

Department of International Affairs

What do we do?

- Advice and support for international students ([Team International Degree-Seeking Students](#))
- Coordination and advice on all aspects of study abroad programs ([Team International Mobility](#))
- Maintenance of [international partnerships](#)
- [Internationalization Strategy 2030](#)
- and more...



Team International Degree-Seeking Students

As part of the **Department of International Affairs** we advise you on...

- Orientation at TH Köln and in Germany
- Right of residence/immigration office
- Financing your studies
- Housing/Accommodation
- Health insurance
- Challenges during your studies




If we do not have the answer to your question, we will also support you in finding the right contact persons.

For Starters

Have a look at: www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students

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 - ◌ After your Arrival
 - ◌ TH Köln Buddy Program
 - ◌ Getting Started
 - ◌ Advisory Services
 - ◌ Health and Safety
 - ◌ Leisure

Degree-Seeking Students

- ✎ News for international students
- ✎ Before your Arrival
- ✎ Your Start of Studies at TH Köln
- ✎ Student Life in your City
- ✎ During your Studies

Welcome to TH Köln

Dear International Students,

We welcome you to our university and are pleased that you have decided to study at TH Köln.

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...and our Video Tutorials




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Getting Started at TH Köln



Where do I find my schedule? How does PSSO work? What do I need ILIAS for? What is a Fachschaft? At the beginning of your studies, you probably have lots of questions. This webpage can help you navigate your start at TH Köln.

- ✂ Your faculty – for all information on your degree program
- ✂ Fachschaften – "Faculty Student Association"
- ✂ CampusID
- ✂ WiFi, VPN, student e-mail address and other IT services
- ✂ learning platform ILU and TH Spaces
- ✂ CaMS
- ✂ PSSO
- ✂ Semester Ticket



After your arrival

Important steps

After your Arrival

Registering your place of residence

When to go?

Two weeks after you have moved into “permanent” place of residence

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- ✕ ~~Together against Corona~~
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- ✕ Residence permit from the immigration Office
- ✕ Bank account

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 More [info](#) on city registration

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Residence permit

- All **non-EU citizens** must request a residence permit for study purposes from the immigration office
- Entry visa are usually valid for **1 year**
- Visa-free entry valid for 3 months
- Process takes time, kick-off shortly after arrival or at least 3 months before your visa expires
- Current fee is approx. 110 €



After your Arrival

Residence permit

How to get it?

1. submit required documents via email
2. Immigration Office will check documents; in some cases, they may require additional documents
3. receive an appointment
4. visit the office and collect your residence permit

Keep in mind:

proof of financial resources (€ 934 per month / € 11,208 for one year)
must be provided every time you extend your residence permit

Important!

Amount will be raised to € 992 as of January 2025,
we recommend already blocking the new amount
starting September 1st, 2024



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More [info](#) on residence permit



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Accommodation

What to consider?

Accommodation

- ✓ KSTW maintains several dormitories in Cologne, Leverkusen and Gummersbach
- ✓ Apply now
 - www.kstw.de/wohnen/bewerbung
 - Select all types of housing in the online application
 - Waiting time 6 months and longer!
- ✓ Accept the offer, even if it does not have the desired location; all dormitories are connected to the public transport system.
- ✓ No room guarantee
- ✓ Check the private offers in the [database](#) of KSTW daily as well as other databases on the private market
- ✓ Specifically search for intermediate rent (*Zwischenmiete*)



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More [info](#) on housing and tips on finding a place to live

Ready, Study, Go Certificate Program



- we support you in your academic success
- we prepare you for the German labor market
- we offer you interesting contacts to companies in Cologne and the region
- you can find employment opportunities in companies - during your studies and after your graduation



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Academic Writing and Communication

German Track	English Track
Wissenschaftliches Schreiben in der Fremdsprache Deutsch: Grundlagen	Basics of Academic Writing
Wissenschaftliches Schreiben in der Fremdsprache Deutsch: Haus- und Abschlussarbeiten	Academic Writing – Term Papers
Überzeugend argumentieren in der Fremdsprache Deutsch	Academic Communication Skills – Discussions and Presentations

Application Trainings and German Work Culture

German Track	English Track
Berufliche Orientierung und Praktikumssuche	Professional orientation and finding an internship
Bewerbungstraining in Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Teil 1: schriftliche Bewerbung	Job Application in English part 1 – Creating effective application documents
Bewerbungstraining in Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Teil 2: Vorstellungsgespräch	Job Application in English part 2– Preparing for a job interview
Erfolgreich kommunizieren und interagieren am Arbeitsplatz in Deutschland	Interacting Effectively in the German Workplace



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Events Calendar


Keep your eyes open!

