University Profile

The University of Cologne (UoC) is a modern university in the heart of Europe. Academic excellence, internationality and widely varied curricula create a vibrant and inspiring environment for students, scientists and scholars. Since its distinction in the frame of the German Universities Excellence Initiative, the UoC belongs to the small group of elite universities in Germany.

Exchange Students from Partner Universities

Academic Information 2018/2019

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

Winter Semester Schedule
- September 2018
  - Welcome Session in September 2018
- October 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019
  - October 8, 2018 - February 1, 2019
- March 2019
  - Welcome Session in March 2019
- April 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019
  - April 1, 2019 - July 12, 2019

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

Summer Semester Schedule
- March 2019
  - Welcome Session in March 2019
- April 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019
  - April 1, 2019 - July 12, 2019

German Language Course

German language courses are offered during the presemester (intensive, 20h/week) and during the semester (8h/week). They are free of charge for exchange students.

Total Number of Students at UoC
approx. 50,000

Total Number of International Students at UoC
approx. 4,000

Study programs for Exchange Students

Regular exchange programme or Cologne Global Study Program (CGSP) – »Contemporary European Studies« (in English)
You can find detailed information at ukoeln.de/CCLDQ

Recommended Course Load
30 ECTS per semester

Further Information

Insurances 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. 90 EUR per month. If you are 30 years or older you do not need to submit a proof of a health insurance.

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

The UoC does not charge any tuition fees. However, all students must pay a social contribution fee of around 265 EUR per semester. This fee also includes a ticket for public transportation (busses & rail) in North Rhine-Westphalia.

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

Level of Study

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 Common European Framework (CEFR) or German language proficiency test by home professor

Faculties available to Exchange Students

» Arts and Humanities
» Mathematics and Natural Sciences
» Law
» Human Sciences
» Medicine (with limitations)
» Management, Economics and Social Sciences (with limitations)

Application

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

Application Procedure
Online until the application deadline:
form.jotformpro.com/60703470617957
Postal mailings of the documents are 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 (for CGSP)

Contact

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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.

Housing and Accommodation

The International Office applies on behalf of the exchange students at the »Kölner Studierendenwerk« (KStW), that manages the students’ dormitories. The International Office also provides selected private housing offers. However, we strongly recommend looking for housing options as soon as possible. Do also consider private options.

850 EUR

Estimated Cost of Living (incl. rent) per month