

VIENNA STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION
Wake Forest Law School
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General Information

Vienna is a very safe city and often voted one of the safest in Europe. Public transportation (subway, train, tram, and buses) in Vienna is very clean and reliable. Be sure to purchase a **monthly transportation pass** as soon as you arrive and carry it with you the entire time. They are available at the airport. It will last the entire month of your stay and can be used on all of the transportation systems.

Most stores in Vienna either close all day or by 5:00 on Sundays.

Pack lightly. Be sure to bring one nice (slacks, blouse, etc.) outfit for visiting the Supreme Court in Vienna (although a jacket and tie are not absolutely necessary). Bring comfortable walking shoes and layers. Past students recommend bringing a backpack to travel on the weekends.

Passports: Be sure you have a **passport** that is current. Your passport should be valid at least six months after your return to the U.S. Make at least two copies of the important pages of your passport. You should bring one copy to Vienna and leave another copy with your parents or a friend who can fax you the documents in the unlikely event that you lose your passport while abroad.

Housing: See “Housing Vienna Guide” document

Travel

Flights from the US to Europe tend to fill up quickly. The earlier you book your flight, the cheaper your airfare will be. Some students fly to Vienna directly (there is a direct flight on Austrian Air from Washington DC), and some will fly to a different city in Europe and take a few days to travel over to Vienna by train. Look around various flight websites to find what option works best for you (some cities in Europe may be cheaper to fly to).

Traveling with other students in your program may also be a good idea, especially to split the cost of transportation to and from airports.

Baggage restrictions: Be sure to check on baggage restrictions on the European airlines you’ll be flying with. For example, Austrian air may have a carry-on luggage weight limit of 17 pounds (much smaller than most American airlines). Plan ahead so you do not have to deal with these things at the airport.

Helpful websites to look up flights:

