

Bilateral Cooperations
Information for Incoming Students
2024/25

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Preliminary note

The aim of this document is to provide an overview of program options and application procedures for incoming students planning a stay at the Medical University of Vienna (MedUni Vienna) in the framework of a bilateral cooperation.

General information for incoming exchange students is available on the following website: <https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/> (please also see section “useful links” at the end of this document).

In case of questions regarding the information provided in this document, please contact the MedUni Vienna International Office at exchange-incomings@meduniwien.ac.at.

Prerequisites

The general prerequisites for a stay at MedUni Vienna in the framework of a cooperation are:

- A bilateral agreement on student exchange between the applicant’s home university and MedUni Vienna is in place.
- The applicant remains enrolled at their home university for the duration of their stay at MedUni Vienna.
- The applicant has officially been nominated by the International Office/responsible department of their home university during the nomination period (see details below)

Application process

Step 1: Nomination by home institution

Students at partner universities who would like to participate in an exchange stay at MedUni Vienna first have to enquire with their home university about their internal prerequisites and the selection process. Students who have been selected by their home university then officially will have to be nominated by the latter to MedUni Vienna during the nomination phase (see details on deadlines below).

The MedUni Vienna International Office will inform partner universities in due course about the nomination process.

Step 2: Application by student

Nominated students will be invited by the MedUni Vienna International Office to complete an online application form via the application tool “**Mobility-Online**”. Access information will be provided in due course via email.

In Mobility Online, the following steps need to be completed by the end of the application phase indicated below:

- Enter **personal details** and information on **preferred program, pre-approved by sending institution** (see section on program options below).
- Upload scan of **ID** (if applicable, both sides) or **passport**
- Upload **portrait picture** (e.g. jpg.; face only, color, high-resolution / approx. 204 x 270 pixels) - will be used for MedUni Vienna student ID card
- Upload **immunization record** (a specific form is required, details are communicated [HERE](#))
- If applicable: upload **German language certificate** (required in case the student’s program entails curricular courses and/or clerkships at certain departments; for details please see pages 5/6)

Step 3: Organization of program by MedUni Vienna International Office

Once the student has submitted their complete application, the MedUni Vienna International Office will organize their program while taking into consideration the preferences indicated. The feasibility of a specific program, however, cannot be guaranteed until finally confirmed by the International Office.

In case changes to the program are necessary, the MedUni Vienna International Office will inform the student in due course.

Step 4: Creation of Learning Agreement / Temporary enrollment at MedUni Vienna

Once the program has been organized and finally confirmed from the side of the International Office, students will be asked to create a Learning Agreement which will have to be signed by the student and their home university (details on how to create the Learning Agreement will be communicated in due course).

Students whose application has been accepted will then be enrolled at MedUni Vienna temporarily for the duration of their stay (winter term 2024/25, academic year 2024/25 or summer term 2025).

In order to complete their enrollment, students need to transfer the Austrian students’ union semester fee of currently **24,70 €** (status 2024/25).

Students will receive details on this obligatory payment via email in due course (at the beginning of the respective enrollment period). If a student’s stay extends over two semesters, they will have to transfer the fee for the second semester in due course as well.

Nomination / application deadlines

For stays that consist of **clinical clerkships (Medicine) only / a program at the University Clinic of Dentistry** (no participation in curricular courses), there are **two** nomination / application phases per year (April for the following winter term / November for the following summer term; see details below).

For stays that also entail **curricular courses**, there is **only one** nomination/ application phase per year (April for the following academic year; see details below).

a) Clerkships only program (Medicine) / Dentistry program

- **Nomination period** (for coordinators at partner universities):

Stays starting between September 2024 and January 2025: **April 1st to April 15th, 2024**

Stays starting between February 2025 and August 2025: **November 1st to November 15th, 2024**

- **Application period** (for nominated students):

Stays starting between September 2024 and January 2025: **April 1st to April 30th, 2024**

Stays starting between February 2025 and August 2025: **November 1st to November 30th, 2024**

b) Program including curricular courses (Medicine)

- **Nomination period** (for coordinators at partner universities):

Stays starting between September 2024 and August 2025: **April 1st to April 15th, 2024**

- **Application period** (for nominated students):

Stays starting between September 2024 and August 2025: **April 1st to April 30th, 2024**

Program duration

The duration of the program depends on the individual agreement between the student's home university and MedUni Vienna. Incoming students are encouraged to enquire with their home university about details.

