



## FAQs regarding the election for the Senate Mai 12, 2022

### **What is the Senate of the University of Vienna?**

Aside from the Rectorate and the Universitätsrat, the Senate is the leading board of the University. It consists of 9 full professors, 4 members of the scientific staff, 4 students and 1 representative of the general staff.

Aside from the works council, the Senate is the only board appointed by a *direct* election: We should take this chance to determine who represents our interests!

### **What are the tasks of the Senate of the University of Vienna?**

The Senate contributes to several decisions, among others:

- curricula for studies,
- plans regarding development and organisation,
- habilitation and hiring processes,
- election of the Rector (currently taking place!).

For more details see <https://senat.univie.ac.at>.

### **Why should I take part in the election?**

The scientific staff comprises *all* the University's researching and teaching staff without the less than 500 full professors. This large and diverse group comprises almost 7000 colleagues, but has only 4 of the 18 seats in the Senate: A decent voter turnout is an important moral support for the colleagues representing your interests – which is not always an easy task.

### **Why should I vote for ULV-UG?**

There are no political differences regarding the vital questions which affect us all: Anyway, ULV-UG is the only group, which is not attached to any political party, and its top candidates (chemistry and mathematics) are a gentle counter-balance to the colleagues strongly rooted in social and cultural fields.

## What can be achieved by just 4 colleagues in the Senate?

Yes, we have no majority in the Senate: All the more important it is that dedicated colleagues enforce our requests! And our representatives in the Senate have early access to information about developments concerning us all and thus can start discussions and plan (counter-)measures in due time.

## Am I qualified to vote at all?

If you are employed by the University of Vienna *in any way* (project member, study assistant, lecturer, tutor):

*YES!*

## Ok, convinced: When, where and how can I vote?

Thursday, May 12, 2022

- 08:30–12:30 in the *Senatssaal*  
Main building, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Wien,
- 14:00–17:00 in the *Seminarraum 1.7*  
University of Vienna Biology Building, Djerassiplatz 1, 1030 Wien.

Moreover, it is possible to have a *postal vote*<sup>1</sup>: You may apply for admission to postal vote by informal e-mail<sup>2</sup> or letter to the President of the Senate, by naming the reason that prevents you from voting in person. After admission, you must collect the envelope for the voting from the bureau of the Senate (Universitätsring 1). If you decide later to vote in person, this is also possible, though.

## I have other questions: Whom should I address?

You can literally address *any* colleague of our team<sup>3</sup>.

In particular, you might contact

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<sup>1</sup>See <https://satzung.univie.ac.at>: §12 of “Wahlordnung” (in German).

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<sup>3</sup>[https://www.ulv.at/doku.php?id=univie:senat\\_2022](https://www.ulv.at/doku.php?id=univie:senat_2022)