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About Sigmund Freud University



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- Founded 2003, today Sigmund Freud University is the largest private university in Austria,
- Branches in Vienna, Paris, Berlin, Milano and Ljubljana
- Approx. 7.000 students from 80 countries
- Human-centric approach: Education as growth of personality
- Small groups and approachable teaching staff
- Internationally renowned research as part of the curriculum
- Clinics for practical training in-house
(Psychotherapy for children & adults, Psychology, Dental)



SFU program fields



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SFU program fields

- **Psychotherapy Science** – BA.pth., , MA. pth. , Dr. scient. pth.
- **Psychology** – BSc., MSc., PhD
- **Medical Science** – BScMed, Dr. med. univ., Dr. med. dent.*
- **Law** – LL.B., LL.M.*
- **Various university courses** (with and without degree)*

*currently only offered in German language

Psychotherapy Science (Bachelor) - Basics

Degree: Bachelor of Psychotherapy Science (BA. pth.)

Duration: 6 Semesters / 180 ECTS

Full-time programme

Location: Vienna (study exchanges with other branches optional)

Language of instruction: English

Consecutive options:

- > Master (Mag. pth.), 4 Semesters*
- > Doctor (Dr. scient. pth.), 6 Semesters

*professional license as psychotherapist in Austria acquired with the Master's degree, applicability in other countries subject to national regulations



Psychotherapy Science (Bachelor) - Curriculum

- Scientific fundamentals of healthy and pathological human development
- Diagnostics and treatment of experience-related clinical pictures – including psychological, medical, sociological and anthropological dimensions.
- Research methodology, legal, economic and social framework of psychotherapy
- Internships, reflexion and personal development
- Psychotherapeutic propaedeutic course, bachelor's thesis
- Psychotherapeutic specialisation (preparation for Mag. pth. programme)
- Link: <https://ptw.sfu.ac.at/en/academics/bachelor-programme-psychotherapy-science/>

Psychotherapy Science (Bachelor) – Admission

Online application: <https://sfu-aufnahme.academyfive.net/en/>

Contact: international@sfu.ac.at

Requirements:

- Transcripts
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two admission interviews
- Proof of English (e.g. IELTS or TOEFL)

High School Certificates: IB diploma, ACT, SAT, other Highschool Diploma equivalent with the Austrian Matura. For Highschool graduates without a highschool diploma, there are three additional exams organized during the first semester by the University.

Psychotherapy Science (Bachelor) – Dates & touchpoints

Regular online information events, updates here:

<https://ptw.sfu.ac.at/en/academics/bachelor-programme-psychotherapy-science/>

Psychotherapy Science (Bachelor) - Costs

- Tuition Fee: EUR 6.940,-- per semester (when paid at the beginning of the semester), this covers:
 - Lectures, seminars, exercises
 - Major part of personality development (excl. individual sessions with training therapists)
 - Internship and practice reflection
 - Internship at the university outpatient clinic
 - Examination fees
- The total costs of will not increase in case a student's studies are extended by one year.
- A non-refundable, one-time fee of EUR 480,-- is required for the enrollment procedure. This fee covers the handling of documents, two interviews, credit transfer procedure for prior training, information talks, etc.

Psychology (Bachelor) – Basics

- Degree: Bachelor of Science (BSc.)
- Duration: 6 Semesters / 180 ECTS
- Full-time programme
- Location: Vienna (study exchanges with other branches optional)
- Language of instruction: English
- Consecutive options: Master (MSc.), 4 Semesters
Doctorate (PhD), 6 Sem.*
- Link: <https://psychologie.sfu.ac.at/en/academics/bachelor-programme-psychology/>



* International program under development

Psychology (Bachelor) - Curriculum

- Scientific competence in theoretical and practical problems in psychology
- Basic proficiency in research skills & methods in the social sciences
- Understanding of the main sub-disciplines of psychology
- Knowledge of disciplines bordering on psychology
- Development of social and communication skills and self-reflexion
- Bachelor's thesis

Psychology (Bachelor) - Admission

Online application: <https://sfu-aufnahme.academyfive.net/en/index.php>

Contact: ipp.psychology@sfu.ac.at

Requirements:

