

Private Housing in Göttingen



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Accommodation Service

What do we do?

The Accommodation Service is here to support you regarding 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?

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Support for international degree-seeking & PhD students ‘
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Support for international exchange students

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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, so the final responsibility for finding a place to live lies with you.

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 250-500€
- 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 400 and 600 €. 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.**

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 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

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

General information

Radio & Broadcasting fee (GEZ)

- In Germany every household is required to pay a Public Broadcasting Service fee (Rundfunkbeitrag).
- It costs **17,50€ per month**. You will automatically receive a letter from the responsible government agency with the details.

Quiet times

Please be considerate of the house rules



Separating garbage/waste and recycling



Proper ventilation

Ventilation is important in Germany!

