

# YOUR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

with the Cologne WiSo-Faculty



Innovation for society

**University of Cologne**  
Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences





# Services for Guest Students

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CENTER (ZIB-WiSo)

The WiSo-Faculty's International Relations Center (ZIB-WiSo) is happy to welcome students from the Faculty's partner universities and support them before and throughout their stay in Cologne.

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### Our services

#### Academic Support

- Management of the studies
- 'Welcome Days' - Orientation and information days
- Daily advice service and support

#### Organizational Support

- Pre-arrival information
- Visa matters and administrative formalities
- Buddy system – tutoring by a Cologne student

#### Language Support

- Pre-semester German language courses free of charge; German courses during the term

#### Accommodation support

- Advisory service on finding accommodation in Cologne

#### Networking Support

- Integration in cultural and social events
- Active student clubs/committees



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## THE CITY OF COLOGNE

Cologne is Germany's fourth largest city with 1 million inhabitants. Cologne is one of Europe's economic regions and one of the most important cross-roads in European traffic. The so called „media metropolis“ offers an inspiring mixture of education, culture and entertainment. Cologne is proud of its reputation as a vibrant and tolerant city and at the same time being both multicultural and strong in its local identity. Its multifaceted cultural scene comprises museums, art exhibitions, theatre and cinema. International music and sports events, the Cologne Carnival and of course the famous cathedral draw millions of visitors to the cathedral city every year.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

The University of Cologne (UoC) was founded in 1388 and thus belongs to Germany's most venerable and tradition-steeped institutions of higher education. Today, with some 42,000 students, UoC is among the largest universities in Germany. It has gained a consistent and outstanding reputation for maintaining the highest standards in research and education and has been awarded the label „University of Excellence“ by the German government.

# THE COLOGNE WISO-FACULTY

## Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences, known as the “WiSo-Faculty”, is one of the biggest and academically most prestigious faculties for business, economics and social sciences in Europe. It has more than 9,000 students in national and international study programmes and a large body of professors and international academic staff. The EQUIS-accredited WiSo-Faculty offers an enormous variety of specialisations and subject areas, and is unique in its interdisciplinary approach, uniting business studies, economics, sociology and political sciences under the roof of one faculty. The endeavor to blend research and teaching, theory and practice and the economic and social sciences, aims at satisfying the mission: „Innovation for Society“. Its focus on internationalisation - with over 350 incoming exchange students per year - contributes to the Faculty’s reputation as an ideal place for an exchange term.

“ My experience at Cologne has simply been great: Great university, very well prepared teachers and interesting classes and probably most importantly great people, great friendships and great fun. I can only say one thing to summarize my German experience: VIVA COLONIA!

**Lorenzo Fusco**

**Guest student from Università commerciale Luigi Bocconi**”

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### Student life in Cologne

- Approx. 10% of the inhabitants are students
- More than 70 university student organisations
- Pulsating nightlife with more than 70 clubs and party hot spots plus countless bars, restaurants and brewhouses. No other German city has as many pubs per capita as Cologne
- The university offers more than 500 hours per week of sport in more than 120 disciplines



# THE PROGRAMME OFFER FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bachelor and Masters level

## The WiSo-Faculty's Partner Universities

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences (WiSo Faculty) maintains partnerships with more than 100 leading institutions of higher education across the globe. An overview of international partner universities can be found online:

[www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/partneruniversities.html](http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/partneruniversities.html)

### Workload

A semester workload usually comprises **30 ECTS credits** (ECTS = European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). Master courses are usually worth 6 ECTS credits, while on the Bachelor level the credits for a course range between 4 ECTS and 8 ECTS (some research projects might have more).

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## Exchange programmes

### 1. Regular Exchange term (Bachelor or Masters level)



Photo: ZIB-WiSo

All guest students can choose from the Cologne WiSo-Faculty's **entire course offer with a multitude of specialisations**. Exchange students are welcome to take classes through **English or German** or a mix of both. The broad offer of English taught courses – more than on the Bachelor and more than on the Masters level – allows to successfully complete a term **in English only**.

Depending on the level of their studies at their home university, students attend either Bachelor or Master level courses.

[www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/guestprogrammes.html](http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/guestprogrammes.html)

## 2. CEMS Term Abroad at the WiSo-Faculty

### CEMS MIM – Master’s in International Management



CEMS MIM students who are already enrolled at another CEMS university can spend their CEMS term at the University of Cologne. The CEMS MIM is integrated into the MSc in Business

Administration, a two year pre-experience Master programme which only admits „in-field“ Bachelor graduates thus guaranteeing an advanced level of management studies. In addition to the special offers for CEMS students, they are integrated into all activities for exchange students.

**Teaching language:** All courses are taught in English.

#### What Cologne’s CEMS MIM offer is famous for:

1. The Cologne WiSo-Faculty’s broad course offer and vast scope of specialisations
2. Linkage of theoretical depth and methodological expertise with direct relevance in businesses and other organisations
3. Excellent network of renowned international companies
4. Excellent evaluations, especially the CEMS Block Seminar, the CEMS Business Projects and the CEMS courses
5. Local CEMS student club (“PIM & CEMS Student and Alumni Club Cologne”) – famous for its special social and networking events – awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> best CEMS club 2013 worldwide.

For detailed information please visit [www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cemsterm.html](http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cemsterm.html)

Contact for all questions related to Cologne’s CEMS offer: [wiso-CEMS@uni-koeln.de](mailto:wiso-CEMS@uni-koeln.de)

Studying in Cologne was a great experience and a very good choice for my CEMS exchange semester. The city is welcoming and offers a vivid student life, as well as a perfect opportunity to taste regional culture with unique Carnival and Christmas markets. CEMS courses are of high quality, thanks to which I gained a profound and practical knowledge in fields which have become a new area of my interests.

