



**University of Natural Resources  
and Life Sciences, Vienna**

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# **BOKU BLOWS YOUR MIND!**

**A Short Guide for Prospective  
International Students**



# WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to **the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna** and also to wish you a successful and happy stay in the city. This short guide will help you through most of the formalities and procedures planning your stay. You will find information ranging from the important immigration regulations to student feedback. Also included in this brochure are the contact details of the many services which are available to support you throughout your stay.

After reading this brochure, if you have any unanswered questions, please feel free to contact:

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Or visit our guide “Welcome to Boku” at

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-en.html>

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## Plan your life in Vienna

Austria is one of the most advanced countries in the world, especially in terms of ecology, social welfare, and economy. For the sixth time, Vienna has been rated the most livable city worldwide. With its history, its cultural traditions, and its location in the center of Europe, Vienna is of special interest, particularly for students. It is the city of classical music, hosting the world famous “Musikverein”, an outstanding Opera House and vibrant modern sport recreation.

It is the only metropolis that grows enough wine within its city limits since wine growing has a long tradition in Vienna. You will find the wine tasting experience in “Heurigen” different here than the other parts of the world!

Students from around the world come to study in the land where luminaries like Mozart, Freud and Klimt lived.



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Safe, friendly & vibrant. Vienna has consistently ranked as one of the world's most livable cities for the past five years.

## Best of all for students!

According to analysis of student testimonials on the world's largest database of international student experiences, Vienna offers one of the best study experiences in Europe. Furthermore, Vienna is one of the safest cities in the world. Using public transport on your own during the night is not a problem.

As an international student you can experience a great weekend having plenty of different choices in Vienna using Boku sport facilities, recreational area, cultural programming (such as the “Donauinselfest” in June, a free music festival on an island in the Danube, or “the Lange Nacht” event series when Vienna's museums stay open all night), or by a short trip to one of the other wonderful capitals (like Prague, Budapest, Bratislava). Students are entitled to student discounts, and in theatres and music halls student tickets are just € 15 or standing room tickets are between 2,5 and 4 Euros.

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-life-en.html>

*“Eat Sachertorte, Kaiserschmarrn, Marmeladepalatschinken & Schnitzel; Drink Kaiserspritzer & Wiener Ottakringer; Mariahilferstraße, Saunaparty, Museumsquartier, Tel Aviv Beach and Heuriger in Grinzing. I don't regret that I chose Vienna”*

*Giuseppe, Italy 2015*



*"My semester at BOKU has been full of amazing experiences and one of them was the BOKU Ball I went to with my roommate. The feeling of walking in to the great entrance of the Hofburg building was unique and everything you expect of a ball. The Tüwi bar especially gave the ball a lot of personality since it represents the spirit of BOKU. Furthermore, the big dancing hall with live music and a mix of students and teachers gave an amazing time with standard dancing try-outs and laughter."*

*Emma Natorp, Danmark 2017*

## Save the dates

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-welcome-en.html>

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-caldendar-en.html>

Studying at BOKU  
WELCOME!



Be a part of us!  
Apply now!

## Application deadlines for exchange students

30th June  
for the winter semester

30th November  
for the summer semester

## Semester dates for 2017/18

10/1/2017 – 2/3/2018

2/26/2018 – 6/30/2018

# Start at BOKU

## Different study system

Studying at Austrian universities is very different from studying at English-speaking universities. As a public university, BOKU uses the internationally recognized three-tier Bologna university education system (Bachelor, Master & Doctoral programmes). With BOKU's scheduling system, students do not necessarily have classes 5 days a week. Instead, some courses are blocked - meaning that students may only meet on 3 or 4 days, but for 6 to 7 hours at that time.

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-coursetypes-en.html>

**BOKUonline** includes detailed descriptions of study programmes, courses, university regulations and student services. Courses vary in terms of workload. The number of ECTS credits for each course is indicated in the online course catalogue. Depending on the workload required, a full semester can comprise between 7 and 12 courses. **International exchange students have to follow the requirements of their home university.**

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-howtolookforcourses-en.html>

## Welcome days

We kindly invite you to our "Welcome Days" for International Students **from Sep. 26-29, 2017**: Get to know BOKU and your fellow students!

