Exchange Students from Partner Universities

University Profile

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Academic Information 2020/21

Winter Semester
a. Presession
b. Orientation
c. Semester Dates
d. Lecture Dates

September 2020
Welcome Session in September 2020
October 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021
October 5, 2020 - January 29, 2021

Summer Semester
a. Presession
b. Orientation
c. Semester Dates
d. Lecture Dates

March 2021
Welcome Session in March 2021
April 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021
April 12, 2021 - July 23, 2021

German Language Course

German language courses are offered during the presemester (intensive, 20h/week) and during the semester (8h/week). Exchange students can choose one of them. They are free of charge.

Study Programmes for Exchange Students

Regular exchange programme or Cologne Global Study Program (CGSP) – »Contemporary European Studies« (in English: ukoeln.de/CCLDQ)

Recommended Course Load

30 ECTS per semester

Transcript Information

Please contact the Centres for International Relations (»ZIB«) in the respective faculty. More information will be provided upon your arrival.

Further Information

Total Number of Students at UoC
approx. 50,000

Total Number of International Students at UoC
approx. 5,000

Insurance Requirements

Presemester: travel health insurance, i.e. March or September
Semester: You need a proof of health insurance coverage from a German statutory health insurer or – if you are already insured in your home country – an exemption certificate from a German statutory health insurer. A German statutory health insurance costs approx. 110 EUR per month. If you are 30 years or older you do not need to submit a proof of a health insurance.

Insurance Requirements

Please inform yourself in your home country about visa conditions. At the latest 90 days after arrival, a residence permit must be applied for.

Semester Fee

The UoC does not charge any tuition fees. However, all students must pay a social contribution fee of around 280 EUR per semester. This fee also includes a ticket for public transportation (busses & rail) in North Rhine-Westphalia.

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General Requirements

Level of Study
- Undergraduate and Graduate level

Language Requirements
- a. for programmes offered in German
- b. for programmes offered in English | partially in English or CGSP

Faculties available to Exchange Students
- Recommended:
  - level B2 of the CEFR or
  - German language proficiency test by home professor

Application Deadline
- Winter Semester: July 15
- Summer Semester: January 15

Application Procedure
- Online on: form.jotformpro.com/60703470617957
- Postal mailing of the documents is not necessary.

Necessary Documents
- Photo
- Passport copy
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter
- Secondary school leaving certificate
- Current university transcript
- German language certificate
- English language certificate (only for CGSP)

Assistance with Accommodation
- The International Office can offer a restricted number of rooms in the students’ dormitories of the »Kölner Studierendenwerk« (KStW). Additionally, the International Office provides selected private housing offers. However, it is strongly recommended that you by yourself look for housing options right after having received the admission.

Estimated rent per month
- Students’ dormitory: 200-300 EUR
- Private housing market: 350-450 EUR

Estimated Cost of Living (incl. rent) per month
- 850-950 EUR

Contact
- Contact Person for Incoming Exchange Students
  - Ms. Nicole CONDE - Coordinator
  - Ms. Tina RIEMER - Student Assistant
  - SSC, Universitätsstr. 22a, D - 50923 Köln
  - Consulting hours: Tue 10 am - 12.30 pm + Wed 4 pm - 6 pm
  - 0049 - 221 - 470 7946
  - exchange-to-cologne@verw.uni-koeln.de

Cologne
- Cologne’s open and friendly atmosphere and its international outlook make it a place where people from all over the world feel easily at home. Cologne is Germany’s fourth largest city with a population of about one million people. It is home to a total number of over 150,000 students at 19 different institutions of higher education.