)

The S-Bahn stops in Wien Mitte – Landstraße (underground U3, U4, suburban railways, buses and trams), Praterstern (U1, U2, suburban railways, buses and trams), Handelskai (U6, S45, suburban railways and buses) and Floridsdorf (U6, suburban railways buses and trams). A ride takes 20 – 45 min depending on your destination.

CITY AIRPORT TRAIN (CAT)

The CAT is the fastest and most expensive transport (€ 14,90 single ticket) connecting the airport to Landstraße – Wien Mitte (U3, U4, suburban railways buses and trams).

TAXI

A taxi to the centre is around € 35 to € 60.

ARRIVAL BY TRAIN ...

... at Hauptbahnhof

Many trains from southern and eastern Europe arrive at the new main station (Hauptbahnhof). The main station is located at the subway station “Südtirolerplatz” (U1). Tram D takes you directly to the centre (Karlsplatz with connections to U1, U2 and U4).

Furthermore, you can take tram O and 18 (to the “Westbahnhof”) or the buses 13A and 69A. There is also a suburban train stop at the “Hauptbahnhof”.

... at Wien Meidling

If you arrive at the train station Wien Meidling you can take the subway U6 or S-Bahn.

... at Westbahnhof

Many trains from Western or Northern Europe arrive at “Westbahnhof”. From there, you can take the underground U3 (orange) and U6 (brown) as well as trams 5, 6, 9, 18, 52 and 58 or S-Bahn.

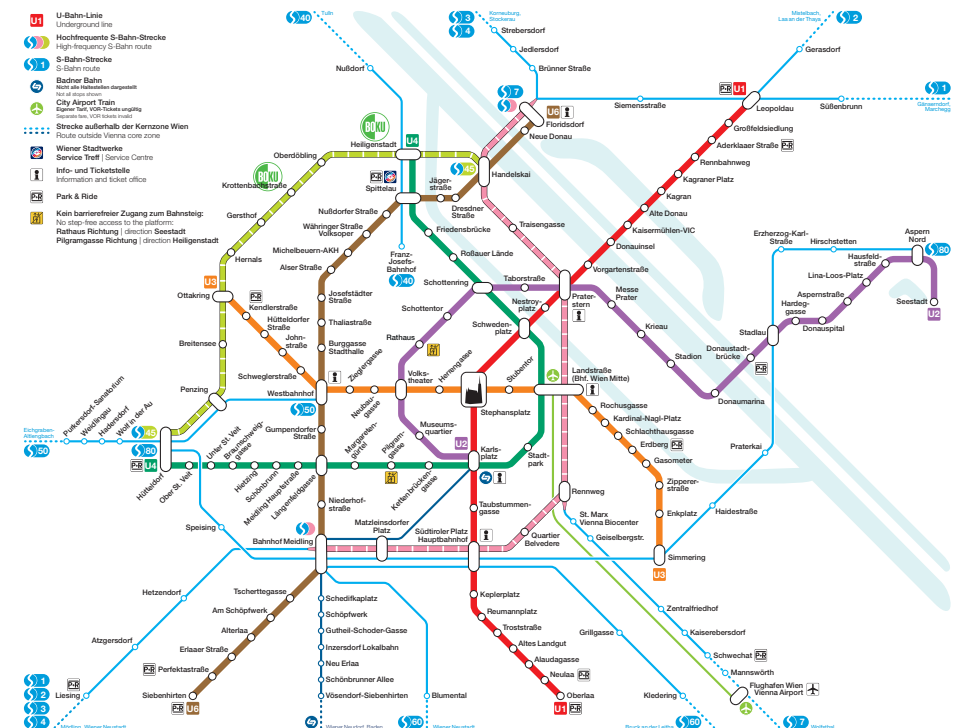
ARRIVAL BY BUS

The main bus station for big bus carriers like Eurolines is located in Erdberg where you can get on the underground U3 (orange). Travel in the direction of “Ottakring” to reach the city centre.

ARRIVAL BY CAR

It is advisable to only use a car in Vienna in the outer districts and for excursions (in the inner districts finding a parking spot is often very difficult). Be advised that you need a “Parkpickerl” everywhere in Vienna to park. For the inner districts and inner city we recommend that you use public transport, a bike or walk.

Schnellverbindungen | Rapid Transit



From 4 July 2026 to 6 September 2026, no trains will run on the S-Bahn Wien core line between Wien Praterstern and Wien Floridsdorf and due to extensive construction work along the S-Bahn

Wien core line, the section Vienna Central Station/ St. Marx – Wien Praterstern will be closed from 7 September 2026 until the end of October 2027.



