Studying at Sigmund Freud University<br>Vienna

The SFU was accredited and recognized as a private university by the Austrian accreditation authority in 2005. Individual support, dialogue with the teaching staff, and guaranteed practical relevance exemplify the high quality of studies at the SFU. The close connection between research and practice further encourages the acquisition of knowledge in a creative teaching and learning environment. In addition to the home university in Vienna with its four faculties Psychotherapy Science, Psychology, Medicine, and Law, SFU has locations in Paris, Milano, Ljubljana, Linz, and Berlin.

Studying at SFU Vienna

→ Psychotherapy Science, Bachelor (6 semester)
→ Psychotherapy Science, Master (4 semester)
→ Psychotherapy Science, PhD (6 semester)
→ Psychology, Bachelor (6 semester)
→ Psychology, Master (4 semester)

Study Psychotherapy Science & Psychology in English

In the international programme, sfu offers degree courses in Psychotherapy Science and Psychology in English, including a PhD programme in Psychotherapy Science with a duration of 6 semesters (+3 years). The Bachelor’s degree course is a six semester (+3 years) programme, including the Bachelor’s thesis. The Master’s degree programme lasts 4 semesters (+2 years) and builds on the knowledge and experience gained in the Bachelor’s programme. Upon successful completion, students are awarded a Master’s degree.

Studying Psychology

Studying Psychology includes a scientific basic education with an emphasis on social-scientific research methods. Based on a strong combination of research-based teaching and evidence-based practice (Psychological Outpatient Clinic) students develop professional skills and qualifications that are oriented to actual human and societal problems.

Studying Psychotherapy Science

The Psychotherapy Science study programme provides the first pan-European academic, theoretical-scientific, and practical preparation for the psychotherapist profession. From the beginning, studies are supplemented by student self-awareness courses and practical placements. From the third year on, the study programme provides comprehensive specialization in well-established scientific psychotherapeutic methods: psychoanalysis, systemic family therapy, Gestalt therapy, individual psychology, person-centered psychotherapy, behavioral therapy, existential analysis, and transactional analysis.

Find out more at sfu.ac.at/en/
SFU FAQ

Application at SFU

How can I apply for the international programme?
You can apply online. Candidates will have an entrance interview, to see whether the requirements for the study programme are met.

What are the entry requirements?
→ Bachelor programme requirements
University entrance qualification, such as Austrian secondary school leaving certificate (Matura), an Austrian vocational certificate (Berufsfachprüfung), or a foreign equivalent, such as a High School Diploma.

→ Master programme requirements
Completion of the Bachelor programme at sfu or completion of a related and equivalent Austrian or international university degree.

What are the English language requirements?
All applicants whose first language is not English must provide proof of their English proficiency level. Would you like to study in Vienna, Freud's city? Contact us today to find out more about the degree courses offered in our international programme.

→ Master English test requirements
TOEFL min. 88 points; writing min. 22 points
IELTS band score minimum 6.5; no sub-score “writing” below 6.5

→ Visa
Do I need a visa to study at sfu?
To check whether or not you need a visa for studying at sfu, please visit www.bmeia.gv.at/visa. Visa regulations change frequently. Students are also advised to check www.oead.at/en for further information. As the visa process can be very lengthy, we recommend applying as early as possible.

Study in Vienna, Freud’s City
The beautiful and safe city of Vienna is one of the largest student hubs in German speaking countries with approximately 150,000 students. For the last ten years, Vienna has ranked highest for quality of living worldwide. It is also the birth place of Sigmund Freud's psychological school.

What are the academic and cultural highlights of Vienna?
In Viennese you will find wonderful historical buildings, monuments that you will remember for the rest of your life. There are student residences within walking distance of the sfu Campus. Feel the spirit of Freud, while listening to classical music, tasting delicious food and study in the international environment at Sigmund Freud University.

During the year, you can explore many historical buildings, such as the Schönbrunn Palace, the Hofburg Palace, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, etc. The public transportation system in Vienna is very efficient and you can easily reach most of the famous attractions in Vienna by public transportation. 

Accommodation
Where can I stay?
There are student residences within walking distance of the sfu Campus. You can stay in single, twin and triple accommodation. Room types vary, please see the provider’s webpages, as the pictures of each accommodation type vary. We recommend applying as early as possible.

Tuition and fees
When do I have to pay my tuition fees?
Tuition fees are invoiced at the start of each semester for the full semester.

Is it possible to pay in installments?
If you are unable to pay the full amount in one transaction, it is possible to pay in installments.

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What to do in Vienna?
Vienna is one of the safest cities in the world and a great place to study. It has a very high living standard and is packed with history and culture. Enjoy hiking or skiing close by or find art and entertainment in one of Vienna’s beautiful museums. One of the most famous attractions is the Riesenrad, which is in walking distance from the sfu Campus. Feel the spirit of Freud, while listening to classical music, tasting delicious food and study in the international environment at Sigmund Freud University.

Public transportation in Vienna
The public transportation system in Vienna offers various tickets. You can purchase an annual pass (jahreskarte), monthly and weekly passes, day passes or single tickets as well as annual and monthly tickets, which are valid for an entire school year or semester. To be eligible for a semester pass, you must show a valid student identification card (ID). Tickets are sold in all ticket offices or can be purchased online.