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THE COLOGNE WISO FACULTY

Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences
University of Cologne

FACT SHEET 2027/28

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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 our mission 'Today's ideas. Tomorrow's impact.', we successfully link excellent research with contacts to the corporate and business world.

The central location of our campus and the focus on internationalisation, counting over 450 incoming exchange students per year, make it ideal place for an exchange term. The Faculty is EQUIS accredited.

We offer 7 bachelor's programmes (3 years) and 15 master's 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

Cologne is a vibrant city in the heart of Europe. With over one million inhabitants from 180 nations, it is a multicultural hub.

The city hosts the sixth-largest trade fair in the world and is home to numerous IT and telecommunication businesses, earning it the title of Germany's 'media city'. Cologne is famous for its Gothic cathedral and Roman historic sites, as well as its green spaces. With over 100,000 students, the city offers a lively nightlife and a rich cultural scene, including museums, theaters, and art exhibitions.

>450

Exchange students every year.

TOP RANKED FACULTY

Leading nationally in the field of Information Systems and top-ranked in Management, Economics and Sociology.

37th worldwide in the Financial Times Ranking Masters in Management 2025.



CONTACT

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SEMESTER EXCHANGE

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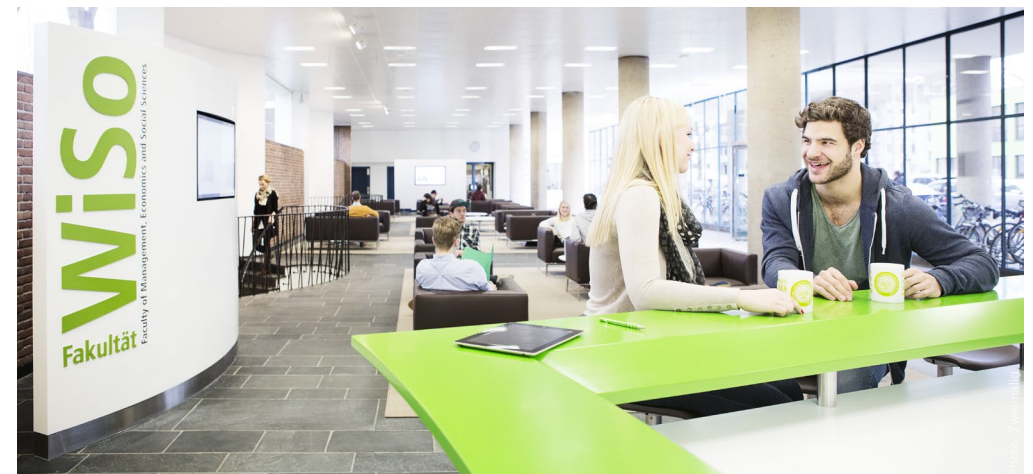
STUDY PROGRAMMES & SHORT PROGRAMMES

CEMS MIM: cems@wiso.uni-koeln.de

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CISU-MBA: wiso-cisu@uni-koeln.de





EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Exchange term (bachelor or master)

The Faculty's course offer for incoming students comprises numerous 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 block 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

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

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.

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available courses
taught in English

FALL TERM	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Presemester German language courses		Fall term / lecture period including exams				
		Early Leaver option				
SPRING TERM	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Presemester German language courses		Spring term / lecture period including exams				

TERM DATES

FALL TERM 2027/28

11 October 2027 – 04 February 2028

Exam period until 28 February 2028*

Early leavers: 11 October – 15 December 2027 (including exam period)

CEMS term & lecture period: 30 August – 15 December 2027 (optional late electives: December 2027 – mid-February 2028)

Pre-semester German language course (optional): September 2027

Orientation session (hybrid): 07 September 2027 (tentative)

Welcome Week: 04 – 08 October 2027

Exchange nomination deadline: 1 May 2027

Application deadline: 5 June 2027

SPRING TERM 2028

17 April – 28 July 2028

Exam period until mid August 2028*

CEMS term: 3 April – 31 July 2028

Pre-semester German language course (optional): March 2028

Orientation session (hybrid): March 2028 (tba)

Welcome Week: 10 April – 14 April 2028

Exchange nomination deadline: 1 Nov 2027

Application deadline: 1 Dec 2027

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

MBA SHORT PROGRAMMES

Open to Executive MBA, MBA and Masters students with 2+ year working experience and CV review.

Doing Business in Germany – Reimagining Mobility and Energy

Programme dates: 3–13 May 2027

Nomination period: 1 December 2026 – 31 January 2027

This 12-day intensive short programme for international students from selected partners is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the specificities of German business practices and to learn about the latest developments in the energy, mobility and automotive sectors, while travelling to various cities in Germany.

CISU-MBA – Leading Across Differences

Understanding People, Perspectives, and Power Dynamics

Programme dates: early August 2027 (tba)

Nomination period: 15 February – 31 March 2027

Two-week summer programme for international 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 are possible.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY LIVING COSTS

Accommodation: €550–800

Class materials: €30

Food: €300–500

Leisure activities: €100–250

Health insurance*: €130

Social contribution: €350 per semester**

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 on 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 require:

- Enrolment support starting in November/May
- Course registration support: students are guided through the online registration process close to the semester
- 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
- Welcome weeks & orientation in the weeks before classes, including academic information sessions, guided campus tour and social events
- Exchange Buddy Programme: Student 'Buddies' from Cologne help international students during their stay at the WiSo Faculty and in Cologne.

» My experience at Universität zu Köln was amazing from the start — I fell in love with the city and the people. The professors and staff were always helpful and encouraging, and the lectures themselves were interesting and engaging. «