University Catering

Fresh and sustainable – something different every day

Every day, around 30,000 guests come to the canteens, bistros and coffee bars of the "Werk". Most of our establishments can be found directly on the university premises. The meals are provided at discounted prices for all students, and there is a wide selection of dishes. Regular street food events round off the daily offering of fresh meals – which also includes vegetarian and vegan options.

You will love it.

An overview of what we provide
• eight canteens, 18 bistros and coffee bars, as well as the Italian café "piccolo w"
• our menus, which change every day, always include at least one vegetarian option – sometimes with certified organic ingredients
• a varied salad buffet in each canteen
• special events at alternating locations, e.g. street food, Asian specialities, burger events, etc.
• regular seasonal specialities ("Pumpkin week", "Asparagus time")

Cashless payment
All our facilities are set up for cashless payments using your student ID card or your "mensa" card. You can use the card-reading device at the entrance to the canteen to check whether you still have enough money on your card.

Childcare centres
 Plenty of attention for the little ones

Seven percent of students in Cologne are already parents, most of them with small children. We are therefore constantly expanding childcare facilities. In our four childcare centres, we currently have space for 65 children and lots of fun!

Our childcare centres
• Uni-Kids
  Tel. 0221 406 15 37
  uni-kids@kstw.de
• Purzelbaum
  Tel. 0221 942 65 - 611
  purzelbaum@kstw.de
• Campus-Zwerge
  Tel. 0221 931 12 56
  campus-zwerge@kstw.de
• Stoppersöckchen
  Tel. 0221 470 88 60
  stoppersoeckchen@kstw.de

Student Financing

Individual guidance and support in financing your studies

Having sufficient funds is an important prerequisite for successful studies. The cost of living in Cologne is particularly high in a national comparison. At the "Werk", we can offer you guidance and advice on all the issues around financing your education.

Our services
• we will help you find the best option for financing your studies
• we can offer advice on BAföG
• we can give you all the information you need about the interest-free Daka loans
• we can mediate in setting up KfW student loans
• we can supply information and advice concerning scholarships and student loans
• Online application - fill in form 1, print it out, sign it and send it in

International Culture

Cologne is full of different kinds of people – like your degree course

Meeting people from a range of different cultural backgrounds helps to think outside the box. We provide a wide range of cultural events which are not only great fun and help you develop your skills, but also give you the chance to make new contacts.

Activities and events
• Town hall reception for international students
• German-French exchange, Lille-Cologne
• language swap, up and off relation
• Information event with the City of Cologne department in charge of foreigners
• Multi-cultural cuisine

So many services in one place

The "Werk" makes your life as a student really easy. We provide you with all the important information and contact details you need for all the new areas of your life – accommodation, student finance, a comprehensive range of advisory services, catering, culture and much, much more.

Studying made easy
The “Werk”

Our goal is that you succeed in getting your degree

The 660 employees of the Cologne “Studierendenwerk” will help you to shape your everyday life as a student, as well as showing you how to save time and money.

The “Werk” offers assistance to 86,000 students at seven different universities in Cologne:

• University of Cologne – Uni
• Technical University of Cologne – TH
• German Sport University of Cologne – TH
• Cologne University of Applied Sciences and Distance Learning – HfMT
• Cologne Academy of Media Arts – KHM
• Catholic University of North Rhine-Westphalia, Cologne department – KatHo
• Cologne Business School – CBS

An overview of the services we provide

• Canteens, bistros and coffee bars
• Dormitory rooms in residence halls
• Student loans (BAföG, Daka loans, KfW student loans)
• Counselling and social support
• Childcare centres
• Cultural events and activities to promote the integration of international students

Our range of services

Counselling, Childcare and Social Support

Counselling, Childcare and Social Support

Tel. 0221 942 65-213 bis 228, wohnen@kstw.de

Counselling, Childcare and Social Support

Tel. 0221 168 815-0, bksa-sekretariat@kstw.de

Counselling and Social Services

Support with getting your degree and personal issues

With our comprehensive advisory and support services, we specialise in issues typical to the lives of students. Our advice is always free and confidential, and we can offer you up-to-date information on legal change.

Advisory services at the “Werk”

- Confidential and independent – nobody will be informed that you have come to see us.
- Experienced and qualified – specialist personnel provide professional advisory services: coaching and training, crisis intervention and therapy.
- Wide range of services: personal coaching, individual support, therapy.
- Psychological counselling: overcoming personal crises, referring the scope for action, gaining confidence in regard to examinations, building self-confidence, and much more.
- Advice on learning and study methods: working techniques, time and self-management skills, writing academic papers, examination coaching, and much more.
- Social support: finding jobs, insurance and social welfare benefits, students with children, students with disabilities, international students, loans and assistance funds.
- Anonymous online counselling – prompt, free of charge and confidential: kstw.de.

Sometimes an ice cream can help. If not, come to us!

The average rent is EUR 262 per month.

Rent is all-inclusive, it includes the costs of electricity, heating, tenant insurance and internet service. The “Werk” provides special residential accommodation for students with children, those with a disability and those who suffer fromchronic illness.

Accommodation

We have a diverse range of accommodation options, all reasonably priced and close to the university.

Leasing a room in private hands is a College, and students can become very aware of this. For this reason, many first-year students begin their search for accommodation long before they start their degree course.

The “Werk” provides accommodation to over 4,070 students in Cologne in 91 different residence halls. The search for the right residence hall and the necessary information is a lot easier if you are close to the university.

We provide three types of accommodation – dormitory rooms on a corridor with a shared kitchen and bathroom, single rooms in a shared flat (2–7 persons), or apartments which include a kitchen area and a bathroom with shower.

You can find details of all our residential establishments, prices, facilities, floor plans and transport connections, on kstw.de.