- Secondary school certificate or vocational certificate or equivalent (foreign) qualifications (e.g. high school diploma); or
- a relevant university entrance qualification examination or subject-relevant study admission examination
- Language skills (test taken within the last two years):
 - TOEFL: min. 88 points
 - IELTS: band score minimum 6.0
 - IB (International Baccalaureate)
 - CAE is acceptable as long as it provides equivalent English knowledge compared to our requirements

Psychology (Bachelor) – Dates & touchpoints

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Medical Science (Bachelor)

- Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences (BScMed)
- 6 Semsters / 180 ECTS
- Full-time programme
- Location: Vienna
- Language of instruction: **German**
- Consecutive options: Master programme Medical Science (Dr. med. univ.)
 Master programme Dentistry (Dr. med. dent.)
- Link: <https://med.sfu.ac.at/en/academics-med/bachelor-programme-medicine/>

Law (Bachelor)

- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
- 6 Semsters / 180 ECTS
- Full-time programme
- Location: Vienna
- Language of instruction: **German**
- Consecutive options: Master of Laws (LL.M.)

- Link: <https://jus.sfu.ac.at/en/academics-law-faculty/bachelor-programme-law/>

Law (1-year Master Public International Law)

- Degree: LL.M. in Public International Law
- Duration: 2 Semesters / 60 ECTS
- Full-time programme
- Location: Vienna
- Language of instruction: English
- Tuition: EUR 8.000,-- / Semester

More Information: <https://jus.sfu.ac.at/en/academics-law-faculty/master-of-public-international-law/>

Did you know that ...

Vienna is ranked the **most livable city in the world** for the tenth time in a row according to Mercer

Vienna scores with its very good medical care and an extremely broad range of cultural and leisure activities.

Vienna ranks ahead of cities such as Zurich, Vancouver and Munich.



Source: Mercer LCC, Quality of living city ranking,
<https://mobilityexchange.mercer.com/Insights/quality-of-living-rankings>, 2022.

Did you know that ...

Vienna is often called the **Capital of Music**

More famous composers have lived here than in any other city in the world.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, Joseph Haydn, Franz Schubert, Johann Straus and Johannes Brahms are just a few who called Vienna home.



Did you know that ...

The traditional **Viennese coffee houses** are on the UNESCO Cultural Heritage list.

The history of the cafés in the Austrian capital traces back to the 17th century. No wonder that Frank Sacher created one of the most popular cakes in the world - the famous Sacher Torte.



Did you know that ...

Vienna is ranked the **Greenest City** in the world according to the consultant agency Resonance.

Parks and green areas make up 50% of the city.

*Vienna also has an excellent **public transport** system that makes cities such as Prague, Budapest, Munich, Berlin and Venice easily accessible.*

*Mountain spring pipelines supply approximately 400,000L of **fresh spring water** daily which makes Vienna's tap water one of the purest world-wide.*

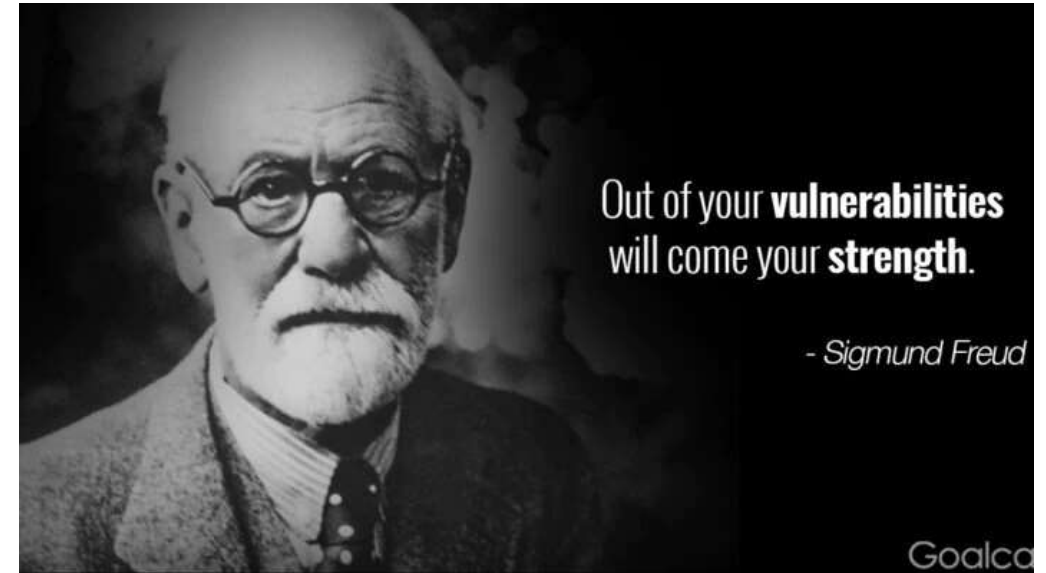


Did you know that ...

