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About the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)

The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) is a United Nations-supported initiative founded in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of sustainability in their classrooms through Seven Principles focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet.

PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic and sustainability goals, while drawing attention to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aligning academic institutions with the work of the UN Global Compact. Driven by its mission to transform management education, PRME equips today's business students with the understanding and ability to deliver change tomorrow. As a voluntary initiative with over 800 signatories worldwide, PRME has become the largest organized relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.

> *The PRME initiative was launched to nurture responsible leaders of the future. Never has this task been more important. Bold leadership and innovative thinking are needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

Antonio Guterres

Secretary-General (2017 - Present)

United Nations

Principles of PRME

Purpose

We advance responsible management education to foster inclusive prosperity in a world of thriving ecosystems.

Values

We place organizational responsibility and accountability to society and the planet at the core of what we do.

Teach

We transform our learning environments by integrating responsible management concepts and practices into our curriculum and pedagogy.

Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.

Partner

We engage people from business, government, civil society, and academia to advance responsible and accountable management education and practice.

Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.

Share

We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, all 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future for all – laying out a path over the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of Agenda 2030 are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets that address the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time. The SDGs clearly define the world we want – applying to all nations and leaving no one behind. Successful implementation of the SDGs will require all players to champion this agenda; the role of higher education is critical to this.

Getting Started

This section provides foundational information about FH Wien University of Applied Sciences, including key details and basic institutional data.

Institutional History

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How it all began

Our first degree program in Tourism Management was launched in 1994. Since then the range of degree programs offered has increased year by year. Today FHWien der WKW offers a total of 19 Bachelor's and Master's degree programs and is one of the leading universities of applied sciences for management and communication in Austria.

A change in the study system

The title of Mag. (FH) was awarded to students who successfully completed a degree program at a university of applied sciences until 2007. In the 2007/08 academic year, as part of the Bologna Process, all our academic degrees were converted to the internationally recognized Bachelor's and Master's degree system. Students who complete a Master's degree at FHWien der WKW are entitled to apply for a doctorate or PhD degree program.

Everything under one roof since 2007

Between 1994 and 2007, FHWien der WKW was spread over different locations in Vienna. All departments of FHWien der WKW moved into the WKO campus Vienna on Währinger Gürtel in 2007. In 2009, the campus was expanded once again. Today, FHWien der WKW has more than 9,000 m² available for use. WKO campus Vienna also houses WIFI Vienna, the Advertising Academy (Werbeakademie), WIFI Management Forum and the Hernstein Institute.

Timeline

1994

- Department of Tourism Management launch, full-time degree program

1996

- Launch of the degree program Production and Automation Technology, full-time degree program
- Department of Financial Management launch, full-time and part-time degree programs
- Department of Management and Entrepreneurship launch, part-time degree program

1997

- Department of Marketing and Sales Management launch, full-time and part-time degree programs

1998

- First students graduate from the Department of Tourism Management

1999

- Department of Communication Management launch

2000

- First students graduate from the Department of Financial Management
- First students graduate from the degree program Production and Automation Technology
- First students graduate from the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship

2001

- First students graduate from the Department of Marketing and Sales Management
- Launch of an additional full-time degree program in the Department of Management and Entrepreneurship
- Department of Real Estate Management launch

2003

- 1,000th student graduates from FHWien der WKW
- Department of Journalism and Media Management launch
- First students graduate from the Department of Communication Management
- Department of Human Resources and Knowledge Management launch

2004

- Department of Communication Management: introduction of an additional full-time degree program
- Department of Tourism Management: introduction of Bachelor's degree program

2005

- First students graduate from the Department of Real Estate Management
- Relocation of the Department of Communication Management from Währinger Gürtel to Wienerberg

2006

- 2,000th student graduates from FHWien der WKW
- Start of construction at Währinger Gürtel 97
- Closure of the degree program Production and Automation Technology
- Launch of the graduate association Alumni&Co

2007

- Relocation of all departments to the WKO campus Vienna
- Introduction of all Bachelor's degree programs (except in the Department of Tourism Management)
- Department of Tourism Management: introduction of Master's degree program
- Launch of the Center for International Education & Mobility (CIEM)

2008

- 3,000th student graduates from FHWien der WKW
- Introduction of the Master's degree program for Marketing and Sales Management

2009

- 15 year anniversary of FHWien der WKW
- Introduction of International MBA in Management and Communications

2010

- FHWien der WKW the first university of applied sciences in Austria to get FIBAA (Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation) accreditation for its Bachelor's degree program in Tourism Management
- The last Mag.(FH) celebrate graduation at FHWien der WKW

- All Departments offer one Bachelor's and one Master's degree program

2011

- FIBAA accreditation for the Department of Financial Management and the Department of Marketing and Sales Management – both for their Bachelor's and their Master's degree programs – as well as for the International MBA in Management and Communications

2012

- Official status as a university of applied sciences
- Appointment of the Academic Board
- FIBAA accreditation for seven further degree programs
- Launch of the Endowed Chair of Corporate Governance and Business Ethics
- Integration of the topics of business ethics and corporate governance into the curricula of all management study programs
- Merger of the Department of Communication Management and the Department of Marketing and Sales Management to form the Department of Communication, Marketing and Sales

2013

- First university of applied sciences in Austria to be a member of the Microeconomics of Competitiveness (MOC) Affiliate Network founded by Harvard Business School
- Optimization of the admissions procedure

2014

- 20 year anniversary of FHWien der WKW
- New Bachelor's program in Content Production and Digital Media Management at the Journalism and Media Management study programs
- 1st place in the ranking of universities of applied sciences compiled by "Industriemagazin"

