



Accommodation

It's true that finding accommodation in Munich can be difficult and expensive – but don't worry, the International Office is here to help you.

The majority of students in Munich live in private rooms, shared apartments (so called „Wohngemeinschaften“ or „WGs“, single apartments or university housing managed by the Munich Student Union (Studentenwerk München). The average rent for rooms on the private market is about 400 Euro per calendar month. Rooms in shared apartments and single apartments cost between 400 Euro and 650 Euro, depending on the location and facilities. Rooms in student housing can cost between 270 Euro and 350 Euro.

Just like in many big cities, **please beware of potential fraud!** Never transfer deposits or rental payments in advance of arriving in Munich unless you are absolutely sure that the room for rent really exists, and never send copies of your ID by email.

1) University housing: Student accommodation provided by the Munich Student Union

Munich Student Union (Studentenwerk München) offers limited university housing in furnished rooms. You will generally be accommodated in a single room with shared kitchen and sometimes shared bathroom facilities. A limited number of all-inclusive apartments are available. You can apply for a room during the general Erasmus application process. However, there are usually more applications than rooms available, so the decision is made by drawing lots.

- Munich Student Union will notify you about whether your housing application was successful or not by mid-July for the winter semester and by the end of January for the summer semester.
- If you receive a positive reply from the International Office, Munich Student Union will send you an email with the details of your new home. A document called an *Annahmeerklärung* (notification of acceptance) will be attached to this email. You should sign and send this document back to Munich Student Union without delay to secure your spot.
- If you don't manage to get university housing, don't worry! There are lots of online resources to find private housing as well as advisors from Munich Student Union who can help you in person.

Please note that Munich Student Union cannot take special requests for rooms (single, private bathroom, etc.) so it's up to you to decide if the room is a good fit. If you don't like your assigned room, your next step is to inform the International Office and look for private housing.

2) Private housing

Even if you didn't get a room in a student hall, the Munich Student Union offers help for finding private accommodation through the Accommodation Advice Service – more information can be found online:

<https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/student-accommodation/private-accommodation-service/>

Tips for your apartment search

- **Get a head start** by beginning to look well before the semester begins
- **Newspapers** still offer the best advertisement listings for apartments. If you're buying the print edition, you'll want to get it the evening before it officially appears, and call advertisers as soon as possible.
- At the end of every semester, people are leaving Munich and looking for someone to take over their room/flat. You can therefore have a look at the academy and other universities for **notice boards** or the **Student Facebook pages**.
- **Form groups** and look for a larger place together to form your own WG. You may get connected during one of the welcome events organized by the International Office, via social media or the notice boards, or simply by teaming up for the house hunt.
- Advertised prices are usually basic rent, without utilities such as electricity, warm water, etc. This is called **Kaltmiete**. Rent that includes utilities is called **Warmmiete**.
- Expect to pay a **deposit (Kaution)** of one to three months basic rent.
- Be aware of flats advertised by **agents**. They charge a commission of up to 2.3 months basic rent.
- If you are looking for a whole flat, be aware that apartments don't always have a **kitchen** built in. Always ask questions to avoid surprises.
- If you don't immediately find the perfect place, accept a reasonable offer as a **temporary solution**, and then keep looking, especially if you're staying for more than one semester.

Useful websites:

www.wg-gesucht.de
www.immobilienscout.de
www.studenten-wg.de
www.wohnungsboerse.net
www.wg-suche.de
www.immowelt.de
<https://www.wochenanzeiger.de/mietangebote/>
www.wohnungsmarkt24.de
www.airbnb.de/
www.uniplaces.com/de/accommodation/munich
<https://housinganywhere.com/s/Munich--Germany>