One of Vienna's nicknames is the **City of Dreams**

Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis, lived and worked in Vienna for many years. Thanks to Freud, Vienna is known as the birthplace of psychotherapy.

Other famous psychotherapists and psychologists that lived and worked in Vienna were Viktor Frankl and Alfred Adler.



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Snapshot Vienna (1/2)

Capital of Austria

Inhabitants: 1.9 mn, 2.6mn incl. suburb area

Ethnicity: 46% Austrian, 54% Other ethnicity background

Standard of living

- Austria is the **14th-richest country** in the world with one of the highest GDP per capita.
- Public **transport and infrastructure** is cheap, clean, safe, and reliable. The subway runs 24-hour at weekends.
- **Clean and green:** In Vienna you can enjoy mountain spring water for free from the tap. Parks and green areas make up 50% of the city.
- **Excellent education system and impressive healthcare system.**
- **Incredibly secure:** Vienna has some of the lowest crime rates in Europe.
- **Amazing cultural scene:** Vienna has a strong heritage in producing exceptional classical music, fine arts, and theater. It has incredible [museums](#) and [amazing music venues](#).

Snapshot Vienna (2/2)

An affordable city

Housing: Viennese apartments generally offer high standards at affordable rents. Prices still remain relatively [low in comparison to other major cities](#). On average, tenants in Vienna spend 27% of their income on rent.

Public transport: You can travel through Vienna by subway, bus, and tram for just €1 a day.

Culture: Standing tickets for the State Opera start at €3. Similar prices for standing tickets at most theatres and concert halls.

An international city

Vienna is home to a large number of international organizations, including the United Nations. There are 14 international schools, and you will find restaurants with cuisines from all over the world.

The connection from the city to the airport is excellent. From the airport you can reach all major European cities within 3 hours.

Student Visa (1/4)

Do I Need a Visa to Study at SFU in Austria?

Yes, in most cases, you need a visa in order to study in Austria.

Exemption:

- You are a resident from the [EU/EEA](#) or a student living in any country within [the Schengen Area](#).
- You are from any country that has a visa agreement with Austria.
Students who enter visa-free Austria must register for a 'Certificate of Registration' at the local registration office.

What type of Student Visas do I need if I want to study at SFU?

- **Visa D (long-term)**. Valid for up to six months. Free of charge for students.
Can then be switched to a Student Resident Permit.

Student Visa (2/4)

What do I need to apply for a Student Visa (Visa D)?

- **Valid Passport.** You have to make sure your passport won't expire during your stay.
- **[Visa Application Form.](#)** You have to fill and sign the form.
- **Travel Insurance.** You must have [Schengen travel insurance](#) that covers emergencies up to 30,000€.
- **Identity Pictures.** You must include recent identity pictures that follow the [Schengen visa pictures guideline](#).
- **Proof of Accommodation.** Either within campus housing, student dorm, or a secured rent agreement.
- **[Itinerary for your travel.](#)** This includes the correct flight dates, flight number, and departure date.
- **Financial Means.** You have to prove that you are capable of financing yourself:
 - For students up to 24 years old: EUR 552.53 permonth.
 - For students 24 years old and older: EUR 1,000.48 per month.
 - For couples (both): EUR 1,578.36 permonth
 - For each child: EUR 37 per month.
- **Proof of admission.** You must provide a letter of confirmation from SFU that proves your status as a student.
- **Proof of paid tuition fee.** You must provide a copy of the receipt/bank statement that University fee has been paid.
- **University records from your previous universities (if applicable).** If you've attended a previous university.

Student Visa (3/4)

How Do I Apply for an Austria Student Visa?