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-welcome-en.html>

## Buddy network & Social life at BOKU

The, "ZIB" (Center for International Relations) links international and Austrian students through a buddy network. A buddy helps you to get accustomed to BOKU and show you a side of Vienna and Austria. If you wish to have a buddy, please indicate it in your application or contact:

[buddy@boku.ac.at](mailto:buddy@boku.ac.at)

During your stay the Center for International Relations and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) will show you different and interesting events, such as the "BOKU Stammtisch" (a weekly meeting in a pub and trips e.g. to Bratislava or to the Alps).

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-social-en.html>

## German Courses

Each year BOKU offers an "Intensive German Refresher course – Intermediate Level" and an "Intensive German Course- Beginners" before the semester starts (duration: 2 weeks).

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-languages-germanintensive-en.html>

Additionally BOKU offers variety of other language courses during the semester. <http://www.boku.ac.at/int-languages-en.html>

## Language ability

Don't worry if you don't have any knowledge of German! There is no German requirement for students from the partner universities in English speaking countries! You need to prove your knowledge either in English or in German as BOKU's variety of courses each year in English covering all fields of studies. Non-German speaking students can find enough courses taught in English in their field of interest.

*"My experience at BOKU was an amazing one! The classes and interactions I had with professors and students were both academically enriching and insightful. Vienna is a great city to study in and meeting students from all around the world as well as Austrian students.*

*It helped me broaden my horizons and hear new perspectives! From events at "Tuwi" and Bier Montag organized by the "ÖH" to exploring the beautiful city and culture with new friends I made at orientation, BOKU made me feel very welcome. Vienna became like a second home to me and I cannot wait to go back and visit one day!"*

*Malaika Gomez, Canada 2016*



## 8 Bachelor Programmes (B.Sc.)

- Food Science & Biotechnology
- Landscape Architecture and Landscape Planning
- Forestry
- Wood & Fiber Technology
- Environment & Bio-Resources Management
- Civil Engineering & Water Management
- Agricultural Sciences
- Equine Science

<http://short.boku.ac.at/w3ekpd> (information only available in German)

## 30 Master Programmes (M.Sc.)

### I. International Master Programmes

- Limnology & Wetland Management
- Animal Breeding & Genetics
- European Forestry
- Horticultural Sciences
- International Master in Horticultural Sciences
- Material and Energetic Exploitation of Renewable Raw Materials
- Viticulture, Enology and Wine Economics
- Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production & Food Technology in the Danube Region
- Environmental Sciences- Soil, Water, Biodiversity
- Natural Resources Management & Ecological Engineering Safety in the Food Chain

<http://short.boku.ac.at/k49wdw>

### II. English Master Programmes

- Mountain Forestry
- Water Management & Environmental Engineering
- Applied Limnology
- Organic Agricultural Systems & Agroecology
- Biotechnology

<http://short.boku.ac.at/yp5www>

### III. German Master Programmes

- Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management
  - Food Science and Technology
  - Landscape Architecture and Landscape Planning
  - Phytomedicine
  - Forest Sciences
  - Wood Technology and Management
  - Environment and Bio-Resources Management
  - Civil Engineering and Water Management
  - Plant Sciences
  - Livestock Sciences
  - Agricultural and Food Economy
  - Double degree programme "Material and Energetic Exploitation of Renewable Raw Materials (NAWARO)"
  - Alpine Natural Dangers / Watershed Regulation
  - Viticulture, Enology and Wine Economics
  - Organic Agricultural Systems and Agroecology (AgrEco-Organic)
- <http://short.boku.ac.at/9ew9x2> (information only available in German)

English courses are not only offered in the English/ International master programmes. BOKU offers more than 800 courses taught in English. You can look for your desired course at the "Bokuonline" portal, selecting English as a language of instruction.

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-howtolookforcourses-en.html>

Exchange Students who register for any programme are entitled to take any offered courses of any programme as long as they fulfill the individual prerequisite requirements.


















