



Exchange Students from Partner Universities

Study Programmes

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Students can choose between the **1 Regular Exchange Programme** or **2 CGSP**

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Regular Exchange Programme

In the Regular Exchange Programme, students can be nominated for up to two faculties. 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 | one semester only)

Website

uni.koeln/FKJVA

Language Requirements (German | English)

Recommended:

- » Level B2 of the CEFR or
- » Language proficiency test by language professor

Course Load

30 ECTS per semester (recommended)

Duration

one or two semester(s)

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Cologne Global Study Program (CGSP)

The CGSP is an certificate programme which combines classes on Contemporary European Studies (taught in English) and German language courses.

Website

uni.koeln/AYIEJ

English Language Requirements

» Level B2 of the CEFR or
» TOEFL score of 80 or
» IELTS score of 5.5

Course Load

30 ECTS per semester (recommended)

Duration

one semester

Academic Calendar

Winter Semester 2025/26	October 1 – March 31
Pre-semester	September 2025
Lecture Dates	October 13, 2025 – February 6, 2026
Summer Semester 2026	April 1 – September 30
Pre-semester	March 2026
Lecture Dates	April 13, 2026 – July 24, 2026
Winter Semester 2026/27	October 1 – March 31
Pre-semester	September 2026
Lecture Dates	October 12, 2026 – February 5, 2027
Summer Semester 2027	April 1 – September 30
Pre-semester	March 2027
Lecture Dates	April 5, 2027 – July 16, 2027
Semester Dates	uni.koeln/A59X7



Application

Application Deadline

Summer Semester	May 30
Winter Semester	November 30

Application Documents

- Photo
- Passport Copy
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation Letter
- High School Diploma
- Current Transcript of Records (ToR)
- German Language Certificate
- English Language Certificate

Application Procedure

You are not required to send any documents to the university. The entire nomination and application process is online.

German as a Foreign Language (DaF)

German Language Courses
A1 – C1 of the CEFR

One German language course for exchange students is free of charge. Students can choose between the **pre-semester course** with 20h/week (online) or **semester course** with 6h/week (hybrid).

Pre-Semester
20h/week (online)

Level A1 is conducted as an online self-study course including interactive and tutored sessions for 4 weeks. Courses on level A2 – C1 are conducted as online courses with 20h/week à 45 minutes for 4 weeks.

Semester Course
6h/week (hybrid)

Level A1 is conducted as an online self-study course including interactive and tutored sessions for 12 weeks. Courses on level A2 – C1 are conducted as hybrid courses with 6h/week held in 2 sessions. One session is held online, the other session is in-person at UoC.



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.

www.uni-koeln.de

Accommodation

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Finding accommodation is tough and demanding for students. We strongly recommend to apply for room in a students dormitory of the Kölner Studierendenwerk (KSTW) right after having received the admission letter. Furthermore, please look for housing options for yourself on the private housing market as well. The Division International Affairs can assist you in this matter.

Kölner Studierendenwerk

www.kstw.de

Information on Accommodation

uni.koeln/KTAZ5

Estimated Rent per month

Students' dormitory: 250-350 EUR
Private housing market: 450-600 EUR

Estimated Cost of Living per month

1000 EUR (incl. rent)

Further Information



Division International Affairs

Health Insurance

uni.koeln/4X6TB

Pre-Semester (March or September)

If you are travelling to Cologne before the start of the semester, we recommend to take out a travel health insurance.

Semester (October or April)

You need a proof of health insurance coverage from a German statutory health insurer or an exemption certificate from a German statutory health insurer for your enrolment. A German statutory health insurance costs approx. **130 EUR** per month.

Visa Requirements

It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the visa conditions for entry to Germany before you arrive. You must apply for a residence permit within 90 days of your arrival.

Semester Fee

The UoC does not charge any tuition fees. However, all students must pay a social contribution fee of around **320 EUR** per semester. This fee also includes the "Deutschlandsemesterticket" - it is a personalised digital ticket for one semester. It is valid throughout Germany on local public transportation.

Semester Ticket

uni.koeln/CWUGS

How to become an exchange student at UoC?



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