University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna - AUSTRIA

[Universität für Bodenkultur, Wien – BOKU]

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Semester Dates for the Academic Year 2011/12:

Winter semester 2011/12: 1^{st} of October 2011 – 3^{rd} of February 2012 Summer semester 2012: 27^{th} of February 2012 – 1^{st} of July 2012

Application Close Dates for Exchange Students:

- 30th of June for the winter semester
- 30th of November for the summer semester

Fields of Competence in Teaching and Research:

- Soil, plants & animals
- Space, landscape & infrastructure
- Water, climate & environment
- Forests & timber
- Alternative biomaterials & bio energy
- Agricultural sciences
- Food Sciences
- Biotechnology

Programmes offered at BOKU:

- 8 Bachelor Programmes
- 25 Master Programmes

achelor Programmes:	Master Programmes:
 Forestry (BSc) Wood and Fibre Technology (BSc) Environment and Bio Resources Management (BSc) Environmental Engineering (BSc) Food Science and Biotechnology (BSc) Agricultural Sciences (BSc) Landscape Architecture and Planning (BSc) Viticulture, Oenology and Wine Marketing (BSc) Equine Science (BSc) [in co-operation with University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna] 	 Forest Sciences (MSc) Wood Technology and Management (MSc) Environmental Management and Bio Resources Management (MSc) Environmental Engineering (MSc) Water Management (MSc) Land Management and Civil Engineering (MSc) Food Sciences and Bio Technology (MSc) Biotechnology (MSc) Agronomics and Food Economy (MSc) Applied Plant Sciences (MSc) Livestock Sciences (MSc) Organic Farming (MSc) Agricultural Biology (MSc) Landscape Architecture and Planning (MSc) Phytomedicine (MSc) Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management (MSc)
	International Master Programmes: Mountain Forestry (MSc) Mountain Risk Engineering (MSc) Natural Resources Management and Ecological Engineering (MSc) Horticultural Sciences (MSc) Animal Breeding and Genetics (MSc) European Forestry (MSc) Environmental Sciences – Soil, Water and Biodiversity (MSc) Safety in the Food Chain (MSc)

• All in all there are around **300 courses each year taught in English –** English courses are not just offered in the International Master Programmes but in any field of study.

• Exchange Students who register for any programme are entitled to take any offered course of any program – both at graduate and undergraduate levels!

Link: <u>https://online.boku.ac.at/BOKUonline/webnav.ini</u> → upper right corner "Suche" → "Lehrveranstaltungen" → Vortragssprache "Englisch"

Language requirements for exchange students

If an exchange student does not know German – no problem! There is no German requirement!

Exchange students have to prove either

→ their knowledge of English or
→ their knowledge of German.

As there are around 300 courses each year offered in English – in all fields of study – non German speaking students should find enough courses taught in English in their field of interest.

Studying at BOKU – Student Life in Vienna, Austria

(Information for International Exchange Students)



Mendel House – BOKU

Vienna with St. Stephens Cathedral

As we all know, when st udents decide where to go f or an exchange semester not only does it depend on the variety and excellence of the courses offered, it also depends on the additional opportunities they have at the place of study.

Besides **University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)**, Vienna and Austria have a lot to offer.

With its history, its cultural traditions, and its location in the centre of Europe right on the borderline between East and West, Vienna should be of special interes t for any student especially from overseas.

Austria: in the Heart of Europe

Austria's location in the centre of Europe is ideal for visiting interesting neighbouring countries. Eastern and western European countries and cities can be easily reached by train, e.g.:

Prague – Czech Republic Budapest – Hungary Bratislava – Slovakia Belgrade – Serbia Venice, Rome – Italy Paris – France Munich, Berlin– Germany Amsterdam – Netherlands Krakow, Warsaw – Poland Bucharest – Rumania



There are also many students from these countries at BOKU, Vienna, so that you can enjoy an international atmosphere at our institution.

