

# Private Housing in Göttingen



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# Accommodation Service

## What do we do?

The Accommodation Service is here to support you with housing matters and to facilitate your search for a place to live in Göttingen.

If you would like to use the help of the Accommodation Service to find a room or apartment to rent, please fill out our [registration form](#).

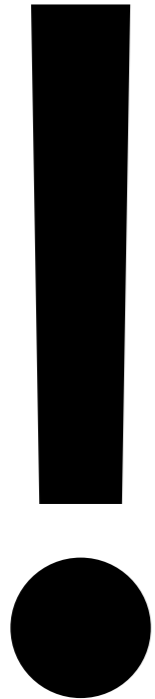
## Who are we?

- **(Ms.) Julia Zimmer**  
Support for international degree-seeking & PhD students ‘
- **(Ms.) Helena Hoffmann**  
Support for international exchange students

# Overview

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## Useful tips



Please start searching for an accommodation as early as possible and do not underestimate the time and effort it takes to find a room!

Notices for rooms or apartments to rent are usually published about 2-3 months (in advance) before they are available for move in.

Please note that finding a place to live in Germany is a bit like searching for a job 😊 It's advisable to write more than "I want the room" if you see a suitable offer. Some tips on how to "apply" for a room on the private housing market can be found on the website of the Accommodation Service.

# Types of Housing



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## General information

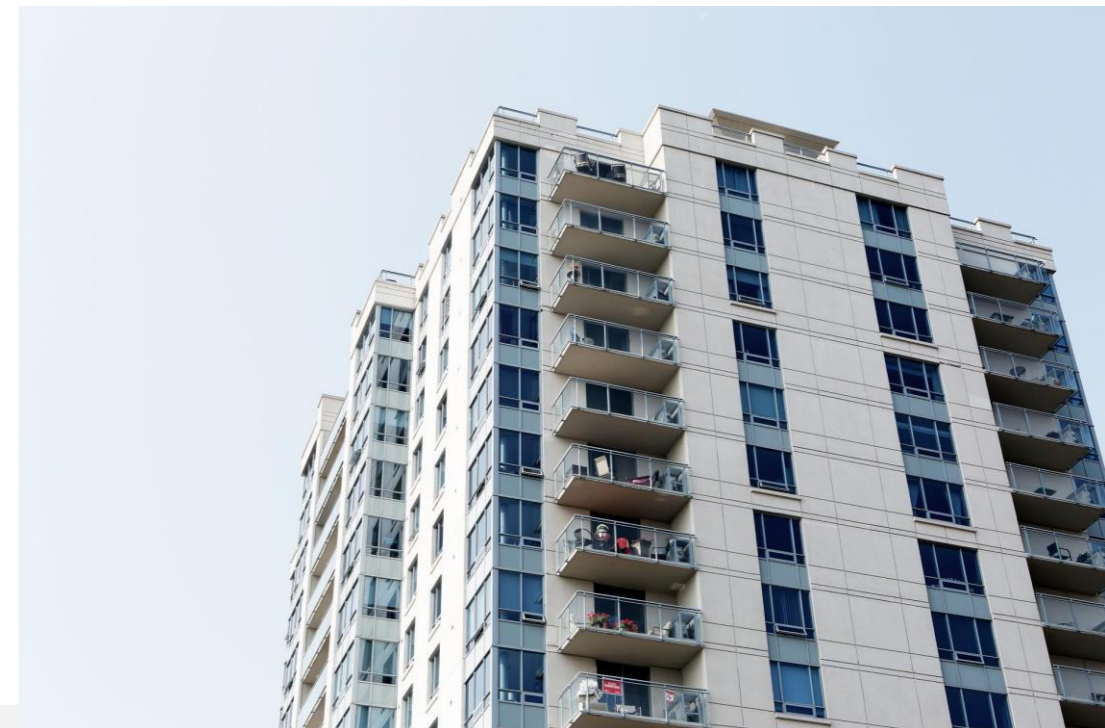
- Housing companies and private landlords offer rooms and apartments for rent; these are normally unfurnished.
- Subletting agreements (Zwischenmiete) usually include furniture and are often let by students. These can be a very practical solution for your start in Göttingen!
- Please be aware that the university does not guarantee any kind of housing for students. Hence, it is your responsibility to find a place to live.

