

Information for Asian Students at BOKU Vienna

1) Students (BSc, MSc, PhD) - general information

Exchange students (=6- or 10 months stay) are free to choose courses from the whole BOKU course offer, their choice is not limited to the courses offered within the programme they are formally registered for.

For English speaking exchange students BOKU offers a pool of more than 200 courses given in English, see link on the Matrix.

BOKU's course offer can be located and browsed via our course database "BLIS":
<https://blis.boku.ac.at/zope/tpp/lv/index.html>

1b) Arrival:

Generally we recommend that all students should arrive at least 2 weeks prior to the actual start of the semester, so that they have enough time to finalise their registration, apply for a language course, etc. before the semester starts.

2) students 6-months:

In order to guarantee a smooth start at BOKU we decided that students who come for a 6-months exchange period should only apply for the summer semester 2009 (start of the semester: February 22nd 2010).

2a) Visa:

For stays up to 6 months students must apply for a Visa type "D" at the Austrian Embassy.

Detailed information on the visa application can be located on the official website of the OEAD/Austrian Exchange Service:

<http://www.oead.at/english/austria/entry/index.html>; go to "nationals of third countries"; go to "stays for a maximum of 6 months".

3) students 10-months or more (full MSc / PhD programme) at BOKU

For students who intend to stay for 10 months or more (follow a full Master's or PhD Programme) at BOKU, a start in the winter semester 2009/10 (start of the semester: Oct. 1st 2009) is recommended.

But please note that a start in the winter semester 2009/10 requires a very strict time management.

Students applying for a 22 months-stay at BOKU are therefore asked to have their legalised documents prepared in July / August 2009 (see list of required documents in the Matrix attached). If possible they should already submit legalised documents for the EURASIA application so that the EURASIA coordination can forward them to BOKU without delay in case of nomination.

Only applications (for admission to a full BOKU-MSc programme) including legalised documents can be processed. It will take a min. of 2 weeks to issue the official BOKU admission letter which is required for the residence permit application.

3a) visa:

Students who intend to come for a 10 months period or longer must apply for the Austrian Residence permit type "special cases of gainful employment" at the Austrian Embassy. It is not possible to apply for the residence permit in Austria. The application procedure can take up to 3 months!!!

Therefore it is highly important that nominated students (nomination provided by EURASIA Coordination) apply for the admission to BOKU with their legalised documents as soon as possible.

Detailed information on the residence permit application (list of required documents) can be located on the official website of the OEAD/Austrian Exchange Service:

<http://www.oead.at/english/austria/entry/index.html>; go to "nationals of third countries"; go to "stays longer than 6 months" - "recipients of OEAD grants...."

In case the residence permit will not be issued in time we can try to shift the application to the summer semester 2010.

4) PhD, Post Doc, Academic Staff - 34 months, 10 months, 6 months, 3 months:

Applicants for a PhD, Post Doc, or Academic Staff exchange are asked to apply for a stay in the summer semester 2010.

4a) Post Doc, Academic Staff:

Please apply for research topics listed in our Research Database (FIS) at:

https://forschung.boku.ac.at/fis/suche.orgEinheiten?sprache_in=en

4b) PhD:

Information on the enrolment (required documents, topics) for PhD 10-months and PhD 34-months applicants can be found in the Matrix attached.

4c)

Even if candidates apply for a research topic listed in the database it cannot be guaranteed that we will be able to arrange the required supervision for them. It depends on the capacities of our Institutes and Professors if a PhD, Post Doc or Academic Staff placement can be provided. We therefore ask for your understanding that it will take some time to find out if a PhD, Post Doc, or Academic staff stay is possible at BOKU (even if nominated by the EURASIA coordination).

4d) Visa:

For stays up to 6 months all applicants must apply for a Visa type D at the Austrian Embassy.

Detailed information on the visa application can be located on the official website of the OEAD/Austrian Exchange Service at <http://www.oead.at/english/austria/entry/index.html> (go to "nationals of third countries" go to "stays for a maximum of 6 months").

Applicants who intend to come for a period longer than 6 months must apply for the Austrian Residence permit type "special cases of gainful employment" at the Austrian Embassy. It is not possible to apply for the residence permit in Austria. The application procedure can take up to 3 months!!!

Detailed information on the residence permit application (list of required documents) can be located on the official website of the OEAD/Austrian Exchange Service: <http://www.oead.at/english/austria/entry/index.html>; go to "nationals of third countries"; go to "stays longer than 6 months" - "recipients of OEAD grants...."

5) Accommodation:

All applicants are asked to book their rooms via the OEAD/Austrian Exchange Service.

The application must be completed online at: www.housing.oead.at. The payment of a deposit of 600 EURO is required, only if the deposit is transferred to the OEAD bank account a room will be booked and a confirmation of reservation will be issued. Please make sure to read through the rules and regulations before applying.

Please note that BOKU has no affiliated dormitories and that our influence to help the applicants with the booking is very limited, it is the applicants' responsibility to book their rooms in time.

The OEAD-housing application deadline for the Winter Semester 2009/10 is August 15th 2009 and for the summer semester 2010 the deadline is November 15th 2009 (to be confirmed).

6) Language courses:

6a) Intensive German courses take place two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. Information see: <http://www.boku.ac.at/4013.html?&L=1>

Students who would like to take part in an intensive course are asked to schedule their arrival accordingly.

Course fee: 250 EURO.

Limited number of participants; registration via: sprachkurse@boku.ac.at

6b) German courses throughout the semester (once per week):

Course fee: 50 EURO, only for students (BSc, MSc, PhD)

Registration: personally at ZIB-Centre for International Relations during the registration period (start of registration period two weeks before start of the semester, see: <http://www.boku.ac.at/2373.html?&L=1>)

Students must have finalised their registration with the Dean's Office before they are eligible to apply for a semester language course.

6c) Other languages:

We also offer a wide range of other language courses at BOKU. These courses all take place throughout the semester, the course fee amounts to 50 EURO and a personal registration at ZIB-Centre for International Relations during the registration

period is required (course offer and registration see:
<http://www.boku.ac.at/2373.html?&L=1>).
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