

Finding Housing in Göttingen



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Types of Housing



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Student dormitories

- The majority of international students live in student dorms. The largest housing organization is the *Studentenwerk* (Association of Student Services), which collaborates closely with the University and administers 35 dormitories.
- All information regarding a student dorm on campus is available on the website of the Studentenwerk: [Studentenwerk Göttingen: Student Accommodation](#).
- The dorms operated by the Studentenwerk are inexpensive. A single room costs between 300€ to 350€. Apartments with their own bathroom and kitchen are about 350-450€.
- In addition, there are approx. 8 private student dorms in Göttingen.



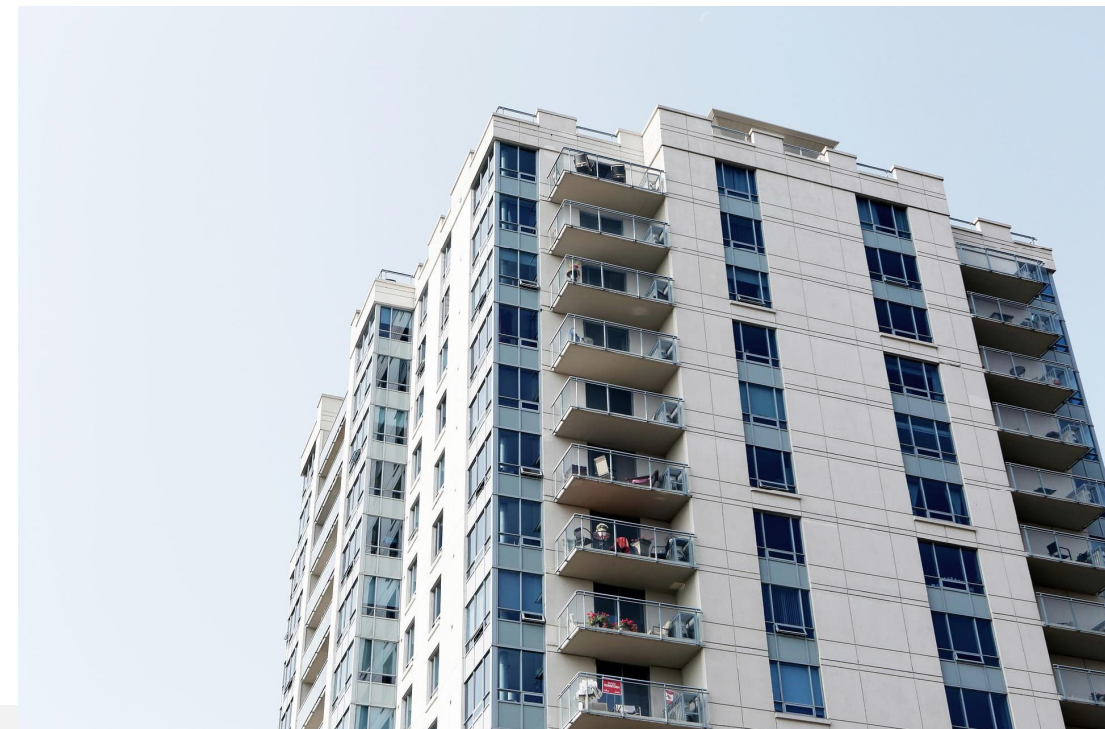
Shared flat (WG)

- 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 or studio apartments

- You will have your own room with a bathroom and a kitchenette.
The monthly rent for a studio apartment is between 500 and 800€.
In German, studio apartments are also called „Einzimmerwohnung“.
- It is more difficult to find a studio apartment versus a room in a shared flat, especially if your budget is limited.
- **Flats with multiple rooms, whether furnished or unfurnished, are very difficult to find.**



Basecamp -> Studyo Göttingen



- Starting at 600€ per month, all inclusive
- Contracts for minimum of 6 months
- [Student Accommodation in Göttingen | 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