Vienna: One of the Most Cultural Cities in the World

Vienna is perhaps one of the most cultural cities in the world. Besides the many historical buildings, there are many museums with some of the most important artworks ever created, e.g. KI imt, Schiele, Dürer, Rembrandt, etc. It is the city of classical music, the world famous Musi kverein (Music Lovers Hall) and the Opera House.

And best of all: students are entitled to student discounts, and in theatres and music halls student tickets are just €5. So, if anyone wants to experience Central European culture, Vienna is just the right place.



Schönbrunn Palace



Hundertwasserhaus



Musikverein



The Giant Wheel



The Gloriette

Schiele

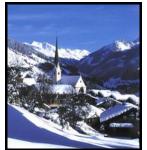
Klimt "The Kiss"

"Graben" at Vienna Downtown

Life in Austria

Austria is one of the most advanced countrie s in the world, especially in terms of ecology, social welfare, and economy. Furthermore, Vienna is one of the safest cities in the world. Even at night, you can walk around without any problems!

If you search the web you will find a lot of interesting information about Austria.









Mountain Village in Winter Cycling in Vienna

Salzburg

Skiing



Gumpoldskirchen

Hallstatt

Weinviertel

Interesting Facts for the International Exchange Student at BOKU

For the international student who wants to study at BOKU , the following facts are of special interest:

> 98% of Austria's waste water is treated in sewage treatment plants → Waste water treatment is an important part of BSc and MSc "Environmental Engineering".



- > The public transport system of Vienna is one of the best in the world \rightarrow Find courses about Traffic Planning and Traffic M anagement at BOKU's "Institute for Transport Studies".
- > There are no nuclear pow er plants in Austria. Most energy is generat ed with hydro-electric power plants \rightarrow Lectures in the field of Water Resource Planning and Water Management are given at the "Institute of Water Management. Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering".
- Austria has the high est percentage of organic farmers within the European Union → BOKU offers the MSc "Organic Farming".
- ➢ 45% of the total area of Austria is used for agriculture \rightarrow BOKU offers programmes at undergraduate and graduate levels: "Agriculture", "Organic Farming", "Appli ed Plant Sc iences", "Horticulture Sciences" (English MSc), "Livestock Sciences", and "Agricultural Biology".
- > Austria has an age long tradition of wine production and is an import ant exporter of wine. → BOKU offers a B Sc in "Viticulture, Oe nology and Wine Marketing".
- 2/3rds of the Austria's surface is cover ed by mountains \rightarrow programmes at BOKU: English MSc "Mountain For estry", and English MSc "Mountain Risk Engineering", also MSc "Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management".











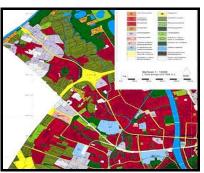


- ➤ 40% of Austria is cov ered by for ests. Forestry is an important part of Austria's economy → programmes at BOKU: BSc and MSc "Forestry", MSc "Mountain Forestry" (English MSc), "Wood and Fibre Technology", and "Wood Technology and Management".
- With the changes in soci ety in the second half of the 20th century and the migr ation towards urban centres, it became more and more important to foster research for a sustainable rural development → Find lectures in this field at the "Institute of Spatial Planning and Rural Development".
- ➤ Tourism is a highly important source of Aust ria's income. → Find c ourses at the "Institute of Landscape Development, Recreation and Conservation Planning", or BSc and MSc "Landscape Architecture and Planning".
- ➤ Austria is one of the countries with the highest percentage of recycling of used materials. Austrian citizens hav e a high awareness of the limitations of natural re sources. BOKU Vienna is taking on the challenge to pl ay a role in securing and consciously using our natural life resources. BOKU offers → BSc and MSc "Environmental and Bio Resources Management", and also MSc "Natural Resources Management and Ecologic al Engineering".
- ➤ Healthy and safe food is basic for our health and well-being. BOKU offers programmes at graduate and undergraduate level: → BSc and MSc "Food Science and Bio Technology", MSc "Bio-Technology", and MSc "Safety in the Food Chain".







