

Webster University Vienna Fact Sheet

How long does a degree take?

The length of your degree program depends on your academic background. The average amount of time required for a B.A. or B.S. degree is approximately 4 years. Graduates of higher secondary education who hold diplomas such as the Austrian Matura or the International Baccalaureate can have official documentation of this work evaluated for transfer credit toward degree requirements at Webster University.

Credit awards are based upon the marks/grades you have obtained and the specific programs you have completed. University level coursework successfully completed at an accredited university can also be evaluated for transfer credit, which may reduce the length of study required for the degree.

What does an undergraduate degree cost?

43 courses are usually required to complete an undergraduate degree program, and most courses earn the student 3 credits. Tuition per 3-credit course is **EURO 1,500** for the 2011/2012 academic year. Full-time students complete roughly 10 courses per academic year. Based on the average course load for a full-time student, estimated costs per year are:

Tuition (10 courses) EURO 15,000/ year
Textbooks (approximate) EURO 800/year

Tuition for 3-4 years EURO 45,000 – 64,500

Part-time enrollment is also possible for working students.

Where can I get financial assistance to help pay for my studies?

Scholarships are extremely limited, so students should plan on financing the full cost of their studies. However, some things to consider:

US citizens and green card holders may apply for US federal grants and loans. Veterans of the US military may qualify for Veterans Administration benefits.

Currently enrolled students may apply for Webster work study positions. These positions provide partial tuition in return for work on campus, such as in the library, computer laboratory, or in our Student Affairs Office. Students are hired based academic excellence, experience and overall suitability for the position. Positions may be extended based on satisfactory academic and work performance.

Students employed full-time may deduct the expenses of their education from their taxes if they can demonstrate that their coursework is necessary for their employment. The amount refunded by the tax authorities in Austria depends on the students' income. Some of our students' coursework is sponsored either partially or fully by their employers.

Please refer to the enclosed scholarship and financial assistance brochure or visit the admissions section, then financial information on www.webster.ac.at for more information.

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Duration</i> | <i>Total number of courses*</i> | <i>Tuition per course based on 2011/2012 rate **</i> | <i>Tuition per year (10 courses)</i> |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| BA or BS (without transfer credit) | 4 years | 43 | EURO 1,500 | EURO 15,000 |
| * Assumes no prerequisite courses need be taken. | | | | |
| ** Course Textbooks are not included in the tuition. | | | | |

Does Webster Vienna offer student housing?

Webster Vienna's Student Affairs Office can arrange student housing in off-campus student dorms each term. Each newly-built, fully-furnished room is shared with another same-gender student. The rent, which includes all utilities, is EUR 1,030 per person per eight-week term for the 2011-2012 academic year.

A deposit of EUR 500 is required, and you must be an accepted student before submitting your deposit. Additionally, Webster Vienna offers a limited amount of premium housing near campus at EUR 1,420 per 8-week term (in a double) and EUR 1,630 per term in a single bedroom (in a two-bedroom apartment). For those who are looking for their own private apartments, please visit our Student Affairs site at www.webster.ac.at/vienna/w/pros_009.html

Where can I get more information about Webster?

Webster regularly hosts events and tours for undergraduate and graduate applicants. Please visit our website at www.webster.ac.at to learn about upcoming events. Additionally, you may call or make an appointment with an admissions officer to discuss your application.

When should I apply?

For maximum consideration and visa processing time, the preferred application deadlines are:

| Term | | Priority Deadline |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Spring I 2012 | (January 16 – March 9) | November 1 of the preceding year |
| Spring II 2012 | (March 19 – May 11) | January 1 |
| Summer 2012 | (May 21 - July 13) | March 1 |
| Fall I 2012 | (August 27 – October 19) | May 1 |
| Fall II 2012 | (October 29 – December 21) | September 1 |

Webster University Vienna welcomes applications for submission from students from all countries. Required items include:

1 The Application for Admission (online or paper) accompanied by the nonrefundable application fee of €40, payable by credit card or via bank transfer. Please always specify the name of the applicant when paying this fee. For more information about payment types, please visit the Admissions section of our website at www.webster.ac.at

2 Official transcripts and educational records, including the following:

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants to the undergraduate program are normally required to have completed an educational program (including primary, secondary, and higher secondary education) that includes twelve years of academic study.

