

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 common required course, Austria in Context, and a required language course, they will be able to choose elective courses offered through the Central College program as well as the University of Vienna, which offers classes and lectures in English.

Internships and service-learning are also 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.

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.

Required Course

The following course is required of students studying in Vienna:

- GENR-110G: Austria in Context (3 credits, taught in English)
Please note: A 300-level version of this course, GENR-310G, is also offered but is taught in German and is not appropriate for the English-language track
- A German language course, depending on student's skill level (3 credits)

Additional coursework:

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- 9-12 additional credits: Combination of courses offered through Central or at partner institutions such as the University of Vienna (taught in English), service-learning, and/or internship in English

Courses Offered through the University of Vienna

Students with no German language skills or very basic German language skills may also enroll in courses at the University of Vienna that are taught in English. For more information, browse the University of Vienna online course directory at the following link (listings provided in English):

<https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/index.html>

In the course directory, one will find details for each course (time and place, number of hours/semester, ECTS, language of instruction – if the language of instruction is any other than German). "Browse" a specific department or field of study or search the course catalogue by for example key words.

The easiest way to find out whether there are courses taught in English in the field of study is to click on the study program in the course catalogue U:FIND (for example "Bachelor Degree Programme Business Administration"). Courses taught in English are marked with a blue flag labelled "en".

One can also find them entering the following command (without brackets, with blank characters).

- For courses taught in English during the winter semester: lang:en SPL [XX] [year]W
Example for courses held in English from Social and Cultural Anthropology during the winter semester 2015: lang:en SPL 24 2015 W
- For courses taught in English during the summer semester: lang:eng SPL [XX] [year]S

Sometimes one Directorate of Studies (SPL) lists several fields of study, like for example SPL 4 Business, Economics and Statistics, which lists Business Administration, International Business Administration, Statistics and Economics as fields of study. In order to filter courses taught in English, enter the following command:

- „[year] [W or S] lang:en +sge:[field of study]“

This command is only available searching for "courses" and the field of study must be entered in German (no English terms available). Example: Example for courses from Statistics taught in English during the winter semester 2015: 2015 W lang:en +sge:Statistik

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). To get a good idea of what type courses are offered take a look at the course directories for previous semesters. This information is available through the course directory link in the previous section above.

Students planning to take courses at the University of Vienna should try to find Vorlesungen ("VO") or lectures to enroll in. An Übung ("UE") or a Proseminar ("PS"), which involves discussion and participation, often go along with the VO. Übungen and Proseminare are smaller classes requiring participation and frequently also written work (10-15 page papers). Einführende Kurse ("EK"), Grundkurse ("GK"), and 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 can be viewed 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. As the English-track develops in Vienna, additional courses taught in English at the University of Vienna will likely be approved for Core requirements.

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

Core	Course	Title
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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