



## First Semester Introduction

### Summer Semester 2024

Department of International Affairs

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## 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...

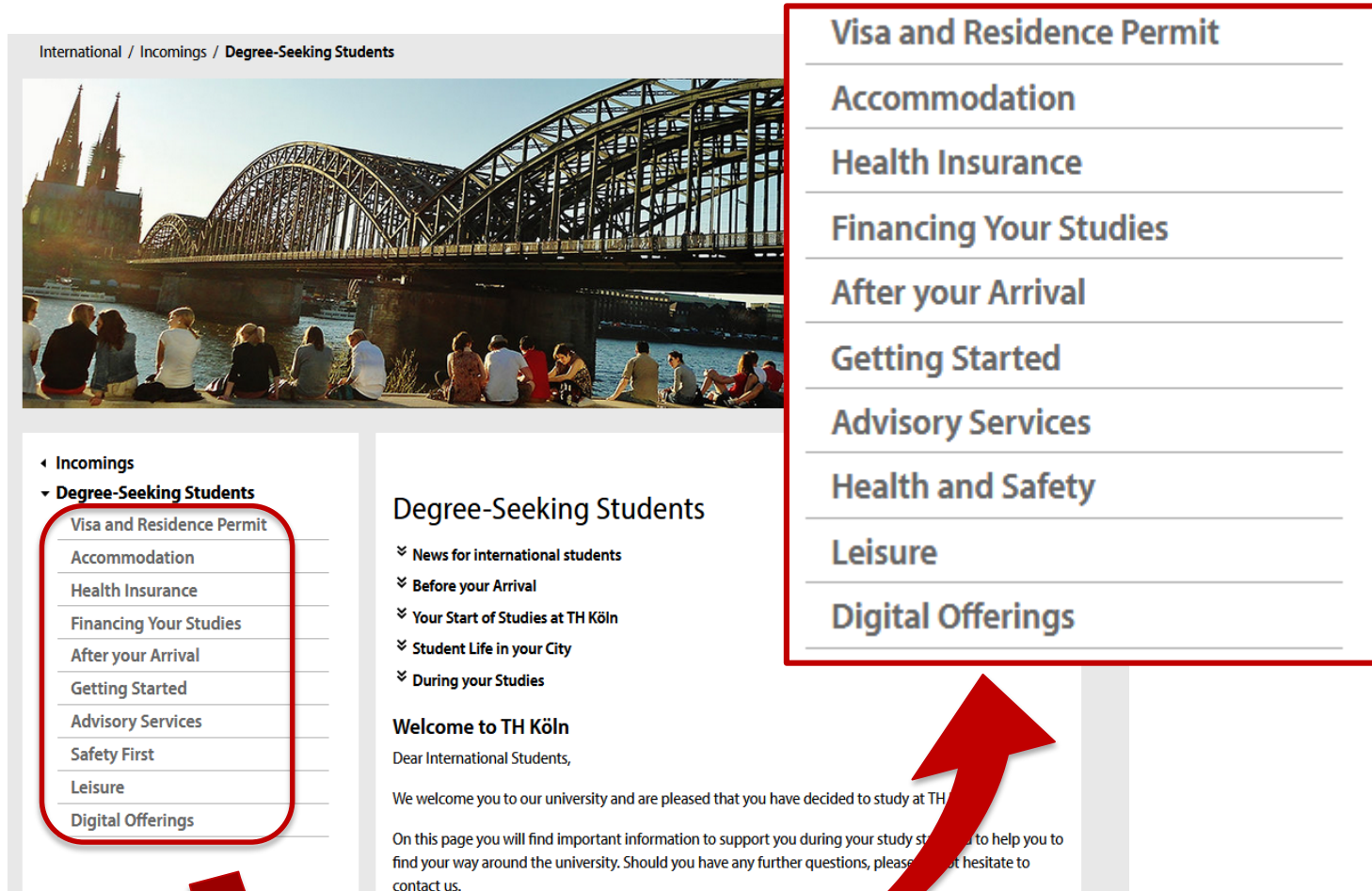
- **Orientation** at TH Köln
- Questions about **right of residence**
- Questions about **financing** your studies
- Questions about **housing**
- Questions about **health insurance**
- **Challenges** during your studies




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

# Where to start?

Have a look at: [www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students](http://www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students)



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- Visa and Residence Permit
- Accommodation
- Health Insurance
- Financing Your Studies
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## 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.

On this page you will find important information to support you during your study stay and to help you to find your way around the university. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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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? During your first days in Cologne, you will 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
- ✎ ILIAS learning platform
- ✎ PSSO

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**After your arrival**

Important steps

# After your Arrival

## Registering your place of residence

### Where to go?

Any of the city district offices




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**After your Arrival**



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- ✗ Bank account

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### When to go?