www.kayak.com

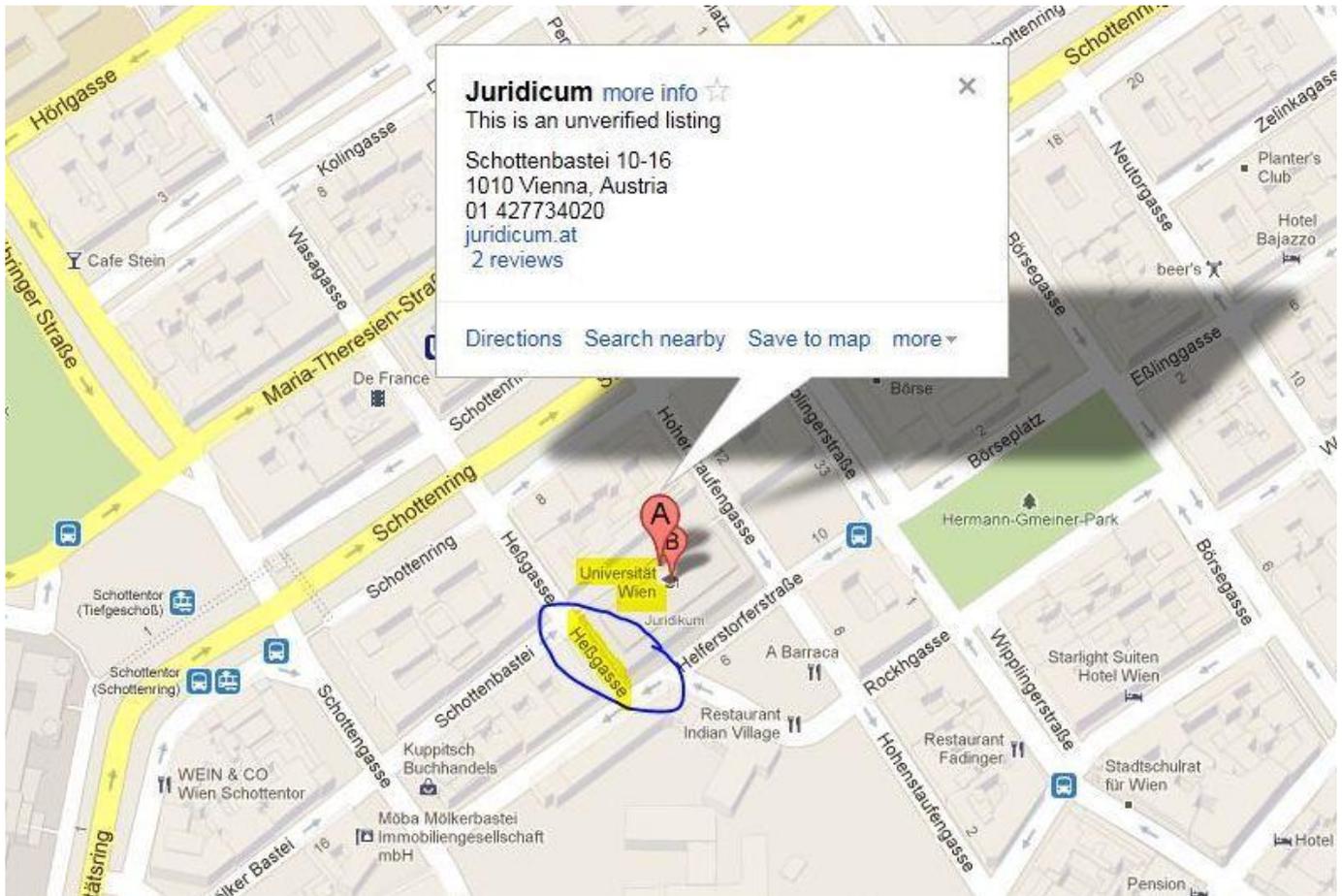
www.studentuniverse.com

www.expedia.com

Class

Professor Parker highly recommends that you arrive in **Vienna by Saturday, June 29th**, to acclimate to the time change **before classes begin on Monday, July 1**. He also suggests finding the Juridicum on Saturday or Sunday so you will know how to get there Monday morning.

All classes are held at the Juridicum, which is by Hermann Park and the Borseplatz (former stock exchange). Go here to look at a map: <http://goo.gl/maps/KrafC>. You need to meet Professor Parker on **Monday, July 1 at 9:00am** on the “Heßgasse” side of the Juridicum.



Your classes will meet Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be some exceptions, such as when you take class trips.

Class Material: All class material will be online. A paper will be due the first week of school in September.

European Students

You will be in class with European law students from the University of Vienna (8-10 students total). This adds a unique international dimension to the courses and an exciting opportunity to learn their perspectives. Be sure to get to know the students within the first week of class. There will be a dinner organized during the first week and after that is up to you and the students. In the past, European students have shown American students around Vienna and joined on weekend trips.

Travel on the Weekends

After Thursdays at 12:00 noon, you are free to travel outside of Vienna. Past students have travelled to Budapest (3 hours by train), Prague (4.5 hours by train), and Berlin (a plane ride away). The Alps are also nearby.

Visas: As long as you stay in the EU, you will not need a visa to travel. If you go somewhere like Turkey, you will need to get a visa, which you can purchase for approximately \$20 at the airport when you land there. If you have a particular place in mind, ask Professor Parker beforehand about visas.

Laptops: Leave your laptops in Vienna when you go on weekend trips.

Stay in Vienna: Leave 1-2 weekends to stay and travel in Vienna. There are world renowned museums and sites to visit right in the city. There are also hikes in the Vienna woods, and plenty of bike rentals in the city.

Phones

Most of the students use internet phone services, such as Skype or Google Chat, to keep in touch with friends and family in the US. The Juridicum and most University of Vienna buildings have free wi-fi, along with most McDonald's and Starbucks in Vienna.

If you plan to use your current cell phone in Vienna, be sure to see your provider about their international plans. Cell phone providers, like Verizon, will allow you to convert your regular phone to an international phone so that you can use it while in Vienna. One student reported that the fee to do so was around \$100 for the month.

To make local calls in Vienna, you can purchase a pay-as-you-go phone.

To Do

Submit the required forms to the International Graduate Programs office by March 1st. For more information, go to <http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/forms/>

For Financial Aid Information, go to <http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/tuition/>. Email Janet Cromer at cromerjb@wfu.edu if you would like to receive financial aid.

Tuition and housing costs are due in full by April 9th. If you are receiving financial aid, tuition and housing costs are due when loans disburse. You can pay for these at the Cashiers desk in room 107 of Reynolda Hall (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). If you are a non-WFU student, you can send a check for the full amount to:

International Graduate Programs Office
Wake Forest University School of Law
P.O. Box 7206
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Winston-Salem, NC 27109

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