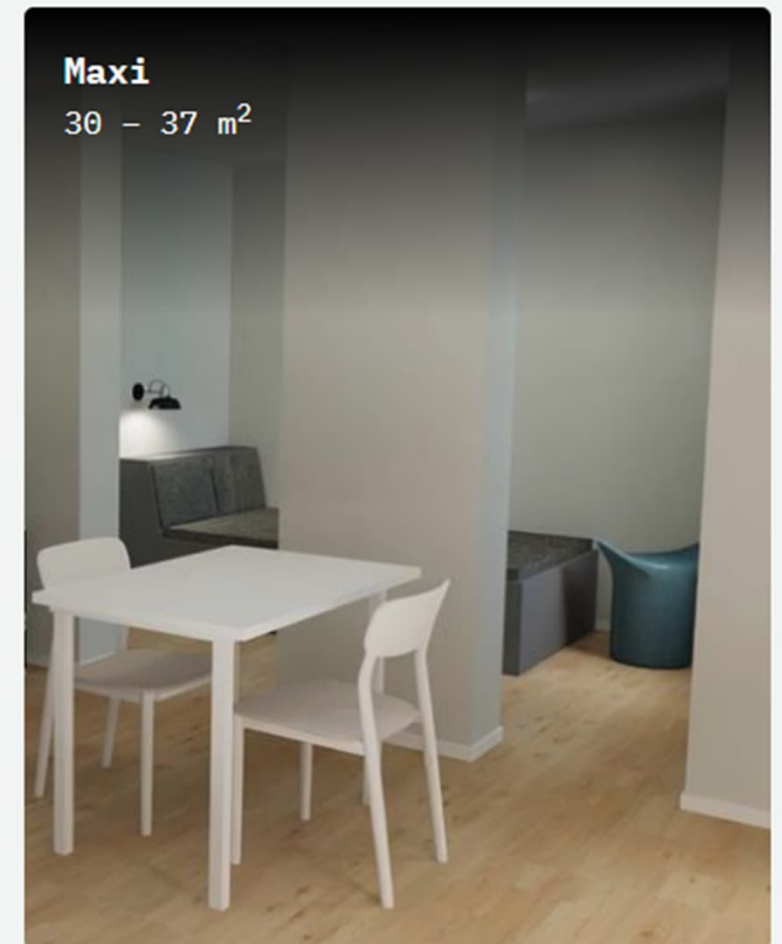
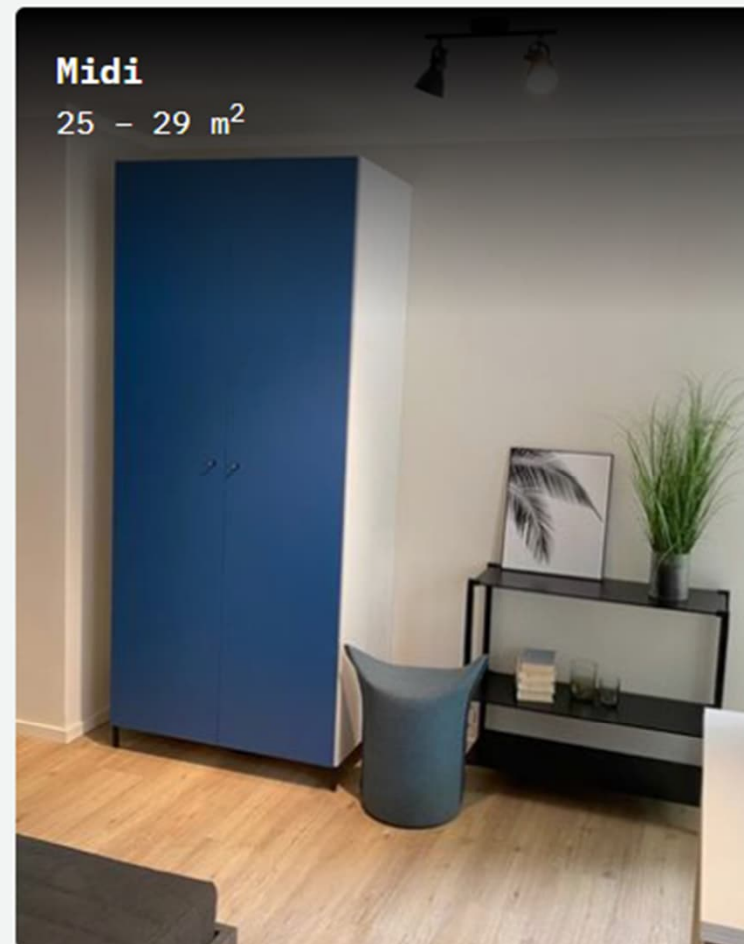