Program options

Students who are planning a stay at MedUni Vienna in the framework of a bilateral cooperation generally have the following program options:

- **Medicine:** Participation in clinical clerkships and/or curricular courses
- **Dentistry:** Observership (hands-off participation in activities at the University Clinic of Dentistry)

Details can be found in the subchapters below.

IMPORTANT: Before you apply for a specific program at MedUni Vienna, please check with your home university about requirements from their side. Once the program has been organized on the side of MedUni Vienna, changes are not possible anymore.

Please also take the following into account:

- For participation in **clerkships** (Medicine):
 - The departments themselves decide whether they can accept a student or not. The International Office will enquire with the departments indicated by the applicant after the end of the application period but **cannot guarantee in advance** that places at a specific department will be available (a certain level of flexibility on the side of the applicant thus might be required).
 - At most departments, a good command of the English language is sufficient. Some departments, however, only accept applicants who are proficient in German (e.g. Cardiology, Angiology, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Radiation Oncology).
 - Students should be at least in their third year of studies.
 - The start date of the stay can be agreed upon individually.
- For participation in **curricular courses** (Medicine):
 - German knowledge is required and indispensable (at least CEFR level B1).
 - There is only one application phase per year (April for the following academic year; for details please see chapter on application deadlines above)
 - The start date stay (also) depends on the course schedule (see Appendix)
- For participation in a **Dentistry program**:
 - Good command of English required
 - Students should be in advanced stage (at least in the 9th semester) of studies at their home university
 - The start date of the stay can be agreed upon individually.

Medicine: Clerkship program

- **Description:** Clerkships are short-term clinical rotations and intended as an opportunity for medical observation and the practical application and training of previously obtained clinical basic skills (in surgery departments also for surgical assistance). Clerkships don't follow a specific curriculum, the structure and contents of a clerkship vary from department to department.
A complete list of university departments and clinics at MedUni Vienna can be found here: <https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/about-us/organisation/university-departments/>.
- **Contents and learning outcomes:**
 - Practical involvement at the hosting department / hospital / institute
 - Observation and participation in clinical examinations and ward rounds
 - Analysis of exemplary cases
 - Familiarization with the Austrian health system
 - Performance of tasks specified in the Austrian Medical Law § 49. 4/5 under the supervision and guidance of the physicians on duty.
- **Evaluation:** During the clerkship, students maintain a logbook (the document will be made available by the International Office). Clinical electives do not include any formal assessment as e.g. exams and therefore **will not be graded** (no numeric grade, only pass/fail). At the end of the clerkship, the hosting department will issue the "clerkship certificate" on request of the student (part of the clinical logbook).
At the end of the exchange stay, on request of the student concerned the International Office issues a Transcript of Records on pass/fail basis, attesting the corresponding number of ECTS of each clerkship (for each week of clinical clerkship, 1,5 ECTS credits will be awarded)
- **Duration of clerkships:** Clerkships at MedUni Vienna have a standard duration of 4 weeks (in exceptional cases, clerkships of 2 weeks are feasible). Incoming students applying for a stay > 1 month thus usually rotate in two or more departments.
- **Language requirements:** At most departments, English proficiency is sufficient. Certain clinics, however, require German knowledge (esp. Cardiology, Angiology, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Radiation Oncology)

Medicine: Course program

- **Description:** Course modules open to incoming exchange students in the field of Medicine are the ones of the 5th year curriculum at MedUni Vienna:
 - Emergency Medicine / Intensive Care
 - Neurology
 - Paediatrics
 - Psychiatry
 - Ophthalmology / Otorhinolaryngology
 - Gynaecology / Obstetrics

Please note that these course modules are offered only in certain **combinations** and in certain time slots. For further information please refer to the overview table of course combinations in the Appendix and linked on following website:

<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/student-mobility-for-studies/>. All courses and exams are held **in German**.