Step 1: Get your confirmation of acceptance from SFU: You need to provide confirmation of your acceptance before you apply for your student visa. You must pass the SFU admission examinations in order to be enrolled at SFU (more details, in section Admission).

Step 2: Fill in the visa application form: Download, print, and fill in the application form.

Step 3: Gather all your documents: Make sure all the required documents are in order before you submit your application. Your documents need to either in English or in German and if required they need to be legalized; check with your local representative authority beforehand.

Step 4: Make an appointment at the Austrian Embassy in Abu Dhabi: Visas are issued by the Austrian Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Schedule an appointment, then submit your application.

Step 5: Prepare for an interview: You'll probably be asked to sit down for an interview at the embassy. During the interview, you'll be asked questions regarding your reasons for wanting to study in Austria and your possible future plans.

Student Visa (4/4)

When Do I Apply for an Austria Student Visa?

You should apply for an Austria student visa at least three weeks before you plan your departure.

After You Arrive in Austria

- Once you enter Austria you have to **register at the registration office**.
- If you have a D student visa you can apply for a residence permit - Student. The [residence permit will allow you to continue your studies](#) as long as you need and you won't need to apply for an entry visa if you renew your permit.
- In order to qualify for this permit, you need to finish module 1 of the integration agreement (basic German language skills needed)

Can I Work in Austria After I Finish My Studies?

- If you're in possession of a residence permit you can continue working in Austria. If you don't have a work permit or residence permit you need to leave Austria when your student visa expires.
- You can apply for a 'job seekers visa' which lets you stay in Austria for up to six months as you search for employment.
- If during these 6 months you find a job, you may apply for a Red-White-Red Card which lets you stay and work in Austria for up to two years.

Where to live in Vienna? (1/3)

Vienna is organised in **23 districts**, each of which has its own name.

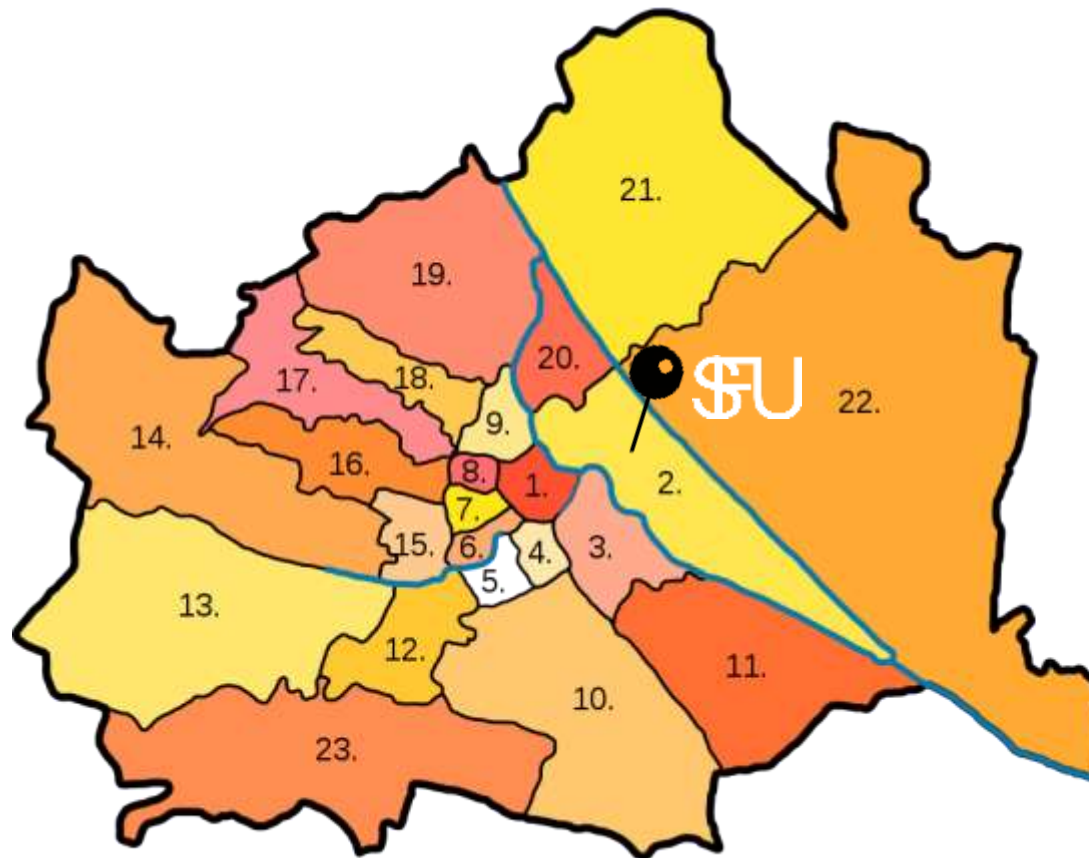
The SFU is located in the **2nd district**.