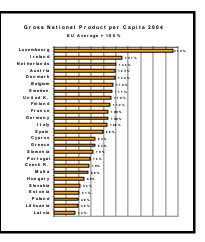




➤ University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, is one of the leading Centres of Bio-Technology in Europe. → Lectures are offered at the "Institute of Applied Microbiology", at the "Center for NanoBiotechnology", and at the "Interuniversitarian Department for Agro-Biotechnology – IFA Tulln".



➤ A prosperous and sustainable economy secures Austria's high standard of living. → Find courses about Sustainable Econom ic Development, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy, Agricultural and F orestry Economics, Business Administration, and Marketing at the Depar tment of Economics and Social Sc iences. BOKU also offers an MSc "Agronomics and Food Economy".



Types of Courses at BOKU

In order to guarantee a prof ound and high quality education, BOKU offers different types of courses:

- lecture = Vorlesung (VO):
- seminar = Seminar (SE):

teacher talks, possibilities for studentquestions

special and profound lecture; sometimes project work or reports are required

- exercises = Uebungen (UE) practical exercises; labs;
- excursion = Exkursion (EX) field trip
 - practical course = Praktikum (PR) practical course; lab
 - project work = Projektarbeit (PJ) project work or group work

There can also be combinations of different types of courses, e.g.:

- lecture + seminar (VS)
- lecture + exercises (VU)
- lecture + excursion (VX)
- lecture + practical exercises + excursion (VY or VZ)

Studying at an Austrian University

Studying at Austrian universities is very different from studying at Englis h-speaking universities. The students are rather free in what course s they take and how many courses they take. For many courses attendance is not obligatory – for some, seminars and practical courses, it is.

Thus, it really d epends on the level of student-responsibility and on how much progress the students want to make in their field of study.

Courses vary in terms of workload. 30 EC TS credit points are considered a f ull work load per semester for Austrian students. Of course, students are allowed to do more than that. Depending on the workload r equired, a full semester can comprise between 7 and 10 c ourses. International exchange students have to follow t he requirements of their home university.

The way courses are scheduled here, is qui te different from English- speaking countries. Students are not nec essarily in the cours es five days a week . Some courses are blocked, so students may meet only for 3 or 4 days but for 6 to 7 hours at a time.

Your Experience

A study abroad semester at BOKU Vienna offers exc ellent and rewarding f ields of study and the chance to broaden one's k nowledge, as well as living an international student life in a highly interesting environment.

Therefore, for a Central European experience and the chance to study at one of Europe's best universities for natural resources and applied life sciences, BOKU Vienna is the optimal choice.

Experience it!

Contact For any further questions do not hesitate to contact:

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BOKU – FACTS and FIGURES

General Information

Location: BOKU has two main locations, both situated in the northern part of Vienna where the hills of the Vienna Woods begin:

Location BOKU Campus at Türkenschanze / Peter-Jordan Straße

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Location Muthgasse



Please check also: interactive city map of Vienna http://www.wien.gv.at/stadtplan/spread.asp?lang=de

Public Transport to BOKU

• Bus Line 40A → for BOKU Campus at "Türkenschanze"

This line connects the city centre (leaving at "Sc hottentor") and the U6 ("Währinger Straße" station) with Gregor-Mendel-House (main building) – "Linnéplatz" stop – and with the ZIB and other departmental buildings at the "Dänenstraße" stop.

• Bus Line 37A → for BOKU Campus at "Türkenschanze"

This connects the U4 ("Spittelau" stop) and the U6 ("Nußdorfer Straße" stop) with the BOKU campus (stop "Linnéplatz" or "Dänenstraße").

• Bus Line 10A → connects "Türkenschanze" with "Muthgasse"

This line connects the S-Bahn ("Gersthof" or "Heiligenstadt" stops) and the U4 ("Heiligenstadt" stop) with the B OKU buildings. Furthermore, it also conn ects the BOKU campus at Türkenschanze with the buildings at Muthgasse (transfer to bus line 11A at "Heiligenst adt" station or use the pedest rian terminal towards "Muthgasse".

