



**Hello** Nong Nong!! If you guys are choosing Vienna as your exchange destination, we would say that you are making the right choice! Vienna is a beautifully classic designed city in the Central Europe. It is the capital city of Austria. To us, it is one of a few cities which provides us the easiest way to travel around.

We will guide you through the important key aspects that you should take note from the first step until the last and we will make sure that you are having a memorable exchange trip there and do never regret about it!!



## Before going

If you know for sure that you are 1000000000% going to Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, this is what you need to do apart from doing Visa and insurance coverage.

1. Applying for Dormitory
  - a. **"QUICK"** is a key.
  - b. Ideal time for booking is **5 to 6 months** prior your arrival date.
  - c. List of residences: [http://www.housing.oead.ac.at/wien\\_e/unterkunft.asp?keyword=wien](http://www.housing.oead.ac.at/wien_e/unterkunft.asp?keyword=wien)
2. Applying for "OK Program"
  - a. The PURPOSE of this orientation program is to **let you be more familiar with Vienna, learn the culture, meet new great people, and try their local foods.** They would bring you around Vienna to visit many of Vienna's important history and heritages including some tourist attractions.
  - b. The length of program is approximately **3 weeks.**
  - c. **Apply or regret.** Being in the unfamiliar place, culture, this program is the **good starting to help us find friends.**
  - d. For more information:  
[http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incoming/exchangeinbscmssc/exchangeguide\\_incoming/eg\\_ok\\_program](http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en/incoming/exchangeinbscmssc/exchangeguide_incoming/eg_ok_program)
3. Applying for "Buddy Program"
  - a. **DON'T HESITATE!** Buddy is, to us, a very important mate because they help us a lot from the start. Thus we would strongly recommend you to register for it. It's **free** and simply **useful.**
  - b. What buddy offers: (Based on our experiences)
    - i. Pick you up from the airport
    - ii. Bring you to register a necessity (which would be describe in after arriving section)

#### 4. Register for the courses

- a. Only available **around 2 months** prior your actual semester. WU officer will email you about the date and time.
- b. Pray for your intended courses to be available. This is because not every semester would offer the same, exact courses. (But the previous year courses are more or less 80% reliable.)
- c. **“QUICK”** is a key. Again, this is a **first come first serve basis**. It is exactly the same way as what you fight for quota in BBA (even system break-down is similar). But we would say that this seems tougher because you have to press for **EVERY COURSES** not just one. So, be ready and good luck!

### After arriving

1. Collect house key at OeAD Office
  - a. If your buddy does not manage to pick you up at the airport, you can get to the city center easily by the train and arrive at **Wien Mitte** station. (Landstraße)
  - b. From there, you can get to the office by arriving at Rathaus station. The office is just near-by.
2. Register at the Registration office nearby your place
  - a. **Register or Exile**. This step is very important. After your arrival, you need to register with the local office **within 3 days**.
  - b. There are many of them available in Vienna. Just go to the one nearby your place.

### The New Campus



Since the mid of 2013, there are the shift of campus from the old one to the newly beautiful designed campus which looks more professionally modern. The new WU campus is claimed to be one of the most prestigious universities in Europe It is accessible by metro as you can arrive at **Messe-Prater or Krieau**. There are 6 buildings which 5 of them are where students are having their classes. The one in the middle of this picture is “Learning Center” which provides you a gigantic 6 floors library. This is where you can borrow the textbook and materials needed for your classes. Apart from this, within the campus itself, it is comprised with many facilities includes, restaurants, supermarkets, libraries, computer labs, bookstore, study areas, study rooms and etc. Moreover, the campus is pretty near to the theme park which is just a walking distance away. We normally went there to ease our stress and it never let us down.



## Study @ New WU

There are two types of courses we came across. One is a Block Course which you will be studying that particular subject for a week and then you are done with it. (Length between 3-5 days) And another one is a Weekly Basis course which the class will be conducted weekly like what we have in BBA TU.

The environment in the class is totally different from BBA. People here talk, communicate and respond actively to the professor. They reply whatever they are asked. They ask whatever they are curious for. This might be a good starting for you to practice your English communication skill. We can also learned different views of people from different countries on different topics during the discussion in class.

Most of the class will be opened exclusively for exchange students. Therefore, the competition in class is not as intense as the class in Thailand. We just made sure that we participated in all classes and knew all materials before taking exam; that is enough to get good grades back. Ps. most final exams are lasted for ONE hour.

## Living

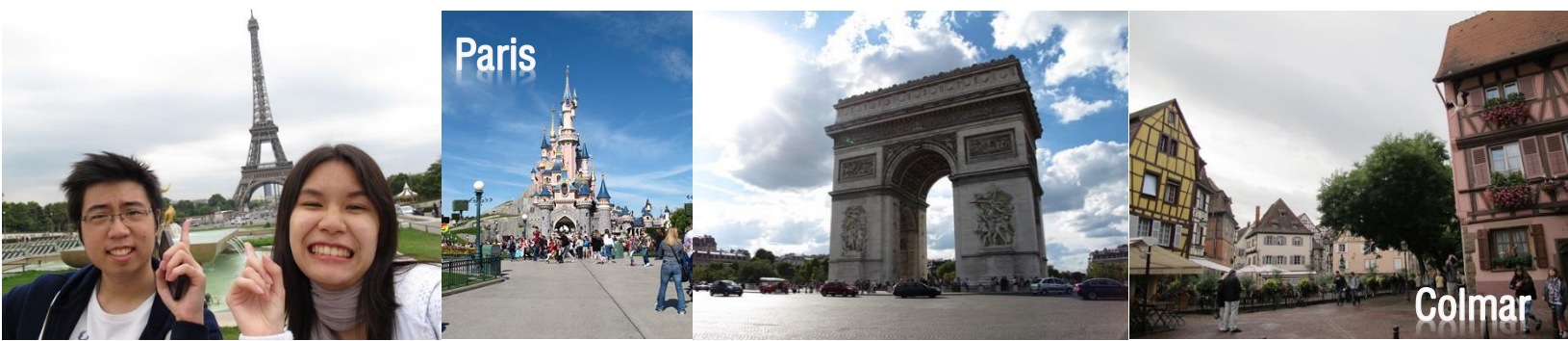
Our apartment is called "OeAD-GÄSTEHAUS GASGASSE". Although it was not our first choice, personally, we enjoy staying in this apartment very much. It is located at just a distance away from Westbahnhof train station. The building seems new to us and the facilities inside are excellent. The apartment's main facilities includes, washing machines, dryers, common rooms, internet connection and etc.

