

Mobility Scholarship Report At the University of Vienna

A) Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.

I had to uphold a total of 24 credits but the term here is pretty spread out and I wanted to keep busy as such I took 28 credits worth of courses which in my case came out to 5 total courses. Each course was special in its respect. I had two Bachelor thesis classes equaling 8 credits each, 2 regular courses equaling 4 credits each, and 1 course equaling 3 credits.

The classes are as follows:

040026-4 UE ABWL Management II (CR 3)

The course aims to gain a deeper understanding of leadership roles, personnel management, and organizations through the practical application of the basic theories taught in the ABWL Management I lecture.

The course ABWL Management II deepens the content of the ABWL Management I lecture. The successful completion of the lecture ABWL Management I is also a prerequisite for participating in this course. In this course, organizational and personnel management theories are practically applied in the context of tasks, case studies, and simulation. In addition to organizational structures and organizational processes, the focus is also on controlling centralized and decentralized organizations.

Furthermore, central concepts of human resource management and leadership psychology are explained, since an effective use of the available human resources is critical for success in most organizations. Therefore, the course deals with organizational architecture and the question of how its concepts are to be applied to strategic as well as operational decisions. To give students an understanding of this, relevant examples from both scientific research and professional practice are used.

040079-1 SE Bachelor Seminar (incl. Bachelor's Paper) (CR 8)

In this seminar, participants learn how to give a scientific presentation, contribute to an academic discussion (by asking questions, answering questions, and making comments), prepare and write a bachelor's thesis, which includes getting to know.

- scientific working and scientific writing,

- literature search,
- standards of academic honesty and
- rules of referencing and citation.

The seminar will focus on investment in precious metals, potentially from the perspective of a retail investor, from the perspective of a (possibly specialized) institutional investor, from the perspective of a firm in the precious metals sector, or from a societal point of view.

The seminar will start with a detailed introduction to the topics and methods relevant to the seminar by the tutor. Then, participants will start to write their bachelor's thesis in groups of two participants, and each participant will give two presentations. The presentations of other participants are commented on and discussed. This enables everyone to receive detailed feedback.

040207-1 SE Bachelor Seminar (incl. Bachelor's Paper) (CR 8)

The Bachelor Seminar is designed to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to conduct independent research and write a high-quality bachelor's thesis in the field of marketing. Through this seminar, students will learn various research methodologies, explore current marketing trends and issues, develop critical thinking and analytical skills, and refine their academic writing abilities. The course will also emphasize effective project management, time management, and presentation skills.

The core of this seminar encompasses the administration and completion of a Bachelor Paper. The Bachelor Paper involves both a theoretical and an empirical part; the theoretical part consists of a thorough literature review on a particular topic within a specific research area in marketing, whereas the empirical part includes the collection and analysis of data – using either a quantitative or qualitative approach – to draw meaningful academic and managerial conclusions.

The course includes a combination of lectures, presentations, and group work. Students will be assigned into groups of two and will work toward a specific group project (i.e., Bachelor Paper) by the guidelines set by the course instructor.

040883-1 UK Special Topics in Banking and Finance: Risk and Insurance (BA) (CR 4)

In this course, participants learn how to give a presentation and contribute to an academic discussion (by asking questions, answering questions, and making comments).

After completion of the course, students should have obtained knowledge of

- factors shaping the risk environment internationally,
- enterprise risk management in a global economy, and
- insurance in a global economy.

The course starts with a detailed introduction to the topic and the methods relevant to the course by the tutor in the form of several presentations. Then participants give talks (oral presentations). The talks of other participants are commented on and discussed. This enables everyone to receive detailed feedback. Finally, practitioners give presentations on current developments in the field. In addition, course participants need to read several book chapters.

040569-1 KU Valuation (MA) (CR 4)

This course focuses on methods to value firms and/or individual projects. We will cover two alternative approaches to valuation:

discounted cash flow valuation and relative valuation. We start with an in-depth analysis of the discounted cash flow method and its practical implementation. More specifically we will discuss various versions of discounted cash flow models, including the discounted free cash flow model, discounted capital cash flow model, and adjusted present value model.

We will also discuss how various inputs required by those valuation models can be obtained from historical data. In particular, we will discuss how to forecast future cash flows, calculate residual values, and derive appropriate discount rates.

The relative valuation approach estimates the value of a firm by looking at the pricing of "comparable" firms relative to a common variable such as earnings, cash flows, or book equities. We will discuss the pros and cons of this popular valuation method.

The course provides you with hands-on experience in valuation. The collaboration with KPMG gives you a unique opportunity to share and defend your ideas in front of top management (a skill, which is extremely valuable for your future jobs/interviews).

B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.

There are a couple of things to keep in mind, firstly, The University of Vienna timeline is packed at the beginning of the semester, with orientation and course registration in the last two weeks of February. At your orientation sent to sign up by your international coordinator, you will be receiving your student card and confirmation of enrollment.

Summer semester 2024

Beginning of semester and classes	1 March 2024
Rectors's Day (no classes)	12 March 2024
Easter break	25 March to 7 April 2024
Whitsun break	18 to 20 May 2024
End of classes	30 June 2024
Lecture-free period (summer break)	1 July to 30 September 2024
End of semester	30 September 2024

The class registration date for me began **12.02.2024 09:00** to **We 21.02.2024 12:00**

As for orientation, it fluctuates semester to semester but expect the same estimate:

Please register here for one of the offered orientation sessions **by 17 January**. The registration is on first-come-first-served basis.

