



Accommodation

It's true that finding accommodation in Munich can be difficult – 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“) or university housing managed by the Munich Student Union (Studentenwerk München). The average rent for a room is about 500 Euro per month. Rooms in shared apartments normally cost between 400 Euro and 650 Euro, depending on the location and facilities. Rooms in student housing normally cost between 300 Euro and 400 Euro, but the places are limited.

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

Here is an overview of the different possibilities of finding accommodation in Munich:

1) University housing:

Student accommodation provided by the Munich Student Union

The Munich Student Union (Studentenwerk München) offers university housing in furnished rooms. Normally they offer single rooms with a shared kitchen and a shared bathroom. You can apply for a room during the Erasmus application process. However, there are usually more applications than rooms available, so the decision is made by drawing lots.

- The International Office will notify you about whether your housing application was successful or not by mid-August for the winter semester and by the end of January for the summer semester.
- If you receive a positive reply from the International Office, the Munich Student Union will send you an Email with the details of your room. A document called an *Annahmeerklärung* (notification of acceptance) will be attached to this Email. Please sign and send this document back to the 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 websites to find private housing as well as advisors from Munich Student Union who can help you in person. You can find more information here: <https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/accommodation/>
- The Munich Student Union offers also a Private Accommodation Service. More information and current offers can be found here: <https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/accommodation/private-accommodation-service/offers/>

Please note that the Munich Student Union cannot take special requests for rooms (e.g. private bathrooms, distance to the Academy etc.) so it's up to you to decide if the room is a good fit. If you decide not to take the room, please inform the International Office and the Munich Student Union as soon as possible.

2) Private housing

Even if you didn't get a room in a student hall, the Munich Student Union offers help for students looking for a room / flat: <https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/accommodation/>

If you are looking for a room / flat on your own, we have compiled some useful tips here:

- **Get a head start** by beginning to look well before the semester begins.
- **Newspapers** listings are still very useful. If you're buying the print edition, get it the evening before it officially appears, and call advertisers as soon as possible, but most newspapers also have an online version. Common newspapers are the Süddeutsche Zeitung (<https://immobilienmarkt.sueddeutsche.de/>) or the Münchner Wochenanzeiger (<https://www.wochenanzeiger.de/mietangebote/>).
- At the end of every semester, students 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 as the nearby LMU for **notice boards**, **Student Facebook pages** or **mailing lists**.
- **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, mailing lists or the notice boards.
- 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.wohnungsboerse.net
www.wg-suche.de
www.immowelt.de/
<https://housinganywhere.com/s/Munich--Germany>
<https://www.uniplaces.com/de/accommodation/munich>