

FACT SHEET for Student Exchange

Faculty of Medicine
Academic Year 2025/26



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University	University of Cologne, Faculty of Medicine Erasmus code: D KOLN 01
Academic calendar	Winter term: 01.10. – 31.03. each year, Lecture period: 06.10.2025 – 30.01.2026 Summer term: 01.04. – 30.09. each year, Lecture period: 13.04.2026 – 24.07.2026
Nomination Deadlines & Procedure	01 June for the following winter semester (October – March) 01 December for the following summer semester (April – September) By email to andrea.kurze@uk-koeln.de
Application Deadlines	Students must send their application documents by 15 June for the following winter semester (October – March) 15 December for the following summer semester (April – September) Medizinische Fakultät: Application (uni-koeln.de)
German language requirements	B1 for studies B2 for clinical rotations in general (final-year students, “PJ”) C1 for clinical rotations in Psychiatry German language skills must be proven by one of the following official language certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goethe-Zertifikat • TestDaF • Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz • telc • Certificate from the official language centre of the home university <p>GERMAN COURSES (free of charge when enrolled at Cologne University), either Pre-semester course: March resp. Sept. (4 weeks intensive German course, highly recommended) or Semester course (during the lecture period)</p>
Study plan	Students can select and combine courses from all clinical semesters as listed in our course catalogue. As a result, it is sometimes unavoidable that lectures overlap. Additional clinical rotations (“Famulaturen”) in the hospitals can be organised by the students themselves while they are in Cologne. Availability depending on capacities in the clinics.
Course catalogue	Course list / ECTS-Credits / Course Catalogue (uni-koeln.de)
Practical Year (PJ)	Clinical training as final-year student: Organised by ZIB Med in accordance with the training agreement (max. 4 departments in total). The minimum length of stay in one department is 4 weeks .

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Additional information

ORIENTATION DAY

An introductory event is held the week before the lectures begin (study visits).

INSURANCES

A health insurance is mandatory for exchange students and practical trainees.
It is highly recommended to have a personal accident / liability insurance as well.

ACCOMMODATION / HOUSING

As in many university towns, the housing situation in Cologne is quite difficult. Students are strongly advised to apply very early for a room in a university dormitory, but also to start searching for private accommodation as early as possible.

University student dorms for enrolled students:

[Wohnen: WERK \(kstw.de\)](http://www.kstw.de)

General accommodation information:

[Accommodation for International Students \(uni-koeln.de\)](http://uni-koeln.de)

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living for students adds up to approx. 800–900,- EUR per month.

[Costs & Financing \(uni-koeln.de\)](http://uni-koeln.de)

VISA / RESIDENCE PERMIT

Non EU exchange students, please see:

[Immigration & Residence \(uni-koeln.de\)](http://uni-koeln.de)

TUITION FEE

The University of Cologne does not charge any tuition fees. However, students (study visits) have to pay a social fee of approx. 300€ per semester. The social fee includes a ticket for public transportation throughout Germany, students' social services, student sports, reduced prices at the mensa and insurance against accidents on campus.

Final-Year students can choose if they want to enroll.

Contact

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