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Welcome to Cologne!

The University of Cologne is among the largest in Germany and one of 11 German Universities of Excellence, distinguished for its outstanding research performance and excellent study programs.

As a student from one of our 70 Partner Universities you are kindly invited to join the University of Cologne – for a study exchange of one or two semesters either within one of our 221 Bachelor or 89 Master programs or as a participant of the Cologne Global Study Program.

If you are looking for a short-term program in the heart of Europe that combines English-taught courses on Contemporary European Studies with German language courses, you might enjoy reading this outline of the Cologne Global Study Program!

We would be delighted to welcome you here and offer you an excellent study environment!

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The University of Cologne is home to teaching and research in six faculties and a number of cross-faculty institutions. About 50,000 students and a total of 10,000 academic and non-academic staff are studying and working at the university. Teaching and research alone account for 6,250 staff members at the university and the university hospital.
The University of Cologne is one of the biggest universities in Germany, offering a broad selection of studies. Priding itself on being a dedicated research hub, most of the programmes at the University of Cologne focus on research rather than application. Additionally, teacher training programmes are an integral part of the University’s profile. Applied science study programmes such as engineering or architecture are not offered. The UoC is a founding member of “German U15”, an association of research universities.

This strong research orientation is most prominent in the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, where cross-cutting fundamental research is a priority. Within the broad field of Arts and Humanities there are distinguished foci on the ancient world, literature, non-European languages, especially regarding the African continent and contrastive linguistics.

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law have built an excellent reputation and are among the best research institutions in their respective field. Recently fundamental research activities in the areas of quantitative and experimental economy and international law have been expanded.

Many students are attracted to University of Cologne because of its excellent teacher education programmes, combining practice-oriented methodology and close ties to interdisciplinary research.
The Cologne Global Study Program “Contemporary European Studies” is a short-term study program – lasting one or two semesters – especially designed for international exchange students from intercontinental partner universities of the University of Cologne. The program aims in particular at introducing non-European exchange students into central issues of contemporary Europe. At the same time, it emphasises the linguistic diversity in Europe and requires students to acquire basic German knowledge.

The English-taught course program follows an area-studies approach and covers three main topic areas: Politics and Law, Economy and Society, History and Culture. Participants will obtain basic knowledge in all three areas, enabling them to a better understanding of current European political, economic and social developments. Students will broaden their capacity of geopolitical assessment through expanding their views by a specific European perspective. Having studied cultural aspects as well will enrich their vision of Europe as a cultural area with a significant heritage and sustainably influential traditions. Benefit from your University’s exchange agreement with the University of Cologne and join the new Cologne Global Study Program in Contemporary European Studies for one semester or for a full academic year! This document provides you with detailed information on the program.

**MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR STAY ABROAD!**

“Offering it all”: The Cologne Global Study Program is a short-term program including English taught courses in Contemporary European Studies as well as courses to start building or to improve your German language proficiency.

→ Gain expertise in European Affairs from a range of custom-tailored courses in Contemporary European Studies as well as select faculty courses.

→ Learn the language: Starting as a beginner, you can reach the independent user level B1 (‘threshold’) within one semester, or B2 (‘vantage’) within two semesters. Take the pre-semester block course to boost your language skills right from the start.

→ Customize your study program! It is flexible, so you can arrange your course schedule according to subject-related preferences and your time capacity.

→ Meet the people, not only by living in and learning about Europe but through direct interaction. English-taught courses are open to international as well as German students, ensuring an intercultural learning environment.

→ Add a certificate to your personal records! Successful participation will award you the Certificate of Contemporary European Studies or the Advanced Certificate of Contemporary European Studies (after two semesters).

→ Find all your student services under one roof! While connecting you to several institutes of the University, a stable team of coordinators will be available to support you from the start.

→ And by the way: The program is free of tuition for exchange students from partner universities.
WHAT TO EXPECT

To earn the Certificate of Contemporary European Studies students have to accumulate 30 credit points per semester. One credit point represents the workload of 25 to 30 hours as defined by the European credit transfer system. Obtained credit points will additionally be documented in a Transcript of Records, as certain credit points may contribute to your studies at home. The Cologne Global Study Program is structured in two basic modules and one elective module.

