

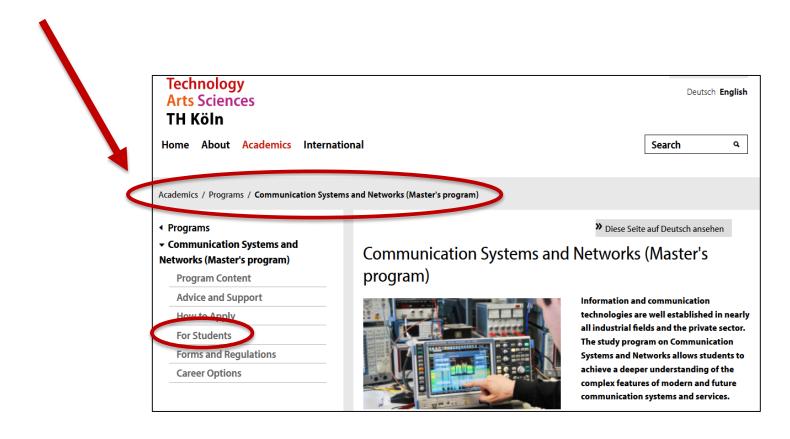
**First Semester Introduction** 

Winter Semester 2023

Department of International Affairs

## **Today's Presentation**

### Available for download



## **Department of International Affairs**

### What do we do?

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



# Team International Degree-Seeking Students As part of the Department of International Affairs we advise you on...

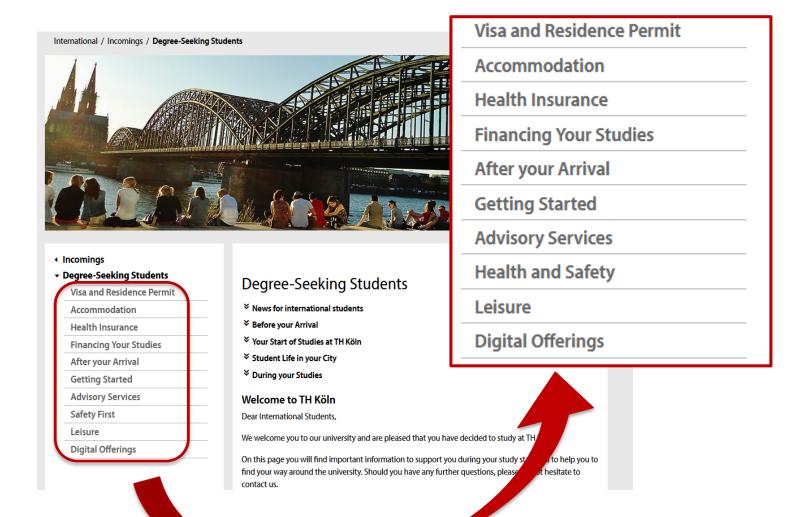
- Orientation at TH Köln
- Questions about right of residence
- Questions about financing your studies
- Questions about housing
- Questions about health insurance
- Challenges during your studies



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

### Where to start?

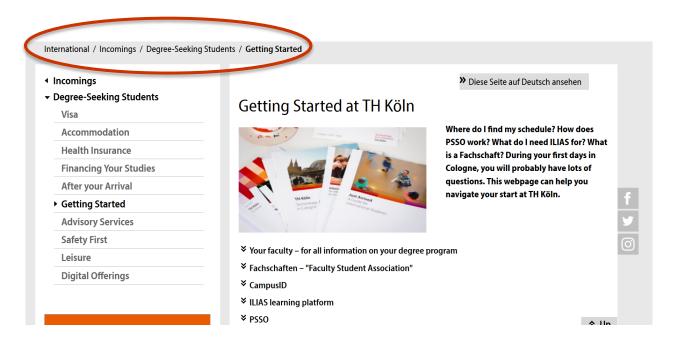
Have a look at: <a href="https://www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students">www.th-koeln.de/international-first-year-students</a>