**Patrycja Baczyk**

**CEMS guest student SGH - Warsaw School of Economics**

### 3. MBA Summer School - Cologne Intensive Study Programme in European Management



The CISP-MBA is taking place for **four weeks in June** and is exclusively designed for **MBA students of the Faculty's partner institutions**.

**Academic courses:** The CISP-MBA is a blocked programme that consists of two courses in management, one in economics and a practice oriented course with strong company involvement (Business project). The complete programme adds up to 130 contact hours plus self study time. 20 credit points are awarded upon successful completion of all courses. The courses offered differ slightly from year to year.

**Company visits and social programme:** The academic programme is complemented by various company visits, excursions and cultural activities. There is also an optional language and cultural orientation day. Participants are integrated into Cologne's student

life through contact with their German student "buddies" and the international student club.

**Teaching language:** All courses are taught in **English**.

**Dates:** June

**Nomination deadline:** please see website



Photo: ZIB-WiSo

#### Course examples:

- Intercultural Management - applied to International Business issues
- Customer Relationship Management
- The Euro and European Economic Policies
- Business Project: e.g. in cooperation with DHL

For programme details and dates please check: [www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cisp.html](http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cisp.html)

## 4. Bachelor and Master Summer School Cologne International Summer University

CISU (Cologne International Summer University) is an intensive academic summer programme designed for **Bachelor and pre-experience Master students** from the University of Cologne, its academic partners and students from all over the world. It offers two sessions of two weeks each in August. Students may attend one or two sessions. In each session students can select one course out of the offer in the areas of Management, Economics and Social Sciences. All courses are taught by international faculty. The academic programme is accompanied by company visits as well as cultural and social activities. Participants are integrated into Cologne's student through the activities of the international student club and a „buddy system“.



**Teaching language:** All courses are taught in **English**.

**Dates:** August

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### Application and nomination:

There are two ways to attend CISU:

- Partner universities with a CISU exchange agreement can nominate students
- International students can apply individually with a programme fee

For deadlines please see the website.



For programme details please check: [www.cisu.uni-koeln.de](http://www.cisu.uni-koeln.de)





# Additional support and services

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An exchange semester at the University of Cologne is a great experience. The University is deeply connected to the city thus the student life gives plenty of opportunities to enjoy the city's extremely open and multicultural mindset. Students can choose among many courses in different disciplines and can use the time to improve their German.

**Niccoló Ricci**

**Guest student from the Stockholm School of Economics**

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## Welcome Days

Before the start of every semester, the International Relations Center (ZIB-WiSo) in cooperation with the PIM & CEMS Student and Alumni Club Cologne e.V. offers information days for all international guest students.

## Buddy programme

The Buddy Programme is organized by ZIB-WiSo and the PIM & CEMS Student and Alumni Club Cologne e.V.. All incoming exchange students are assigned a “buddy” – a Cologne student who helps them find their bearings in the city during the first few weeks.

## Accommodation



The ZIB-WiSo supports students in finding accommodation and provides detailed information on housing in Cologne.

For details please check: [www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/incologne.html](http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/incologne.html)

# German language course



All incoming students can participate in an intensive pre-semester German language course free of charge. This course takes place either in March/April (spring term) or in September/October (fall term). The pre-semester courses are offered on different levels, usually from A1 to C1 (according to the Common European Framework). There are also German language courses for guest students during the semester.

**For details on registration and the availability of slots, please check:**  
[www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/guestprogrammes.html](http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/guestprogrammes.html) > Bachelor or > Master

# Sport facilities, canteens, free public transport and social fee

All students of the University of Cologne must remit a social contribution of about 230 € per semester. This is not a tuition fee but a solidarity payment that enables all students to use the canteens and cafés and student associations at reduced prices. It also includes an unrestricted ticket for public transportation (buses, trams, and urban and regional trains) throughout the entire state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) during term. Moreover it also gives access to all sports facilities (including a broad offer of free sports courses).



Photos: zweimalig (1); Pim&CEMS Club (2); University of Cologne (3)

# Good to know

## TERM DATES

### FALL TERM

REGULAR FALL TERM:	October to end of February (incl. orientation week & exam period)
SHORT TERM:	until mid-December (corresponding programmes only)
CEMS TERM:	see <a href="http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cemsterm.html">www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cemsterm.html</a>
PRE-SEMESTER GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE:	September
<b>Nomination deadline:</b>	<b>May 1</b>

### SPRING TERM

SPRING TERM:	April to July (incl. orientation week & exam period)
CEMS TERM:	see <a href="http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cemsterm.html">www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cemsterm.html</a>
PRE-SEMESTER GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSE:	March
<b>Nomination deadline:</b>	<b>November 1</b>

Exchange students must be nominated by their universities.

## INTERNET RESOURCES

Center for International Relations (ZIB):	<a href="http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/international.html">www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/international.html</a>
Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences:	<a href="http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de">www.wiso.uni-koeln.de</a>
University of Cologne:	<a href="http://www.uni-koeln.de">www.uni-koeln.de</a>
International Students Club:	<a href="http://www.pimandcems.de">www.pimandcems.de</a>
Kölner Studentenwerk:	<a href="http://www.kstw.de">www.kstw.de</a>
Cologne City:	<a href="http://www.cologne.de">www.cologne.de</a>
Cologne Tourism office:	<a href="http://www.cologne-tourism.com/">www.cologne-tourism.com/</a>
German Department:	<a href="http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/index_html">www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/index_html</a>

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