



## JOSZEF – Training Future Leaders in Central & Eastern Europe

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JOSZEF is a supplementary 2semester study program held both in German and English that provides a practice-oriented qualification in business administration & management, preparing students from the WU and Central & Eastern Europe for a management career in CEE.

Study CEE
Management
in Vienna

JOSZEF









- Launched in 1994/95, currently over 300 alumni
- Special 2-semester program at WU plus 1-3 months internship with a Corporate Partner
- 23 partner universities in CEE
- Close cooperation with multinational firms & institutions in Austria
- Class size (2014/15): 17 students from 8 CEE countries plus outgoing students from WU (about 40 active outgoing students in the pool)
- JOSZEF certificate upon completion of JOSZEF + bachelor studies at home university



# **Corporate & Institutional Partners**



## **Corporate Partners**

- ALUKÖNIGSTAHL
- CONplementation
- Henkel CEE
- Porsche Holding
- Raiffeisen Bank International
- REHAU
- TPA Horwath
- UNIQA International

#### **Institutional Partners**

- ASAG
- City of Vienna







- University of Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina
- University of National and World Economy Sofia Bulgaria
- University of Zagreb Croatia
- University of Economics Prague Czech Republic
- Masaryk University in Brno Czech Republic
- Estonian Business School Estonia
- Corvinus University Budapest Hungary
- ISM University of Management & Economics, Kaunas Lithuania
- Cracow University of Economics Poland
- Warsaw School of Economics Poland
- Karol Adamiecki University of Economics in Katowice Poland
- Kozminski University Poland







- The Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies Romania
- Ekonomski Fakultet Podgorcia Montenegro
- Moscow State University, M.V. Lomonosov Russia
- Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics Russia
- Saint Petersburg State University Russia
- Belgrade University Serbia
- University of Economics Bratislava Slovakia
- Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica Slovakia
- University of Ljubljana Slovenia
- University of Maribor Slovenia
- National University of Economics Kiev Ukraine







- Focus on practice orientation & CEE business
- Exclusive JOSZEF Core Program:
  - East-West Project Seminar
  - Strategies and Management for CEE
  - Inter-Cultural Competence in CEE
  - European Business Law
  - Applied Strategy Concepts
- Courses are in German and partly in English
- Optional courses for individual specialization
- Enrichment program: soft skills training, language courses & company visits







Winter semester	Weekly hours	ECTS	Summer semester	Weekly hours	ECTS
CORE SUBJECTS			CORE SUBJECTS		
East-West Project Seminar	2	6	Strategies & Mgmt. for CEE	2	6
European Public Business Law	2	6	Applied Strategy Concepts	2	6
Business German	3	6	Business English	2	4
<b>3 ELECTIVES</b> (at least one SBWL course)	3*2		<b>3 ELECTIVES</b> (at least one SBWL course)	3*2	
SOFT SKILLS			SOFT SKILLS		
Job Application Training	1		Inter-Cultural Competence	2	6
Presentation Techniques	2	6	Elective Soft Skills	1	3

## **Benefits of JOSZEF**



- Excellent reputation in companies with CEE presence
- Contact with JOSZEF students from WU
- Practical benefits
  - Company visits & contacts
  - Internship
- Courses & training for JOSZEF students only
- Social events & field trips
- Support services through JOSZEF coordinators



## Internship



- Acquire practical experience on the job, gain insights into a company
- Duration: minimum of 4 weeks, maximum of 3 months, no work permit needed
- Continuous employment at the same company, primarily in a German-speaking environment (occasionally English)
- Minimum pay of EUR 550 per month
- BUT:
  - Internship placement not guaranteed
  - Marketplace: application & interview





### **Profile of JOSZEF Candidates**

 Advanced stage of bachelor program or other 3-4 year basic degree program in business administration or economics

Very good command of German and English

- Excellent academic performance/progress
- Leadership potential



## **Application Process**



- Application at the home university & pre-selection by local JOSZEF coordinator (during spring semester)
- Required application documents:
  - Curriculum Vitae in German
  - Letter of motivation in German
  - Proof of German language skills
  - Proof of English language skills
  - Proof of student in good standing (academic performance)
  - Documentation of work experience/internships
- Assessment center event with JOSZEF partners in Vienna in September





## **Services for Exchange Students (1)**

- International Office (IO)
  - Main contact point for all exchange students
  - www.wu.ac.at/io
- Housing Services
  - OeAD offers housing services for exchange students if application is submitted before the deadline
  - Information on residence halls can be found on the IO/OeAD websites (<a href="http://www.housing.oead.at/">http://www.housing.oead.at/</a> or <a href="http://www.housing.oead.at/">www.wu.ac.at/io</a>)
  - Rent usually ranges from € 300 to € 450 per month
- Academic Advisors
  - For each of the WU partner universities, one WU faculty member serves as an academic advisor. The academic advisor gives advice and provides support in academic matters.





## **Services for Exchange Students (2)**

- Orientation and Cultural Program
  - The program runs for three weeks and takes place in February and September before the official WU spring and fall semesters begin. It offers exchange students the opportunity to gain insight into Austrian culture and business life.
- Pre-semester German Language Course
  - Preparatory language courses at different levels are organized three weeks before the start of the semester.
- Buddy Network
  - WU students provide assistance during JOSZEF students' stay at WU
  - Organization of various activities for exchange students (study trips, cultural and sports events, parties) during the semester













### **Benefits for JOSZEF Students**

## JOSZEF = Your launch pad into the world of CEE business

- Additional skills in CEE management
- Practice-oriented business education + internship
- Contact & access to Austrian companies
- Chance to improve German language skills
- Waiver of tuition fees for 2 semesters at WU
- Exclusive program
- Scholarships available
- Learning in an international group



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