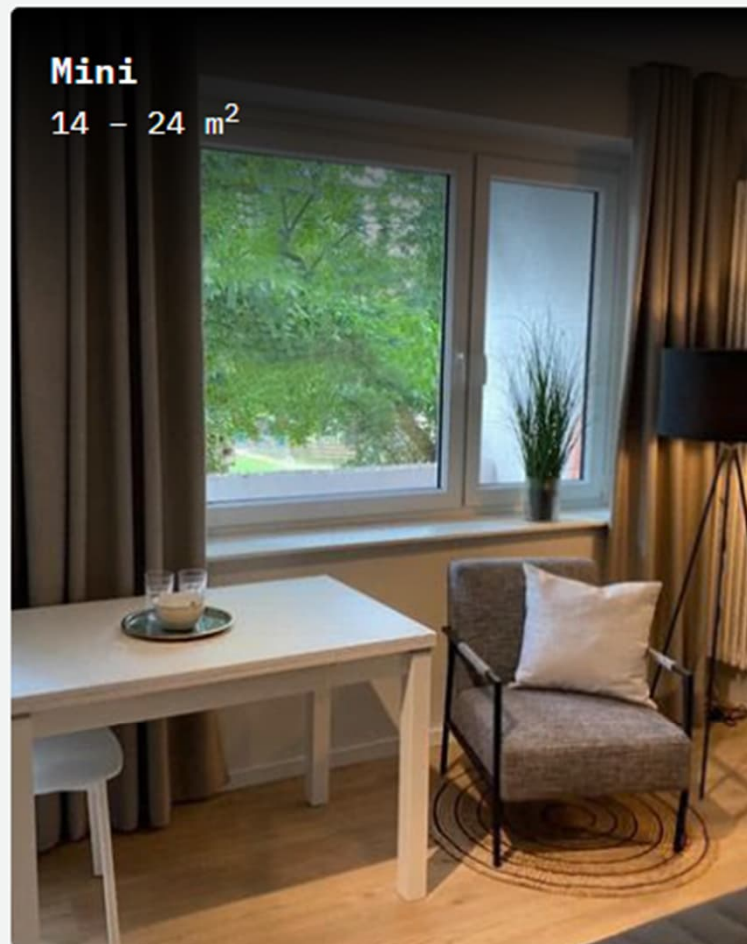
ABOUT BASECAMP GÖTTINGEN