The basic module 1 offers you a range of courses that have been custom-tailored for the Cologne Global Study Program.

We highly recommend the option of the pre-semester course, giving you the advantage of creating a more personal schedule.

The elective module is your chance to give your program the ultimate individual touch by choosing freely from further core courses, language courses or selected faculty courses to earn 9 credit points.

In order to fully complete the program, and to receive the Certificate, you must attend regularly, prepare for and participate actively in all chosen courses, gathering 30 credit points from the course program. Examinations include:

- Graded essays in each of the four core courses of “Contemporary European Studies” (deadline as stated in course syllabus)
- Written tests in a form of non-graded multiple choice tests / fact-bound quizzes in each core course, and graded examinations in “German as a Foreign Language”
- Class minutes in core courses, handed in and presented orally at least once during the course
**TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!**

*‘Core courses’ in Contemporary European Studies may include:*

**POLITICS AND LAW**
- Current issues of European politics
- Principles of European law
- Introduction to European institutions

**ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**
- Patterns and processes of European economic development
- Social policy in the European Union
- Demographic change in ‘Old Europe’

**CULTURE AND HISTORY**
- Contemporary European history
- European literature in the Cold War era
- Introduction to the linguistics of the languages of Europe

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**German as a Foreign Language:**

German language courses are provided by the UoC’s “German as a foreign language”-Department, and organized as a pre-semester block course or a regular semester course. Classes are limited to max. 30 students. Courses cover all levels, from basic to proficient user level. In addition to the standard course (pre-semester: 20 hours/week, semester: 2x4 hours/week) there are complementary language courses on offer: Grammar, Reading/Listening Comprehension, and Writing.

**Faculty Courses**

Additional courses in the thematic field of European Studies are carefully selected from the 250+ BA and MA-programs spanning the six faculties of the UoC: Management, Economics and Social Sciences; Law; Arts and Humanities; Human Sciences; Mathematics and Natural Sciences; Medicine.

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

English language proficiency is a prerequisite to apply for the program. The University of Cologne expects that you have mastered at least Level B2 (vantage, independent user) according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) proved by TOEFL iBT (minimum score 80), IELTS (5,5) or equivalent tests. Proficiency in German is **not** required.
EXTENDING YOUR STAY? ENHANCE YOUR CERTIFICATE!

Following the same regulations as applied in the first semester, you can earn another 30 CP to obtain the Certificate of Advanced European Studies. Our counselling team will be at your side to help you choose the classes that will complement your already gained knowledge.

DATES, DURATION AND DEADLINES

The German academic year consists of two semesters, each covering a lecture period and a lecture-free period between terms. We highly recommend starting early by taking the pre-semester course “German as a foreign language”. The duration of the program is one to two semesters.

| Winter (fall) semester: | Sep. 1 – Oct. 14, 2016 (Pre-semester) |
| Summer (spring) semester: | Mar. 1 – Apr. 13, 2017 (Pre-semester) |
|                        | Apr. 18 – Jul. 28, 2017             |

“Early-leavers”

Students from partner universities in which trimesters are the norm, can leave at trimester end, if they complete extra course work (written or oral examination) and participate in the pre-semester language course.

Students who have been nominated by partner university can apply for the Cologne Global Study Program “Contemporary European Studies”, when submitting their application documents to University of Cologne. Note: This application does not guarantee participation in the Program. If the number of applications exceeds the capacity, your application will be reviewed for selection by 30 July, 2016.

GOOD TO KNOW!

As a student of the University of Cologne you will benefit from a diverse range of offers and activities. Whether it is a performance at the University’s theatre “Studiobühne” or a good workout at the University’s gym UniFit, you will always find things to do outside the classroom. And once more, you will find yourself in the middle of an intercultural environment, as many of our German and international students like to take advantage of these offers.
The International Office at the University of Cologne will be more than happy to welcome you in Cologne. To facilitate your arrival and stay, we’ve set up several units for support and assistance.

Application, Registration and Advice for International Exchange Students
Please note: Your application will be handled by the International Office of your Home University, as your nomination has to be submitted officially. After your nomination, contact persons at UoC are:

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German as a Foreign Language (DaF)
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