## Doctoral Study Programmes

"Doctoral studies of Natural Resources and Life Sciences" & "Doctoral studies of Social and Economic Sciences" are two regular doctoral study programmes open for exchange students. They are scheduled to be completed within 3 years and will comprise another 180 ECTS credits. <http://short.boku.ac.at/q8e8e3>



# Departments

<http://short.boku.ac.at/593kw2>

-  Department of Material Sciences and Process Engineering (MAP)
-  Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
-  Department of Water - Atmosphere - Environment (WAU)
-  Department of Nano-biotechnology (DNBT)
-  Department of Chemistry (DCH)
-  Department of Integrative Biology and Biodiversity Research (DIB)
-  Department of Food Science and Technology (DLWT)
-  Department of Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Sciences
-  Department of Economics and Social Sciences (WiSo)
-  Department of Sustainable Agricultural Systems
-  Department of Civil Engineering and Natural Hazards
-  Department of Forest- and Soil Sciences
-  Department of Crop Sciences (DNW)
-  Department of Agro-biotechnology, IFA-Tulln
-  Department of Applied Genetics and Cell Biology (DAGZ)
-  Other Scientific Units, Initiatives, Platforms, Networks and Sharehold.
-  Management & Administration

## Note:

If you want to work on your master's or Ph.D. thesis, dissertation or project at BOKU or if you want to do an internship at BOKU, dissertation or project, we ask you to first do some research and get in touch with your future BOKU tutor/supervisor. The homepages of the institutes might help you to find a (co-) supervisor for your thesis or dissertation.

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-boku-thesis-en.html>



*"My time at BOKU and in Vienna was absolutely amazing. I met so many people, who became dear friends, that I would have never met without the exchange program and the events put on for us, especially the orientation week. It was so interesting to learn in a different setting and I loved every minute of it. Vienna is a beautiful, amazing city with so much to do every day and it was wonderful to explore it. I wish I could go back for another semester or year to continue attending classes, learning, and having fun with my friends."*

*Taylor Berkshire, United States 2016*

A low-angle photograph of a person climbing a tall tree. Three yellow baskets are attached to the tree trunk at different heights, labeled 'Bachelor', 'Master', and 'Doctorate' from bottom to top. The person is climbing the tree trunk, reaching towards the 'Bachelor' basket. The background is a dense forest of tall trees with green foliage.

**“Keep growing with BOKU”**

## Fields of Competence in Teaching & Research

- Soil & terrestrial ecosystems
- Living space & landscape
- Water, climate, atmosphere & environment
- Forests & timber
- Renewable raw materials, technology & bio-economy
- Food, nutrition & health
- Biotechnology
- Nano-sciences & -echnology
- Resources & societal dynamics

## Numbers <http://short.boku.ac.at/w34pqz>

Students (21% are international students)	13000
International exchange students/year	400
Academic staff	1600
Administrative staff	750



# Study complex topics based on real-world issues!

## World issues

1

First country with official anti-nuclear policy!  
Most energy is generated with hydro-electric power plants.

2

526 thousand hectares of organic land! It is the highest within the European Union.

3

All of Vienna's waste water is collected in the main sewage plants with the degree of cleaning over 95%. Austria's water is rated among the top 5 best drinking water in the world.

4

Austria's Wines come of age! Austrians have been producing wine for centuries and Austria's viticulture is based on modern and advanced technologies.

5

Austria's topographic diversity accounts for a great variety of flora and fauna. Especially diverse and colorful is the Alpine flora: edelweiss, gentian, Alpine carnation, arnica, Alpine rose, heather and much more.

## BOKU offers

Sample courses dealing with this problem:

"Hydro-electric energy & electricity market"  
Institute of Water Management, Hydrology & Hydraulic Engineering (IWHW)  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/k4z9w8>

"Organic farming & regional development"  
Division of Organic Farming (IFÖL)  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/e6x3wq>

"Water supply and wastewater treatment"  
Institute of Sanitary Engineering and Water Pollution Control (SIG)  
<http://www.wau.boku.ac.at/en/sig/>

"Principles of chemistry and microbiology of wine"  
Institute of Food Technology, Division of viticulture  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/oom2>

"Austrian habitats"  
Institute of Botany  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/q8kp5m>

## Visit!



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Austria – the No. 1 address when it comes to timber! Forestry is an important part of Austria's economy.

