



WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE  
**WISO FACULTY**

# THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

Founded in 1388, it is one of the **oldest and most prestigious** European universities

Excellent international reputation due to its outstanding scientific achievements and the **high quality and diversity of its degree programmes**

Has produced several **Nobel and Leibniz Prize winners** and is part of the only **economic cluster of excellence** in Germany



Today's Ideas.  
Tomorrow's Impact.

# THE COLOGNE WISO FACULTY

Excellent research performance and reputation of graduates among HR managers of Germany's major companies

**#54** worldwide  
FINANCIAL TIMES RANKING  
"Masters in Management"  
Financial Times Master in Management Ranking 2022



**TOP 5**  
GERMAN FACULTIES  
FOR ECONOMICS  
WIRTSCHAFTSWOCHE RANKING 2022

**TOP 3**  
GERMAN FACULTIES  
FOR BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION  
WIRTSCHAFTSWOCHE RANKING 2022



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WISO  
Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

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I chose the WiSo Faculty because of its great selection of courses and projects within different academic disciplines. This challenging and at the same time exciting course provided me with all the tools necessary to ace the topics of digitalization and big data, relevant as ever in our days, which eventually helped me get an internship opportunity in the same field.

*Anna, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University*

Only German member of the internationally renowned **CEMS\*** and **PIM\*\*** networks

\*Global Alliance in Management Education

\*\*Partnership in International Management

Over **150 partnerships** with world-class universities in **53 countries**

Comprehensive range of **bachelor and master courses taught in English** and a number of bachelor courses taught in German

**Interdisciplinary course offer across 12 areas** of Management, Economics and Social Sciences



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# Key figures – students and programmes

16



Bachelor and master programmes

1

Executive MBA  
in cooperation with  
Rotterdam School of  
Management 

3

Summer schools



158



Academic exchange partnerships

6



International master programmes

500

Guest students  
per year 

500



Hours of university sports  
per week in 120 disciplines

>80

Master courses

taught in English



8,000



Degree seeking students  
including doctoral students

> 10%

of Cologne's population  
are students 

70

Student  
associations



>50

Bachelor courses

most of which taught in  
English and some in German  
per term

# Academic calendar

## FALL TERM

Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Presemester German language courses	Fall term / lecture period including exams				
	Early Leaver programme				

## SPRING TERM

Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Presemester German language courses	Spring term / lecture period including exams				

# COLOGNE IN GERMANY

Germany **shares borders with nine countries**, more than any other country in Europe, making it an ideal starting point for exploring the continent

Cologne is located **within a metropolitan area of over 10 million**, which makes it easy for students and faculty to collaborate with great companies

Students receive a free transportation ticket valid in the whole state of NRW, making it possible to **visit lots of exciting cities for free**



# THE CITY OF COLOGNE

With around 100,000 students and a lively start-up culture, Cologne is the **economic and scientific centre** of the Rhineland region

Cologne is proud of its reputation as a vibrant and tolerant city. With 18% non-German residents, it is both **multicultural and strong in its local identity**

The city has a **pulsating nightlife**, with over 70 clubs and party locations, in addition to countless bars, restaurants and breweries. In fact, Cologne has the highest number of pubs per capita in all of Germany and even has its own special beer – Kölsch!

” The city is amazing, with an international vibe, great food, and the friendliest locals in all of Germany. If you’re looking for a place to have an amazing adventure, then I cannot recommend this programme highly enough.

*Nathan, The University of Texas at Dallas*

# YOUR STAY IN COLOGNE

## Estimated monthly living costs:

Housing: € 300–700

Food, leisure activities, reading materials, health insurance: € 400–550

**Social contribution** (one-time payment) – transport and student activity fee, includes access to subsidised food in the dining halls (no tuition fee): approx. € 300 per term

**Social activities** organised by the PIM & CEMS Club and **(inter)cultural events** organised by ZIB WiSo

Intensive **German language courses** or weekly German language courses throughout the term **free of charge**

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Sunny days at the Rhine, visiting the Cathedral, nights with the PIM & CEMS Club, Karneval, Kölsch, one of the biggest universities, highly qualified education, canteen like a restaurant, lovely people from all around the world. It was my second home and will be yours too, trust me! Highly recommended!

*Robert, Corvinus University of Budapest*



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” From the very beginning, the University and the PIM & CEMS Club made us all feel at ease and helped us quickly become a close-knit group. The friendships that I made there are still among my strongest today and the travels with them remain among my favorite memories.

*Nathan, The University of Texas at Dallas*

## YOUR STAY IN COLOGNE



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

The ZIB WiSo Incomings Team is there to support you with any academic issues before and during your exchange term

Including

**Enrolment support and course registration support**

**Welcome days – Orientation events before classes** including academic information session, guided campus tours and (inter)cultural events

**Buddy Programme – Support from Cologne student ‘buddies’** during your stay at the WiSo Faculty

# PIM & CEMS STUDENT AND ALUMNI CLUB

The PIM & CEMS Club aims to create a **strong network of students and alumni** and enhance international understanding

**Social events** such as running cocktails, game nights and bike tours give you plenty of opportunities to meet new people and have some fun!

**Meet with companies across industries** in events such as speed recruiting, rotation dinners and workshops, and benefit from special job and internship offers



Apart from the obvious quality of the WiSo Faculty, meeting and joining the members of the PIM & CEMS Club as early as possible ensured that I never stopped for a second and spent every day of my semester having an absolute blast of fun.

*Lukas, Prague University of Economics and Business*



Photos: PIM & CEMS Club, Colgate



Faculty of International Economics and Business  
Towards a Sustainable Future

# CISU-MBA

Early August 2024

Cologne International Summer University

” The two-week class was such an interesting and challenging subject for me and made me want to learn more about the sustainability approach. The course was interactive and practical and we learned as much from business cases as from peer students. I am sure I will benefit from the systematic knowledge gained from the summer course to successfully complete my MBA studies.

*Bayardelger, University of Bradford,  
School of Management*

**Two-week MBA summer programme**  
in August taught online by  
international faculty

Choose from one of two courses:  
**Leadership & Diversity** or  
**Sustainability and Competitive  
Advantage**

**Expand your international network**  
by working in close groups with  
students from around the world

**Credits: 5 ECTS**  
**Administrative charge: € 330**



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# DOING BUSINESS IN GERMANY

12-day study tours for (E)MBA students **6 - 17 May 2024**

Two tracks:

**Energy Economics/  
Automotive & Mobility**

Please note: nomination deadline is  
15 January 2024

**Credits: 5 ECTS**

**Administrative charge:**

approx. 2500€ per person.

This includes a single hotel  
room, breakfast, domestic train  
fares for the duration of the  
programme

**Build your international  
network** by working closely  
with fellow students from  
around the world

**Visits to institutions and  
companies, expert talks and  
academic input** aim to give  
you insights into the industries  
from a **German perspective**



The DBi Germany course artfully blended on-site learnings and cultural experiences to successfully accomplish the mission of learning the topic from inside and outside the classroom. Being able to experience German business through the eyes of a German business person was an invaluable attribute of this course.

*Carl, UT Austin, Exxon Mobile*





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