• Underground U4 → for the buildings at "Muthgasse" At the final stop at "Heiligenstadt" use the pedestrian terminal to "Muthgasse".

Numbers

٠	Students (19% of the stud	dents are international students)	9900
•	 International exchange students per year 		300
٠	Academic staff	1600	
•	Administrative staff		750

ZIB – Center for International Relations

After arriving in Vienna, the international student should come to the Center for International Relations as soon as possible. Here he/she will get:

- Information on first steps to be taken at BOKU
- The programme for the Welcome Days
- Information about Vienna
- Information about the public transport
- Some more information you might need during your stay in Vienna

Welcome Days

Take place in the first week of each semester – Information at ZIB.

Buddy Network

ZIB promotes the exc hange of Austrian and international students through a buddy network. The buddy will be ver y helpful especially at the beginning to facilitate the first couple of steps in Vienna. when the students move into their new room and have to deal with Austrian and BOKU administration. He/she can introduce the international student to Viennese university life, help to get accustomed to BOKU and show a side of Vienna and Austria a foreigner would probably not discover otherwise.

Dean's Office

Admission (enrolment) as a student at BOKU takes place at the "Studienabteilung" (Dean's Office). You can find the Dean's Office in the 2nd floor of Mendel-House.

German Courses

- BOKU offers an "Intensive German Re freshing Course Intermediate Level" and an "Intensive German Course – Beginne rs" before the seme ster starts (2 weeks)
- German courses at different levels are offered during the academic year.

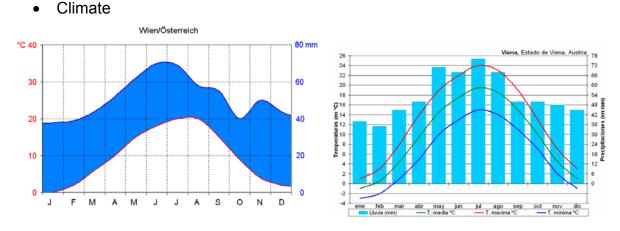
Visa Information

- EU-citizens do not need visas.
- All other nationals have to apply for a Visa at the Austrian embassy in their home country.

Estimated Cost of Living per Month

Accommodation	approx. € 200 to € 400
Food	approx. € 200 to € 300
Other expenses	approx. € 100 to € 200
In total	approx. € 500 to € 900