Most of these course modules contain three **course parts**:

- a) Lecture
- b) Practical Course/Seminar
- c) Clinical Practical Course

Students cannot register for those three course elements separately, but only for the entire course module. Information on the distribution of hours and ECTS credits can be found in the [Appendix](#) of this document.

- **Duration:** Each course module has a standard duration of 5 weeks (Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology are held consecutively within one module).
- **Contents and learning outcomes:** Details on contents and structure of the above-mentioned course modules are available in the [study guide](#) (only in German). For a translation of the MedUni Vienna curriculum please refer to the course catalogue linked on [this website](#) (5th year course modules starting on page 35).
- **Evaluation:** The summative exam for the 5th year modules is called **SIP5a**. Exam dates and registration deadlines are published [HERE](#). Students who would like to participate in the exam for the course modules they attended should get in touch with the International Office at their earliest convenience (before the start of the registration period).

- In addition, students who stay at MedUni Vienna for a full semester have the option to participate in the “Interdisciplinary Case Conferenecs” (for details please refer to the study guide [here](#))
- **Language requirements:** All curricular courses and exams are held in German. German proficiency at level B1 is required. Exchange students are allowed to use a standard (i.e. non-medical) dictionary during exams.

Dentistry program

Incoming Students in the field of Dentistry will be able to participate in various activities at the University Clinic of Dentistry (e.g. emergency room, surgery, student practicals etc.; only “observer” status, no hands-on).

The detailed program will be determined individually by the University Clinic of Dentistry.

Students planning a stay in the field of Dentistry are welcome to contact the International Office for further details (exchange-incomings@muv.ac.at).

Practical information

Housing

MedUni Vienna doesn't provide student accommodation. Incoming students have to enquire themselves about housing options in Vienna. An overview of external offerings can be found on the following website, students are encouraged to enquire with the respective provider directly:

<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/internationales/student-staff-exchange/studierendenmobilitaet/allgemeine-informationen/housing/>

Entry to Austria and Residence in Austria

Incoming students are responsible themselves for obtaining their visa (and – in case of stays > 6 months - residence permit, if applicable). General information can be found on the following websites:

- <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence>
- <https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/general-information/entry-to-austria-residence-in-austria/>

The International Office will be happy to provide support, but the students themselves have to enquire with the responsible embassy / representative authority in their home country about requirements and prerequisites applicable in their case.

After their arrival in Vienna, students have to **register their address** with the local authorities. The following documents will be needed:

- Travel document / ID
- Copy of birth certificate
- [Registration form](#) (“Meldezettel”, must be signed both by the landlord/landlady and by the tenant)

Insurance

Incoming students will be temporarily enrolled at MedUni Vienna and will thus be covered by an **accident and liability insurance** for their program-related activities (details can be found on [this website](#)). Nevertheless, we recommend to take out additional/private insurance against damages and accidents (incl. repatriation costs in case of illness or death).

In any case, a sufficient travel **health insurance** must be taken out to enter Austria (valid in Austria and insurance cover well over 30,000 Euro including guarantee to cover possible recovery and repatriation costs). Details can be found [here](#).

Useful links

- MedUni Vienna website for Incoming Students:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/>
- Website on study stays at MedUni Vienna (overview of course combinations)
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/student-mobility-for-studies/>
- MedUni Vienna clinical departments:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/about-us/organisation/university-departments/>
- University Clinic of Dentistry:
<https://www.unizahnklinik-wien.at/en/>
- Application deadlines:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/general-information/application-deadlines/>
- Immunization Record:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/general-information/immunization-record/>
- Language Certificate:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/general-information/language-proficiency-courses/>
- Entry to Austria and Residence in Austria: <https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/general-information/entry-to-austria-residence-in-austria/>
- Housing in Vienna:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/internationales/student-staff-exchange/studierendenmobilitaet/allgemeine-informationen/housing/>
- Insurance:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/en/international-affairs/student-staff-exchange/student-mobility/general-information/insurance/>
- Study guide Medicine (German)
<https://studyguide.meduniwien.ac.at/curriculum/n202-2023/?state=0-104458-6871/9-10-semester-5-studienjahr>
- Study guide Dentistry (German)
<https://studyguide.meduniwien.ac.at/curriculum/n203-2023/?state=0-105259-7165/9-10-semester>
- Elective courses (note that the offerings for the upcoming semester will only be published shortly before its start): <https://campus.meduniwien.ac.at/med.campus/wbSuche.LVSucheSimple>