Photo: Raphael Zwiauer

GETTING AROUND IN VIENNA

WIENER LINIEN (VIENNA LINES)

Vienna has a dense public transport system. Its 161 lines – underground, tram, bus – plus the suburban railway (S-Bahn) can take you easily to any place in Vienna.

On the homepage of the Wiener Linien you can find timetables and route maps. “AnachB” is a very useful website for finding your way around Vienna and there is also the Wiener Linien smartphone app ‘WienMobil’. WienMobil shows real-time departures, available “car2go” cars and “Citybike” stations nearby.

[wienerlinien.at](https://www.wienerlinien.at)

NIGHT BUSES

On weekends, the subway runs 24 hours a day with at least one every twenty minutes. During the week, there are night buses every 30 minutes when the underground is closed. No special ticket is required as normal tickets are valid.

TICKETS

The annual youth pass (“Jahreskarte Jugend”) for young people up to 26 years old is priced at € 294 per year. A cancellation of an annual pass is possible after 7 months.

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/jahreskarte>

If you only need shorter-term coverage or are older than 26, you can purchase the 31-day “31 Tage Wien” pass for € 75 (€ 65.20 digital version)

<https://www.wienerlinien.at/zeitkarten>

All tickets can be bought online (digital versions are cheaper) or purchased in person at any Wiener Linien ticket office.

BICYCLE

Vienna is a great city for cycling. “A to B” helps to find the quickest route between two locations by bike and also shows the height profile of the routes.

anachb.at

REPAIR AND SECOND HAND BIKES

The ÖH BOKU Sport Department regularly organises a bicycle repair. The exact dates are announced on their website.

Those who do not have a bike can search for a used bike on the first Wednesday of the month between 3 to 6 pm at the bicycle flea market at WUK. If you have a broken bike and you don’t know how to repair it or you need a special tool, there is also a 100m² workshop, lots of spare parts, tools and people who know how to repair a bike.

NEXT BIKE RENTAL

In the cycling season (until 15 November) you can use the rental bikes of Nextbike in Tulln.

unterwegs.boku.ac.at

If you have an ÖBB Vorteils/Österreichcard or VOR-Jahreskarte first hour will be free of charge and you will only be charged € 9 for a full day’s ride. This applies to every hire of a rental bike. Moreover, when registering for the first time with your ÖBB Vorteils/Österreichcard or your VOR-Jahreskarte you will be granted a free bike rental for a day worth € 1.

WIENMOBIL BIKES

The WienMobil Bike system is an innovative and environmentally friendly means of public transport and not a conventional bike rental system. Download the Nextbike App (Google Play Store or Apple App Store), register and find one of more than 3000 WienMobil bikes in your area! Scan the QR-code directly on the bike with your app and unlock the bike. After returning the bike at the next WienMobil Bike station you pay directly via the app (starting from 0,3 €/30 minutes). Holders of the semester ticket for public transport pay 50% less!

map.bikecitizens.net/at-vienna

wienerlinien.at/wienmobil/rad

WIENER LINIEN

CUSTOMER CENTRE - (U3-STOP ERDBERG)

📍 Erdbergstraße 202 | 1030 Wien

☎ +43 (1) 7909 100

✉ auskunft@wienerlinien.at

🌐 wienerlinien.at

🕒 Mo, We, Fr: 8 am – 3 pm

Th: 8 am – 5.30 pm

Critical Mass is a monthly protest by cyclists reclaiming the streets. Bicyclists and, less frequently, other forms of self-propelled commuter take to the streets en masse. It is sometimes called an "organised coincidence" because there is no leader or membership. It is held on the third Friday of every month. Before the rides, bikers meet at Schwarzenbergplatz between 4:30 and leave at 5.

🌐 fb.com/groups/Critical.Mass.Vienna

🌐 <http://www.criticalmass.at/>

AUSTRIAN FEDERAL RAILWAY (ÖBB)

An online timetable and online tickets for Austria and destinations abroad can be found on the ÖBB website:

🌐 oebb.at/en

For a journey with the ÖBB within Vienna ("Kernzone 100") you only need a valid ticket for the "Wiener Linien". If you already have a ticket for Vienna you only need to get an ÖBB-ticket starting at the city limit ("Stadtgrenze").

Tickets bought online or at machines are slightly cheaper than when you buy them at the counter.