Additional Information Vienna/Austria

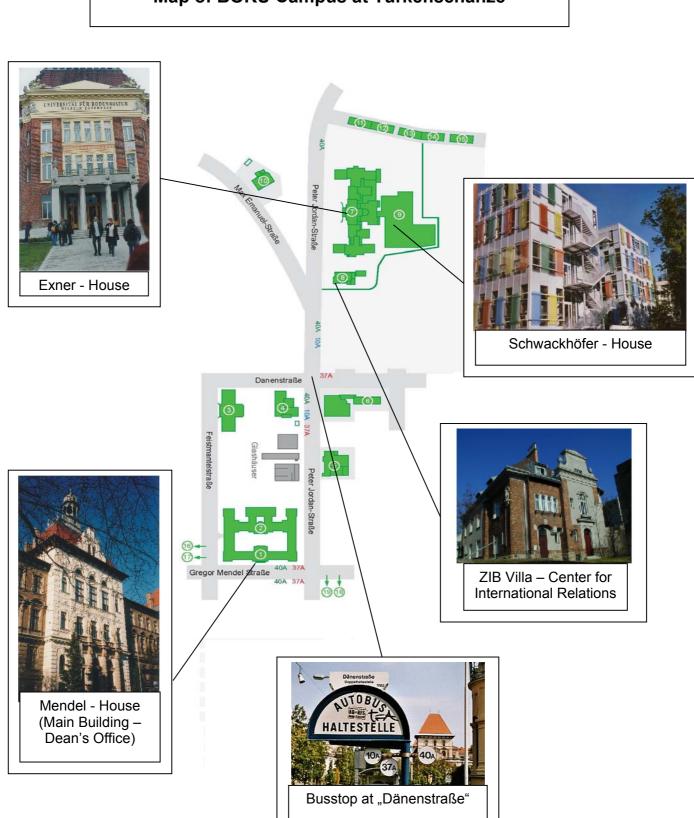


Public Transport in Vienna
 Vienna has a great public transport system. Its 117 lines – under ground, tram, bus – plus the local trains (S-Bahn) can take you easily to every plac e. Additionally, there are night buses r unning every half an hour when the underground is closed. Internati onal students get semester tickets for just €128.50.

Guide: WELCOME TO BOKU

Further and more detailed information can be found in the guide: "Welcome to BOKU" <u>www.boku.ac.at/willkommen.html?&L=1</u>





Map of BOKU Campus at Türkenschanze

Feedback from International Exchange Students



Jessica at Lake Hallstatt, Upper Austria

"Living in Vienna, studying at BOKU was a great experience! There were plenty of handson opportunities and excursions, and I was able to learn about completely different wildlife and management practices in Austria. I studied in a relaxed atmosphere with some very knowledgeable professors and lots of international students; it was a great opportunity to learn about other cultures and practice different languages. The people I met were the best part of the whole experience! Vienna is a beautiful city also, with a rich history and charming architecture. The cafes, museums and people are all unforgettable. I hope to keep in touch with the friends I made and see them in the near future!"

Jessica Cosham

Student from University of Guelph, Canada Studied at BOKU during the entire academic year 2009/10

"Deciding to spend an exchange term studying at BOKU turned out to be one of the best decisions of my academic career. The courses were engaging, the campus was easy to navigate, and the professors were incredibly flexible and supportive of me focusing on my specific and unique areas of interest for papers and projects; best of all though, there were always BOKU students happy to help me find my way or understand anything that confused me. The location of BOKU within Vienna is perfect; far enough from the bustling city center to stay focused and in study-mode either on campus or across the street at Türkenschanzpark, yet close enough to relax in a Viennese café after class or tour the Hofburg. Most importantly though, I learned about my field of study from a new perspective that was halfway around the world from my comfort zone, and I made friends that will last a lifetime. I would highly suggest an exchange term at BOKU to anyone!"



Melissa visiting Klosterneuburg

Melissa Liszewski Student from Michigan State University - MSU, Michigan, USA Studied at BOKU during summer term 2009



Kim in the Vienna subway

"I just want to start by saying my experience at BOKU and in Wien is one of the greatest experiences that I have had in my lifetime so far. The friends that I made, the people I met, the places I discovered, the nights that I had, the schnitzels I ate, the studies that I undertook and the opportunity that I was afforded. Everything added up to an amazing time and I consider myself extremely lucky. Wien is really my second home. This experience would never have occurred for me without my gracious host university and the people who made things so easy for me (here's looking at you Max and my buddy Klemens) and for that I am extremely grateful. Not only did I get to continue my university progress while being abroad I had a fantastic time doing so. My studies really allowed me to see the environmental side of Austria with interesting classes and field trips, and very knowledgeable professors. It is really hard for me to describe in words how much fun I had with his experience and how much I feel it has added to my development not just as an Environmental student, but also as a good global citizen."

> Kim Isaac Student from Murdoch University, Perth, Australia Studied at BOKU during summer semester 2009

"I had the opportunity to attend an exchange semester at Universität für Bodenkultur in Vienna, Austria. I really enjoyed my studies at BOKU. I took a number of English courses through the masters program. The variety of backgrounds of each of the students and staff created a great learning experience. I particularly enjoyed the Mountain Forestry Field Camp held in October.