## Shared flat (WG)

- living arrangement in which several people share the lease costs for a flat: each has his/her own bedroom and shares the common areas (i.e. kitchen & bathroom)
- The number of people can vary
- rent usually depends for example on the location & the size of the flat: between 300-700€
- You will be expected to help clean the common areas & maintain your own space
- Don't be surprised if your potential future roommates ask you a lot of questions 😊

## Single apartments

- You will have your own room with a bathroom and a kitchenette. The monthly rent for a studio apartment is between 500 and 700€. In German, studio apartments are also called „Einzimmerwohnung“.
- It is more challenging to find an apartment than a room in a shared flat, especially if your budget is limited.
- **Flats with multiple rooms, whether furnished or unfurnished, are difficult to find.**





# Basecamp

## WHY CHOOSE BASECAMP GÖTTINGEN?

- All-inclusive prices - no hidden costs (incl. utilities: water, heating, electricity)
- Super fast WiFi
- Direct booking confirmation - no waiting list
- No SCHUFA required
- 24/7 gym, Cinema and Laundry
- Events & community spaces
- Fully furnished rooms with ensuite
- 24/7 on-site team - managers during office hours
- Bus stop right outside the door

## ABOUT BASECAMP GÖTTINGEN

Basecamp Göttingen opened in October 2022 and offers local and international students modern, fully furnished bedrooms and incredible shared spaces.

An on-site team provides 24/7 support and a rich social calendar to ensure you have the best student experience in Göttingen.



# How to apply for an apartment or a flatshare

- Writing a compelling message is important to stand out from the huge number of applications
- Some hints on what to include in your message:
  - When you would like to move in and, if known, when you would like to move out again
  - What you do for work and in your free time
  - What is important to you in a shared flat (e.g. cleanliness, etc.)
  - When a digital/personal viewing is possible for you
- How formal or personal an application has to be depends on who offers the place and where the offering has been published

# Example for a flatshare application

Dear Anna, Paul and Therese,

I am Sofia, 25 years old and I come from Bulgaria. The pictures of your place look great and I like the location of the flatshare. I think I could fit in well with you. I'm starting my Master's degree in Biology in the summer semester of 2022 and I'll be coming to Göttingen in April. I am also interested in sports and music. As a flatmate, I am tolerant, tidy and communicative. If you would like to get to know me, I am available for a flat viewing and could meet you in person from the 06th of April 2022.

I look forward to your reply and can be reached by phone (+49 (0) 12345678) or by e-mail (Sofia.Musterfrau@gmail.com).

Kind regards,

Sofia

# Example for a formal application

Dear Mr. Mustermann/Dear Ms. Musterfrau,

I am from Bulgaria, 25 years old and would like to move to Göttingen soon. In the process, I became aware of your flat offer. I like the pictures as well as the location of the property very much, which is why I would be happy if you would consider me as a single-tenant from the 15th of April 2022. I will start my Master's degree in Biology at the University of Göttingen in April. I am available for a digital flat viewing as of now or in person from the 06th of April 2022.

I look forward to hearing from you via phone (+49 (0) 12345678) or email (Sofia.Musterfrau@gmail.com) and wish you a nice day!

Yours sincerely,

Sofia Musterfrau

# Good to Know



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# Formalities

- **Contract**

Contractual obligations are taken very seriously in Germany. Once you have signed a contract, your landlord expects you to fully comply with the terms.

- **Deposit**

It's very common to pay a security deposit equivalent to 2x or 3x the monthly rent. The deposit is paid together with your first rent. This amount should be refunded to you at the end of the leasing period, if you leave the place in good condition.

- **Confirmation of Landlord/Provider of Housing**

You can find the template of the document on our website.

- **Legal Housing Issues**

Appointments can be arranged via the AStA administration office:

[sekreteriat@asta.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:sekreteriat@asta.uni-goettingen.de)

More information on such matters can be found on our website.



# Locksmith (Schlüsseldienst)





# Utility Costs: Final Invoice

Water, Electricity & Heating



# Links

[Accommodation Guide](#)

[Website](#)

[Checklist](#)

If you have any questions concerning housing, please contact the Accommodation Service:  
[accommodation@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:accommodation@uni-goettingen.de)

# General information

## Radio & Broadcasting fee (GEZ)

- In Germany every household is required to pay a Public Broadcasting Service fee (Rundfunkbeitrag).
- It costs **18,36 € per month**. You will automatically receive a letter from the responsible government agency with the details.