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.



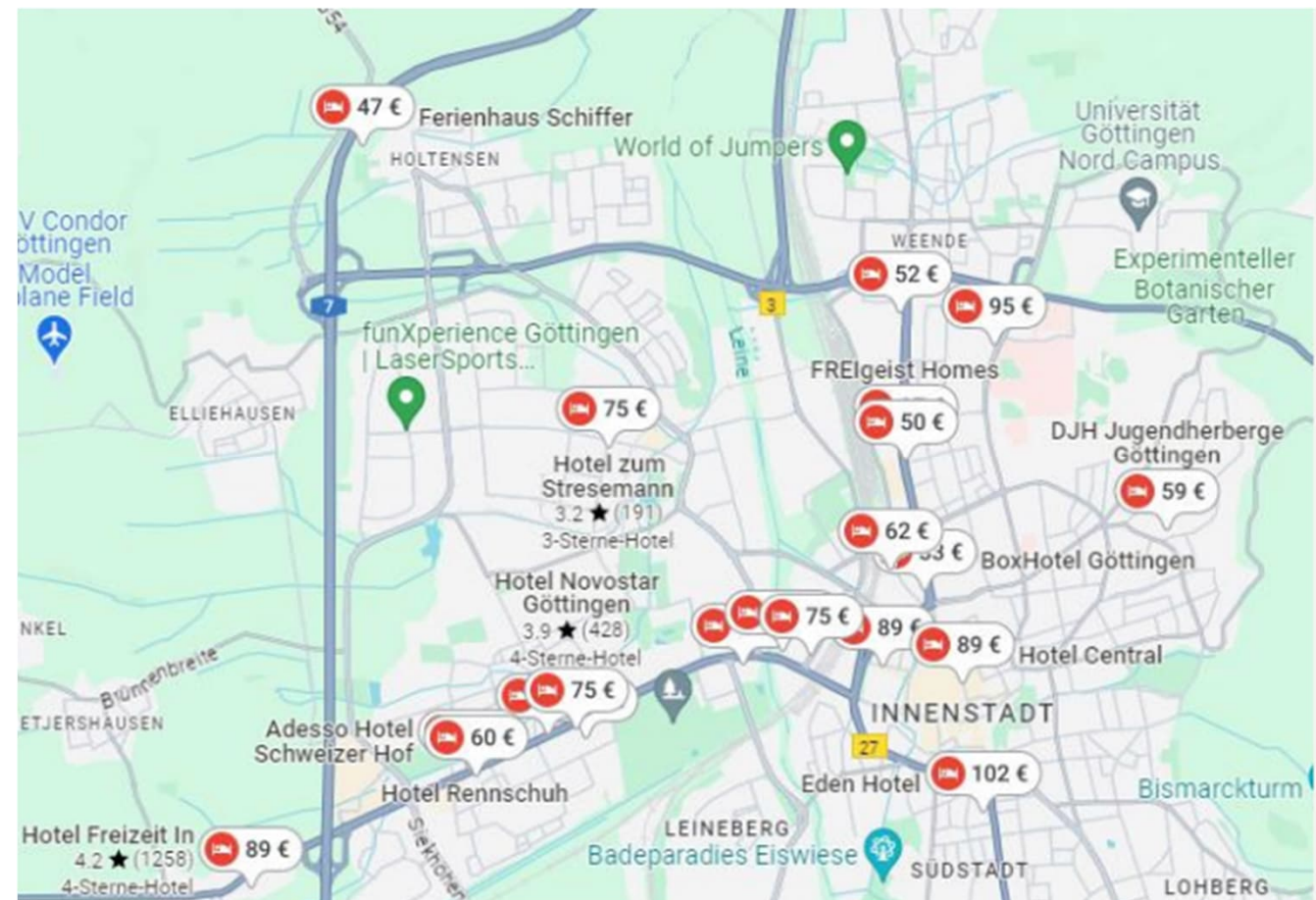
Living by Monti



- 520€ per month for smallest apartment, 16m²
- Contracts for minimum of one year
- [Monti – Wohnen in Göttingen](#)

Temporary housing

If you can't find accommodation before you move to Göttingen, you can stay temporarily in a [youth hostel, guest house or hotel](#) and continue your search locally once you have arrived. We have compiled an overview in our accommodation list for short term stay locations.