Appendix

Academic Calendar 2024/25

Winter term 2024/25

- Semester period: 01.10.2024 - 28.02.2025
- Teaching period: 30.09.2024 - 31.01.2025
- Christmas break (teaching free): 24.12.2024 - 06.01.2025
- Semester break (teaching free): 03.02.-23.02.2025
- Exam period: 17.02. - 21.02.2025

Summer term 2025

- Semester period: 01.03.- 30.09.2025
- Teaching period: 24.02.- 20.06.2025
- Easter break (teaching free): 14.04.-27.04.2025
- Pentecost break (teaching free): 09.06. – 10.06.2025
- Exam period: 23.06.-27.06.2025

- The complete MedUni Vienna academic calendar is available on the following page:
<https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/studierende/service-center/akademischer-kalender/>.
- Austrian public holidays are listed here:
<https://www.wien.gv.at/amtshelfer/feiertage/>

Schedule curricular courses 2024/25

	Combo A	Combo B	Combo C	Combo D	Combo E	Combo F
30.09.2024-01.11.2024	Neurology	Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology	Gynecology & Obstetrics
04.11.2024-06.12.2024	Gynecology & Obstetrics	Neurology	Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology
09.12.2024-31.01.2025	Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology	Gynecology & Obstetrics	Neurology	Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care	Pediatrics	Psychiatry
24.02.2025-28.03.2025	Psychiatry	Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology	Gynecology & Obstetrics	Neurology	Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care	Pediatrics
31.03.2025-16.05.2025	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology	Gynecology & Obstetrics	Neurology	Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care
19.05.2025-20.06.2025	Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Ophthalmology & Otorhinolaryngology	Gynecology & Obstetrics	Neurology

Overview of hours and ECTS credits per course part

Module	Course unit code	ECTS credits and academic hours (ah) 1 academic hour = 45 min			Total ECTS credits (with / without positive exam result)
		Lecture	Practical Course/ Seminar	Clinical Practical Course	
T1 Neurology	5DIPLMNEUR	1,3 ECTS 20ah	2,2 ECTS 35ah	3,2 ECTS 50ah	6,7 ECTS / 5,4 ECTS
T2 Psychiatry	5DIPLMPSYC	1,3 ECTS 20 ah	2,6 ECTS 40 ah	2,9 ECTS 45 ah	6,7 ECTS / 5,5 ECTS
T3 Pediatrics	5DIPLMPED	1,9 ECTS 30 ah	1,9 ECTS 30 ah	2,9 ECTS 45 ah	6,7 ECTS / 4,8 ECTS
T4 Gynecology and Obstetrics	5DIPLMGYN	---	2,9 ECTS 45 ah	3,8 ECTS 60 ah	6,7 ECTS / 6,7 ECTS
T5 Ophthalmology	5DIPLMOPHT	1,0 ECTS 15 ah	1,0 ECTS 15 ah	1,9 ECTS 30 ah	3,8 ECTS / 2,9 ECTS
T6 Otolaryngology	5DIPLMORL	0,6 ECTS 9 ah	1,1 ECTS 18ah	2,1 ECTS 33 ah	3,8 ECTS / 3,2 ECTS
T7 Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care	5DIPLMEMM	1,3 ECTS 20 ah	1,6 ECTS 25 ah	3,8 ECTS 60 ah	6,7 ECTS / 5,4 ECTS
Interdisciplinary Case Conferences	5DIPLML15/17	---	2,15 ECTS 45 ah per semester	---	2,15 ECTS per semester (not part of the written exam)

Learning Agreement examples

Example 1:

Medicine program entailing clinical clerkships only (2 months; rotation at three different departments); Overview of departments available [here](#).