We selected a single room with toilet built-in and have a shared kitchen. This is how our rooms look like.



Staying inside a hot, microwave-like weather in Thailand would engrave a habit of staying in a cold room. We believe that you might get used to the fact that air-condition is super necessary (and I would die without it). That is what we thought, initially when we came, but when the real situation comes, trust us, you **DON'T** need one.

The orange box placing under the TV set provides you a complete utensil set. Thus there is **NO** need for you to bring them over from Thailand. There will be everything you need (Except chopstick). The rest of facilities in the room is as seen. It includes, TV set, desk, pillow, tissue papers, blankets, internet connection and etc.





## Food

The cost of daily food varies from approximately 2 Euro to 10 Euro per meal. Here is some of the examples;

- 2.5 - 5 Euro for street foods like Kebab and Pizza Stands
- From 3.99 Euro onwards for foods at Mensa, the university cafeteria
- From 5 Euro onwards for meal at restaurants around the city
- Highly Recommended **Thai Restaurant** called “Bangkok-Vienna”, near Kettenbrückengasse (U4)
- Famous and Affordable **Sushi** at “Natsu Sushi” (3 Euro – 10 Euro++)

Nevertheless, we strongly recommend you to cook your own foods. It is way cheaper than you purchase them outside.

- Local Supermarkets: Merkur, Penny, SPAR, Hofer, Billa
- Asian Supermarkets: at Kettenbrückengasse (U4, U-Bahn)
- Thai Supermarket: at Schweglerstraße (U3) or at Rennbahnweg (U1)

In Thai supermarket, you will find every MAMA flavors you want, every sauces you need, and every pastes you desire for at an affordable price. (Somewhat double the normal price but still reasonable)

## Transportation

Vienna has a well-organized public transportation system including 6 lines of U-Bahn (Metro), trams, buses, and S-Bahn (Regional train). It covers pretty much the whole Vienna that you did not even have to use Taxi at all. Most of public transports are available until mid-night except weekends. We strongly recommended you to purchase these two cards to access maximum privilege.

- 1) Semester Ticket
  - Cost 150 euro (valid for all means of transportation in Vienna except Taxi)
  - **Penalty** of travel without a valid ticket is **over 100 euro**. Thus, play safe.
- 2) ÖBB VORTEILScard for students age <26
  - Cost 19.9 euro
  - 45% discount on train ticket within country
  - 25% discount on train ticket across borders

## Party

Vienna is also one of the famous place to have a party. If you are a party lover, you might want to check this few places out.

With Erasmus Buddy Network (EBN) cards, you are invited to join;

- Party Night every Monday at Ride Club
- Karaoke Night every Wednesday at Loco Bar

**RECOMMENDED:** To enter other famous clubs in Vienna such as **Prater Sauna** or **FLEX**, you have to pay entrance fee for **10 euro** each.



## Travel

With EBN card that you are likely to receive it from the beginning of your semester, you will be invited to join many trips with other exchange students and local students. The price of each events are reasonable. However, we did not have a chance to join any of those trips as we decided to travel by our own. This is one of the advantage of choosing Vienna as your exchange destination. Since Vienna is located in the center of Europe, it gave us a huge opportunities to travel to many countries without any problems. The countries nearby that you should never miss is Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Switzerland. Moreover, Salzburg, Hallstatt and Innsbruck are Vienna's neighbor cities which you must pay a visit!

**iOS Application:** We are recommending these two useful apps that we intensively rely on during our stays.

- 1) **Qando** – The most useful Vienna map application which gives you a precise detail of direction, transportation, arrival and departure time.
- 2) **City Maps 2 Go Pro** – The keen, functional offline map application which allows you to get direction to your destination without relying on internet connection.

All in all, we do never regret choosing Vienna as our exchange destination. The city is pretty safe and clean. Transportation is very convenient and well-covered. The country is at the center of Europe, making it easier to travel around. The weather during our year is quite good (moderately 0-5 degree Celsius in December-January). Apart from main attractions like Schönbrunn Palace, Opera House and Classical Music, do not forget to try ice-skating at Stadtpark, it is worth trying and you will forget those artificial ice-skating places in Thailand because it brings you to the new different level. And if you were there during Christmas time, Christmas Market in Vienna is well-known and highly recommended. Garlic soup in a bread bowl would warm you up in the windy night along with Christmas song played by street musicians under the beautiful light decoration. We could not imagine a better place than this. Now it is your choice to whether or not choose Vienna as your destination. But remember this, **Wien - Jetzt oder Nie** (Vienna – Now or Never)

With Love,

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