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## **University of Vienna, Austria**

### **January Law Program**

***Details may change, please see Macquarie Abroad for the most up to date information***

In 2005, as part of an ongoing effort to revitalise traditional one-way agreements, Macquarie Abroad approached the University of Vienna with a proposal to run one, or several, short term programs over the Australian summer break from December to March.

Given the University of Vienna's strength and wide course offering in English taught law units, this field was identified as being the target area for the courses. This corresponds with strong demand from Macquarie law students to go on short term programs. Since then, the program has grown significantly.

### **Student Profile**

The courses are specifically targeted towards undergraduate law students entering their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year of their law degree (please note this program is only open to those students as a strong foundation in law courses is required).

### **Topics**

Three courses have been confirmed to run in 2012:

- International Courts and Tribunals
- Human Rights II
- Special Legal Issues of the Use of Outer Space Technologies

A fourth course may also be offered – details will be updated as available

Please see the appendix at the end of this document for course outlines.

### **Outcomes**

- Completion of **three** intensively taught law courses at the University of Vienna

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- An appreciation of the cultural complexity of Europe, and the geographical context in which the European Union operates.
- Cultural experience in Vienna and an understanding of the Austrian way of life

### **Student Numbers**

A maximum of 20 Macquarie University students will participate in the program.

### **Timing and Duration of the Program**

Courses will commence in the second week of January 2012 and final exams are in the last week of January. An orientation session will be held for students on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Classes will commence on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January.

The timing of these courses is very good. Many law students apply for summer internships in Australia but places are extremely limited and highly competitive, making these courses a suitable second or even first, option for Macquarie law students.

### **Living Arrangements and Costs**

As it is part of the usual semester period at the University of Vienna, university accommodation is not available for students from the group.

Students are required to make their own accommodation arrangements. Some students prefer to stay in private apartment rentals and other students have stayed in long term hostels.

### **Cultural Components**

The course will also comprise a cultural component, organised through the international student network of the university. Cultural activities such as a guide through the University of Vienna/the city of Vienna and if possible, a visit of the Parliament and the UNO might be on the agenda. Details of these events will be confirmed closer to departure.

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## Assignment and Assessment

The University of Vienna will arrange all the academic content and assessment of the courses.

Note that these are intensively taught courses and the workload is significant and academically challenging.

## Credit

All students must be enrolled at Macquarie.

Students participating in these courses *must* receive the credit which will be approved by the Law Department shortly.

It is most likely that students will need to take three courses at the University of Vienna. It is anticipated that this program will be credited for 6 credit points of 400 level law.

## Costs

Students are required to pay a logistics fee to Macquarie International, of \$50. This covers registration in the Austrian student union, pre-departure events and some cultural activities. Details on how to pay this fee will be outlined to accepted students at the session in mid-late September.

For other costs, the following table should give you an idea of the average cost of living. The figures may vary according to your personal lifestyle.

Accommodation costs	€ 350-500
Food	€ 180
Books and entertainment, public transportation	€ 220
<b>Total expenses per month</b>	<b>€ 650 - 735</b>

## Travel Grant

Student must take all three courses to be eligible for a travel grant. The grant of \$2000 will be provided to students after the final pre-departure session in late November. It is anticipated that the amount will be paid to students by mid-late

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December. Grants are processed automatically for all accepted and eligible students; there is no need to make a separate application for the travel grant.

### **Application Process and Deadline and Selection Criteria**

The application deadline is the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.

The application form can be found at:

<http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm> (Apply Now! Tab in the top right corner)

Accepted students will then be guided through the rest of the process.

Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement. Selection will be made by the Student Exchange Committee.

### **Evaluation**

The program will be evaluated in the form of an online survey at the conclusion of the course.

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## **Appendix**

### **030666 KU International Courts and Tribunals**

**Content:** Overview of International Courts and Tribunals such as: International Courts of Justice, International Criminal Courts, Arbitral Tribunals, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, European Court of Human Rights

**Methods:** Students should get to know the different international dispute settlement bodies, including their particularities, and be in the position to compare them with each other.

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**Goals:** Active participation in discussion, oral exam

**Reading:** Reading material will be provided by the lecturers. Selected chapters of Ruth Mackenzie, Cesare Romano, Philippe Sands and Yuval Shany (eds.), *The Manual on International Courts and Tribunals* (2nd ed., Oxford University Press).

### **030035 KU Human Rights II**

**Content:** This class which is taught in English is building on the knowledge of Part I and provides for the opportunity to discuss topics currently of major importance for the international human rights system. Its major focus is on subjects such as efficient prevention of human rights violations, measures against impunity of serious human rights violations and consequences of terrorism and the fights against terrorism for human rights and woman's rights issues.

**Methods:** Case studies and practical examples will be used to deal with the normative content of the human rights concerned as well as with the (quasi-) judicial and political-diplomatic mechanisms for the enforcement of human rights.

The course will be taught in form of discussions.

**Goals:** This class which is taught in English is building on the knowledge of Part I and provides for the opportunity to discuss topics currently of major importance for the international human rights system. Its major focus is on subjects such as efficient prevention of human rights violations, measures against impunity for serious human rights violations and consequences of terrorism and the fights against terrorism for human rights and woman's rights issues.

**Course assessment:** active participation in class, simulation of a meeting of the UN Women Rights Committee, written exam

**Reading:** a reader will be provided by the instructor.

### **030490 KU Special Legal Issues of the Use of Outer Space Technologies**

**Content:** This elective course will deal with a selected number of special problems in the area of space law. This includes liability for damage caused by space activities on Earth and in outer space, space debris mitigation, codes of conduct in outer space, legal problems connected to global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) and remote sensing, international cooperation (in particular in the International Space Station ISS) and international organisations involved in space matters (ESA, INTELSAT, ITU, ...).

This course is part of the specialization ("Wahlfachkorb") in "The Law of International Relations" and "Law and Technology". Prior participation in the course "General Legal Framework of the Use of Outer Space Technologies" is recommended.

The course is open also to international students, in particular Erasmus and Australian exchange students. For local students classes start already on 13 October 2010, 4.30 p.m., U 13, Juridicum. Exchange students who are not already in Vienna in October have the possibility to attend classes only during their stay in January 2010. They are expected to do preparatory work already on beforehand by long-distance learning (e-learning).

Requirements: Fluency in English and basic knowledge in international law.

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Guest Speaker: Prof. Steven Freeland (Universities of Western Sydney and Copenhagen)

**Methods:** Students are expected to read assigned text chapter and supported resources; they are encouraged to participate in discussions and to prepare short oral presentations. Several excursions (to the UN and to ESPI) will be organised. The final exam will be a written test (in English).

**Goals:** A sound general understanding of the nature of Space Law as a field of study and of some of the perspectives from which the use of space technologies are analysed; a substantial awareness of new developments in space activities; a developed appreciation of some of the main contemporary issues of the peaceful use of Outer Space.

**Course assessment:** Active participation in class, e-learning and written exam.

**Reading:** Gerhard Hafner, Der Weltraum, in: Neuhold/Hummer/Schreuer (Hrsg.), Österreichisches Handbuch des Völkerrechts (4. Aufl. 2004) 436-443; Marietta Benkö and Kai-Uwe Schrogl (ed.), Essential Air and Space Law; Current Problems and Perspectives for Future Regulation (2005). Further material will be distributed in the course.