

## REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS / INCOMINGS

### A TERM ABROAD

- Students from partner universities can complete a term abroad at the Faculty of Medicine
- The student's home university must have a cooperation arrangement with the Faculty of Medicine
- Incoming students can attend courses, seminars, practical trainings and write exams from the course curriculum
- Required language level: B2 (CEFR)

### A CLINICAL TRAINING

- Practical trainings from 4 weeks minimum in all clinical departments for last year medical students and for medical students in the clinical phase as "Famulant" (4 weeks internships)
- A German language proficiency of B2 (CEFR) is required as well
- German language certificate has to be submitted 4 weeks prior to arrival in Cologne
- Application deadlines:  
**Dec 15th for the summer term**  
**June 15th for the winter term**
- Practical trainings can be carried out either at the University Hospital or at one of the academic teaching hospitals of the University of Cologne
- Malpractice insurance and health insurance are necessary for the time of the practical training



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## STUDYING

## IN COLOGNE

Unique to the University of Cologne is the Studienstart International Program for foreign medical students, which orients you to the campus, exposes you to the services available, and gives you the tools to be a successful medical student by providing different preparatory courses. From admissions onwards you are surrounded by people who want you to succeed. The University of Cologne is conducive to enjoying and focusing on your medical studies and supports a healthy study-life balance. It is motivating to be in an institution where people are friendly, helpful and informative.

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Faculty of Medicine



## REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE STUDENTS

Students should have attended the classes 9 to 12 at a U.S. High School, have concentrated on Math, Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics and successfully completed with a high school diploma.

Additionally they should have completed SAT or advanced placement tests in Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Technology, Medicine, Pharmacy.

For more details please see following DAAD link: **A**

Students can prove if their diploma is being accepted in Germany via anabin: **B**



### EXAM PRIOR TO THE STUDIES

- TestAS exam (Test for Academic Studies) is a central, standardized aptitude test for foreign students
- It is possible to take this exam in English or German at "Deutsches Haus NYC", "Ohio State University" or "Goethe-Institut New York" twice a year
- International applicants have to achieve 108 out of 130 possible points (average core test and subject-specific test)
- Applicants to degree courses in the Faculty of Medicine must take the MINT test module (Mathematics, Informatics, Natural sciences and Technology)
- Language Screening: Be prepared to have a short language test online

### LANGUAGE OF STUDY AND REQUIRED LEVEL

- DSH-2 (Level 2 of the German language examination for university entrance; equivalent to C2 certificate from the Goethe Institute)
- There is the possibility to attend preparatory language courses. Applicants need to have already profound knowledge of the German language in order to enter one of these courses (at least B2.2 or better C1)

### ONLINE APPLICATION VIA UNI-ASSIST

For more details and a list with all the necessary documents please see page 21-22 in our Application-Guide



### APPLICATION DEADLINES

- January 15th for the summer term
- July 15th for the winter term

### VISA REGULATIONS

- US-Residents do not require a visa for entry: they are only required to present a valid passport
- A residence title has to be applied for within 90 days at the local foreign affairs authorities
- The residence permit is valid for at least one year and must not exceed two years. It can be extended each respective time by at least one year and up to a maximum of two years
- Students are allowed to work up to a maximum of 120 days (240 half days) per year

### TUITION FEES / LIVING EXPENSES / INSURANCES

- There are no tuition fees at German universities (state-controlled). All costs are covered by the government/the German tax payer
- A social service contribution of about 250 €/term, covering Cologne public transport, student sports and accident insurance on the campus
- In general the living expenses in Cologne are about 850 €/month (accommodation, food, clothing, social events, etc.)
- Students have to cover the medical insurance on their own (about 80 €/month)

### STUDIENSTART INTERNATIONAL

— **STUDIEN** — International students strongly benefit from the introductory pre-semester "Studienstart International" for study courses in the Faculty of Medicine, which replaces the former "college".

"Studienstart International" prepares students for their studies by offering them introductory courses tailored to their degree programmes as well as a variety of intercultural modules meant to ease their start at the University of Cologne, for

example

- General language courses and Medical German Courses
- Orientation lecture
- Seminar Intercultural Awareness
- Study skills course
- Courses from the degree programme (Biology and Chemistry)

Thanks to its tailor-made curriculum and its orientation classes, the programme increases students' chances of finishing their studies efficiently and successfully. After fully completing the one-semester programme, students can begin their regular studies.

Available places for non-EU students/term

- Human medicine: ten places
- Dental medicine: two places
- Neuroscience: one place

### MODEL DEGREE COURSE AT THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

- Committed to teaching and training
- In addition to theoretical knowledge, practical and behavioural skills are being provided for later medical practice
- Multidisciplinary approach to medical care early in medical studies
- Integrated knowledge transfer in 60 competence fields during the pre-clinical and clinical phases, using the most common diagnoses as guides for interdisciplinary teaching
- Skills training in the Cologne Interprofessional Skills Lab and Simulation Centre (KISS)
- Scientific projects as an independent, exemplary introduction into scientific work, both at the bedside and in lab research
- Strong academics, combined with intensive practical training and extensive resources complimented by peer and faculty support, international exchange, research and extracurricular activities

More details to be found here:

