



Austrian-American Educational Cooperation Association

## **GLOBAL COMPETENCIES ACADEMY VIENNA**

### **Introduction**

One of the major goals of the AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION ASSOCIATION (AAECA) is to support the professional development of students through cooperation programs – specifically between the US and Austria. The GLOBAL COMPETENCIES ACADEMY VIENNA in this field is a study program for American students who will be able to build up global competencies in the fields of history, geography, economics, social sciences, European studies during a three month academy in Austria.

The GLOBAL COMPETENCIES ACADEMY VIENNA will provide American participants with the knowledge and skills to make them more productive, engaged and motivated, and will enhance their own professional development through studies, workshops and real time experience and access to actionable advice on how to succeed in cross-cultural work. In addition, the program will provide students with an opportunity to meet a variety of people and experience different languages, traditions, values and ways of interpreting the world of today, thus contributing to their personal development.

### **Program Goals and Benefits for American Students:**

American Students will:

- Gain insights into Austrian life and culture.
- Gain insights into international institutions.
- Develop communicative and strategic competencies in a new environment.
- Establish professional and personal networks which will contribute to increasing their motivation and commitment to their future profession.
- Gain knowledge in historical, economic and civic facts and figures and will be introduced into the European Union system.
- Attend a language course in German as a foreign language.

## General Scope of the Program

- The program should be integrated as an integral part of the STUDIES PROGRAM in the students' curriculum. The following items denote the program sequence and related activities.
- The partner university and the AAECA will nominate GLOBAL COMPETENCIES ACADEMY VIENNA coordinators. They will be responsible for planning and implementing the program.
- The AAECA will act as an external university campus of the partner university.
- LIU GLOBAL will select and prepare American participants in co-operation with the AAECA.
- The AAECA will develop a 1 to 12-week study program for participation in accordance with the needs and wishes of the partner university.
- Students will be received in Vienna by the AAECA which will provide basic information and introduction to the Austrian way of life and the German set up of the program.
- Students will receive an information package and a travel pass for public transport.
- Students will be put up in apartments in a students hostel. (
- The AAECA will be responsible for accommodation and social activities..
- Students will attend the courses as laid out in the Academy Program which has been agreed on by the partner university.
- Students will be in regular contact with the university and will fulfill their assignments.
- All the courses will be held in English by qualified Austrian university lecturers and international experts.
- Students will attend a German language course and will receive a certificate after successful completion of the course.
- Regular feedback and orientation meetings will be organized by the AAECA coordinator.
- The courses in various content areas (e.g. a course on European history) will be assessed and evaluated by the professors selected.
- Activities will be documented by the students in an academy portfolio, which will be reviewed by the university coordinator and the regional director of studies.
- The final report will be compiled and graded by faculty at the partner university and the AAECA.

**Duration** 1-12 week(s)

## Costs (to be specified)

- Travel costs (flight)
- Housing (in student hostels)
- Social program
- Study Program
- Organisation and Mentoring in Austria
- Overheads (location, administration, staff, office)