SECOND HAND BICYCLES

Every 1st Wednesday of the month between 3 and 6:00 pm the WUK Bicycle-Self-Help. Workshop organises a bicycle flea market

🏠 Währinger Straße 59 | 1090 Wien
🌐 wuk.at/programm/fahrradflohmarkt/fahrrad-flohmarkt/

IG Fahrrad has new, rental and second hand bikes

🌐 ig-fahrrad.at

All bicycle flea markets in vienna are listed on this website

🌐 radflohmarkt.at

Online you can find cheap used bikes on

🌐 willhaben.at

DISCOUNT CARD - THE "VORTEILSCARD"

- The "Vorteilscard" entitles the cardholder to a 45 - 50% reduction on all tickets for travel on the Austrian Federal Railway System.
- VORTEILSCARD Jugend for € 19 (for anybody below the age of 26)
- Vorteilscard 66 for € 66 (for anybody, without age restriction, buy online!)
- VORTEILSCARD Family for € 19 (for adults travelling with children)
- The card is available online or at all Austrian train stations. The card is valid for 1 year starting on the day issued.

🌐 <https://www.oebb.at/en/tickets-kundenkarten/kundenkarten/vorteilscard>

GROUP TRAVELS

For short trips on suburban and regional service trains you can get the "Einfach-RausTicket". It's valid for two to five people but only during specific hours. For further details check:

🌐 oebb.at/en/tickets-kundenkarten/freizeit-urlaub/einfach-raus-ticket

KLIMATICKET Ö

The KlimaTicket Ö allows you to use all scheduled services (public and private rail, city and public transport) in a specific area for a year: regional, cross-regional and nationwide. It cannot be used on touristic offers.

Regular price for the KlimaTicket Ö is € 1.400, for young people aged under 26 years price is € 1.050. The KlimaTicket Ö is valid for a whole year. As Wiener Linien are included in the KlimaTicket Ö, it is not necessary to buy a semesterticket or annual ticket for Vienna in addition.

If you stay for a study year (or longer) at BOKU and you want to discover Austria by public transport, the KlimaTicket Ö might be an easy and cheap option!

🌐 <https://www.klimaticket.at/en/>

CARS

If you ride a car in the city pay attention to the parking situation. In all districts with "Kurzparkzonen" a "Parkpickerl" or parking permit is required for cars. Further information about Parkpickerl and parking generally can be found at:

🌐 www.wien.gv.at/verkehr/parken/kurzparkzonen/

TAXI

Calling a Taxi might sometimes be unavoidable. The telephone numbers for Taxis in Vienna are:

☎ +43 1 60160

☎ +43 1 40100

☎ +43 1 31300

BOKU UNTERWEGS

🏠 Institute for Transport Studies (IVE)
✉ mobilitaetsmanagement@boku.ac.at
🌐 unterwegs.boku.ac.at



REGISTRATION IN VIENNA

LOCAL REGISTRATION IN VIENNA

Everyone who lives in Austria is required by Austrian law to register with the local authorities. Registration with the municipal authorities must be completed within three working days of your stay in Austria. The documents required are a valid passport and the residence registration form ("Meldezettel").

The "Meldezettel" can be obtained at the municipal authorities, in BOKU-International Relations or downloaded at

short.boku.ac.at/int-in-vienna-registration-en.html

The image shows two forms. The top form is the 'Meldezettel' (Residence Registration Form) with fields for personal data, passport information, and registration details. The bottom form is the 'Antrag auf Ausstellung einer Anmeldebescheinigung' (Application for Issuance of a Confirmation of Registration) for EU citizens and Swiss residents, with fields for personal data, passport information, and reasons for registration.

When changing your address during your stay in Vienna, you need to inform the municipal authorities by filling in a new "Meldezettel". A couple of days before your departure from Vienna, you need to deregister.

REGISTRATION IN AUSTRIA (FOR A STAY LONGER THAN 3 MONTHS)

If you are an EEA citizen (EU country + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or a Swiss citizen and you want to stay in Austria for longer than 3 months you have to register with the competent municipal authority (Magistrat, Bezirkshauptmannschaft) at the latest 4 months after your registration in Vienna and you will receive a confirmation of registration (up to a € 55 fee).

For this registration the following documents are necessary:

- filled in and signed application form
- valid identification card or passport
- proof of an adequate health insurance covering all risks (e.g. European Health Insurance Card or Private Health Insurance Policy)
- proof of sufficient financial means
- students also need a confirmation of admission by the university

This registration is necessary in addition to the one according to the Registration Act! In case of non-compliance with this regulation, a fine (up to € 250) may be imposed.

oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/confirmation-of-registration/

MONEY & BANK ACCOUNT

BANK OFFICE HOURS ...

... vary from bank to bank. In general, the following timetable can be used as a guideline:

- ⌚ Mo, Tue, We, Fri: 8 am – 12³⁰ pm and 1³⁰ pm – 3 pm,
- ⌚ Thu 8 am – 12³⁰ pm and 1³⁰ pm – 5³⁰ pm.

EXCHANGING MONEY ...

... is possible without any identification at every Austrian bank. In most cases you have to pay a fee. You need a passport for identification to exchange travellers cheques. All banks accept cheques but charge a fee.