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



More [info](#) on city registration

# After your Arrival

## Residence permit

- All **non-EU citizens** must request a residence permit for study purposes from the immigration office
- Entry visa are usually valid for **three or six months** only
- Process takes time, kick-off shortly after arrival
- Current fee is approx. 110 €





# After your Arrival

## Residence permit

### How to get it?

1. submit required documents via email or electronic form
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



# After your Arrival Residence permit

**Recommendation for Cologne**  
Use the special student service



- Online form:  
application for residence permit ([Erstantrag](#))
- Email:  
[auslaenderamt-arbeitsmigration@stadt-koeln.de](mailto:auslaenderamt-arbeitsmigration@stadt-koeln.de)
- Address:  
Dillenburger Str. 56-66, 50475 Köln

**Stadt Köln** Erstantrag  
Die Oberbürgermeisterin  
Ausländeramt Dillenburger Str.

**Eingangsvermerk**

**Antrag auf Erteilung eines befristeten Aufenthaltstitels - Aufenthaltsgesetz**

Grundsätzlich gilt der Antrag mit erfolgreichem Abschluss der Übermittlung des Formulars unter Angabe von mindestens Name, Vorname und Geburtsdatum als gestellt. Außerdem benötigen wir Ihre E-Mail-Adresse. Berücksichtigen Sie bitte, dass der Antrag erst abschließend bearbeitet werden kann, wenn alle erforderlichen Angaben und Unterlagen vorliegen.

# After your arrival

## Residence permit

The screenshot shows a website page for international students. The breadcrumb trail at the top is 'International / Incomings / Degree-Seeking Students / After your Arrival', which is circled in red. The left navigation menu includes 'Incomings', 'Degree-Seeking Students', and 'After your Arrival' (which is selected). The main content area is titled 'After your Arrival' and features a map of Cologne with a red pushpin. Below the map is a list of topics: 'Corona information on quarantine upon entry to Germany', 'Together against Corona', 'Registering your place of residence', 'Residence permit from the Immigration Office', and 'Bank account'. The 'Residence permit from the Immigration Office' item is circled in red. A link to view the page in German is also visible.


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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](http://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



# Events Calendar

## Keep your eyes open!

**News for international students**  
In this section, we would like to share with you current offerings for international students. We will update this section regularly. We look forward to seeing you here again soon.

**Offers for international first-year students**


**Just Arrived / Getting Started**  
The guides for your first days in Germany and at TH Köln.  
✔ Just Arrived (PDF, 2 MB)  
✔ Getting started (PDF, 784 KB)

**First Steps @TH Köln**  
✔ First Steps @TH Köln Presentation [in English] (PDF, 8 MB)  
✔ First Steps @TH Köln Präsentation [in German] (PDF, 8 MB)


**Events**  
Jul 26, 2022 - Zoom Consultation Hours  
✔ Online consultation hours for international degree-seeking and prospective students  
Jul 26, 2022

**How to beat procrastinations and stick to plans (in English)**  
Procrastination is a wide-spread problem when studying. In this workshop we will work with different strategies against procrastination. One main strategy will be good habits for studying. Good habits will help you getting things done and to avoid delaying your exam preparations and learning plans. » More

**First Steps @TH Köln**  
Presentation now online!



**Offers for international students**




**Apr 12, 2024 - Welcome Event**

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

Henriette Reker, Mayor of Cologne, invites all newly enrolled international students and scholars to a reception at the Historical City Hall. » More

**Offers for international students**




**Apr 23, 2024 - Information Event**

**Infoevent German Labor Market**

We would like to invite you to an information event for international students about entering the German Labor Market. » More

**Offers for international students**



**May 15, 2024 - Web-Seminar for international students**

**Visa, Residence Title and the Immigration Office – Things you need to know!**

You have a non-EU nationality and study at TH Köln with a visa or a residence permit for study purposes? Then you certainly have many questions about this topic and the responsibilities of the Immigration Office. To give you an overview, we have compiled a lot of helpful information and useful tips so that you are well prepared when the time comes to extend your residence permit. » More



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# 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](https://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.

T: +49 221-8275-3772 (Incomings Exchange and Outgoings)

T: +49 221-8275-2910 (International Degree-Seeking Students)

## Let's stay in touch!

Your feedback is welcome any time

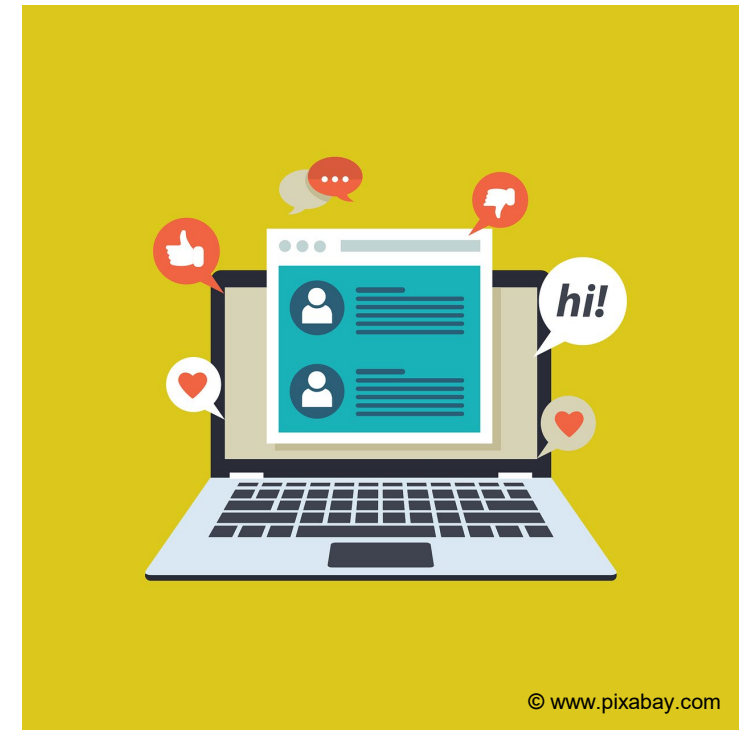


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**Thank you very much for your attention**  
**We wish you a successful start at TH Köln!**