



Finding Accommodation In Germany

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a teal top and black pants, sits cross-legged on an orange sofa with a purple and red cushion. Above her head is a purple lightbulb icon flanked by two red question marks. Surrounding her are several accommodation options, each in a colored circle:

- commute (purple circle)
- own apartment (purple circle)
- flat sharing community (red circle)
- countryside (red circle)
- suburb (orange circle)
- dormitory (orange circle)
- city center (purple circle)
- close to TH Köln (red circle)



Housing in Germany

- **International students in Germany have several accommodation options, depending on their budget, preferences, and availability.**
- **You should start by figuring out exactly what you want. This will help you narrow down the list of options and therefore facilitate and speed up the renting process.**

You Should Think about :



Whether you want to live alone or you want a flatmate.



What city/neighborhood are you interested (Mainly based on the location of your host university .)



How many rooms should there be, what floor is comfortable for you.



Maximum amount of money you're willing to spend for the monthly rent.

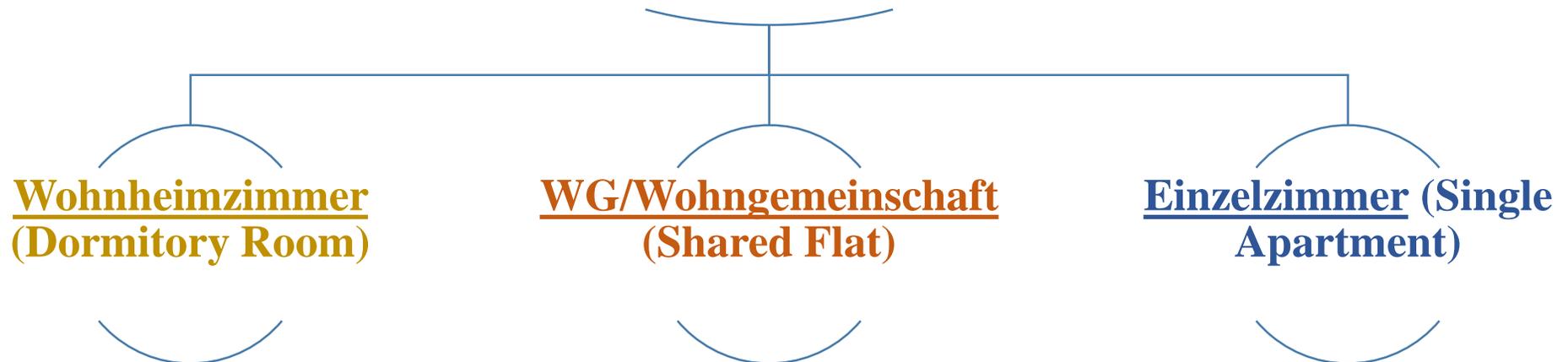


Accommodation Options

There are three possibilities for finding an accommodation :

1. Automatically with the university application form.
2. Independently (directly to the Studentenwerk)
3. Private accommodation.

Main Types of Student Accommodation





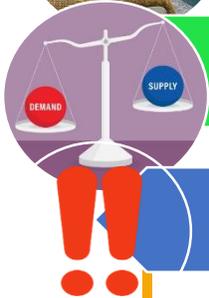
Accommodation Options

1) Wohnheimzimmer (Dormitory Room):

Own room (usually with sink) in dormitory floor, shared kitchen/bathroom (men/woman separated).



Accommodation in a residence hall is one of the most affordable accommodation options. Every German university town has several halls of residence.



Finding an available spot can be challenging at some universities due to large demand, knowing that it's a good option for students who would like to socialize and be in a community full of fellow students.

To secure a place in student halls of residence, you should make sure to apply as soon as possible (after you receive your letter of admission to your preferred university in Germany).



! Dorm rooms – not guaranteed! Look for private housing!

! Dormitory capacities.





Accommodation Options

2) WG/Wohngemeinschaft (Shared Flat):

Own room in flat shared with 2-4 other students (mixed gender or woman only). Shared kitchen and bathroom(s).

Please get used to living in a “WG” (shared flat)

WGs - most usual form of student housing in Germany.

Cheapest.

Excellent to make friends & learn German. 😊

Everybody has his/her own room, shared kitchen and sometimes bathrooms.





Accommodation Options

3) Einzelzimmer (Single Apartment):

Own flat with own bathroom/kitchen.



Students who have a larger budget may choose to rent an entire flat and live alone. The cost of rent for an entire apartment can be challenging to cover, so the formerly mentioned options are more popular among international students. As an international student living alone, you will have to pay rent and utilities on your own.





Accommodation Cost

- ✓ It is widely known that the cost of rent is one of the biggest expenses international students face when studying in Germany.
- ✓ The accommodation cost is not definite, since it can vary depending on the type of accommodation and university location.



Lower living costs ↓	Higher living costs ↑
North & East	West and South
Smaller cities	Bigger cities
WG < Dormitory	Single Apartment

Rent in larger cities like Munich, Cologne, or Hamburg and Frankfurt am Main tends to be higher than in smaller cities like Leipzig.



Searching for an Accommodation

As you find out you gained admission to your chosen German university.

You should start by figuring out exactly what you want

Keep in mind that Accommodation **arranged by the university** is the best option, so you should apply for having one, even if you are thinking to search for a private one.

Then you should start Searching for an accommodation using **Facebook groups**, **Websites**, etc.



Keep in mind

- ✓ The **private housing** market in Germany is tense.
- ✓ **! You cannot access your money in Germany before you have found a fixed accommodation and registered in your city with your address !**
- ✓ For your internship semester, you can then **freely** choose your housing by yourself. You will know Germans and Germany much better by that time.



Searching for an Accommodation

Facebook groups

- ☼ There are often groups *specifically for foreign students* in Germany.
- ☼ You can also find *flat-hunting groups* in your city on Facebook, which will help you find a room in a shared flat or a flat in Germany.

Join the [GJU Outgoings Index](#)

Where you can find recommendations from other students been currently in Germany .



Accommodation Websites

(Scan the code to access all of these websites that can be used to search for an accommodation)



Scan Me !

Studierendenwerk

☼ It's a state-run non-profit organization for [student affairs](#) in Germany.

- 1) Google the term, "Studierendenwerk + City"
- 2) Clicking on the website take you to their Homepage.
- 3) Next, you're going to apply for a room. Here, we're met with several options. However, the only one that should interest you is "Online-Bewerbung"
- 4) It'll take you to an online form that you have to fill and submit.



HOUSE RULES



Before signing a lease, it's essential to ask your landlord about any house rules or rental laws specific to Germany 🇩🇪 . For instance, in many cases, landlords may expect tenants to pay rent on time each month, or they may charge an extra fee for late payments 💶 . Additionally, house rules may vary from place to place, so it's important to inquire about quiet hours, guest policies, and pet regulations before signing the lease.



NO SMOKING



Make sure not to lose your keys! Replacing them will be very expensive due to the installed locking system!

