Fast Track to the
UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

University of Cologne- Good ideas since 1388.
University of Cologne/ International Office
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City of Cologne
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- Fourth largest city in Germany
- One of the oldest cities in Germany
- Economic centre of North Rhine-Westphalia
- Cultural centre
- Accessible city
- 13 different universities
City of Cologne

Carnival

Rhine Park

Cologne Cathedral

Rhine Promenade

Chocolate Museum and Crane Houses

COLOGNE IS HOST TO ONE OF THE LARGEST STREET FESTIVALS IN EUROPE

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University of Cologne

- Founded in 1388
- One of the largest German universities
- ~ 50,000 students
- ~ 4,000 international students
- 300 cooperative partnerships and exchange programs
University of Cologne

- Over 3000 academic staff members
- 6 faculties
- 8 interdisciplinary research institutes and 26 faculty specific institutes
- Clusters of Excellence / Excellent Graduate Schools

Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences
Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Faculty of Law (no Fast Track)
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
Faculty of Medicine
Faculty of Human Sciences
University of Cologne

- No tuition fees – subsidized higher education
- Semester campus maintenance fee
- Campus groups
- International and open atmosphere
University of Cologne

Webinar – Fast Track to the University of Cologne
May 10th, 2017
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Main Building

Student Service Center

Library

Cafés

University Sports

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Studienstart International

- What is the regular track to German universities?
  - Preparatory Course (Studienkolleg), duration: one year
- What do we offer?
  - Studienstart International, duration: one semester
  - Seamless transition into the degree program

Studienstart International is an alternative to the regular track, therefore a fast track to university
Studienstart International

Studienstart International takes place during your first semester.

Each student is given an individual schedule, which includes:

- classes imparting study skills
- an orientation series
- intercultural awareness
- supplementary German language courses
- subject-specific German courses (e.g. Business German)
- selected courses from your degree program
Studienstart International

Supplemented by:

- Pre-arrival information via the web portal „Uni Köln International“
- Buddy program
- Welcome event
- Informational events on a regular basis
- Intercultural projects and workshops
- Support through students of the International campus groups (e.g. North American Student Association)
- Excursions
After successfully completing Studienstart International

Seamless transition into the pursued degree program
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- High proficiency in German language
- Eligibility
- TestAS certificate
German-language proficiency is certified in several ways:

- Deutsches Sprachdiplom DSD Stufe II of the Kultusministerkonferenz
- DSH-2 or higher (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang)
- TestDaF at level TDN 4 in all four test parts
- C-2 certificate from the Goethe-Institut
- Telc C-1 Hochschule or Telc Deutsch C-2
To be eligible, you must:

- qualify for admission to a German “Studienkolleg” or
- submit proof that you are qualified to study your intended degree program in your home country (e.g. university entrance exam, notification of admission, enrolment certificate)
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TestAS:

- central standardized aptitude test for foreign students
- consists of a core test and a subject-specific module that depends on the study program to which you are applying
- instrument used for selection purposes at the University of Cologne
- testing centers worldwide

Please take note of the registration period!

More information on: www.testas.de
Application Requirements

TestAS centers in the USA:

- Ohio State University
- Deutsches Haus at New York University
- Goethe-Institut New York
Application Requirements

For your application you will initially need:

- Application for enrolment
- CV
- Proof of proficiency in German language
- TestAS certificate
- secondary school leaving certificate (High School Diploma)
- If necessary: proof that you are qualified to study your intended degree program in your home country (e.g. university entrance exam, notification of admission, enrolment certificate)

Application (Non-EU) must be submitted via uni-assist (University Application Service for International Students - http://www.uni-assist.de)
Application Deadlines

January 15th – start of the application period for summer semester (April 1st – September 30th) for all degree programs (except for law teaching degrees)

July 15th – start of the application period for winter semester (October 1st – March 31st) for the degree programs of the:

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- Faculty of Human Sciences

as well as for the degree programs Business, Economics, Physics
Application Requirements

You may find all the information on the application process in our guide on:

www.si.uni-koeln.de
We would be happy to see you!
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