PREPARE YOUR FUTURE: COMPETENCIES FOR STUDIES AND CAREER
The ProfessionalCenter is a central institution of the Vice-Rectorate for Teaching and Studies at the University of Cologne. It offers students of all Faculties workshops that foster professional and personal development and orientation.

- Within the framework of the Studium Integrale, you can acquire professional skills and make use of offers that facilitate learning and help you reach your study goals.
- Various event formats offer you the opportunity to get to know different working environments and build your personal network.
- Experienced coaches offer guidance during your transition from studies to professional career.
- Through its own scientific research projects, the ProfessionalCenter’s range of services is constantly evolving.

Further information available in German can be found at: www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de

Information about the University of Cologne and all its institutions can be found at: www.uni-koeln.de
COURSES

The Studium Integrale and extracurricular offers at the University of Cologne give you the opportunity to look beyond your own nose. Irrespective of your selected field of study, you can sniff into other departments and develop your own interests.

Our courses are part of the Studium Integrale/ the extracurricular offers. We offer you a variety of courses that help you attain your degree and gain professional skills. With our practice-oriented range of services, we want to bridge the gap between business, society, and university.

At our events, you can learn in interdisciplinary groups from experienced experts and leaders and try yourself out in other disciplines. We would like to help you develop your professional skills so that you are prepared for whatever awaits you after your studies.

You can find our events in KLIPS 2.0 via your Curriculum Support in the section “Studium Integrale”/ “Extracurricular Offers” under the headings “Professional Competencies” and “Study Skills”.

Or you can find more information in German on our website at:
www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de/lehrveranstaltungen

We also offer the following special formats.

**Power Your Life** – you work on a real project in a company of your choice for one semester in small groups of students. For this glimpse of professional practice, you will earn credit points in the Studium Integrale. All projects are accompanied by mentors from the respective companies and allow you to build a network there.
www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de/poweryourlife

**Lecture Series** – lecturers from different departments and experts from science and business give talks on various topics. Addressing socially significant issues from a variety of fields, the lecture series allows you to broaden your horizon.
www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de/ringvorlesung

**Service Learning** – that means learning through commitment. Over the course of one semester, you work in a multidisciplinary team on a social, cultural, or ecological project and acquire expertise which you will be able to use later in your professional life.
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“Service Learning” allows you to think outside the box and gain valuable experience. The opportunity to get hands-on training while studying – and doing something good at the same time – is a unique experience.”

Yvonne, Social Sciences

“The Career Week gave me a wonderful insight into the world of applications. I’ve been able to take home a lot of helpful advice along with great application photos.”

Riccarda, Psychology

“The time and priority management course” was a really great seminar from which I have greatly profited in my studies and my everyday life. I would take this seminar again anytime and I can only recommend it.”

Rebecca, Rehabilitation Sciences

“Power Your Life” has given me the opportunity to gain practical experience and work with fellow students on an exciting project.”

Raoul, Business Administration


**CAREER OFFERS**

In addition to the curriculum offered in the Studium Integrale, the Professional Center supports you in your career orientation and planning with the following topics.

At the **Career Week**, professional coaches and companies from different industries are available for one-week lectures, workshops, and consulting sessions. You receive valuable tips on your individual application process and career entry.

Further information available in German at:
www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de/careerweek

The **JobTour** offers a bus ride that takes you to five potential employers in the region in one day. You get to know possible fields of activity and other employees onsite and can initiate first talks with personnel managers.

Further information available in German at:
www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de/jobtour

**Career coaching** is designed to help you help yourself. That way, you gain clarity regarding decisions, goals, and potentials for your studies as well as for your career and life. The volunteering coaches have a wealth of experience and expertise from various fields of work. Each coaching is individually agreed upon and takes place in five individual sessions.

Further information available in German at:
www.professionalcenter.uni-koeln.de/coaching

**CAREER SERVICE NETWORK**

To ensure a smooth transition to your professional career, you need competent and subject-specific advice, but also perspectives that you may not have thought about yet. Take advantage of the advice your Faculty’s Career Service offers at an early stage.

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RESEARCH AREAS

The ProfessionalCenter combines its teaching with scientifically based research in order to tailor the offer to your needs and to contribute to the continuous improvement of the quality of teaching and studies at the University of Cologne.

The area teaching and evaluation research scrutinizes the courses offered. We regularly analyse their didactic and methodical design in order to optimize the strategic orientation of our teaching. In addition, on the basis of the technical, methodological, social, and personal competence imparted, we examine the significance of the conveyed contents for your further studies and your career entry.

In addition, the scientific work at the ProfessionalCenter focuses on specific research questions within the scope of the offer. Hence, we examine the possible effects of the interdisciplinary nature of the courses in detail as well. In the area of service learning, we are moreover exploring the possibility of how learning and volunteering can be successfully combined.

For you as a student, the ProfessionalCenter offers the opportunity to conduct your own independent and expertly supervised research project. For example, you can combine theory and practice within the framework of Power Your Life, or dedicate yourself to a relevant topic with a student research project.

Further information in German at:
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