"Advanced planning systems in forest based industries"  
Institute of wood technology or Institute of forest engineering  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/w3p554>



7

Rural development is one of the key tools for the restructuring of the agriculture sector in Austria.

"Economics, management and social sciences: their application in rural development"  
Institute of Spatial Planning, Environmental Planning and Land Rearrangement (IRUB)  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/59vyem>



8

A country with around 60% mountainous areas! Traditionally, Alp farming is very common therefore meadows and pastures are typical!

"Natural resources management in mountainous areas III - wildlife problems"  
Institute of Wildlife Biology and Game Management (IWJ)  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/9e3dk8>



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Austria is a pioneer country to translate academic research into industrial applications focusing on biotechnology.

"Selected topics in biotechnology"  
Vienna Institute of BioTechnology  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/m3vm62>



10

Unique waste management system!  
Educational system at BOKU provides a high awareness of the limitations of natural resources.

"Waste management and waste disposal"  
Institute of Waste Management  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/m3qxm4>



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## World issues



## BOKU offers



## Visit!

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Vienna has one of the best public transport systems in the world!

"Development of a transport master plan for a town"

Institute for Transport Studies  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/w3o364>



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Assuring the best possible supply of high-quality foodstuffs is an official objective of the Austrian agricultural policy.

"Quality management I & II"

Institute of Food Technology  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/w3pdz4>



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In order to establish a sustainable society, BOKU gives emphasize to environmental resources, holding rank 6 in the world, according to "the Green Metric World Universities Ranking 2016"!

"Governance of sustainable development"

Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/59v3qm>



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The country's most important industry is tourism!

"landscape development and recreation and conservation planning"

Institute of Spatial Planning, Environmental Planning and Land Rearrangement  
<http://www.boku.ac.at/irub.html>



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Austria has a long tradition as a pioneer in the bio-economy and exports this "know-how" worldwide as a leader in bio-innovation!

"Sustainable constructions"

Institute for Sustainable Economic Development  
<http://short.boku.ac.at/m35284>



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# Public Transport to/from BOKU

## for BOKU Campus at “Türkenschanze”

### Bus Line 40A

connects the city centre (leaving at “Schottentor”) & the U6 (“Währinger Straße” station) with Gregor-Mendel-House (main building) – “Linnéplatz” stop – & with the ZIB and other BOKU buildings at the “Dänenstraße” stop.

### Bus Line 37A

connects the U4 (“Spittelau” stop) & the U6 (“Nußdorfer Straße” stop) with the BOKU campus (stop “Linnéplatz” or “Dänenstraße”). It also connects “Augasse” and “Türkenschanze”.



### Bus Line 10A

connects “Türkenschanze” with “Muthgasse” (transfer to bus line 11A at “Heiligenstadt” station or use the pedestrian terminal towards “Muthgasse”) & the S-Bahn (“Heiligenstadt” or “Gersthof” stops) and the U4 (“Heiligenstadt” stop).

## for the buildings at “Muthgasse”



### Underground U4

At the final stop at “Heiligenstadt” use the pedestrian terminal to “Muthgasse” or from “Muthgasse” to “Augasse” (“Spittelau” stop).

