Fachhochschule Köln
Cologne University of Applied Sciences

Cologne University of Applied Sciences is Germany's biggest University of Applied Sciences with about 16,000 students and 400 professors. Ten faculties offer over 60 courses of study in engineering and social sciences as well as in the humanities, ranging from architecture via mechanical engineering and social work to business law and languages. The wide range of subjects yields excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary projects and cooperations. Its top-quality teaching and research spectrum puts Cologne University of Applied Sciences much in demand. The university cultivates close relations with universities both at home and abroad.

About 60 percent of all degree and project thesis are drafted in cooperation with businesses. The results are a seal of approval for students and tailored solutions for the businesses involved that can make immediate use of. Students can thus find contacts in the industries and start their own career paths without delay.

Cologne University of Applied Sciences currently offers 32 master’s degree courses. Numerous bridging courses assist students in starting their studies well. Our wide range of courses in key qualification fields offers students vital support in their studies and when commencing their later careers. Many students take the opportunity to study for a semester or two at foreign universities or take up internships abroad.

Master's Degree

In the Bachelor process, Europe's education ministers resolved in 1999 to align the national degree qualifications in structure and content by 2010. Bachelor's and master's degree courses are now comparable all over Europe.

The master builds up on the bachelor’s degree and is more specialized. The course is characterized by high interdisciplinary content as the knowledge taught is not narrow in scope and both theory and practice from other courses are used. As master’s degree courses are oriented to the research emphasis of the specific discipline their research content is high to promote new science. Some of the modules are partially tailored. Some students must learn on their own with the help of a mentor, book knowledge or online seminars. The modules are properly accredited and approved.

They usually take two years and are of modular structure. Each module can stand alone and is made up of several parts (lectures, exercises, seminars). Application, methodology, and lay skills knowledge is imparted as well as specialized knowledge. Each module the student gains earns him or her credit points so that the student can earn merit toward their degree throughout the course. The degree pass mark is made up of the degree thesis as well as three accumulated credit points. In humanities courses, a Master of Arts or of Laws is awarded; in natural sciences a Master of Science or of Engineering.

A bachelor’s degree or equivalent is required to be accepted for a master’s degree course. You have the choice between consecutive (in the same or a related subject as your prior degree or equivalent) and non-consecutive courses.

Courses Offered

Humanities and Social Sciences

- Counselling and Advocacy in Social Law (E)
- Library and Information Sciences (only S)

Business Sciences

- International Business (E)
- Market-oriented Business Management (Start WS 08/09)
- Media Law and Media Business (Start WS 08/09)
- Insurance Studies (P)

Other Courses

Combined courses for employees
- Business Informatics (Bachelor/Master) (Campus GM in cooperation with Dortmund University of Applied Sciences)

Application deadlines are given at www.fh-koeln.de/studieninfos and available from the central student advice office.
Central Student Advice Office

- Information on every course with structure and content as well as admission rules
- Advice on choosing the right course
- Humanities Centre, Claudiusstraße 1, Phone: +49-221-8275-3407; -3480; studieninfos@fh-koeln.de
- Main - Fri 10.00 - 12.00 Uhr, 1.00 - 5.00 p.m.; Thu add. 3.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Career Service

- Advice, information and events information as preparation for your career
- Engineering Centre, Betzdorfer Str. 2
- Phone: +49-221-8275-2121, career-service@fh-koeln.de

Centre for Professional Qualifications (ZaQ)

- Seminars on key qualifications: e.g. presentation techniques, project planning methods, conflict management, rhetorical abilities
- Phone: +49-221-10023-29
- www.za-q.de

General Students’ Union (AStA)

- Social and grant advice
- Informatics and Engineering Sciences (F 10)
- Sports programme in Cologne
- Phone: +49-221-8275-3480; mail@asta.fh-koeln.de

Profile

The range of courses offered at over 60 institutes covers both the humanities/social sciences and engineering sciences. Our innovative and future-oriented approach of inter- and trans-disciplinary projects, especially in research, feasible. Trans-disciplinary research projects offer the opportunity to approach complex problems from a holistic and not merely a narrowly focused viewpoint.

Ethics, responsibility, sustainability for society and the environment - these are the premises governing research at Cologne University of Applied Sciences. This is reflected in our research profile. Activities can be classified into eight fields of particular relevance to business and society:

- Social Competence
- Exhibitions/Communications/Design
- Conservation of Ancient Monuments and Regional Planning
- Interdisciplinary Vehicle System
- Development Information, Media and Communication Technology
- Computational Services and Software Quality
- Water, Energy, Environment
- Services in Social, Business and Engineering Change

Humanities Centre

Claudiusstraße 1, 50678 Köln (Südstadt)

Business Studies, Insurance Studies (F 04)

Information Sciences (F 05), study college for international students, German as a foreign language

Route using public transport: tram routes 15 or 16 to the Ubierring stop

Bus routes 150, 132 and 134 to Chlodwigplatz

Engineering Centre

Betzdorfer Str. 2, 50678 Köln-Deutz

Engineering courses (F 06), F 07, F 08, F 09, Architecture (F 00), study college for international students, German as a foreign language

Route using public transport: tram routes 1 or 9; bus route 155, to the Deutz Kalker Bad stop

Campus Gummersbach

Stemmlerallee 1, 51643 Gummersbach

Informatics and Engineering Sciences (F 10)

Public transport: Train from Cologne main station to Gummersbach and then to the Gummersbach bus station

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