A CASH CARD ("BANKOMATKARTE")...

... allows you to withdraw money from any cash machine in Austria from your account in your home country (if it features the Maestro or Cirrus symbol). Ask at your bank whether you have to pay a fee for this service.

PHONE

TELEPHONE BOOK

Find phone numbers online:

herold.at

CALLING CODE

For telephone calls within Austria, zero (0) has to be dialed before the respective area code. The dialing code for Austria is +43, the regional code for Vienna is (0)1.

CREDIT CARDS

(Visa and MasterCard) are accepted in most of the major stores.

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

Most banks offer free bank accounts for students. To open an account, in most banks you need your passport, your student I.D., and your confirmation of registration (Meldebestätigung). Students older than 25 might have to provide proof of university registration ("Studienbestätigung").

COST OF LIVING

During their stay in Vienna, most of the exchange students need about € 1000 to € 1,500 per month. Find information on living costs online:

studyinaustria.at/en/living/living-costs

PRICE EXAMPLES

TÜWI offers meals from € 6,50; a coffee is usually around € 4; a beer (0,5l) is around € 5 a cinema ticket is € 11.

MOBILE PHONE ("HANDY")

You can either choose a contract (for a minimum time of one year) or a prepaid card model.

Currently, the cheapest option is most likely a prepaid simcard from Spusu, Georg, Yess! or HELP that you can buy at Billa and Hofer supermarkets. Other providers of mobile phone services for example are A1, T-Mobile, Drei, bob, tele.ring, XOXO and eety.

Find price comparisons online:

durchblicker.at/handytarife

PUBLIC PHONES

In Austria there are either coin-box telephones or ones that can be used with a calling card. You can buy calling cards in post offices and in "Tabak Trafiken" (tobacco shops).

SPORTS

ÖH BOKU - DEPARTMENT FOR SPORTS

A good way of meeting Austrian students is by doing sports together. The objective is to provide students easy accessibility to a variety of sport offers that are otherwise quite expensive to pay for by oneself. All courses are provided for free or at a very low cost for all students. The different registration modalities for the courses can be found on the ÖH BOKU homepage. Some courses have limited places and course fees.

Some courses offered are:

- Bouldering / Climbing
- Mountain Biking
- Dance classes
- Jogging
- Yoga
- Ultimate Frisbee
- ... and many more!

You can find all current offers at

fb.com/sportreferat

oehboku.at

Tip: ÖH BOKU's office for sports also offers workshops for bike repair. You can come on certain dates and get help fixing your bike.

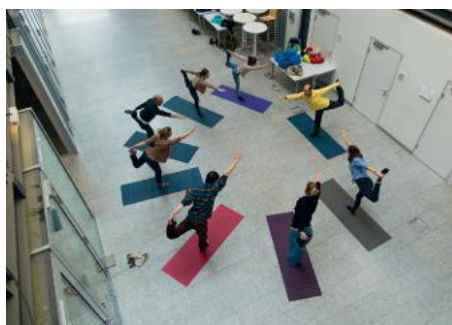
ÖH DEPARTMENT FOR SPORTS

 Peter Jordan Straße 76 | 1190 Wien

 +43 1 47654 2030

 sport@oehboku.at

 oehboku.at/referate/sport



THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS INSTITUTE (USI)

Every semester, the USI offers an impressive number of courses for around 50,000 students. A complete list can be found on their homepage. Additionally, the University Sports Institute organises trips like hiking, rock climbing, skiing and snowboarding.

Online registration possible:

<https://www.usi.at/en/>

SWIMMING POOLS

If you are keen on water, just check the list of indoor and outdoor pools:

<https://www.wien.gv.at/en/leisure/public-baths>

GREEN SPOTS TO HANG OUT

Vienna is a very "green" city so you can enjoy relaxing in one of the many parks.

If Türkenschanzpark next to BOKU is too small for you, you can go to the "Donauinsel", the green "Prater", or even to the forests east and southeast of Vienna, the "Wienerwald".

The botanical garden in the 3rd district might also be of special interest for you!

USI

 Auf der Schmelz 6a | 1150 Wien

 +43 1 4277-17001

 usi@univie.ac.at

 www.usi.at

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Vienna is internationally known for its cultural and historical diversity.

To find out what is going on in Vienna's theatres, concert halls and cinemas, you can check the weekly programme of the magazine "Falter"

 falter.at

CLASSICAL MUSIC / OPERA

Vienna is the city of classical music, the world-famous "Musikverein", the Opera House and several theatres. More than 10 big stages, music halls and theatres perform different shows every single night.

THE WIENER MUSIKVEREIN...