# Quiet times

Please make sure to observe house rules!

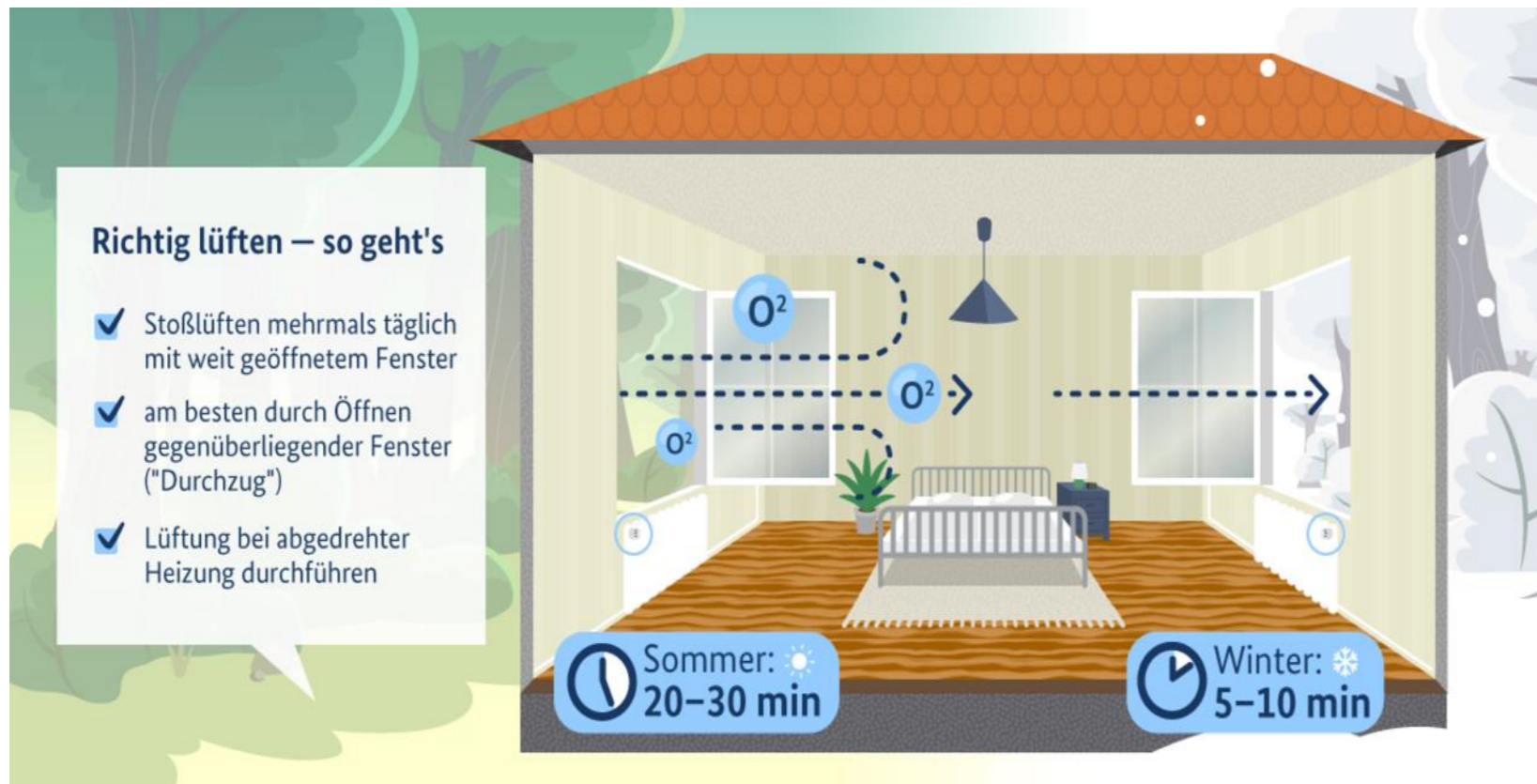


## Separating garbage/waste and recycling



# Proper ventilation

Ventilation is important in Germany!



Thank you very much for your attention!