Study year abroad in Vienna



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Year after year, Vienna is the most liveable city in the world.

University



- Established in 1815 by Emperor Francis I of Austria [1]
- Largest research and education centre in Austria
- Campus centrally located on Karlsplatz, close to Karlskirche and Viennese Opera
- 25 951 university students, 1 394 chemistry students [2]

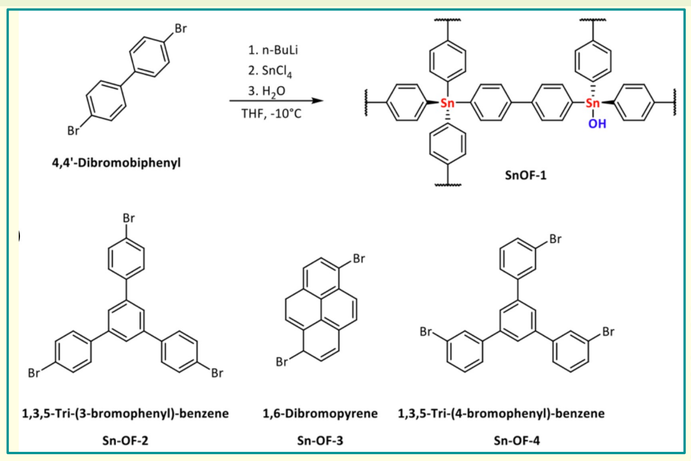


Schönbrunn Palace

Research Project

Aim:

- Synthesis of tin-organic porous framework (Sn-OFs) as selective catalysts for epimerisation of mono- and disaccharides
- The resulting epimers are rare monosaccharides that exhibit unique characteristics for food and pharmaceutical industry as sweeteners and viral or anti-tumour medication [3]
- Performance of Sn-OFs was investigated at various temperatures
- Conversion of lactose was screened and the activity of the different Sn-OFs was compared



Courses

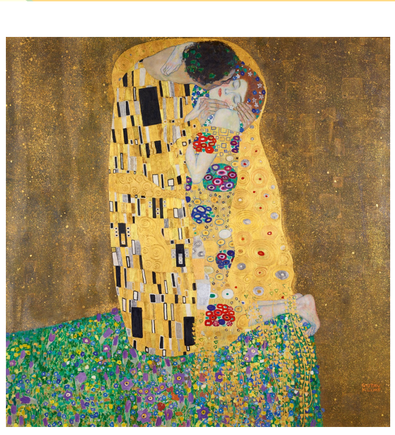
- Courses are both in German and English
- Most Bachelor courses are only in German
- I chose only Master level courses, so I had everything in English
- Much easier than in Bath, less pressure
- Everyone has 5 chances to pass the exam, so no need to worry
- No exam period, you choose when you want to take the exam



The view from my window

Accommodation

- Many different options based on location, price, type
- Companies for student halls in Vienna: OEAD, STUWO, the social hub, ÖJAB
- I stayed in OEAD Gasgasse, 8th floor, studio with a balcony, 600 eur/month
- Recommended student dorms: OEAD Kandlgasse, great common room, modern, close to city centre



The Kiss at Belvedere



Christmas in Vienna

Social life

- Vienna is a city where every day there is something going on
- Clubs: Volksgarten, O der Klub, Prater Dome
- Lot of good bars at Schwedenplatz
- Erasmus Tuesdays at Travel Shack
- ESN Gala nights
- Hiking around Vienna
- Beach clubs by the Donau river
- TU Ball in Hofburg Palace with 21 different dance floors
- All day techno raves between museums





Opera night

Viennese Culture

- Wine hike – hiking while drinking wine, enjoying the view of Vienna
- Oktoberfest – beer, pretzels, dancing on tables
- Long night of museums – pay for one museum and visit them all in one night
- Christmas markets – everywhere in the city, each has a different theme
- Ball season in winter - >500 balls in 2 months
- Opera season
- Austrian Parliament open day
- Swimming in the Donau river
- Donauinsel music festival



Prague trip

Travels

Within Vienna:

- Metro, trams, buses, trains
- Friday and Saturday metro goes all night (you can party until morning)
- Semesterkarte ticket 75 eur/semester for all transport

Outside Vienna: get ESN card for Flixbus and Ryanair discounts

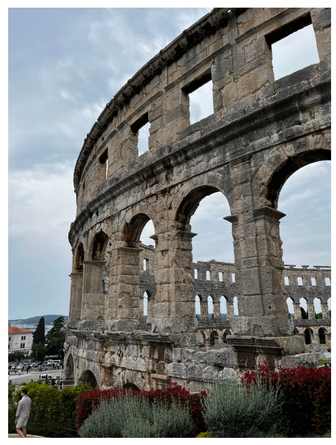
- Trips organised by ESN: Prague, Budapest, Bratislava, ski trips, Croatia, Hallstadt, Salzburg
- Two road trips around Croatia
- Rome and Venice, Italy
- Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Ibiza

Tips

- Join the ESN groupchat
- Get Studo app (schedule, courses, chat with other students, grades, study tips)
- Ticket Gretchen app for discounts to events
- First Sunday of the month free museums
- Follow 1000thingsinvienna and vienna_austria on Instagram for events



TU Ball in Hofburg



Pula, Croatia



Croatia boat party

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