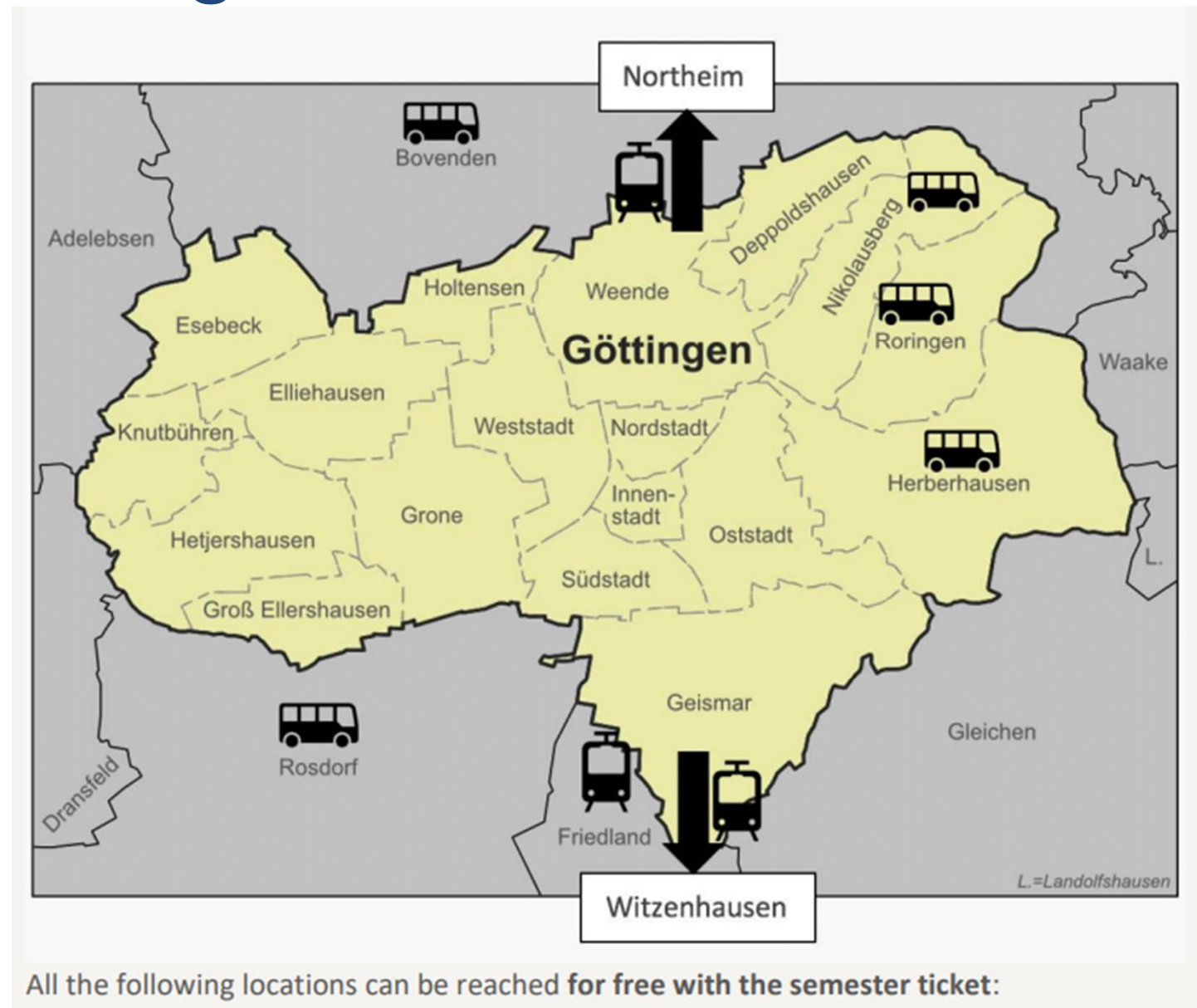


Living outside of Göttingen

EASILY ACCESSIBLE TOWNS BY TRAIN AND BUS

Aside from the city center, housing is also available in nearby locations that can be reached by train or bus: Bovenden, Rosdorf, Herberhausen, Rohringen and Nikolausberg.

The rents for locations outside of Göttingen are usually less expensive.



Good to Know



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Useful information



- ✓ 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 moving in.
- ✓ When looking for housing, pay close attention to **what is provided** (furnished or unfurnished) and **where the accommodation is located**.
- ✓ Rooms and apartments from private landlords are normally **unfurnished**.
- ✓ Subletting agreements (Zwischenmiete) are usually **furnished** and are often let by students. These can be a very practical solution for your start in Göttingen!



The rental contract

Contractual obligations are legally binding and non-negotiable. Once you have signed a contract, you will be expected to comply with the terms of agreement.

Make sure you understand your rental contract:

- Amount of monthly **rent**
- **Rules and obligations** of tenants (e.g. who is responsible for cleaning the stairwell?)
- **Additional fees**, e.g. utility costs (water, electric, and heating)
- Specified **length of stay** in the contract (for 1 year or 9 months?)
- **Period of notice** (usually 3 months unless stated otherwise)
- The amount of the **deposit** (usually 2-3 months rent – without utilities) which is paid when the tenancy begins or in installments

