

Program Highlights 2007

EducationUSA at Study Abroad Fairs

EducationUSA advisers participated in the Study Abroad Fairs at the University of Graz and the Technical University Vienna. Advisers distributed information on Studying in the USA and answered questions related to admissions requirements, standardized testing, scholarship opportunities, and other topics of interest. Both fairs were very well attended and advisers interacted with approximately 450 students.



Working with Fulbright Scholars

The Austrian-American Educational Commission held its annual seminar in American studies in Altenmarkt in April 2007. This four-day event comprised talks and lectures by US Fulbright professors, discussion groups, and information events on studying in the USA. Twenty students from diverse backgrounds representing various Austrian universities attended the seminar and met with US and Austrian participants of the Fulbright program.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy Vienna
- ▶ Austrian Ministry of Science and Research
- ▶ Austrian Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture
- ▶ Austrian Exchange Service

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	843	843
Total number of center inquiries (including webhits):	29,820	39,020

Austria

Advising Center Network

The EducationUSA Advising Center of the Austrian-American Educational Commission in Vienna offers one-on-one advising (mostly by e-mail or phone), library access, as well as pre-departure orientation. It engages in outreach programs and is present at scholarship fairs throughout the year. Students are also welcome to visit the EducationUSA advising center at the Centre International Universitaire (CIU) in Vienna.

Recent Trends: US Study = 0.0%

- ▶ Due to the Bologna process, many students do not go on study abroad programs during their undergraduate studies, but would rather have the experience after they have graduated. They are interested in a variety of programs: short-term studies, Master/Ph.D. programs, and especially in internships.
- ▶ The use of technology in advising is becoming more and more important, and therefore special emphasis is placed on the effective use of the EducationUSA website.
- ▶ Contrary to the last few years, students feel confident that they will secure a visa once they have been accepted to a US university.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: law and business.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer and skiing.

Resource Links

Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center, Vienna: www.fulbright.at
 Centre International Universitaire, Vienna: www.ciu.at
 Austrian Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture: www.bmukk.gv.at
 Austrian Ministry of Science and Research: www.bmwf.gv.at

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Primarily German	Primarily German; some programs are run in English
Years of study required:	8-9 years	3-5 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	sehr gut (1) – very good (A) gut (2) – good (B+/B) befriedigend (3) – satisfactory (B-/C+) genügend (4) – sufficient (C) nicht genügend (5) – fail (F)	sehr gut (1) – very good (A) gut (2) – good (B+/B) befriedigend (3) – satisfactory (B-/C+) genügend (4) – sufficient (C) nicht genügend (5) – fail (F) bestanden – passed Mit Auszeichnung bestanden – passed with highest distinction
Scholarship for US studies:	Student exchanges with US high schools available in some schools or with private programs.	Institutions have joint degree or exchange programs with US institutions, which can save students money. Austrian public institutions charge approximately \$1,000/year for tuition.

Partnering with EducationUSA Austria

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Austria to discuss specific project ideas for 2008/09, and their involvement (or virtual involvement) as guest speakers.

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