

# FACT SHEET for Student Exchange

Faculty of Medicine  
Academic Year 2026/27



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| University                       | University of Cologne, Faculty of Medicine<br>Erasmus code: D KOLN 01   |
| Academic calendar                | Winter term: 01.10. – 31.03. each year, Lecture period: 12.10.2026 – 05.02.2027<br>Summer term: 01.04. – 30.09. each year, Lecture period: 05.04.2027 – 16.07.2027  |
| Nomination Deadlines & Procedure | 15 May for the following winter semester (01 October – 31 March)<br>15 November for the following summer semester (01 April – 30 September)<br><br>by email to <a href="mailto:andrea.kurze@uk-koeln.de">andrea.kurze@uk-koeln.de</a>   |
| Application Deadlines            | Students must send their application documents by<br>15 June for the following winter semester<br>15 December for the following summer semester<br><a href="#">Application</a>  |
| German language requirements     | <b>B1</b> for studies<br><b>B2</b> for clinical rotations in general (final-year students, "PJ")<br><b>C1</b> for clinical rotations in Psychiatry<br><br>German language skills must be proven by one of the following official language certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Goethe-Zertifikat</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">TestDaF</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Deutsches Sprachdiplom der Kultusministerkonferenz</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">telc</a></li> <li>• Certificate from the official language centre of the home university</li> </ul><br>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) |
| 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.<br>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                 | <a href="#">Course list / ECTS-Credits / Course Catalogue</a>   |
| Practical Year (PJ)              | <b>Clinical training as final-year student:</b><br>Organised by ZIB Med in accordance with the training agreement and depending on availability in the clinics ( <b>max. 4 departments in total</b> ).<br>The minimum length of stay in one department is <b>4 weeks</b> .  |

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| <b>Additional<br/>information</b> | <p><b>ORIENTATION DAY</b><br/>An introductory event is held the week before the lectures begin (study visits).</p> <p><b>INSURANCES</b><br/>A health insurance is mandatory for exchange students and practical trainees.<br/>It is highly recommended to have a personal accident / liability insurance as well.</p> <p><b>ACCOMMODATION / HOUSING</b><br/>As in many university towns, the housing situation in Cologne is extremely difficult.<br/>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.<br/>University student dorms for enrolled students:<br/><a href="#">Student Housing: WERK</a><br/>General accommodation information:<br/><a href="#">Universität zu Köln: Accommodation for International Students</a></p> <p><b>COST OF LIVING</b><br/>The cost of living for students adds up to approx. 800–900,- EUR per month.<br/><a href="#">Universität zu Köln: Costs &amp; Financing</a></p> <p><b>VISA / RESIDENCE PERMIT</b><br/>Non EU exchange students, please see:<br/><a href="#">Universität zu Köln: Immigration &amp; Residence</a></p> <p><b>TUITION FEE</b><br/>The University of Cologne does not charge any tuition fees. However, students (study visits only) have to pay a social contribution fee of approx. 330€ per semester. The social contribution fee includes a ticket for public transportation throughout Germany ("Deutschlandticket"), students' social services, student sports, reduced prices at the mensa and insurance against accidents on campus.<br/>Final-Year students can choose if they want to enroll.</p> |
| <b>Contact</b>                    | <p><b>Centre for International Relations of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Cologne (ZIB Med)</b><br/>Head of ZIB Med, ERASMUS coordinator: Dr. Benjamin Köckemann,<br/><a href="mailto:benjamin.koeckemann@uk-koeln.de">benjamin.koeckemann@uk-koeln.de</a><br/>Incoming students: Andrea Kurze, <a href="mailto:andrea.kurze@uk-koeln.de">andrea.kurze@uk-koeln.de</a><br/>Outgoing students: Aneta Deneva, <a href="mailto:aneta.deneva@uk-koeln.de">aneta.deneva@uk-koeln.de</a><br/>ERASMUS Agreements: Clara Harms, <a href="mailto:clara.harms@uk-koeln.de">clara.harms@uk-koeln.de</a></p>  |