

Academic Advising for Study Abroad

Central College's international programs are structured as a hybrid model of study abroad. Considered the most effective model for facilitating intercultural and discipline-based learning abroad, Central's programs are designed to complement the curriculum of the home campus and offer students the most robust academic experience possible while overseas. To this end, all of our director-led programs offer students the opportunity to enroll in a combination of classes taught by Central College instructors, courses offered through local host universities, and credit-bearing internships and service learning opportunities. Students and advisors should consider the breadth and variety of learning opportunities available when planning for a term overseas.

To make the planning process easy, Central has created a series of advising resources which help to clarify and enumerate the full diversity of opportunities offered to students through our programs. Along with this *Advising Guide*, students and advisors are encouraged to review our *Opportunities by Major* resource and the Study Abroad website for more information on the distinct opportunities available at each program location.

What Every Student Needs Before Departing for Vienna

Before students leave for Europe, advisors should work with them to pre-select courses for their upcoming semester in Vienna. In addition to the required course, Austria in Context, students will be able to choose from 2 different options within the German track:

Option 1: Classes at the University of Vienna in German (for intermediate and advanced level students, B2 proficiency)

Students with high intermediate language skills or above (prior to attending the Goethe Institute) may enroll in courses at the University of Vienna in German. Additional electives are available for advanced German language speakers at the Vienna Institute of Translation and Interpretation, a branch of the University of Vienna.

Coursework:

- GENR-310G: Austria in Context (required, 3 credits, taught in German)
- 9-15 additional credits: Combination of courses offered through Central or at partner institutions such as the University of Vienna (taught in German), service-learning, and/or internship in German

Option 2: German Intensive program (recommended for beginning level students, all levels possible)

The intensive language program is designed for students with less than 4 semesters of college-level German who wish to focus predominantly on the development of their German skills. Course content focuses on German language, including reading and listening comprehension, spoken and written communication, vocabulary, and grammar structures.

Coursework:

- GENR-310G: Austria in Context (required, 3 credits, taught in German)
- 9 additional credits: Intensive Language Program and service-learning or internship
- 1-5 additional credits: Combination of courses offered through Central or at partner institutions such as the University of Vienna (taught in German), service-learning, and/or internship in German

Selecting Courses in Vienna

Students must register for a full-time load of coursework (12-18 credits hours). These courses could be ones offered through the Central College program, through partner institutions such as the University of Vienna, or a combination of both. Internships and service-learning are also potentially available.

Understanding Course Credits in Vienna

The University of Vienna measures course credit according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). In general, it takes 2 ECTS credits to equal one hour of coursework at Central College. Therefore, courses with 4 ECTS credits will count as a 2 hour course, and 6 ECTS credits will count as 3 hours.

Required Courses

The following courses are required of students studying in Vienna:

- GENR-310G: Austria in Context (3 credits, taught in German)
Please note: A 100-level version of this course, GENR-110G, is also offered but is taught in English. Students wishing to count the required course for the German Studies major should choose the 300-level German option.
- German language course(s), depending on student's skill level (3 or more credits)

Courses Offered through the University of Vienna

Students with appropriate German-language skills can enroll in courses at the University of Vienna that are taught in German.

Browse the University of Vienna course directory at the following link (website in German):

<https://ufind.univie.ac.at/de/index.html>. One can also browse the course directory in English by using this link: <https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/index.html>. In the course directory, details for each course can be found (time and place, number of hours/semester, ECTS, language of instruction – if the language of instruction is any other than German). One can "browse" a specific department or field of study or search the course catalogue by for example key words.

When searching for specific keywords in the course directory, make sure to limit the search results to the semester being looking for. This will yield a list of courses for that semester ordered by department. Each department or area of study is designated with a number and these numbers are included in all courses taught within that department or area of study (e.g., Philosophy is number 18 and all courses within the Philosophy program begin with an 18). Click on the numbers by the department or area of study to see the full list of courses within it. Note that Bachelors (BA) and Masters (MA) level courses appear in these search results.