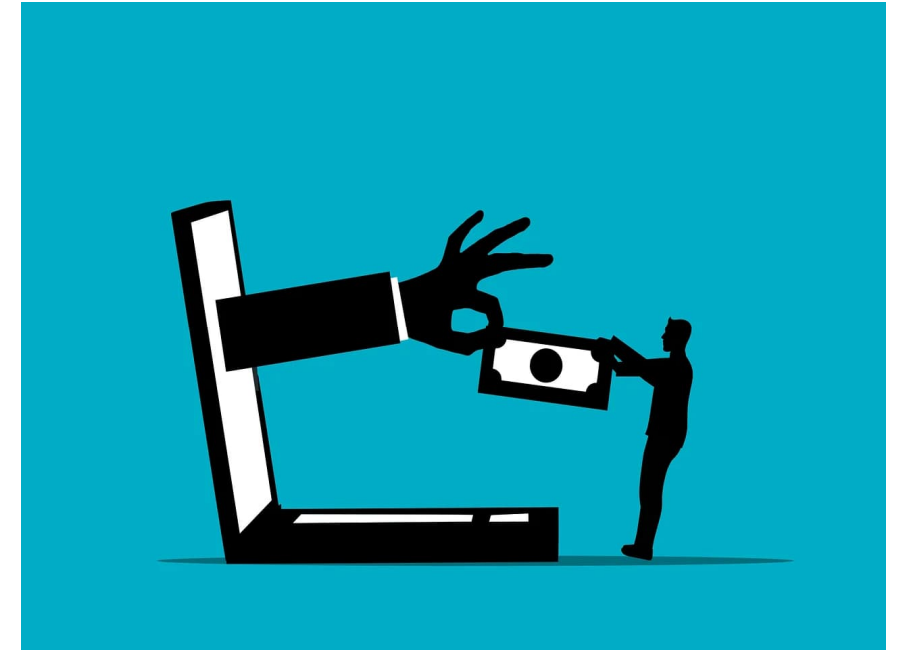


Be aware of scammers!

Unfortunately, international students are easy targets for scammers and scams are on the rise.

Red flags!

- If the apartment is too good to be true, then it probably is!
- Pressure to pay quickly or by using suspicious means of payment (e.g. money transfer with Western Union or a payment service provider)
- Excuses why you can't see the apartment or meet in person
- The landlord offers to send the keys by post. This is not common in Germany.
- Landlord claims that he lives overseas
- Unprofessional communication



How to avoid scams:

- Research the market
- Verify the landlord or agency (Google search)
- Make sure the property actually exists (Google maps)
- Use reputable websites
- Have someone visit the apartment in person or arrange for an online viewing

Important! Only pay the deposit if:

- You have seen the flat (if you are already in Germany)
- You have signed the rental agreement.

Accommodation Support

What do we do?

The Accommodation Support is here to help you find a place to live in Göttingen. If you would like to use the help of the Accommodation Service for finding an accommodation, please fill out the [registration form](#).

Please start your search by visiting our website for more information:

[Accommodation Support - Georg-August-Universität Göttingen](#)

Who are we?