2015

- Received the University and Family Audit
- Takeover as the European chair of the Microeconomics of Competitiveness (MOC) Affiliate Network founded by Harvard Business School
- Becomes signatory of "Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)" Network

2017

- The 10,000th student graduates from FHWien der WKW.
- Increase in the number of partnerships with international universities to 110

2018

- "Responsibility & Sustainability" is highlighted as one of four strategic priorities in FHWien der WKW's "Strategy Concept"

2019

- New Bachelor's program in Digital Business at the Digital Economy study programs
- 25 years anniversary FHWien der WKW

2020

- Top-25 ranking for FHWien der WKW in the university ranking U-Multirank among almost 1,800 universities worldwide in the category "Contact to work environment"

- Foundation of the Institute for Business Ethics and Sustainable Strategy (IBES) at FHWien der WKW
- With the Josef Ressel Center for Collective Action and Responsible Partnerships (CARe) FHWien der WKW receives its first Josef Ressel Center

2021

- New Master's Program in Urban Tourism & Visitor Economy Management at the Tourism & Hospitality Management study programs
- FHWien der WKW hosts the 14th Research Forum of Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences (FFH 2021) on April 7 and 8, 2021, on the topic "Shaping the future responsibly!".
- The in-house educational radio station Radio NJOY 91.3. becomes Radio Radieschen 91.3.
- FHWien der WKW's quality assurance system is audited by independent auditors and certified for another seven years without any conditions.
- Foundation of the Institute for Digital Transformation and Strategy (IDS)

2022

- The Center for Academic Continuing Education becomes the Vienna Management Academy by FHWien der WKW.
- New continuing education programs: Academic Expert in IT & Management, MA (CE) International Sustainability Communication, Sustainable Finance Management
- FHWien der WKW is awarded the state quality mark "hochschuleundfamilie".

2023

- FHWien der WKW takes over the Hernstein Institute for Management and Leadership.
- First start of the continuing education program BA (CE) Insurance Management
- Establishment of the Endowed Professorship for Sustainable Real Estate Development and the Endowed Professorship for Sustainable Urban and Tourism Development
- Sustainability becomes a central component of all Bachelor's and Master's programs as cross-cutting topic
- First start of the dual version of the Bachelor's program in Tourism Management

2024

- New Master's program in Digital Innovation at the Digital Economy study programs starting in fall 2024
- New Master's program in Digital Technology & Innovation at the Digital Economy study programs starting in fall 2024
- The Vienna Management Academy becomes the Hernstein Academy.

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Graduates & Enrollment

2025 Statistics	Number
Graduates	862
Faculty & Staff at the Institution	193
Student Enrollment at the Institution	2876
Undergraduate Attendance	2095
Masters-Level Postgraduate Attendance	781
Certificate, Professional Development, or Continuing Education Attendance	427

Degrees Offered

Bachelor Programs

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Masters Programs

- Master of Science (M.Sc. or M.S.)
- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Values

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Who Champions Responsible Management Education at Our Institution

- Disciplinary efforts within business school
- Interdisciplinary efforts across business school
- Research or issue group, society, or club leading sustainability efforts

Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.

Research vs Research for RME/Sustainable Development

6 Peer-reviewed articles were published by FH Wien University of Applied Sciences from this past calendar year.

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2 Peer-reviewed articles were published by FH Wien University of Applied Sciences from this past calendar year in support of RME.

Research Funding

In 2025, FH Wien University of Applied Sciences was awarded funding for research that is:

Institution Specific | **Local** | **Regional** | **National** | **International**

Socializing Research

In 2025, FH Wien University of Applied Sciences contributed research findings to:

- Community organizations
- Government and policy makers
- Industry and business networks
- Local media
- National media
- Open-access platforms

Research Projects

In 2025, FH Wien University of Applied Sciences reported 1 research project that implemented responsible or sustainable activities.

SIBORC - Simulation and Optimization of Reusable Container Cycles

Period Covering: November, 2024 - April, 2027

Department: Digital Economy

Parcel logistics is facing ecological and economic challenges. Disposable transport containers, especially cardboard, dominate the industry and worsen the environmental footprint. In the wake of climate issues and the “EU Green Deal”, **switching to closed-loop systems with reusable – and recyclable – returnable containers** offers ecological and economic potential for improvement. However, this change requires **complex planning tools** to optimize the solutions to the various problems (packaging problems, choice of transportation, routing problems, workforce management, etc.), considering competing objectives and multiple influencing factors.
In the long term, however, closed-loop systems can bring economic benefits to the logistics sector, because the materials of returnable plastic containers are more durable and cost-effective than in common one-way containers. Additional benefits come from **integrated sensors** and the use of **digital twins** to **simulate and optimize processes using artificial intelligence**. Such approaches support the planning process and increase the efficiency of logistics chains.

Partner

We engage people from business, government, civil society, and academia to advance responsible and accountable management education and practice.

Institutional Partnerships

- Other: Evalag

Student Organization Partnerships

- ERASMUS

Practice

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Institutional Policies and Practices

- Ethical data sourcing guides
- Faculty hiring, tenure, and promotion guidelines
- Travel guides

Share

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Engagement Opportunities

FH Wien University of Applied Sciences offers transparent engagement opportunities for members of our institution and community to contribute to our sustainability and responsibility efforts in the following ways:

- Public events and panel discussions
- Sustainability-focused research and collaboration Opportunities

Communication Audiences

FH Wien University of Applied Sciences communicates its policies and progress on sustainable development and responsibility with:

- Chamber of commerce and local communities
- Prospective and current students
- Research and academic networks
- Faculty and staff
- Media and public relations channels

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