Exchange Students from Partner Universities

1. Regular Exchange Program

- 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)

- Website: ukoeln.de/FKJVA

- Language Requirements:
  - Recommended:
    - level B2 of the CEFR or
    - German language proficiency test by home professor

2. Cologne Global Study Program (CGSP)

- The CGSP is a certification program which combines classes on Contemporary European Studies (taught in English) and German language courses.

- Website: ukoeln.de/CCLDQ

- Language Requirements:
  - Recommended:
    - level B2 of the CEFR or
    - TOEFL score of 80 or
    - IELTS score of 5.5

- Recommended Course Load:
  - 30 ECTS per semester in each program

German as a Foreign Language

- Regular exchange students can take part in one of the courses. They are free of charge for students from partner universities.

- Pre-semester Course:
  - Intensive course with 20h/week

- Semester Course:
  - Regular course with 8h/week

- Level: A1 - C1 of the CEFR

Academic Information 2021

**Summer Semester 2021**

- Pre-semester Lecture Dates: April 1 - September 30
- March 2021

**Winter Semester 2021/22**

- Pre-semester Lecture Dates: October 1 - March 31
- September 2021

**Application Deadline**

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

**Necessary Documents**

- Photo
- Passport copy
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter
- High School Diploma
- Current transcript of records
- German language certificate
- English language certificate (only for CGSP)

**Online at:** https://form.jotform.com/203244867809363

**Application Procedure**

- Postal mailing of the documents is not necessary.

*The summer semester 2021 will take place in hybrid form.*

*It is not yet clear whether the winter semester 2021/22 will take place in hybrid form (online and, if applicable, classroom teaching) or in presence. The planning depends on the course of the pandemic and can be changed at short notice.*
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.

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.

General Information

- **Health Insurance**
  - Only applicable if you come to Cologne
  - Travel health insurance

- **Visa Requirements**
  - Only applicable if you come to Cologne
  - 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 for your enrolment. A German statutory health insurance costs approx. 110 EUR per month.
  - Please inform yourself in your home country about visa conditions for your entry to Germany. At the latest 90 days after arrival in Germany, a residence permit must be applied for.

- **Semester Fee**
  - The UoC does not charge any tuition fees. However, all students (whether they come to Cologne or study remotely) 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.

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.

- Website: www.kstw.de
- 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

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  - Website: ukoeln.de/FKJVA

- **Information on COVID-19**
  - The Rectorate of the University of Cologne published a comprehensive website on various measures taken in regard to Covid-19.
  - The website is updated on a regular basis: https://portal.uni-koeln.de/en/coronavirus