

Shopping

As Cologne is a big city, in general, it is convenient to shop here. It is easy to get everything you need. When first coming, there is a IKEA in the suburb. There is one store called TEDOX just at the stop Weishausstra. on line 18. That is also cheap and offer variety living stuff. If you don't need so much furniture, you can just go there to pick some towel, pillow or pot. That is convenient.

If you want to shop for some cloth, shoes and etc., and then NEUMARK must be the best choice. That is a big shopping area from Rudolfplatz to Heumarkt. There is also a department store in Kalpost station.

I sometimes go to asian supermarket, when I miss our asian food. There are two big asian supermarket I know. I bought chinese noodle, paddy, soy sauce, some paste or dumpling there. One is just next to the station Mauritiuskirche on Lien9, and the other is at the universitaetstra. on line 1 & 7.

Exercising

If you would like to use the sport facilities of the university or exercise regularly with other students in Cologne. The University of Cologne has a huge range of sports courses on offer each semester. Most are free or involve a very small fee for students. You can take a look of following

websites: <http://www.hochschulsport-koeln.de/>, <http://campussport-koeln.de>

Besides the courses offered by university, you can also choose it from UniFit(<http://www.unifit-koeln.de/>). UniFit is a brand new sport center which offers a wide range of different exercise machines. You can apply for a 3-month-membership (for 70 EUR) or a 6-month-membership (for 90 EUR). Guest students are very welcome; you just have to bring your student's ID to get a membership. For being allowed to train at the center you have to visit a introductory course (3 times for 2 hours in one week).