You can choose from the following dates:

- Friday, 2 February, 10 am -11.30 am, max. 22 participants
- Wednesday, 14 February, 10 am -11.30 am, max. 7 participants
- Wednesday, 14 February, **1 pm -2.30 pm**, max. 22 participants - **please note the new time!**
- Thursday, 22 February, 10 am -11.30 am, max. 22 participants
- Thursday, 29 February, 11 am -12.30 pm, max. 22 participants
- Friday, 1 March, 1 pm -2.30 pm, max. 22 participants

C) Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.

List of things to do before Vienna:

- Pre Register at the University of Vienna

Then you will receive your letter of acceptance

- Pay your University Fee (An email will be sent with regards to it once your student number is active)
- Apply for a uCard at Uni Wien

(In January they will give you a uSpace login to do this)

- Begin to look at course options in uFind

Although the course options for my “Summer” (your winter) semester only were available as of mid-January for viewing

- In early February you will need to game plan for courses on uSpace
- Send your course selection to Telfer
- Tell the Government of Canada about your departure
- Notify your banks of your departure

This was very important to me as I am using my Canadian cards for my stay in Vienna, I only got a debit card for any pre-authorized payments I’m making in Vienna (Gym membership)

- Register for student orientations:

1. Uni Wien

2. With your faculty (e.g. Faculty of Business, Economics, and Statistics)

An email will be sent out to you to register for these They occur before school starts therefore, I recommend arriving in Vienna 1-2 weeks before the first official day of classes

- Apply to the ESN Network (online) to get a Buddy

I found it incredibly helpful as I had the chance to learn the different things around Vienna especially down in the 10th district with the different types of food.

Once in Vienna

- Get a semester bus pass
- Register your address with the housing authorities
- Set a date for Visa Application (If you opted to apply while in Vienna)
- Get a phone plan (much cheaper than in Canada)
- Print your info on your uCard
- Optional: Get an Austrian Bank Account

D) Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation, and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).

These are the bare bones costs, it doesn’t include vacation travel costs, and takeout food costs which fluctuate over time.

International Exchange				
Expense Name	Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Plane	2	1500	3000	I opted to come back during the two week break so it is inflated by 1300
Food	20	50	1000	Based on projected months stay
Housing	5	365	1825	Based on projected months stay
Daily Travel Costs	1	75	75	
Going out	1	2000	2000	
Textbooks	0	0	0	
Total Cost			7900	

E) Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).

At the University of Vienna, you have to apply and take control of your application on your own. Especially in Vienna, you have two options, either you do the traditional application in Canada through the Austrian Embassy located at 445 Rue Wilbrod St, Ottawa, ON K1N 6M7, Canada. The second option is to apply for a visa once you are in Europe. The two options have virtually the same requirements as shown below, but the option to do the application in Europe was faster yet messy in my case (Keep in mind that it only applies to certain passports that have a 3-month visa-free stay). To be able to apply for the Austrian Visa D I have to meet one crucial requirement which is to touchdown first in Austria. I could not touch down elsewhere or else I would not be able to apply at the Austrian embassy for the Visa D. On the Embassy website there is a checklist that can be followed to provide you with the right list.

F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.

I chose the cheaper route for housing and went with WIHAST which provides affordable housing but it is functional and not as stylish. I applied through the website and it was relatively easy. They provide 3 options to choose from and they get back to you around 2 months from the semester. I opted for the student dorms on the Brigittenau campus which offer single rooms (1200 Vienna, Forsthausgasse 2-8). The location has a great connection to the campus and numerous community facilities such as fitness, sauna, music, or party rooms which can be used. The good connection due to the proximity to the U4 offers the possibility to reach almost all universities in Vienna easily. The Dormitory is located in the 20th district which is relatively safe but a bit far out for ordering good takeout. The location doesn't provide in-room wifi. You'll have to pay for it first 20 euros for the router and 5 euros each month. The gym is on a membership basis and it's 50 euro for the semester. Each dorm has a WhatsApp so make sure to join so that you stay up to date on what's going on. The location is relatively quiet on Fridays. People do go out so it gets a little rowdy, overall the place is clean for what you pay which is 368 euros a month.

G) Work term (if applicable).

N/A

H) Other comments or recommendations.

- Purchase a student Wienerliner ticket as your main form of transportation
- Purchase an Austrian (or any EU) phone plan as it is much cheaper and you get a lot more DATA for the value
 - If you prefer only data, Holafly is very good as it provides unlimited data for your period and it is easily set up
- Note that this is a very different culture, so it is important to watch how other people behave and the etiquette in this culture.

I) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.

Even though I've only been here for 1.5 out of our 4.5-month stay, the experience has proven to be incredibly valuable. Being from Ottawa, I've never lived independently before, so these past weeks have been a period of immense growth and learning for me. Upon arriving in Vienna, I harbored doubts about my decision to come here, considering my comfortable life back in Ottawa. I found myself on high alert, needing to adapt to a whole new country and culture, which felt overwhelmingly unfamiliar. In those initial days, fear of the unknown kept me glued to my comfort zone, reluctant to face the challenges ahead. However, I embarked on a whirlwind of activities, racing to set up all the necessary documentation with the Government, University, Banks, and more. I am excited for what is later to come, especially with meeting students from all around the world. This is truly an amazing experience and the University is great in its respect.