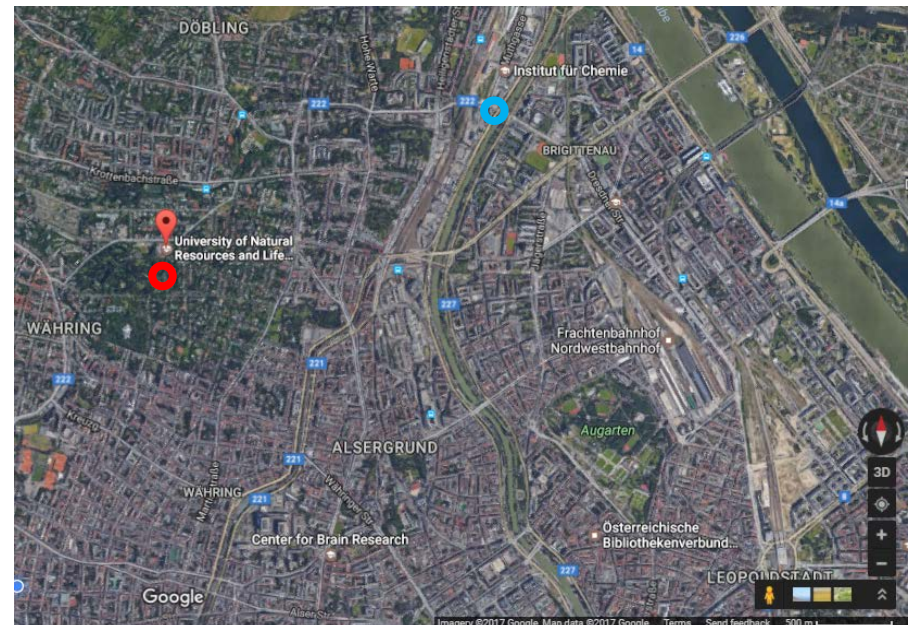
# From airport to the city center

- Public train service, express train S7
- Bus connections
- The City Airport Train (CAT) connects the airport to “Wien Mitte”, non-stop in only 16 minutes.
- A taxi from the airport to the city center costs roughly 35-40 euros.  
<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-life-arrivalinvienna-en.html>

## Study services (Registration Office)

Admission (enrolment) as a student at BOKU takes place at the “Study services”. You can find the study services at **Gregor Mendel Strasse 33, 1180 Vienna, 2nd Floor.** <https://www.boku.ac.at/en/studienservices/>

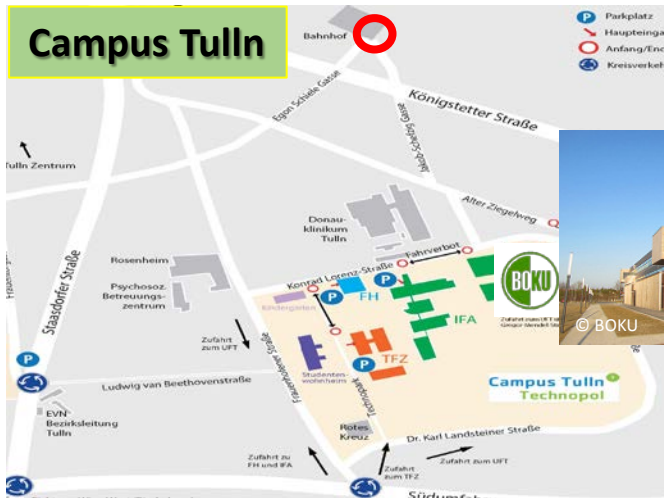
From BOKU Campus at “Türkenschanze” and Peter-Jordan Straße (red) to Muthgasse (blue).



# Locations & Orientation

<http://short.boku.ac.at/598ewg>

## Campus Tulln



## "Muthgasse"



VIBT- Muthgasse 11 19

Emil-Perels House 18

Armin-Szilviny House Muthgasse 18

## BOKU Campus "Türkenschanze"



Schwackhöfer House 6

Exner House 7



ZIB Villa Center for International Relations 8

Peter Jordan-Straße

40A 10A

Peter Jordan-Straße

Feistmanteistraße

Gregor Mendel Straße



Mendel House (Main Building – Study Services) 1

4 Bus stop „Dänenstraße“

Glashäuser



## Before you leave home

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-life-visa-en.html>

If you are from an EU/EEA member state or from Switzerland you do not have to apply for a visa. A valid travel document (passport or identity card) for your entry into and your stay in Austria is sufficient. Please see:

<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-residence-and-employment/eu-eea-switzerland/>

If you are a non-EEA national, please make sure before leaving your home country that you have made the necessary arrangements for your travel to Austria. If you want to study in Austria for **no longer than 6 months**, you will need either of the following visas for entry to and residence in Austria:

-A travel visa C ("Schengenvisa"): entitles you to stay in Austria and in all other Schengen countries for a maximum of 90 days; it is not necessary if you are allowed to enter Austria without a visa; or

-A residence visa D (Aufenthaltsvisum D): for stays of at least 91 days up to a maximum of 6 months; (not necessary if you are a Japanese national).

