



# Exchange Students from Partner Universities

## Study Programmes

### EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Students can choose between the  
❶ **Regular Exchange Programme** or ❷ **CGSP**

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)

[uni.koeln/FKJVA](http://uni.koeln/FKJVA)

Recommended:

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

30 ECTS per semester (recommended)

one or two semester(s)

Website

Language Requirements  
(German | English)

Course Load

Duration

### ❶ Regular Exchange Programme

### ❷ 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.

[uni.koeln/AYIEJ](http://uni.koeln/AYIEJ)

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

30 ECTS per semester (recommended)

one semester

Website

English Language  
Requirements

Course Load

Duration

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.kstw.de)

Information on  
Accommodation

[uni.koeln/KTAZ5](http://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

### Health Insurance

[uni.koeln/4X6TB](http://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](http://uni.koeln/CWUGS)

## Division International Affairs

### How to become an exchange student at UoC?



Coordination  
at UoC

Email

Are you interested in an exchange programme at the University of Cologne? Contact your home university's outgoing coordinator to get further information on your available exchange options and the process of being nominated.

We look forward to answering your questions afterwards.

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Website

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