... (Viennese Music Association), is a concert hall in the Innere Stadt borough of Vienna, Austria. It is home to the Vienna Philharmonic orchestra. The "Great Hall" (Großer Saal) due to its highly regarded acoustics is considered one of the finest concert halls in the world. You can mainly enjoy classical music concerts in the Musikverein.

 musikverein.at

THE KONZERTHAUS...

... emphasises both tradition and innovative musical styles. The idea is to be more interesting to the wider public than the traditional Musikverein. The Konzerthaus has the Vienna Symphony in residence. Besides many classical music events you will find jazz and world music concerts in the Konzerthaus.

 konzerthaus.at

THE VIENNA STATE OPERA ...

... (Wiener Staatsoper) is one of the top opera houses in the world – where you can enjoy the very best in first-class productions. This famous stage offers a different programme every day, with over 50 operas and ballet works on over around 300 days per season. Cheap standing tickets can be bought for € 3/€ 4 80 minutes before the start of the show, though queues will start to form around 2 hours in advance.

 wiener-staatsoper.at

THEATRE

A list of Vienna's theatres can be found at:

 wien.info/en/music-stage-shows/theater

The current theatre programme is published in daily newspapers or in the monthly programme of the Tourmusverband (tourism board).

Vienna's English Theatre and Open House Theatre produce performances in English.

 englishtheatre.at

 www.openhousetheatre.at/?locale=de

 **CHEAPER TICKETS FOR STUDENTS:**
Remaining theatre tickets for students ("Restkarten") can be purchased for around € 5, 15 to 30 minutes before the start, on showing the student I.D. Furthermore, there is a good chance of getting standing room tickets for € 3.50 an hour before the beginning of the performance.

CINEMA

For cinema fanatics, Vienna offers many beautiful movie theatres with a decent programme beyond the Hollywood mainstream. There are quite a few cinemas which show films in the original language with German subtitles. In most cinemas at the beginning of the week, tickets are a bit cheaper. The "Votivkino" in cooperation with the "De France" offers a so-called "Votivcard" – ten shows for € 67. The carnet for ten shows at the "Stadtkino" is € 75.

The complete programme for all cinemas in Vienna can be found on:

 film.at/



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Photo: Manfred Werner via Wikimedia Commons

FESTIVALS

There are plenty of festivals which take place in Vienna, most of them during summer. To name a few of them, here is a short overview:

The Wiener Festwochen (Vienna Festival) ...

... is a cultural festival in Vienna that takes place every year for five or six weeks in May and June. The Vienna Festival offers theater, opera, and dance productions from all over the world.

 festwochen.at/en

The Vienna Jazz Fest Wien ...

... is a modern, urbane festival with an international reputation which places it as one of three most important Jazz festivals in the world, a factor which has only boosted Vienna's position as an attractive travel destination.

 viennajazz.org/en

The ImpulsTanz - Vienna

"International Dance Festival"

... is one of the largest festivals of contemporary dance and performance worldwide. Each summer, thousands of dancers, choreographers and artists from all over the world come together in Vienna, work together for five weeks and celebrate contemporary dance.

 impulstanz.com/en

"Donauinselfest" (Danube Island Festival)

At the end of June the Danube Island Festival takes place. Over a length of several kilometres big stars and not so big stars perform a diverse selection of (musical) acts on different stages. You'll have to squeeze in as half of Vienna will be there (free entry).

 donauinselfest.at

"Popfest" at Karlsplatz

At the end of July, Karlsplatz turns into a pop music scene with many international and local musicians (free entry).

 popfest.at

Museums

Vienna has a vast variety of museums. The offer is so big that you would need to stay for a whole course of studies to thoroughly visit all of them. The "Museumsquartier" is an outstanding location with the "Leopold-Museum", the "MUMOK", the "Kunsthalle Wien", the "ZOOM Kindermuseum" and the "Architektur Zentrum Wien".

 mqw.at

Cultural Institutes

Some countries (e.g. Italy, Hungary, Poland, Great Britain) maintain cultural institutes in Vienna, which offer special events (film evenings, exhibitions, concerts ...).

The addresses of these institutes can be found on the pages of the Austrian Foreign Ministry:

 bmeia.gv.at/en

ÖH DEPARTMENT FOR ARTS/CULTURE

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 +43 1 47654-19132
 kultur@oehboku.at
 oehboku.at/referate/kultur/

HEALTH CARE

IN CASE OF ILLNESS

A list of doctors in Vienna can be found at

 praxisplan.at
(search for language skills is possible).

 docfinder.at

In case you need a doctor, you should try to find out in advance whether he/she is working together with the Viennese health insurance service (Österreichische Gesundheitskasse "ÖGK").