PLEASE NOTE: Courses for the upcoming semester will typically only go online about 6 weeks prior to the start of the semester (mid-January for the Spring semester, mid-August for the Fall semester). Looking at the course directories for previous semesters can provide a good idea of what type courses are offered. This information is available through the course directory link in the previous section above.

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Students planning to take courses at the University of Vienna should try to find Vorlesungen (“VO”) or lecture to enroll in. An Übung (“UE”) or a Proseminar (“PS”), which involves discussion and participation, often go along with the VOs. Übungen and Proseminare are smaller classes requiring participation and frequently also written work (10-15 page papers). Einführende Kurse (“EK”), Grundkurse (“GK”), or some Universitätskurse (“UK”) are similar to Vorlesungen (VO)s. Seminars (“SE”) require oral and substantial written presentations and are not recommended for Central College students. Please note that most PS and UE allow a limited number of students and that advisees should have various options in case they do not get into the class of their choice. Most of the PS and UE require online registration prior to the start of the semester and the Resident Director will try to register students for those classes before they get to Vienna.

Opportunity for Additional German Language Study at the Goethe Institute

Students may enroll in intensive German language courses and earn additional credits by enrolling in the Goethe Institute Schwäbisch Hall. Prior to their semester in Vienna, students may take either one month or two months of German language study at the Goethe Institute in Germany. Students will earn 6 credits for one month or 12 credits for two months of study (in addition to their semester credits in Vienna).

Music and Visual Art Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to build music and art into their academic program through two established institutions in Vienna. Coursework and lessons are available at these institutions for an additional fee. Please contact Resident Director, Ruth Verweijen, regarding questions about courses and associated fees.

Courses at the Prayner Conservatory for Music and Dramatic Arts

The Prayner Conservatory began as a music school in 1905, and has developed into one of the most well-known and historical conservatories in the city of Vienna. A complete music curriculum is available to high intermediate or advanced level students. Students of all levels can take voice or instrumental lessons, and have the opportunity to perform in the orchestra or choir. Course work and lessons at the Prayner are available for an additional fee to Central College Abroad students. View course listings at: <http://www.konservatorium-prayner.at/>

Courses at the Kunstlerische Volkshochschule

Students of all levels may enroll in visual art courses including drawing, portrait, acrylic painting and more. Course work is available for an additional fee to Central College Abroad students. Course listings are available at <http://www.vhs.at/9-die-kunst-vhs.html>.

How the Course Registration Process Works in Vienna

As part of the study-abroad application, students will complete a pre-registration course form. Students should have a list of potential courses to take that have been discussed with their advisor(s). The pre-registration form gives the Resident Director in Vienna an indication as to which courses students would like to enroll in. Note that courses listed on the pre-registration form are only indications. Final registration for courses will take place in consultation with the Resident Director prior to arrival in Vienna. Feel free to contact the Resident Director with questions regarding this pre-registration form.

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Courses with Core Designations Currently Pre-Approved by the Central College Registrar

The list below only includes courses that have been previously approved for Core designations. These courses as well as additional courses may count for major and minor requirements (not just Core requirements). Students should consult their major/minor advisors regarding courses that may count for major/minor requirements. Also be aware that many of the courses currently approved for core designations are taught in German.

Note that the courses listed below are not necessarily taught every semester.

<u>Core</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>
HP	GENR-110G	Austria in Context
HP	GENR-310G	Austria in Context
HP	HIST-390G	History of the Middle Ages
LP	GERM-344G	German Literature I: From Enlightenment to the end of the German Romanticism
LP	GERM-345G	German Literature II: Realism to 20th Century
ART	MUS-315G	Music in Vienna
ART	THEA-325G	Theatre in Theory & Praxis
ART	THEA-343G	Theatre Workshop
REL	REL-390G	Historical Patterns of Buddhist Transmission

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Questions?

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