



Exchange Students from Partner Universities

Exchange Programme

Faculties at UoC

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)

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



German Language Courses (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.

Application

Nomination Deadline

Winter Semester May 15
 Summer Semester November 15

Application Deadline

Winter Semester May 30
 Summer Semester November 30

Application Documents

- Photo
- Passport Copy
- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation Letter
- High School Diploma
- Current Transcript of Records
- German | English Language Certificate

Application Procedure

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



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.

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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: 250-450 EUR
Private housing market: 450-600 EUR

Estimated Cost of Living per month

1000 EUR (incl. rent)

Further Information



Health Insurance

uni.koeln/4X6TB

Pre-Semester
Winter: Mar
Summer: Sep

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

Semester
Winter: Oct - Mar
Summer: Apr - Sep

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 after your arrival.

Semester Fee

The UoC does not charge any tuition fees. However, all students must pay a social contribution fee of around **350 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

Division International Affairs

How to become an exchange student at UoC?



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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