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# THE COLOGNE WISO FACULTY



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

**FACT SHEET 2023/24**

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## EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

### Exchange term (bachelor or master level)

The Faculty's course offer for incoming students comprises a comprehensive range of bachelor and master courses **taught in English** as well as a number of bachelor courses taught in German.

### Early leaver option

Students can be nominated for an early leaver exchange by their home coordinator only if the academic calendar at their home university conflicts with the dates at the WiSo Faculty. Students finish their term abroad in December, which means they will have a tighter workload, additional assignments and shorter deadlines.

### CEMS term (master level)

The WiSo Faculty offers high-quality CEMS MIM courses, a diverse range of business projects and skill seminars, and a highly-rated book seminar for CEMS students. **All courses are taught in English.**

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Class format:** Lectures and seminars

**Grading:** Based on written exams, written papers, project work, oral exams, active participation in class, or a combination of the above

**Exams:** Either on the last day of classes or during the two to three weeks after the end of classes

**Course load:** 4–5 courses per term (30 ECTS)

**Language requirements:** CEFR level B2 in English or German

## PROCEDURES

Students are nominated by the international office of their home institution.

Nominations must be submitted via the WiSo Exchange Platform (WEX). Coordinators are informed by email.

The ZIB WiSo Incomings Team contacts the nominated student(s) directly and guides them through the application process.

## TERM DATES

### FALL TERM 2023/24

**9 October 2023\* – 2 February 2024**

Exam period until 28 February 2024\*\*

**Early leavers:** 9 October – 16 December 2023 (including exam period)

**CEMS term & lecture period:** 1 September – 15 December 2023 (optional late electives: December 2023 – mid-February 2024)

**Pre-semester German language course (optional):** September 2023

**Exchange nomination deadline:** 1 May 2023

**Application deadline:** June 2023

### SPRING TERM 2024

**1 April\* – 19 July 2024**

Exam period until 31 July 2024\*\*

**CEMS term:** End of March – 31 July 2024\*\*

**Pre-semester German language course (optional):** March 2024

**Exchange nomination deadline:** 1 Nov 2023

**Application deadline:** December 2023

\*Orientation days take place prior to the official start of lectures.

\*\*For some English taught courses, an earlier departure may be possible.

### FALL TERM

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Pre-semester German language courses	Fall term / lecture period including exams				
	Early leaver term				

### SPRING TERM

Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Pre-semester German language courses	Fall term / lecture period including exams				

## MBA SHORT PROGRAMMES

### Doing Business in Germany – The Future of Mobility in the Energy Landscape

**Programme dates:** 8 – 19 May 2023

**Nomination period:** 1 Dec 2022 –  
15 January 2023

Students can choose one of two tracks:

Track 1: **Automotive** or

Track 2: **Sustainable Transportation**

Updating our popular format to include the latest developments in the energy, mobility and automotive sectors, this intensive 12-day short programme for international (E)MBA students from selected partners is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the specificities of German business practices.

### CISU-MBA – Cologne International Summer University

**Programme dates:** 31 July – 10 Aug 2023

**Nomination period:** 15 February –  
31 March 2023

Two-week summer programme for international (E)MBA students from the WiSo Faculty's partner universities with a focus on **Leadership and Diversity**. Next to the academic programme, cultural and social events offer a great opportunity to get to know each other and discover Cologne as well as its surroundings.

## ESTIMATED MONTHLY LIVING COSTS

**Accommodation:** €300–700

**Class materials:** €30

**Food:** €200

**Leisure activities:** €100–250

**Health insurance\*:** €100

**Social contribution:** €320 per term\*\*

## UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

The University offers a large variety of sports activities. All facilities, including an on-campus student gym, and courses are either free of charge or can be used for a very low fee.

Students have access to numerous dining halls and cafés with a good price/quality ratio.

## NETWORKING

The **PIM and CEMS Student and Alumni Club Cologne** organises parties, sport events, workshops in cooperation with companies, excursions, and regular meetings

**Corporate contacts:** Benefit from the University's career services, regular workshops in soft skills, guest speeches from industry professionals, and courses offered by company executives

\*If home insurance is not recognised.

\*\*This applies to all students, regardless of university or scholarship status. It gives students access to course registration, and serves as student ID as well as semester transportation ticket for all local transportation in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. It also enables access to the student sport facilities and dining halls.

## LANGUAGE COURSES

Students have access to one free pre-semester (March/September) or weekly semester-long intensive German language course

## STUDENT SUPPORT

The **ZIB WiSo Incomings Team** is the students' main point of contact for their exchange experience. It works with each student to try to connect them with the services and support they need:

**Enrolment support** starting in November/May

**Course registration support:** students are guided through the online registration process shortly before the semester starts

Information and support in **finding accommodation** in Cologne

Support with **topics related to disabilities** (physical and otherwise) as well as conditions that could affect their academic success

**Orientation days** in the week before classes, including academic information sessions, guided campus tours and social events

**Buddy Programme:** Student 'buddies' from Cologne help international students during their stay at the WiSo Faculty and in Cologne

## THE COLOGNE WISO FACULTY

The WiSo Faculty, Germany's largest and most reputable faculty of its kind, offers students a vast scope of study fields and specialisations. In line with its mission 'Today's ideas. Tomorrow's impact.', it successfully links excellent research with contacts to the corporate and business world.

The central location of the campus and the Faculty's focus on internationalisation, counting over 450 incoming exchange students per year, contribute to the Faculty's reputation as an ideal place for an exchange term. The Faculty is EQUIS accredited.

The WiSo Faculty offers 7 bachelor programmes (3 years) and 15 master programmes (2 years) including several international and double degree programmes. Click below for more info.

[Bachelor's degree programmes](#)

[Master's degree programmes](#)

[International Management/CEMS MIM](#)

[Double Master's Programmes](#)

## THE CITY OF COLOGNE

With a diverse population of around 1 million, **Cologne** is a multicultural and dynamic city. It is home to the fourth-largest trade fair in the world, and over 10,000 IT and telecommunication businesses have strengthened its position as Germany's 'media city'. Cologne is famous for its Gothic cathedral, along with a multitude of other historic sites and plenty of green areas. Home to some 100,000 students, the city offers a vibrant night life and a great variety of museums, theatres and art exhibitions.

### TOP RANKED FACULTY

Graduates favoured by HR managers:

Top 3 for Business Administration

Top 3 for Information Systems

Top 5 for Economics

Wirtschaftswoche rankings 2022, survey among HR managers of Germany's major companies

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