Course unit code at the host institution	Course unit title at the host institution	Number of ECTS credits at the host university
DIPLMCLS	Clinical clerkship 4 weeks Visceral Surgery	6,0
DIPLMCLS	Clinical clerkship 2 weeks Cardiac Surgery	3,0
DIPLMCLS	Clinical clerkship 2 weeks Pediatrics	3,0
TOTAL		12,0 ECTS

Example 2:

Medicine program combining courses and clerkships; summer term program with one 2-weeks clerkship and two course modules of Combo E (without Gynaecology, **without** exam in Emergency Medicine); An overview of combos (=course combinations) can be found above.

Course unit code at the host institution	Course unit title at the host institution	Number of ECTS credits at the host university
DIPLMCLS	Clinical clerkship 2 weeks Pediatrics Surgery	3,0
5DIPLMEMM	Module T7 Emergency Medicine (without exam)	5,4
5DIPLMNEUR	Module T1 Neurology (with exam)	6,7
TOTAL		15,1 ECTS

Notes on application via Mobility Online

General notes

Once you have logged in to Mobility Online, in the left hand side menu bar you will find the items

- a) Edit application
- b) My application data

You will also be able to change the language of the application menu (available in German/ English)

@ a) **Edit application**

- ➔ In order to enter your personal application data, please go to “edit application” and then to “forward to update”. Once you have updated the section please click on “back” to return to the application workflow and to complete the next steps.

@ b) **My application Data**

- ➔ **Show application work-flow:** overview of workflow steps. Steps that have been successfully completed are marked as “done” (green).

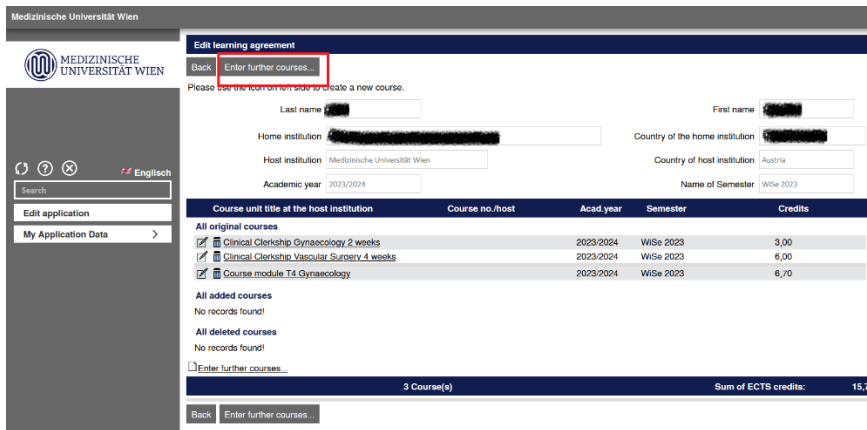
In order to complete / update a step, please click on the link (blue box in column “direct access via following link”), and then on “forward to update”.

- ➔ **Download Documents:** Option to download documents which are/might be relevant for your stay at MedUni Vienna.
- ➔ **Select application:** In case you have applied several times at MedUni Vienna (since 2020/21) you will be able to select the correct application here.

Indication of program preferences

For general information on program options please refer to the [corresponding chapter in this document](#).

Once you have completed the previous steps in Mobility Online, you will have the option to indicate your program preferences (clerkships and/or courses). Once you have clicked on the link (enter program / clerkships / courses) in the workflow you will find the option to “enter further courses”:



You will then be asked to enter the course details.

If you are planning to participate in **clinical clerkships**, please indicate in the field “course unit title at the hist institution”

- a) The name of the department(s) you are interested in
- b) The planned duration of you’re the respective clerkship (4 or 2 weeks)

For each week of clerkship 1,5 ECTS credits can be assigned (i.e. 6 ECTS for a 4 weeks clerkship, 3 ECTS for a 2 weeks clerkship)

If you are planning to participate in **curricular courses**, please complete the details (name and ECTS credits) according to the table [Overview of hours and ECTS credits per course part](#):