## ...and our Video Tutorials



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After your arrival

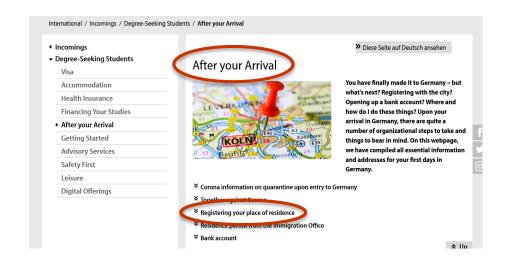
Important steps

## **After your Arrival**

## Registering your place of residence

### Where to go?

Any of the city district offices





### 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
- 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

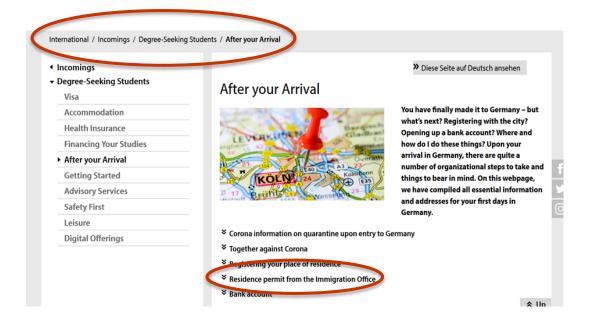
#### **Recommendation for Cologne**

Use the special student service

- Online form:
   application for residence permit (<u>Erstantrag</u>)
   => select: Ausländeramt Dillenburger Str.
- Email: auslaenderamt-arbeitsmigration@stadt-koeln.de
- Address:
   Dillenburger Str. 56-66, 50475 Köln



# After your arrival Residence permit







## **Accommodation**

What to consider?

### **Accommodation**

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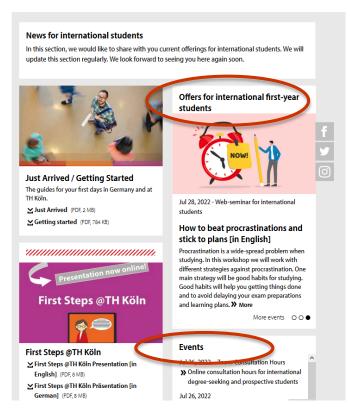
- ✓ KSTW maintains several dormitories in Cologne, Leverkusen and Gummersbach
- ✓ Apply now
  - www.kstw.de/wohnen/bewerbung
  - Select all types of housing in the online application
  - Waiting time 6 months and longer!
- ✓ Accept the offer, even if it does not have the desired location; all dormitories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



More info on housing and tips on finding a place to live



# **Events Calendar**Keep your eyes open!





# Save the Date International Week // October 2023

#### Working Together in International Teams

International Week: Workshop, 21/10/2023



You are learning in study groups together with students from different cultural backgrounds or you would like to prepare yourself for a job in an increasingly international work environment? This workshop will provide you with the necessary skills.

## Side jobs for international degree-seeking students – things you need to know!

International Week: Web-Seminar, 27/10/2023



Are you interested in working while studying at university? Then you certainly have many questions about the topic "side jobs for international students". To give you an overview, here is everything you need to know and many useful tips so that you are well prepared at the end!

## Visa, Residence Permit and the Immigration Office – Things you need to know

International Week: Web-Seminar, 23/10/2023



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.

#### How to study at a German university - avoiding pitfalls

International Week: Web-Seminar, 27/10/2023



The better an idea you have about how universities in Germany work, the less likely you will run into situations that are unclear or frustrating. Knowing about cultural differences will help you adapt faster to life in Germany inside and outside the university. We will discuss topics such as direct communication, self-initiative, interaction between professors and students and the role of rules.



# **Consultation Hours**

## **Department of International Affairs**



#### **Consultation hours:**

Deutz Campus: Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon Südstadt Campus: Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon Gummersbach Campus: Mondays 10 a.m. - 12 noon



### **Online consultation hours:**

th-koeln.de/ia-online-consultation





### Office hours by telephone:

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m.

Thursdays: 2 - 4 p.m. T: +49 221-8275-3772

## Let's stay in touch!

## Your feedback is welcome any time



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Feel free to contact us and watch out for emails from us:

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