First-year students/Freshmen

Your secondary/high school transcript, including at least three years of completed academic work, in addition to any external examination results (ex. Advanced Placement, SAT, IB Diploma or IB Certificate).

Upon graduation from secondary/high school, an official final transcript of completion/graduation including the date of graduation will be required. If your transcript does not show your date of graduation or degree conferral, you will also need to submit a certified copy of your secondary school diploma.

If your transcript and school-leaving certificate can be issued by your school or institution in English, it must be sent directly from the school to the Webster Vienna Office of Admissions.

Transfer students

Your transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended and from all university-level course work attempted. Applicants with less than one year of transfer credit must also submit the documents required under the first-year students/freshmen section above. Official, final transcripts of any academic work in progress are required prior to entry at Webster Vienna.

Official transcripts

All official transcripts and diplomas must include all work attempted to date. Transcripts must be designated as official by the issuing institution. The issuing institution must send the transcript in a sealed envelope to the Admissions office at Webster Vienna. Official transcripts and diplomas will contain the issuing registrar's signature and be embossed with the issuing school's seal.

Translations

Official transcripts and diplomas normally issued in a language other than English must be accompanied by a literal and officially certified English translation. Please ensure your translation is attached to a certified copy of the original document.

3 Official Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL, IELTS, or Cambridge *Advanced*

Certificate) scores are required prior to admission. All applicants who are not native English speakers from the United States, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia are required to submit official scores from one of our above-mentioned English Proficiency exams.

The TOEFL is a multiple-choice test administered by Educational Testing Services (ETS) that assesses grammar, vocabulary, reading, and listening comprehension. Only score reports received directly from ETS are considered official. For more information on the TOEFL, including how to register, visit www.toefl.org.

Use the following institutional codes for Webster University Vienna when requesting official score reports: **0547**

Please refer to the following chart for information about minimum required scores. Applicants who score between 490 and 550 (163-210 for the computer based test, and 57-79 for the internet based test) will be required to complete English as a Second Language (ESL) courses as part of their degree.

TOEFL minimum scores

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| 57 | Internet-based TOEFL |
| 490 | Paper-based TOEFL |
| 163 | Computer-based TOEFL |

IELTS minimum scores

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| 5.5 | IELTS Academic |
| 5 | IELTS Writing section |

Cambridge Advanced Certificate

C-Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English

4 A 400-word essay on a topic of your choice that has not been previously submitted for academic credit at any institution. You may describe a special interest, experience, or achievement.

5 A list of your activities and achievements for freshmen applicants or a curriculum vitae (résumé) for transfer or adult applicants.

6 Two letters of recommendation submitted by teachers, professors, or counselors familiar with your academic performance. Please use the recommendation form found in your admissions package, or email your recommender a link to the recommendation form, which can be found under the admissions section of www.webster.ac.at

7 A copy of the biographical page of your passport to ensure the correct, legal spelling of your name.

8 First-year or freshmen applicants who are graduates of U.S. high schools or American schools abroad must submit their official SAT or ACT scores. SAT or ACT scores are recommended but not required for applicants from international secondary schools that use English as a language of instruction.

When requesting an official SAT score report to be sent to Webster Vienna, please mention our institution code: **9131**. This code can also be used when requesting an Advanced Placement (AP) score report to be sent to Webster Vienna.

9 Please make photocopies of all documents sent to Webster University for your records, as these items cannot be returned.

NOTE: All application documents submitted to Webster University Vienna become the property of the University and cannot be returned or reproduced.

The Admission Decision

A decision regarding your admission will be made as soon as your application file is complete.

Your Admissions Officer assesses your potential for academic success at Webster on the following:

- Cumulative academic grade point average equal to 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

- Grades in academic courses inducing those that the University considers to be college/university preparatory.

- Your application essay.

- Achievement on internal and external examinations and tests.

- Demonstrated level of English proficiency.

- Recommendations, school activities and achievements, community and volunteer activities, and/or professional work experience are also considered in the evaluation of your application for admission.

- Webster University Vienna's admission decision is communicated by letter. Please ensure that the mailing address on

your application is legible, current, and valid.

Mail or courier your completed application documents to the Webster University Vienna campus, or apply online at <http://explore.webster.edu>, being sure to include the Vienna campus as your study location.

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