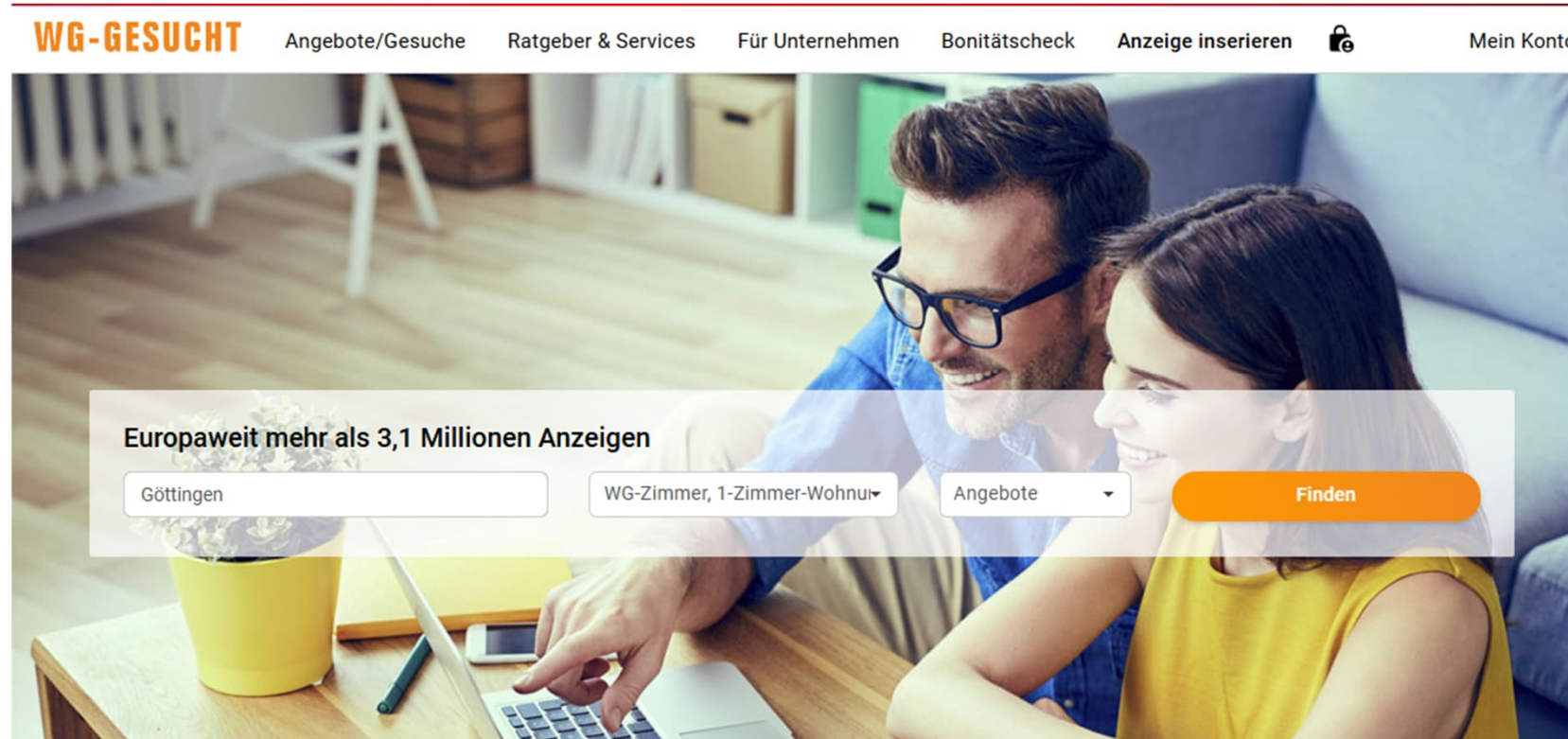
- **(Ms.) Helena Hoffmann**
Support for international exchange students

How to Find Housing



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Websites to search for accommodation



Useful Links:

[Studenten-WG](#)
[WG-Gesucht](#)
[Immobilienscout24](#)
[Basecamp](#)
[Immowelt](#)
[Immonet](#)
[Ebay-Kleinanzeigen](#)

Facebook groups for finding accommodation

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How to apply for an apartment:

Finding a place to live in Germany is similar to searching for a job 😊. It is time consuming and takes a while to find something suitable.

- Writing a compelling message is important to stand out from the huge number of applications (see sample letters below)
- How formal or personal an application has to be depends on who offers the place and where the ad has been placed. Try to match the tone in the ad and address the topics mentioned.
- Landlords are looking for a good fit so it's important to highlight compatibility.
- Here are some tips on what to include in your message:
 - *What kind of apartment you are looking for and for how long*
 - *What you do for work and in your free time*
 - *What is important to you in a shared flat (e.g. cleanliness, etc.)*
 - *Whether an online or personal viewing is possible for you*
 - *No answer? What then?*

Sample letters

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

For more information, go to this link: [How to apply for a flat](#)

For more information, visit our website:

- [Website](#) Accommodation Support
- [Wohnungsgeberbestätigung](#) (Housing Confirmation of Landlord)
- [Accommodation Guide](#)
- [Checklist](#)
- [Living outside of Göttingen](#)

If you have any questions concerning housing, please contact Accommodation Support:



accommodation@uni-goettingen.de

What to Expect

Utility Costs: Final Invoice

In Germany, a distinction is made between “cold rent” without utility costs and “warm rent” including utility costs, such as heating, water, and in some cases electricity.



Water, Electricity & Heating

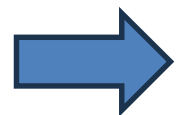


Locksmith (Schlüsseldienst)



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.



