



The Cologne Global Study Program

Contemporary European Studies



Benefit from your University's exchange agreement with the University of Cologne and join the new Cologne Global Study Program in Contemporary European Studies for a semester or for a full academic year! This document provides you with detailed information on the program.

Make the most out of your stay abroad!

“Offering it all”: The Cologne Global Study Program is a short-term program consisting of English-taught courses in Contemporary European Studies as well as courses to learn or to improve your German language proficiency.

- **Gain expertise in European Affairs** from a range of custom-tailored courses in Contemporary European Studies as well as select faculty courses.
- **Learn the language:** Intensive German classes are an essential part of the curriculum.
- **Customize your study program!** It is flexible, so you can arrange your course schedule according to subject-related preferences and your time capacity.
- **Meet the people,** not only by living in and learning about Europe but through direct interaction. English-taught courses are open to international as well as German students, ensuring an intercultural learning environment.
- **Add a certificate to your personal records!** Successful participation will award you the Certificate of Contemporary European Studies or the Advanced Certificate of Contemporary European Studies (after two semesters).
- **Find all your student services under one roof!** While connecting you to several institutes of the University, CGSP-team will be available to support you from the start.
- **And by the way:** The program is free of tuition for exchange students from partner universities.



What to expect

To earn the Certificate of Contemporary European Studies students have to accumulate 30 credit points* per full semester. Obtained credit points will additionally be documented in a Transcript of Records, as certain credit points may contribute to your studies at home. The Cologne Global Study Program is structured in two basic modules and one elective module.

* One credit point represents the workload of 25 to 30 hours per semester as defined by the European credit transfer system.

Semester program

Basic Module 1

**Core courses “Contemporary European Studies”
3 courses, each from a different thematic field (3CP each)
1 final written exam (3CP)**

The basic module 1 offers you a range of courses that have been custom-tailored for the Cologne Global Study Program.

Basic Module 2

**“German as a Foreign Language”
Pre-semester course or general semester course (9CP each)**

We highly recommend the option of the pre-semester course, giving you the advantage of creating a more personal schedule.

Elective Module

**Core courses (3CP each)
faculty courses (3/6CP each)
language course (9CP)
intercultural course(3CP)**

The elective module is your chance to give your program the ultimate individual touch by choosing freely from further core courses, language courses, selected faculty courses or the intercultural course

Examinations and demands include

- Graded essays in each of the core courses Class minutes in core courses (written and presented at least once during the course)
- Written tests in the "German as a Foreign Language"-classes
- Active participation and additional tasks in regular classes

Language requirements

English language proficiency is a prerequisite to apply for the program. The University of Cologne expects you to have mastered at least Level B2 (vantage, independent user) according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) proved by TOEFL iBT (minimum score 80), IELTS (5,5) or equivalent tests. Proficiency in German is not required.

Take a closer look!

'Core courses' in Contemporary European Studies may include:

Politics and Law

- Current issues of European politics
- Principles of European law
- Introduction to European institutions

Economy and Society

- European economic development
- Social policy in the European Union
- Demographic change in 'Old Europe'

Culture and History

- Contemporary European history
- European literature in the Cold War era
- Introduction to the linguistics of the languages of Europe

German as a Foreign Language:

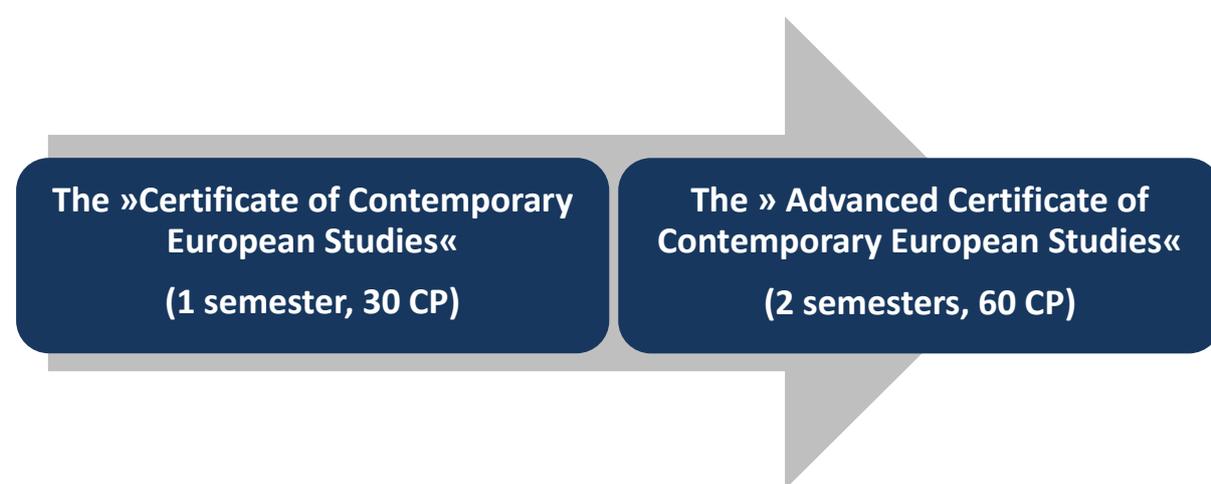
German language courses are provided by the UoC's "German as a foreign language"-Department, and organized as a pre-semester block course or a regular semester course. Classes are limited to max. 30 students. Courses cover all levels, from basic to proficient user level. In addition to the standard course (pre-semester: 20 hours/week, semester: 2x4

hours/week) there are complementary language courses on offer: Grammar, Reading/Listening Comprehension, and Writing.

Faculty Courses

Additional courses in the thematic field of European Studies are carefully selected from the 250+ BA and MA-programs spanning the six faculties of the UoC: Management, Economics and Social Sciences; Law; Arts and Humanities; Human Sciences; Mathematics and Natural Sciences; Medicine.

Extending your stay? Enhance your Certificate!



Following the same regulations as applied in the first semester, you can earn another 30 CP to obtain the Advanced Certificate of European Studies. Our counselling team will be at your side to help you choose the classes that will complement your already gained knowledge.

Dates, Duration and Deadlines

The German academic year consists of two semesters, each covering a lecture period and a lecture-free period between terms.

Summer (spring) semester: Mar. 1 – Apr. 13, 2017 (Pre-semester)

Apr. 18 – Jul. 28, 2017

Winter (fall) semester: Mid-Aug. – Sep. 29, 2016 (Pre-semester)

Oct. 2, 2016 – Jan. 26, 2018

Detailed program information and course syllabus will be provided online soon.

Students who have been nominated by partner universities can apply for the Cologne Global Study Program "Contemporary European Studies", when submitting their application documents to University of Cologne. Note: This application does not guarantee participation in the Program. If the number of applications exceeds the capacity, your application will be reviewed for selection by 31 January, 2017.

Good to know!

As a student of the University of Cologne you will benefit from a diverse range of offers and activities. Whether it is a performance at the University's theatre "Studiobühne" or a good workout at the University's gym *UniFit*, you will always find things to do outside the classroom. And once more, you will find yourself in the middle of an intercultural environment, as many of our German and international students like to take advantage of these offers.

The University of Cologne is looking forward to welcome you this coming semester and we would be delighted if you decide to participate in the Cologne Global Study Program. Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the CGSP-Team.



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