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FINDING ACCOMMODATION

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Where to Live in Giessen 🖨️ 🔗 🇺🇰 🇩🇪

As a student in Giessen, you can choose between private accommodation or life in a student hall of residence. JLU's residence services offer you active support in finding a place to stay.

Living in a student hall of residence:



If you are an **exchange student in an official mobility programme** (Erasmus+, ISEP, university cooperation programs, and other types of exchange), a room in one of JLU's halls of residence will be reserved for you, so long as your online application and the application for a place in a hall of residence reach us by 15 January or 15 July for the following Summer and Winter Semester respectively. You can **apply for a room** in one of our **halls of residence** by following a link you will get from us after your online registration and once you have been nominated by your home institution. Please do not use the regular forms for German students issued by Student Services if you are an exchange student!

Rent (student dormitory, including utilities, internet access, and linen):

Rental period	Rental price	Security deposit
under two months	One week - 7 days = €275.90	one-time payment of €250
	Two weeks - 14 days = €371.00	

Screenshot: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/en/international-pages/study/around-gi/accommodation>

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Choose between student hall of residence or private accommodation, e.g. shared accommodation (Wohngemeinschaft, short: WG)
- [Broadcasting licence fees](#)
- The brochure on the right is available both in [English](#) and [German](#)
- If you wish to rent a room in a hall of residence, but are NOT coming to Giessen on an exchange program, you must submit your application directly to [Studierendenwerk](#)



IMPORTANT WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Zwischenmiete:** sublease (rent in someone's room or an apartment for a short period of time)
- **Nebenkosten (NK):** additional costs (additional costs which typically include water, heating, electricity, building insurance and any other costs.)
- **Kaltmiete (KM):** basic rent (rent without additional costs)
- **Warmmiete (WM):** rent which typically includes heating and water costs, usually excludes electricity costs and/or internet
- **Erdgeschoss (EG):** ground floor
- Communal living vs "Zweck-WG"

IMPORTANT WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW

6. Abbreviations in adverts for accommodation and rooms

2 MM KT	Two months' deposit
Abstand / Ablöse (Key money / one-off payment)	The previous tenant may request an apartment transfer fee for the furniture, eg. for the kitchen, a bed or other pieces of furniture. This means that the person wishes for you to purchase some of the furniture in the room/apartment. It may also be a small fee for a new washing machine or kitchen fittings. The apartment transfer fee is a contract of sale. There is no legal obligation to assume the costs.
AR	Storage room
BaWa	Bathtub
BeKo	Service charges
Blk	Balcony
DaBo	Loft
DG	Attic floor
EBK	Fitted kitchen
EG	Ground floor
GEZ	An archaic term for the radio broadcasting fees.
HK	Heating costs
Inet	Internet
KM	Basic rent (rent without additional costs)
KT	Deposit
m	male, number and then m or w (e.g. 2 m, 1 w)= Number of male or female residents (Example: 2 male residents, 1 female resident)
MV	Rental contract
NK	Additional costs (additional costs which typically include water, heating, electricity, building and any other costs.)
NkVz	Payment in advance of additional costs (monthly advance payment of additional costs, the amount of which is reviewed and amended later on. If consumption is less than the amount paid in advance, you might get a proportion of it back; whereas you will need to make an additional payment in the event of greater consumption).
NR	Non-smoker
OG	Top floor
ÖPNV	Public transport (e.g. bus)
renov.	renovated
SpüMa	Dishwasher
TGB	Naturally lit bathroom, i.e. the bathroom has a window

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VB	Basis for negotiation
w	female, number and then m or w (e.g. 2 m, 1 w)= Number of male or female residents (Example: 2 male residents, 1 female resident)
WaMa	Washing machine
Whg.	Apartment
WK	Kitchen/diner (large kitchen in which everyone sits together)
WM	Rent which typically includes heating and water costs, usually excludes electricity costs.
ZH	Central heating
ZKB	Room, kitchen, bath
zzgl.	in addition



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Screenshot: https://sose.justus.digital/files/downloads/Guide_Finding-Accommodation_E.pdf

FURNISHINGS

- Large furniture stores in Giessen and the surrounding area
- Notices and blackboards at the JLU and in the university canteens
- App-based second-hand markets, e.g. [Kleinanzeigen](#), [Vinted](#), [Shpock](#) etc.



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There are furnished (desk, bed, closet etc.) and unfurnished apartments. If this is not specified in the advert, it is usually unfurnished. Rooms at student halls of residence are furnished.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE (IN GIESSEN)

- Rooms priced €247 (single room) – €863 (family apartment) a month
- Website: <https://www.stwgi.de/wohnen/>
- Hall of residence application: <https://www.stwgi.de/wohnheimantrag>

- Double applications are deleted automatically
- Reply to the survey every 14 days to show your interest
- As soon as there is a room available, you will be notified via email
- The brochure on the right is available both in [English](#) and [German](#)



Source: Studierendenwerk Giessen

PRIVATE HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Bleichstrasse 37

35390 Giessen

Phone: 0641 73691

23 single rooms

Am Bergwerkswald 2a

35390 Giessen

Phone: 06408 940225

11 apartments, 28 rooms in shared apts.

Watzenborner Weg 7

35394 Giessen

Phone: 0641 73691

120 single rooms

Marburger Straße 84

35396 Giessen

Phone: 0641 34522

40 single rooms, 30 split-level apartments

SHARED ACCOMMODATION

- In German "Wohngemeinschaft", short: WG
- Very common form of accommodation for students in Germany
 - Each person has their own room, bathroom and kitchen are shared
 - Furnished or unfurnished
- Proof of income / guarantor
 - Frequently required if you want to rent an entire apartment
 - If you rent a room in a shared apartment, that is not usually the case



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SHARED ACCOMMODATION

- Once you have found a WG whose description fits your requirements, you will need to contact them (by phone, WhatsApp or email)
- An example message is shown on the next slide and in the brochure [Finding Accommodation](#) on p. 15
- Wait for an appointment, the "WG casting", as it will be arranged for you to view the accommodation and meet your future flatmates if the WG thinks you are suitable

EXAMPLE MESSAGE

Dear WG,

My name is Adam. In April I start my _____ studies in Giessen.