In order to see the doctor, you need some kind of proof of insurance:

- European Union citizens can use their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), when they go to see a doctor and do not have to pay for the basic medical services. But please call the doctors in advance to make sure that your card is accepted.
- If you have insured yourself directly with the Viennese health insurance, you will receive a health insurance card from them (and you do not have to pay for basic medical services)
- If you have private health insurance, please ask the insurance company what you have to do when you need to see a doctor.

HOSPITALS

Allgemeines Krankenhaus der Stadt Wien (AKH)

 Währinger Gürtel 18-20 | 1090 Wien
 +43 1 40400-0
 www.akhwien.at

Klinik Ottakring

 Montleartstraße 37 | 1160 Wien
 +43 1 49150-0
 klinik-ottakring.gesundheitsverbund.at

Klinik Landstraße

 Juchgasse 25 | 1030 Wien
 Tel.: +43 1 71165-0
 klinik-landstrasse.gesundheitsverbund.at

Klinik Donaustadt

 Langobardenstraße 122 | 1220 Wien
 +43 1 288 02-0
 klinik-donaustadt.gesundheitsverbund.at

Krankenhaus der Barmherzigen Brüder

(also helps patients WITHOUT INSURANCE)

 Johannes von Gott-Platz 1 | 1020 Wien
 +43 1 21121-0
 barmherzige-brueder.at

Klinik Hietzing

 Wolkerbergstraße 1 | 1130 Wien
 +43 1 80110-0
 klinik-hietzing.gesundheitsverbund.at

Unfallkrankenhaus Lorenz Böhler

 Donaueschingerstraße 13 | 1200 Wien
 +43 1 33110
 www.auva.at/ukhboehler

St. Anna Kinderspital (for children)

 Kinderspitalg. 6 A | 1090 Wien
 +43 1 40170
 stanna.at

PSYCHOSOCIAL CRISES

In case of mental illness you should turn to the social psychiatric emergency service.

The Psychological Counseling Services support you with the choice and start of your academic studies, coach you with your personal development and provide advice regarding academic and personal concerns.

PSYCHOSOCIAL EMERGENCY

ÖH Helpline

The ÖH helpline has been available directly at BOKU since October. Free psychological counseling sessions are offered weekly. The first therapy unit is free and they can help finding a therapist for you.

Location: BOKU TŮWI, 2nd floor, ÖH library

Time: Thursdays 9:00–13:00

Appointments: by phone or online

Social Psychiatric Emergency Service (Sozialpsychiatrischer Notdienst & Psychosoziale Information)

📞 Emergency Service - 24h - Hotline:
+43 1 31330

📞 General information:
+43 1 4000/53060

🌐 psd-wien.at

Psychological Counseling Services

🏠 Lederergasse 35/4th floor | 1080 Wien
📞 +43 1 402 30 91

✉️ psychologische.studentenberatung@
univie.ac.at

🌐 studierendenberatung.at

🕒 Mo-Fr: 9 am – 12 am
and 1 pm – 3 pm

(except for Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons)

HELP WITH DRUGS

In case of problems with drugs you should either turn to the general medical clinic “addiction assistance” (“ambulatorium suchthilfe wien”) for medical support or go to the “Jedmayer”.

VACCINATIONS

There are no required vaccinations for travelling in Austria. However, immunisation against tick-borne encephalitis (TBE – German: FSME) is recommended, especially if you spend the spring semester in Vienna. You can either get vaccinated in advance by your own doctor, or alternatively during the first days after your arrival. From March onwards, the vaccine is available in all pharmacies; it is best to buy it there and then go to a general practitioner or contact the local “Health Offices” of Magistratsabteilung 15 (MA 15) to arrange an appointment for the vaccination. A list of addresses can be found at:

🌐 [https://impfservice.wien/en/
where-is-vaccination-done/](https://impfservice.wien/en/where-is-vaccination-done/)

If you spend a lot of time outside, it’s recommendable to wear protective clothes and check your body for ticks.

ADDICTION ASSISTANCE

Ambulatory (Suchthilfe Wien)

🏠 Gumpendorfer Gürtel 8 | 1060 Wien

📞 +43 1 4000-53760

✉️ ambulatorium@suchthilfe.at

🌐 suchthilfe.at

Jedmayer (Suchthilfe Wien)

🏠 Gumpendorfer Gürtel 8 | 1080

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BOKU Ball 2027

On the 8th of January 2027
the BOKU Ball 2027 will take
place in the Viennese Town-
hall "Rathaus der Stadt
Wien".

 bokuball.at

The BOKU University Ball is one of the largest university balls in Austria. It has been organized by members of the ÖH BOKU for many years. The BOKU Ball offers BOKU students, in particular, the perfect setting to enjoy a spectacular night of dancing with many friends and bring the semester to a close.



