Information for U.S. American and Canadian students who take part in a university exchange program between an Austrian University and its U.S. or Canadian Partner University

Required Documents for National Visa D
(For a period of stay of AT LEAST 91 days but less than 180 days)
We recommend applying immediately after your arrival to avoid problems with the immigration authorities.

- fully completed and signed application form for Visa D (only 1 form in original necessary - no photocopy of the completed form itself)
- 1 recent color passport picture, according to ICAO criteria, not older than 6 months
- Valid passport (must be valid for at least three months beyond date of leaving Austria. First passport issuance date must not be longer than 10 years ago. At least two free pages) + photocopy of data page of passport + photocopies of pages that contain Schengen Visa + entry/exit stamps
- Proof of accommodation in Austria: e.g. tenancy contract, confirmation of the reservation of accommodation by the OeAD Housing Office, ... (The confirmation MUST contain the period of the stay in Austria + the student’s name + exact address in Austria)
- Proof of health insurance - letter issued by insurance company confirming complete coverage for the entire duration of your stay, minimum coverage in case of accident must cover health costs of at least USD 50,000 / € 30,000 - insurance I.D. is not sufficient! The confirmation of the insurance must clearly show the name of the insured person + countries of validity (Schengen) + the period of validity + minimum coverage sum
- Proof of financial means (for example bank statement with full transactions of last three months including name + address + date of issue + current balance or pay stubs or scholarship or letter of grants or other proof of income) In case of support of your parents: confirmation + current bank statement + passport copies of the parents
- Letter of admission issued by Austrian university (Acceptance letter from the Austrian university, which shows the exact period of studying)
- Letter of your home university in the U.S. or Canada confirming that you are participating in an university exchange program
- If applicable: proof of Fulbright Grant
- If available: return flight reservation

Please note that the above list is not final.
The Consulate General reserves the right to ask for additional documents if necessary
Please note that all documents (except the visa application form itself) need to be submitted in original and photocopy. There is no possibility of making photocopies at the Consulate or in the near surroundings. Therefore please bring original and copy with you.
Only complete applications will be processed
Due to the implementation of the EU-Visa-Information-System (VIS) all applicants applying for a visa must submit biometric data (ten fingerprints). Therefore personal appearance is mandatory.
The visa processing will take approx. 5 business days. In individual cases: may take up to 2 weeks.
The visa fee for national Visa D is Euro 150 and can be paid by card (EC-card, Maestro, V-Pay) or in cash in Euro at the time you submit your application. The visa fee is non-refundable even if the visa has been refused.

We do recommend entering the Schengen Area via an airport in Austria, because border control agents in other Schengen countries might refuse your entry into the Schengen area for planned stays over 90 days in the Schengen Area without a visa issued in your home country.

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