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Austrian Arbitration Academy

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Lake Wolfgang, Austria



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Organization

The **Austrian Arbitration Academy** is organized by the Sommerhochschule of the University of Vienna which has been hosting an international summer school with a strong focus on European and International Law since 1949. Every summer participants from all over the world attend seminars and spend time together as a part of an international community on a campus on the shore of Lake Wolfgang.

The Austrian Arbitration Academy is a **two-week program** for both **regular students of the univie: summer school** and **participants who take part only in this special arbitration program**. It addresses the following groups of participants:

- **Students and law school graduates** interested in the world of international dispute resolution.
- **Young practitioners** looking for a comprehensive course giving them first-hand insights into the world of international arbitration.

Professor **Paul Oberhammer** acts as course director. The classes will be taught by first class international arbitration practitioners from both the bar and academia.

We had the incredible opportunity to meet some of the most important arbitration lawyers and professors from all over the world.

Paloma Castro Hernandez, Spain



Course

The Austrian Arbitration Academy takes place from **July 11 to July 25, 2026** and consists of 64 contact hours. (Each contact hour consists of 45 minutes classroom teaching.)

Classes will be held Monday to Friday mornings with an introductory session on Sunday, **July 12**. In additional **afternoon and evening workshops** the participants will discuss salient issues of international arbitration with special guests from the international arbitration community.

On **July 24** a written exam will take place. The day before the exam, a special Q&A session will help the participants to prepare for the exam.

The classes will cover the following issues:

- Introduction to International Arbitration
- The Arbitration Clause
- The Arbitral Tribunal
- The Arbitral Proceedings
- The Arbitral Award
- The Challenge of the Award
- The Enforcement of the Award
- Introduction to Investment Arbitration

Successful participants will receive the **University of Vienna – Austrian Arbitration Academy Diploma**.

I especially enjoyed the interactive discussions with classmates from a diverse range of countries, and have made many long-lasting friendships!

Jocelyn Teo, Singapore



Application

Application deadline is March 31, 2026.

Applicants have to submit the following documents:

1. Application form
2. Statement of purpose
3. Transcript of grades
4. Portrait photo
5. Deposit of € 350
6. Passport scan

Application material must be sent to the following email address: sommerhochschule@univie.ac.at

Please submit all material, except the photo, in PDF format. The photo should be sent in JPG format (3.5 x 4.5 cm). The application form should be filled out and signed electronically.

The Austrian Arbitration Academy was one of the most interesting and motivating episodes of my entire academical life. The sovereign speakers created an incredibly positive climate for the students all over the campus and an unforgettable teaching and studying experience!

Barbara Abdalla, Austria



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Fees

Austrian Arbitration Academy fees are € 2,000 which include registration, tuition, use of all sports and recreational facilities, and all planned excursions.

External students have to pay the Austrian students' union fee of € 25.20 to be admitted to the University of Vienna and to enjoy insurance coverage (general accident and liability insurance).

The nearby village of Strobl features a variety of guest houses and hotels to accommodate participants. It is highly recommended to book accommodation well in advance.

A limited number of rooms are also available on campus. Students applying for on-campus accommodation have to pay an **additional fee for room and board** which will be collected by the Sommerhochschule for the host institution. This fee includes accommodation and full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for the two-week academy program.

Accommodation in a single room: € 1,217.60

Accommodation in a double room: € 1,021.60

(Prices include local tax and might be subject to change.)

Fees should be transferred to:

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