I choose Austria for something different. It was an opportunity to go somewhere completely unknown and learn from the beginning about the language and culture. As the semester progressed I found that the experience was more amazing every new second. The experiences I made in Austria and the new knowledge I found is something irreplaceable. I returned to little Brisbane with a new perspective and a better understanding of Vienna, Austria and the world at large."

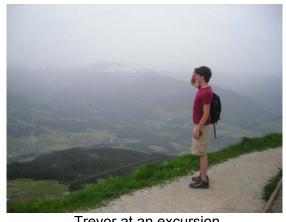


Jessica at BOKU Ball in the Imperial Palace in Vienna

Jessica Lisle Student from Griffith University, Australia Studied at BOKU during winter semester 2008/09



Johnathan in the Austrian mountains



Trevor at an excursion

'My time on exchange to BOKU, Vienna was an incredible experience. While studying at the university. I was able to take a wide variety of courses that involved going on numerous class excursions, making for a great way to explore the rest of Austria as well. I was also able to meet people from both Austria and around the world and developed many long-lasting friendships. All of this, while living in a worldclass city like Vienna with so much to see and do, made for a truly amazing experience that I will never forget!" - Johnathan

"Vienna was an amazing experience for me. As a landscape architecture student. I was impressed with their great public spaces, and most of the major sites in the city were completely accessible with great deals for students! BOKU was flexible with their classes and they offered many field trips so I was able to experience the other parts of Austria too. Loved the Heurigen." - Trevor

Johnathan Vandriel and Trevor Silvani Students from University of Guelph, Canada Studied at BOKU during summer semester 2008

"My experience at BOKU was definitely a rewarding "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Studying at BOKU gave me the opportunity to experience the European philosophy towards teaching and learning. I learned a great deal in each of my classes, not just from course work, but also from the students and class structure. Each professor was more than willing to help with any problems I might have had or to explain something I didn't understand.

As an exchange student you will have the opportunity to meet people from Austria, but also from all over the world. BOKU has a large number of international students from many countries in Europe, plus many more from other continents. The Center for International Relations (ZIB) is always eager to help and plan many events throughout the semester to socialize and meet other students.

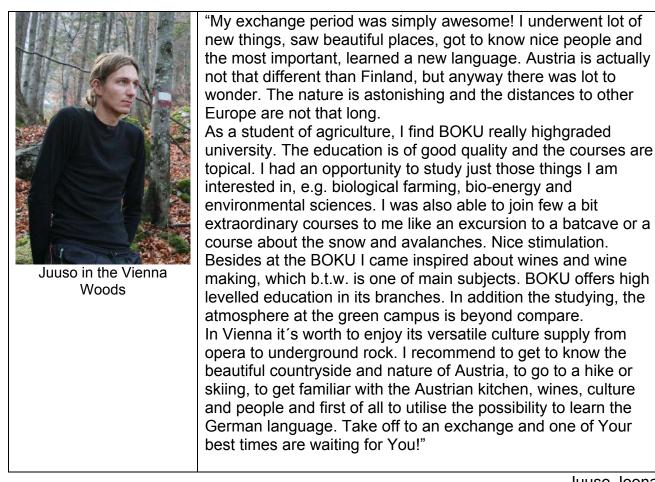
BOKU's location in Vienna, Austria, places the university in the heart of an important international and cultural city. Vienna has enough plays, operas, concerts, museums and parks to keep anyone busy at any time of the year. Another advantage to Vienna is its location in Europe. From Vienna you are only a few hours from many other culturally diverse and interesting cities. During my time abroad I travelled to Bratislava, Prague, Frankfurt, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Interlaken, and Regensburg. I would have loved to have made it to Budapest, Krakow, and Venice. If I had more time I would have definitely