Getting started

Find all useful information for new first-year students summarized in our brochure "Getting started: Basic knowledge for new students and PhD students at TH Köln".

📄 **Getting started: Basic knowledge for new students and PhD students at TH Köln**
(PDF, 175 KB)

Offers for international students



Jun 27, 2024 - Web-Seminar for international students

First Steps@TH Köln: Pre-Arrival Web-Seminar for new international first-year students [in English]


You have recently received an admission letter to TH Köln? Congratulations! Join us in the Zoom Session for international first-year students to learn about the next steps and use the opportunity to meet other new students and to ask us any open questions you may have – we look forward to meeting you! [» More](#)

More events ● ○ ○

Ready, Study, Go for students

Are you looking for support to study successfully at TH Köln and in financing your studies? Are you interested in working in Cologne or the region - during your studies or after graduation? We support you with the "Ready, Study, Go" project.

[» Show more](#)




Infosession about the German Health Insurance

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Events

Jun 25, 2024 - Zoom Consultation Hours

[» Online consultation hours for international degree-seeking and prospective students](#)



Oct 11, 2024 - Welcome Event

Welcome Reception and Guided City Tour for international (PhD-) students

Henriette Reker, Mayor of Cologne, invites all newly enrolled international (PhD-)students to a reception at the Historical City Hall.

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Information by the Immigration Office of the City of Cologne for international students

Information Event, 21/11/2024



We would like to invite you to an information event on the right of residence of the Immigration Office of the City of Cologne.

At a Glance

Information by the Immigration Office of the City of Cologne for international students

Information Event

Where?
Mensa Zülpicher Straße 70, Ground Floor South.
[» Mensa Zülpicher Straße on the Map](#)

When?
📅 21/11/2024
🕒 from 17:00



[th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students](https://www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students)

Consultation Hours

Department of International Affairs



On campus:

Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon
(no appointment required)



Online:

th-koeln.de/ia-online-consultation

Join us via the link
or scan the QR-Code!



By telephone:

Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m.
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Let's stay in touch!

Your feedback is welcome any time

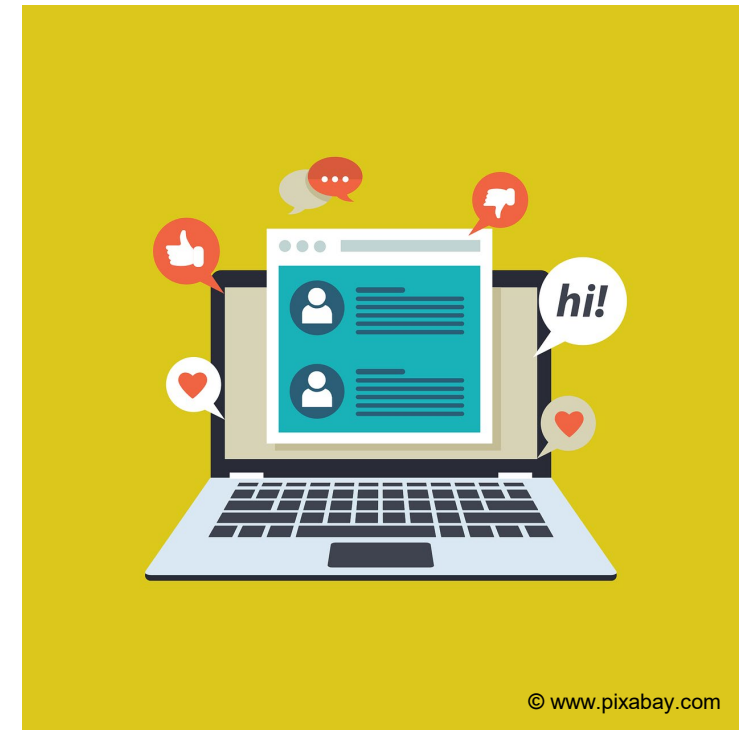


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Thank you very much for your attention
We wish you a successful start at TH Köln!