

## Accommodation

Various types of student accommodation are available in Germany:

1. **Halls of residence**
2. **Shared apartments (known in Germany by the abbreviation "WG")**
3. **Renting a sublet room or your own apartment**

Notes:

### 1. Halls of residence

This is the first option you should consider, as it offers inexpensive accommodation with a number of extra services, e.g. bedding. The student halls of residence are managed by Thuringian Student Services. Rooms in halls are usually partially furnished. You can find out about the rent and what facilities the individual halls have by contacting Thuringian Student Services.

- Even before you have been accepted by the university, you can apply to Thuringian Student Services for a place in a hall of residence. [Applications](#) can **only** be made **online**. Vacant rooms will then be allocated according to the chronological order in which applications were received. **Therefore, we advise you to apply as early as possible!**  
→ applications for a place in the **winter semester** can be submitted **from 1 April**; for the **summer semester** you can apply **from 1 October onwards**
- Once you have submitted your application for accommodation, Student Services will send you confirmation of receipt. Approx. six weeks before you are due to move in, they will send you another email asking whether you still intend to rent a room. **Please make sure you respond to this email!**
- The rental price includes all incidental expenses apart from Internet access, which costs an extra €10 per month, and bedding can be acquired for a maximum of €40. The **minimum rental period is six months**. You will need to pay a **security deposit of €300** for the room.
- For [Thuringian Student Services accommodation](#), your contacts in Erfurt are Silke Müller ([wef@stw-thuringen.de](mailto:wef@stw-thuringen.de), phone: +49 361-7371806), Petra Gressler ([petra.gressler@stw-thuringen.de](mailto:petra.gressler@stw-thuringen.de), phone: +49 361-6442308) and Elvira Hanselka ([elvira.hanselka@stw-thuringen.de](mailto:elvira.hanselka@stw-thuringen.de) phone: +49 361-7371819)

### 2. & 3. Shared apartments & rentals

Another popular type of student accommodation is the **shared flat** - the so-called "**WG**". WGs range from almost family-like communities to purely functional collectives. Some WGs only consist of two flatmates, whereas others have several residents.

The most expensive housing option, generally speaking, is to rent a **sublet room** or even a **whole apartment for yourself**. For more information, see:

- [assistance in finding private accommodation](#)
- [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de)
- [www.studenten-wohnung.de](http://www.studenten-wohnung.de)
- [housing cooperatives & housing associations in Erfurt](#)

If you have not found a place to live shortly before you arrive or begin your studies, there are various other **short-term options** to tide you over, such as hotels, hostels and youth hostels:

- [DJH youth hostel, Hochheimer Straße, Erfurt](#)
- [Opera Hostel Erfurt](#)