I am looking for a nice WG. I am male, 21 years old, completed my A-Levels in _____ and am now looking forward to studying at JLU. I have been living in Germany for ___ months because I completed a language course/study course/studied at another university.

Since I come from a large family and lived together with ___ other people, I'm sure I will fit in well with WG life. I read in your advert that you often cook together. My hobbies also include cooking and I would happily take part in your shared cooking evenings. My other hobbies include listening to music and parkour. I am a non-smoker, tidy and easy-going, and would be grateful to hear from you to meet each other and arrange a viewing.

Here is my phone number: 0176-...

Kind regards

Adam

PRIVATE SECTOR ACCOMMODATION

- HousingAnywhere: <https://housinganywhere.com/de/>
- Immowelt: <https://www.immowelt.de/>
- ImmobilienScout24: <https://www.immobilienscout24.de/>
- Kleinanzeigen: <https://www.kleinanzeigen.de/s-immobilien/giessen/c19514710>
- WG-Gesucht: <https://www.wg-gesucht.de>
- Wohnungsboerse.net: <https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/>



Cheaper accommodation can be found within a 20-km radius of Giessen, e.g. in Buseck, Linden, Wetzlar etc.

More information: [Finding Accommodation](#), p. 12

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PRIVATE SECTOR ACCOMMODATION

- Housing Network by Studierendenwerk: www.stwgi.de/wohnboerse
<https://www.stwgi.de/news/zimmer-frei-jeder-platz-zählt!.html>
- Stud.IP: Notice board → Wohnungen (Angebote)
<https://studip.uni-giessen.de/plugins.php/schwarzesbrettplugin/category>
- Ads in local newspapers, e.g. [Giessener Allgemeine](#) or [Giessener Anzeiger](#)



Informal postings on the walls (almost all of the main hallways, cafeterias, and restaurants of the University) advertising rooms, apartments, and WGs to rent.

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SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

- **Youth Hostels** in Hesse, e.g. in Frankfurt, in Wetzlar
<https://www.jugendherberge.de/hessen/jugendherberge/mittelhessen/>
- **Gästehaus Gießenau** (Wetzlarer Str. 103 , 35398 Giessen)
<https://giessenau.de/>
- **Gästehaus Wilhelma** (Wilhelmstr. 3 , 35392 Giessen)
www.gaestehaus-wilhelma.de/

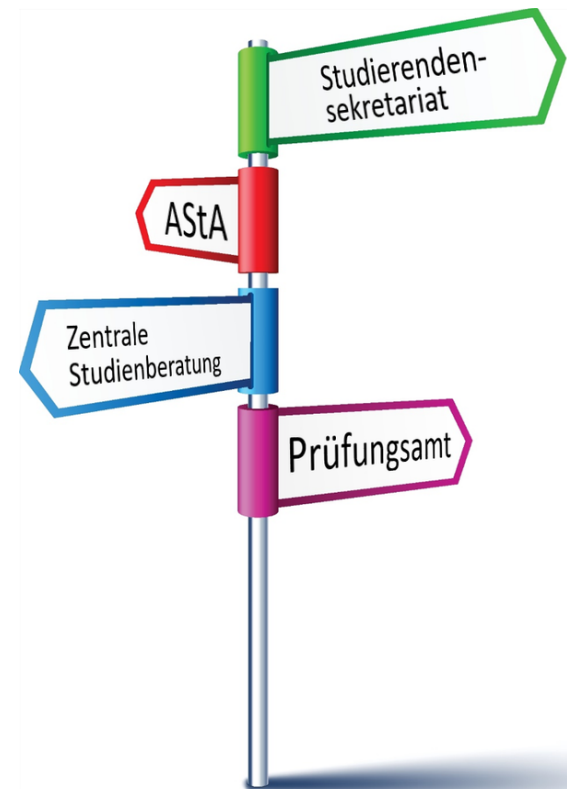


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The Studierendenwerk in Giessen offers temporary accommodation for students who need to travel a longer way to look for accommodation in Giessen. This can be rented for one or several days (max. 10 days) at an affordable daily rate.

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

- The General Students' Committee (Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss – AStA) represents the interests of all students at JLU and provides services for you: www.asta-giessen.de/referate/wohnen-und-soziales/
- Studierendenwerk: www.stwgi.de/wohnen
- Protestant Student Association (ESG): www.esg-giessen.de
- Catholic University Association (KHG) : www.khg-giessen.de



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SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS



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Our counseling includes advice on:

- legal and financial aspects: visa and resident permits, scholarships, funding, and working in Germany
- health insurance
- finding and changing accommodation
- language courses
- social and individual issues
- other administrative issues

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We also offer:

- online information sessions on topics such as the benefits of your student ID, public transportation, library use, etc.
- opportunities for networking and socialising



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YOUR QUESTIONS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

10:00 | 10.04.2024

How to Study Successfully

For degree-seeking students

12:00 | 10.04.2024

Introduction to the University Library

For all students

16:30 | 10.04.2024

Welcome Reception for International Students

Lokal International, Eichendorffring 111, 35394 Giessen

19:30 | 10.04.2024

The Ultimate Get-Together: Welcome and Speed Friending

For all students

For all upcoming events, please visit the [International Calendar](#) and [Justus Digital](#).

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