[Public Broadcasting Fee “Rundfunkbeitrag”](#)

Quiet times

Please make sure to observe house rules!

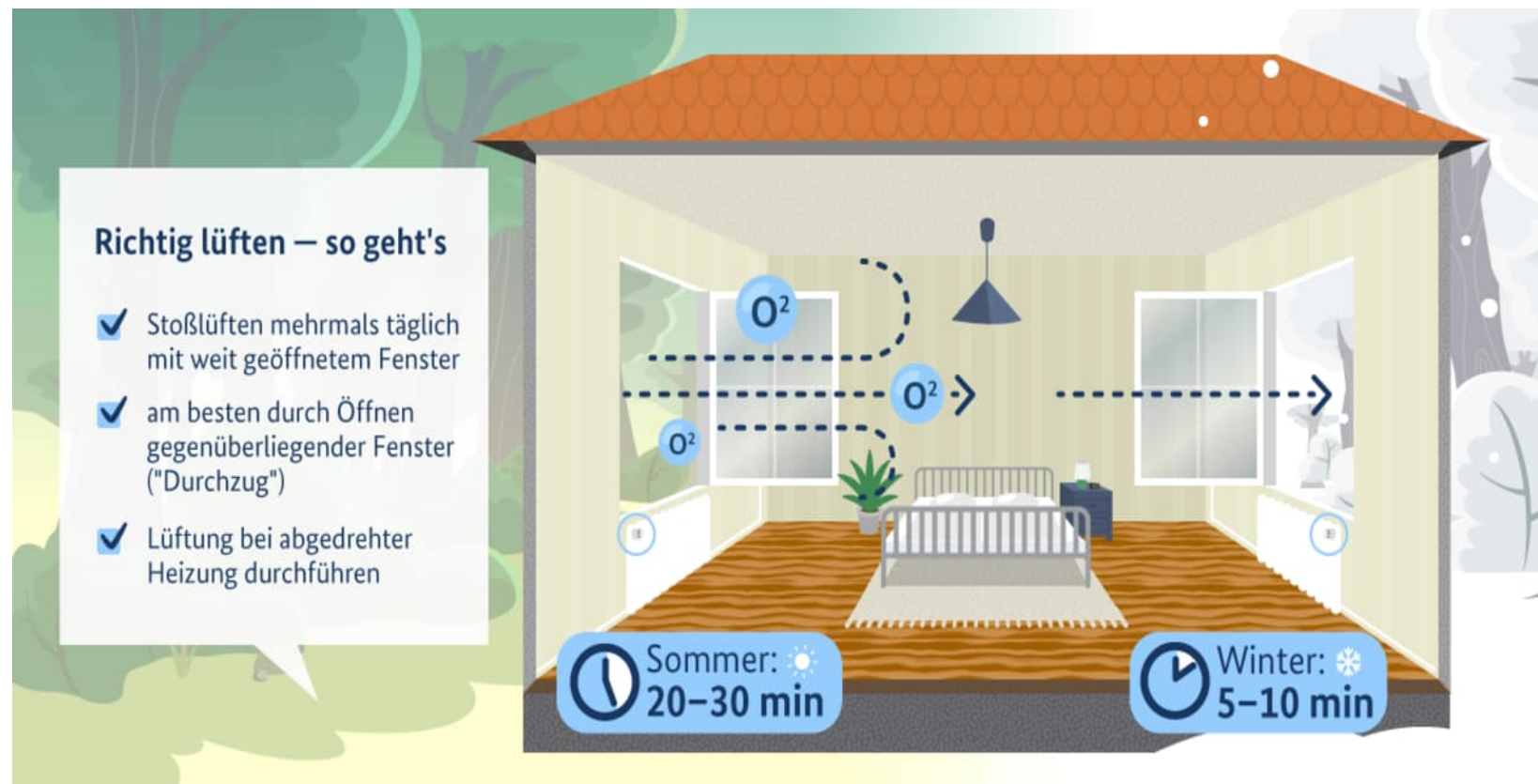


Separating garbage/waste and recycling



Proper ventilation

Ventilation is important in Germany!



Thank you very much for your attention!