

VWU supports the integration of international students in an Austrian (academic) environment.

VWU sees itself as intermediary and bridge between different education systems, living environments, traditions, languages and cultures.

### **Fundamental values at VWU**

As an Austrian educational institution, VWU is committed to the democratic principle of the federal constitution, the European Convention on Human Rights, as well as decisions of European and international institutions ratified by Austria.

Gender equality, the right to education and the right to free development of personality rank among fundamental and liberty rights.

Pursuant to the “International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World” VWU practices a culture of non-violence:

- founded on the respect for life and the dignity of all human beings without exceptions,
- directed against prejudices, discrimination and injustice and
- endeavoured to solving conflicts peacefully.

Based on TRUST, RESPECT and SOLIDARITY, VWU encourages

- openness to discussion,
- capacity for tolerance and mutual understanding, as well as
- respect for different views and ways of life

through dialog and exchange in multinational courses.

Thus VWU contributes to education based on democratic principles and helps finding answers to incitement (radicalization), hate and violence.

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