WASTE MANAGEMENT IN VIENNA

WASTE ≠ WASTE

Waste is generated as a by-product of all human activities, but not all waste is the same. Some products are in use for only a few minutes before becoming "waste", such as takeaway coffee cups, others can be in use for decades, such as concrete blocks used in construction. Based on physical and chemical characteristics, the waste can be radioactive, hazardous, organic or inorganic, reusable and/or recyclable, with a high or low energy content etc.

According to Austrian legislation waste is defined as movable objects, of which the holder has the intention to dispose; or the collection and treatment of which is in the public interest due to the hazards to human health and the environment, fire and explosion risk, public safety etc.



WASTE SOURCE SEPARATION

In Austria, only a small portion of the original amount of waste ends up in landfills due to the advanced waste treatment system. Source separation of waste is a prerequisite in order to maintain the technological and economic feasibility of a complex system of waste treatment from the waste bins to the final disposal. In Vienna, household waste and waste from household similar facilities (e.g. universities, offices etc.) is source separated into seven different waste factions:

- wastepaper (red label),
- clear glass (grey label),
- coloured glass (green label),
- plastic packaging material incl. plastic bottles, drink cartons, cans (yellow label),
- organic waste (dark brown label)

- residual waste (orange label)

So-called "special waste", such as bulky waste, batteries, energy-saving light bulbs, electronic equipment, hazardous substances, etc. are collected at collection sites or by mobile hazardous waste collection trucks. Batteries can also be brought to supermarkets, where they are taken back.

Vienna has a long tradition of separate collection. Since 1979 plastic, glass and metals have been collected separately; approximately 15 years before separate collection became mandatory for the whole of Austria. Also in comparison with other European cities, Vienna shows excellent results with a high collection efficiency and high enthusiasm amongst Viennese people for separate collection.

REUSE

Reuse involves all processes such as repair procedures, washing, painting and similar, which have the common goal of prolonging the life span of the product. A prominent example is the reuse of waste electronic equipment, which requires a manufacture reassembling facility with a number of qualified professionals. In order to be certified and put back on the market, electronic equipment has to be in good working order for the same purpose for which it was manufactured. In Vienna there are several companies involved with the repair of discarded electronic devices. The company R.U.S.Z. (rusz.at) has specialised in washing machines, dishwashers, electric cookers and coffee makers. Beside reuse activities, the company also offers onsite repair and the sale of

new kitchen electronic devices. Another company in Vienna which deals with the reuse of electronic is D.R.Z. (drz-wien.at). They are specialised in repairing computers, laptops and audio devices on the one hand and dismantling and pre-treatment for metal recycling from waste electric and electronic equipment on the other.

PFAND

Since 1.1.25 there is a new so called "Pfand" deposit system in place in Austria which is similar to the one in Germany. If you return your used (plastic) bottles and cans you will get back the 0,25 you paid in advance. You can return used plastic bottles and cans with deposit logo in any supermarket or where you purchased it (except vending machines).

RECYCLING

In Vienna, more than 350,000 tons of waste materials such as paper, scrap metal or waste glass are collected separately every year. Currently, more than 216,000 waste containers are available for separate waste collection. Added to this are the waste collection centres and additional hazardous waste collection points.

Waste paper



Separately collected waste paper is used in the paper industry and, depending on the paper quality, either used for the production of recycled paper or as fuel substitute.

- ! Suitable for waste paper bins are: newspapers, magazines, books, writing paper, letters, uncoated frozen food boxes, paper bags cardboard boxes, etc.
- ! Not suitable for waste paper bins are: composite materials such as milk and beverage cartons, dirty or greasy paper, laminated cartons, receipts

More than 120,000 tons of waste paper are collected annually in Vienna. With the use of waste paper in the paper production, 270,000 t of wood are saved annually. This spares 480,000 trees from being cut down annually. The production of recycled paper requires 95% less waste and 60% less energy in comparison to the production of new white paper.

Glass

- ! Suitable items for clear glass bins are: clear non-returnable glass bottles and pickle jars, clear glass containers, clear wine and liquor bottles, etc.
- ! Suitable items for coloured glass bins are: coloured non-returnable glass bottles, slightly coloured glass, wine and liquor bottles, etc.
- ! Not suitable for both waste glass bins are: ceramics, plastic bottles, mirrors, light bulbs, corks and bottle caps, window glass, drink glasses

Be sure to separate clear and coloured glass, because coloured glass should not be disposed of in the bin for clear glass and vice versa. Some glass bottles in Austria are returnable bottles (e.g. most beer bottles) and should be returned in the supermarket.



