**General Information**

Dean Schneider confirms that Vienna is a very safe city and often voted one of the safest in Europe. He also states that public transportation (subway, train, tram, and buses) in Vienna is very clean and reliable. He suggests buying a **monthly transportation pass** as soon as you arrive and carry it with you the entire time. It will last the entire month of your stay and can be used on all of the transportation systems.

There are very few laundromats in Vienna. Last year’s students suggest either finding an apartment with a washer or making friends with Viennese students who might allow you to use their washers. Most people do not have dryers.

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

**TIP**  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. Schneider suggests making 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**

All of your classes will be held at the [Juridicum](#), which is the University of Vienna’s law building. The Juridicum is located in the First District, which is in the center of Vienna.

![Map of Vienna districts](image)

Two of last year’s students used the “Vacation Rental” section of [TripAdvisor](#) to find their apartments. You can try to find housing in the First District, but housing there can be very expensive. You may want to fan out and consider staying in a nearby district. Past students have
lived in the Second, Seventh, and Eighth districts. These are typically a 15 minute subway ride from the Juridicum, which has a subway stop very nearby.

**TIP** The Eighth district is popular among students from the University of Vienna and young professionals.

There is a wide variety of living options in Vienna. Vienna has a lot of apartments for rent, so it should not be difficult for you to find something. However, it is a good idea to begin looking for something now. Past students suggest that you try to book something at **least 100 days before** you arrive in Vienna, as rent prices will increase as the time approaches.

**TIP** Some landlords will want you to pay for your apartment in full when you arrive in Vienna. Because some banks will not allow you to withdraw but so much money each day from the ATM, you may want to consider bringing the cash to cover the cost of your apartment with you. If you are uncomfortable doing this, you can explain the ATM issue to the landlords. Most landlords will understand and give you a couple of days to get the money.

**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).

**TIP** You may want to avoid any layovers/transfers in London due to the Summer Olympics. Layovers/transfers in airports in big cities, such as Paris and Amsterdam, might also be difficult. Traveling with other students in your program may also be a good idea, especially to split the cost of transportation to and from airports.

**Helpful websites to look up flights:**
- www.kayak.com
- www.studentuniverse.com
- www.expedia.com

**Class**

Dean Schneider highly recommends that you arrive in **Vienna by Saturday, June 30th**, to acclimate to the time change before classes begin on Monday, July 2. He also suggests finding the Juridicum on Saturday or Sunday so you will know how to get there Monday morning.
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.

**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). Dean Schneider also recommends going to the Alps during your visit.

**TIP** 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.

**TIP** Dean Schneider recommends leaving your laptops in Vienna when you go on weekend trips.

**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.

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/](http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/forms/)

Dean Schneider also suggested that students rent “The Third Man,” a movie about Vienna after World War II. He said that this can give you a sense of Vienna fifty years ago.

ATTACHMENTS: Vienna Housing Doc from Schneider