The best districts to live and reach SFU in a short period of time (within 20 min by public transport and 10 mins by car) are:

2., 20., 3. and 4. district

The most popular districts to live for students are:

2., 4. and 6.- 9. district



1. Innere Stadt
2. Leopoldstadt
3. Landstrasse
4. Wieden
5. Margareten
6. Mariahilf
7. Neubau
8. Josefstadt
9. Alsergrund
10. Favoriten
11. Simmering
12. Meidling
13. Hietzing
14. Penzing
15. Rudolfsheim-Fünfhaus
16. Ottakring
17. Hernals
18. Währing
19. Döbling
20. Brigittenau
21. Florisdorf
22. Donaustadt
23. Liesing

Where to live in Vienna? (2/3)

Students have the option to live either in student housings or their own apartments.

Student housings

Rent: starts at 350€ / month (1.500 AED / month) for a single room apartment

- Home4students: <https://www.home4students.at/en/>
- OEAD student housing: <https://www.oeadstudenthousing.at/en/accommodation/vienna/>
- The Fizz: <https://www.the-fizz.com/en/student-accommodation/vienna-brigittenau/>
- StuwO: <https://www.stuwO.at/en/dormitories/vienna/>

Where to live in Vienna? (3/3)

Shared apartments (WG)

Rent: starts at 350€ / month (1.500 AED / month) for a single room in a shared apartment with 1 or more other students

- <https://www.immobilienscout24.at/regional/wien/wien/wg-zimmer-mieten>
- <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/wg-zimmer-in-Wien.163.0.1.0.html>
- <https://www.die-wg.at/die-wg-wien-2/>
- <https://www.studium.at/wohnen/wg-zimmer/wien>

Rent own apartment

Rent: starts at 500€ / month (2.100 AED / month) for a studio and 700€ / month (3.000 AED / month) for a 1 room apartment

- <https://housinganywhere.com/s/Vienna--Austria/student-accommodation>
- <https://www.willhaben.at/iad/immobilien/mietwohnungen/wien>
- <https://www.immobilienscout24.at/regional/wien/wien/wohnung-mieten>

Health insurance

You will need health insurance coverage that is valid in Austria for the duration of your stay at SFU Vienna.

Nationals of EU/EEA Countries

If you are a citizen of a European Union member country and have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), this will grant you access to the same state-provided public healthcare that is available to people permanently living in Austria.

Nationals of third countries

Step 1: When applying for a student visa and/or residence permit, you will need a **travel/health insurance** before entering Austria. You can find offers online and you can also consult the Austrian Embassy in Abu Dhabi on which insurance covers your individual needs best.

Step 2: Once arrived in Austria, you can take a **student self-insurance** (Studentenselbstversicherung) provided by the regional health insurance ([Österreichische Gesundheitskasse - ÖGK](#)). This insurance will guarantee you the same state-provided public healthcare that is available to people permanently living in Austria, and costs € 64,78 per month (273 AED per month). For more information in English: [Student Self-Insurance Information Brochure](#). Alternatively, you can also take a private health insurance for your stay in Austria

Living Expenses

Please note: The living costs listed below are rough estimates and depend mainly on your personal habits and living style. Your actual expenses can vary.

	Expenses per month	
	in Eur	In AED
Accommodation	€ 350 - 550	dh 1.500 - 2.300
Health insurance	€65	dh 275
Essentials (food, personal expenses)	€450	dh 1.900
Public transportation	€30	dh 130
Communications	€ 20 - 40	dh 85 - 170
Entertainment	€ 50 - 200	dh 220 - 850
Books	€ 10 - 25	dh 45 - 110
Average Living Expenses per month	€ 1000 - 1400	dh 4.200 - 6.000

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