Plastic packaging, bottles, drink cartons, cans

Modern sorting technology is used to automatically sort the jointly collected plastic bottles, beverage cartons and cans/metal packaging by material. Plastic bottles are additionally sorted by colour and cans and metal packaging are separated into ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

- ① Suitable for plastic packaging, bottles, drink cartons, cans containers are: plastic bottles for beverages (PET bottles), for supplies (e.g. vinegar, cooking oil, dairy products), for detergents and household cleaners, plastic containers for cosmetics and toiletries, distilled water and drink cartons ("Tetra Pak" cartons), beverage cans, food cans, metal foil, metal tubes, metal tops of jars, bottles and all kinds of plastic packaging
- ① Not Suitable for plastic packaging, bottles, drink cartons, cans containers are: returnable plastic bottles, lubricant and adhesive bottles, styrofoam, rubber foam, wood, textiles, canisters, buckets, cookware, tools, cables, wires, pipes, steel straps, paint, varnish and spray cans, etc.



Old plastic bottles can be recycled into new ones. Other recycled products from plastic bottles include fibers for textiles or for thermal insulation as well as plastic containers for various applications. The recycling of 1 kg PET bottles saves 1,9 kg of mineral oil in production.

Ferrous metals are used as scrap in steel mills for steel production. Aluminium packaging can be used for the production of high-quality castings.

Organic waste

For suitable recycling of organic waste, source separation is one of the key components. In Vienna, approximately 100,000 t of organic waste is collected annually. The collected organic waste is then transformed via controlled composting process into compost of highest quality, which can be obtained for free from the Viennese disposal sites in household quantities (<1m³).



- ① Suitable for Organic waste are: unseasoned and uncooked fruit and vegetable scraps, stale bread, coffee grounds, tea leaves
- ① Not suitable for Organic waste are the following items: plastic bags, eco plastic bags, other eco plastic products, meat, bones, food leftovers, eggs, dairy products, cat litter, etc.

Residual waste

Vienna's residual waste is incinerated together with other combustible waste such as bulky waste and mixed trash in one of Vienna's waste incinerators. The incineration process is also used for electricity and heat production.



- ① Residual waste in general represents all other products which are not suited for recycling
- ① Not suitable for residual waste are the following items: wood, used tires, waste electrical equipment, cardboard, concrete, CDs and DVDs, cooking oils and fats, etc.

Hazardous waste

Dispose of your hazardous waste, cooking oils, batteries, energy saving lamps, small electrical appliances, lithium ion batteries, (please tape off poles) and medical drugs at any of the hazardous waste collection points or waste collection centres.

Where to bring your waste?

All facilities for waste collection can be found on the city map:

🌐 <https://www.wien.gv.at/stadtplan/en/>

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ÖH BOKU is the Students' Union at BOKU. We service all students in legal, social and financial affairs and represent the student body versus the university and local as well as federal government.

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Austrian Students' Union (ÖH)

The Austrian Students' Union is the general student representative body in Austria and serves as the student government by federal law. The ÖH is member of European Students' Union. Membership of the ÖH is compulsory for every university student in Austria, including PhD candidates.

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WINTER SEMESTER 2026/27

Important Events

Data Collection for Admission (pre-registration)
from June 9, 2026

REGISTRATION PERIOD

June 16 – September 5, 2026

REGISTRATION FOR MASTER, DOCTORATE AND INCOMING STUDENTS

June 16 – October 31, 2026

ÖH FIRST SEMESTER TUTORIAL

September 28 – October 2, 2026

WELCOME DAYS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

September 24 – 29, 2026

Course Period

START OF WINTER SEMESTER

October 1, 2026

END OF WINTER SEMESTER

February 28, 2027
courses end on January 31, 2027

Course free Period

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

December 21, 2026 – January 6, 2027
(no examinations until January 3)

WINTER HOLIDAYS

February 1 – 28, 2027

ALL SOULS DAY

November 2, 2026

ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

SUMMER SEMESTER 2027

Important Events

Data Collection for Admission (pre-registration)
from December 15, 2026

REGISTRATION PERIOD

January 7 – February 5, 2027

REGISTRATION FOR MASTER, DOCTORATE AND INCOMING STUDENTS

January 7 – March 31, 2027

ÖH FIRST SEMESTER TUTORIAL

Februar 22 – 26, 2027

WELCOME DAYS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

February 23 – 26, 2027

Course Period

START OF SUMMER SEMESTER

March 1, 2027

END OF SUMMER SEMESTER

September 30, 2027
courses end on June 30, 2027

Course free Period

EASTER

March 22 – April 4, 2027
(no examinations: March 25 – 29, 2027)

PENTECOST/WHISTUN

May 15 – 17, 2027

SUMMER

July 1 – September 30, 2027
(no examinations: July 19 – August 22, 2027)

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May 28, 2027

ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS



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