Brian in front of Belvedere Palace, Vienna

added these to my list. Even after travelling to several other cities, Vienna remains one of my most favorite. It may be the cleanest and safest city I travelled to and has enough cultural and historical attractions to rival any other city in Europe. Perhaps my favorite part of Vienna was simply walking around the ring and 1 st district at night to see each of the beautiful buildings fully illuminated. The Universität für Bodenkultur – BOKU – is an excellent school to attend and I am sure you will have a wonderful experience in Vienna."	
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Brian McMillan Student from West Virginia University, USA Studied at BOKU during winter semester 2006/07



Juuso Joona Student from University of Helsinki, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry Studied at BOKU during winter semester 2006/07 and summer semester 2007

"I came to BOKU, Vienna, and joined a working group at the Institute of Applied Microbiology to write my Master thesis. During the first period of time, the coordinators at BOKU were very helpful and organized many get-togethers to promote people getting to know each other. My time in Vienna was an amazing experience and I will never forget the city and all the great people I met here! Vienna is an incredible beautiful and cultural city and offers plenty of activities and things to do and you will never have a boring moment. The coordinators at BOKU were very helpful and also organized many get-togethers. I also took the opportunity to visit other parts of Austria and travelled around in the surrounding countries. I learned a lot about Austria and its people, but I learned just as much about other countries as you met people from all over the world. I hope I will have the opportunity to come back in the future."



Xu-Bin and friends hiking at Semmering Mountains (close to Vienna) From left to right: Xu-Bin, Kim (Belgium), Thomas (France), Geertrui (Belgium) and Klaartje (Belgium)

Xu-Bin Truong Student from Linköping University, Sweden Studied at BOKU during winter semester 2006/2007



Nena in front of the Museum of History of Fine Arts in Vienna and Monument for Maria Theresa

"I am studying in the Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus, Germany and I spent my semester abroad in BOKU, Vienna. It was a great experience and full of good memories. The very helpful and friendly staff and accommodating Professors made my student life in BOKU easier. Moreover, the unique and interesting lectures gave me more horizons as well as the eagerness to study further issues which fit to my country Philippines. Surprisingly to know that I am the only Filipino studying in BOKU despite a big number of Filipinos (Nationality in the Philippines) living in Vienna.

My stay in Vienna is worth to remember especially all those people I have met from different parts of the world. It was interesting to share and exchange ideas as well as getting to know each others culture. We explored together the beautiful City of Vienna. But what I liked most was the place where did I stay, in Grinzing. It was a silent and romantic place. Walking a few meters up I could already see the whole city of Vienna. I am reminiscing always my stay in Vienna because of the goodness of Viennese people. Furthermore, I got a privilege to improve my German Language while living in Vienna. Giving a chance to study a Master Degree I will return to BOKU. " Student of Environmental Resources and Management Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus, Germany Studied in BOKU during winter semester 2006/07

"Studying at BOKU opened me to countless opportunities. I was able to study wine making and grape growing with some of the most renown and accommodating professors in the world, at the same time gaining the unique Austrian perspective. While living in Vienna, which I now consider the heart and soul of Europe, I was able to travel through 16 different countries on foot, by bike, train, and car. The Viennese are incredibly intelligent and interesting people, and form lifelong friendships. Furthermore, BOKU welcome students from all over the world, creating a very international network of people learning and growing together."



Levi Fredrikson Student from University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA Studied at BOKU during winter semester 2005/06



Sarah and her friend Sara during a field trip at the river "Mur"

"I attend Purdue University in Indiana, USA. BOKU and Purdue University have an exchange program, and I was the first student from Purdue to go to BOKU, in Spring 2005. I really enjoyed my time at BOKU. The class schedule and class load were very different from Purdue's typical schedule. I enjoyed learning about how Austria and the European Union deal with environmental issues. I especially liked the excursions around Austria. For most excursions, I did not have to take an exam to earn credit, which was very nice! I was able to attend classes taught in English, which was very good for me as I am not fluent in German. All of my professors were very kind to all of my international friends and me. I love Austria and Europe and hope to visit again soon!"

Sarah Wolf Student from Purdue University, Indiana, USA Studied at BOKU during summer semester 2005