These visas have to be applied for at the Austrian Embassy/Consulate in your home country before you leave. A visa cannot be renewed in Austria!

**Attention:** If you are already in the Schengen area with a residence permit from another country in the Schengen area, you can only apply for a visa to enter Austria from the Austrian representative authorities in Bratislava, Ljubljana or Munich. <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-residence-and-employment/nationals-of-third-countries/#students-stays-for-up-to-6-months>

If you are from a non-EU or non-EEA country and are planning to stay for **more than 6 months** you need a "student" residence permit (Aufenthaltsbewilligung Studierender), which you will have to obtain from the Austrian embassy/ consulate in your home country before you leave. Since you have to wait for a decision to be made in another country, you should submit your application at least 3 months before you intend to travel to Vienna. We recommend if possible that you submit your visa application 6 months before your entry into Austria. <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-residence-and-employment/nationals-of-third-countries/>

## Upon arrival

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-life-en.html>

## Accommodation & costs

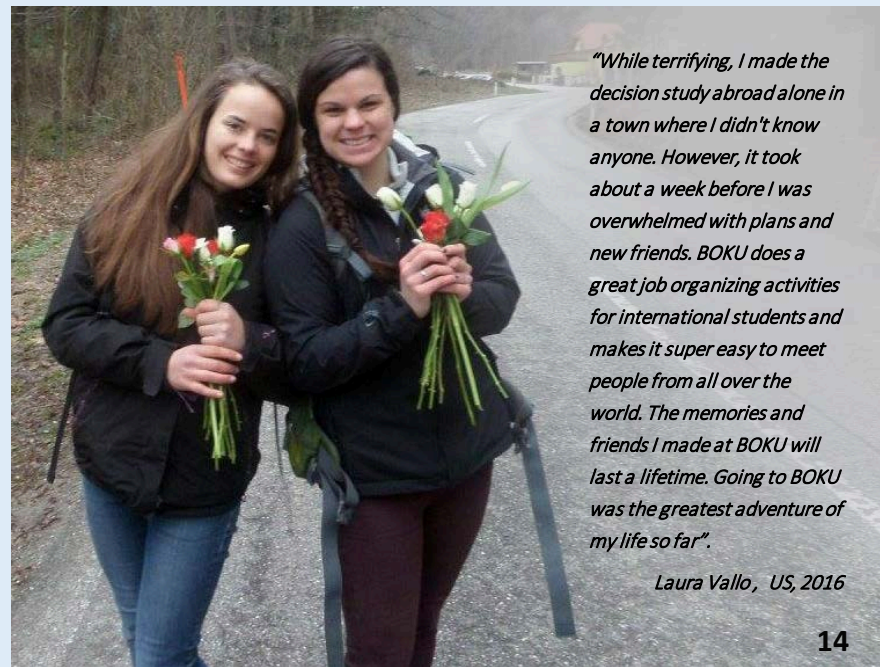
If you're looking for the best place to live to support your studies, we can offer advice. Some information is available at <http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-life-accommodation-en.html>

Accommodation	approx.	€ 300	to	€ 600
Food	approx.	€ 300	to	€ 400
Other expenses	approx.	€ 200	to	€ 300
In total	approx.	€ 800	to	€ 1.300

<http://www.boku.ac.at/int-in-life-costofliving-en.html>

## Weather

July is the hottest month in Vienna with an average temperature of 19°C (66°F) and the coldest is January at -1°C (30°F). The wettest month is June with an average of 74mm of rain. Information on the current weather situation can be found at <https://www.wien.info/en/weather>



*"While terrifying, I made the decision study abroad alone in a town where I didn't know anyone. However, it took about a week before I was overwhelmed with plans and new friends. BOKU does a great job organizing activities for international students and makes it super easy to meet people from all over the world. The memories and friends I made at BOKU will last a lifetime. Going to BOKU was the greatest adventure of my life so far".*

Laura Vallo, US, 2016



## Notes

See you soon!

