

Five Reasons to Enroll in the Austria-Illinois Exchange Program

1. Develop German language fluency and an understanding of European culture and society
2. Study literature, history, business, political science, the arts, and more in Vienna's acclaimed universities
3. Receive University of Illinois course credit and remain eligible for financial aid
4. Travel and learn with classmates from the University of Illinois
5. Have the adventure of a lifetime



What You Will Study

The Austria-Illinois Exchange Program offers a unique combination of core courses and electives so that students will continue to make progress toward graduation while taking advantage of academic opportunities available only in Vienna.

The core courses taught by the program's staff focus on modern Austrian/German literature, the history of the Austrian/German culture, and select topics in Austrian/German studies, such as German unification and the European Union. The staff also teach additional courses in Intermediate German and Advanced Composition and Conversation. Additional German language courses are available through the University of Vienna and Business German is offered at the University of Economics and Business Administration.

Elective courses are offered at affiliated Austrian universities and cover fields ranging from accounting to zoology. A list of courses accepted for University of Illinois credit is available.

The Austria-Illinois Exchange Program permits a course load of 34 credit hours per year (up to 18 per semester). Students must register for a minimum of 12 hours per semester. All core courses are taught in German, and the program strives for immersion in the German language and culture of Austria.

German credit may count as advanced hours and may be applied toward a minor, major, or double major in German or may count as supporting coursework in other fields.

Affiliated Institutions

Participating universities are the University of Vienna, the University of Economics and Business Administration, the Technical University, and the Agricultural University. Students may also enroll in classes at the University of Music and Fine Arts, the Translator's Institute, and the Teacher's Institute.

On-site Assistance

The Austria-Illinois Exchange Program is supervised on-site by a University of Illinois resident director and a graduate administrative assistant. In addition to teaching the program's core courses, the director and assistant organize activities, provide liaison to Austrian institutions, and generally assist students during their sojourn abroad.

Eligibility

The exchange program is designed for students of sophomore standing although all qualified students are welcome. The minimum language requirement is four college semesters of German (or the equivalent). Applicants must have an

overall grade point average of 2.75 and 3.0 in German (A=4). In addition, applicants must be in good health and have the kind of flexibility and sensitivity to others that will allow for successful adjustment to an unfamiliar cultural setting. A physical examination by a doctor and letters of recommendation are required. Students who are not financially independent must submit written consent for participation from a parent or guardian.

Students from other institutions may participate in the program by temporarily transferring to the University of Illinois.

Housing

All students are housed with Austrians in dormitories or apartments that are secured with the help of the resident director.

Health Insurance

Participants in the program receive the same excellent health benefits available to Austrian students; i.e., medical, optical, dental, and prescription drug expenses. Medical care is readily available. Insurance covers both on- and off-campus activities. Program fees include this insurance, which begins with the start of classes in October.

Internships

Each year several participants obtain internships in Austria or Germany during the year or in the summer following the program. Among the more than 21 organizations that have hosted interns are such diverse institutions as Deutsche Bank, BMW, UNO City (United Nations headquarters), U.S. Embassy, GlaxoSmithKline, Austrian Broadcasting, and Greenpeace.

"Go. You won't be disappointed."



While you're there...

Field Trips

At regular intervals the program arranges excursions to Austria's historic and scenic sites, such as museums, exhibitions, archaeological excavations, monasteries, castles, and vineyards.

Theater and Music

Vienna is justly famous for its Operas, the Spanish Riding School, and the Boys Choir. But Vienna also offers avant-garde theaters and jazz. Students attend plays at the famous Burgtheater and the Volkstheater as well as concerts at the Musikverein and Konzerthaus.

Sports

Located at the edge of the Vienna Woods in the eastern foothills of the Alps, Vienna offers excellent opportunities to hike and bike in beautiful country. Students may also register for sports courses and activities at the University of Vienna or join one of local sports clubs offering a variety of organized athletic activities. Students have participated in 10-K runs and have played on volleyball and soccer teams.



“Our year in Vienna was one of the best years of our lives.”

Application Deadline

October 1 Spring semester
February 1 Fall semester or entire year

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“What a phenomenal experience it is to adapt to a new culture, meet and live with international students, develop a new attitude about your own life and culture, and to learn every day without even realizing it.”

Vienna is the historic capital of the multinational Hapsburg Empire, a melting pot of languages and cultures and the crossroads between East and West. Salzburg, Prague, Budapest, and Munich are only a few hours away; Venice and Paris are within a day's train ride—via the Orient Express.

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois invites students to spend a semester or year in this exciting city as part of the Austria-Illinois Exchange Program. Founded in 1971, the program immerses students in German language and Austrian culture so that they may

explore this world of international business, science, politics, and the arts.

Students will rub elbows with the Viennese in old-world cafés, attend theatrical and musical performances, visit castles and museums, and hike and ski in the Austrian Alps. Learning was never so enjoyable.