



Guideline

Finding accommodation in Augsburg

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1. Student residences

Student residences are relatively cheap and very popular. There is a large number of student residences in Augsburg that you can apply to.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lower price- Easier to meet new people- Tutor programs in some student residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Often noisy- Less privacy

1.1 Student Services

You can register for some of these student residences through Student Services:

- Lechbrücke
<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-lechbruecke/>
- Göggingen
<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-goeggingen/>
- Universitätsviertel
<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-universitaetsviertel/>
- Prinz-Karl-Viertel
<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-prinz-karl-quarter/>
- Bürgermeister-Ulrich-Straße
<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-buergermeister-ulrich-strasse/>
- Civil engineering students' residence
<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-engineering-students/>

You can register for a room online via an application for admission:

<https://tl1host.eu/SWA#admission>

Please note that the rooms are not equipped with all conveniences. This means that no cutlery, cookware or bed linen is provided. If you require more equipment, you can also register for the [service packages](#):

- Furnished individual apartment with kitchen/shower/WC for 6 months
- Free consulting relating to [legal and financial issues](#) and [psychological counselling](#)
- Option to participate in the [tutor program](#) of the residences
- Current guides from Augsburg Student Services "Studying in Augsburg and Kempten", "International Students in Augsburg" and "Studying in Augsburg with a child"



- For an extra charge (€60) if desired: Purchase 1 x duvet, 1 x pillow, 1 x bedclothes, 1 x bedsheet
- If desired: Assistance in registering with a health insurance company

You register for these service packages using a form that you can download here:

https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/wp-content/uploads/servipaeng_new.pdf

1.2 Kolping student residences

Kolping is a church organization, but it welcomes students of all religions and also has a number of student residences that you can apply to:

- Edith-Stein House*
<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/studentenwohnheim-edith-stein-augsburg>
- Albertus-Magnus student residence*
<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/studentenwohnheim-albertus-magnus-augsburg>
- Student residence in St. Jerome Seminary*
<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/studentenwohnheim-im-priesterseminar-augsburg>

You can apply online here*: <https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/bewerbung/studentenwohnheime>

IMPORTANT: Only the student residences listed above are suitable.

1.3 Student residences of other organizations

In addition to the residences of the Student Services and Kolping, there are individual student residences provided by other organizations. You can find a list on the Student Services page: <https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/other-residences/>

IMPORTANT: Student residences in Kempten are also listed here, and this is located far from Augsburg. You should only apply to student residences in Augsburg.

2. Types of housing

Apart from the student residences, you can of course also look for accommodation on the free market. Therefore, a brief overview of the most common types of housing is provided below.



2.1 Apartments

One type of housing that is sure to be familiar to you is living in an apartment. You can of course rent an apartment with several rooms, but every m² costs money. Therefore, it is often cheaper to live in a smaller, one-room apartment. As a rule, such apartments have a kitchen, bathroom and living space.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You have the apartment to yourself, so it's often quiet.- Independence in decorating and maintaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You need to organize everything yourself- Often expensive

2.2 Shared accommodation (WG)

Most students in Germany live in shared accommodation, known as WG (*Wohngemeinschaften*). This is where several people rent an apartment or house. Everyone has their own bedroom, but the kitchen, bathroom and other rooms are shared. Even large apartments are then more affordable, because the rent and bills are shared.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You don't live alone and can help each other- Usually cheaper than having your own apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Certain rooms are shared- You need to be considerate of one another and possibly make compromises

2.3 Subletting

Subletting is another form of housing. Students often rent out their WG room or apartment while they go abroad for one or two semesters, for example. This means that the rental period is limited, but it is a very good temporary solution.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You have the apartment to yourself, so it's often quiet- Usually already furnished	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Only available for a limited time- Furniture belongs to someone else – often no space for your own furniture

3. Looking for accommodation, but where?

The most important question is of course WHERE? There are many ways to find accommodation. The most common are listed below.



3.1 Internet

There are various websites where you can find accommodation on the free market:

- www.immobilienscout24.de*
- www.immowelt.de*
- <https://immobilien.augsburger-allgemeine.de/mieten/wohnung/augsburg>*
- www.meinestadt.de*
- <http://www.schlottog-vermietung.com/> (also rentals for shorter periods)*

If you would prefer shared accommodation (WG), you are sure to find something on *wg-gesucht*:

- www.wg-gesucht.de*

3.2 Advertisements

An advertisement is an announcement or notice.

You can place advertisements yourself looking for apartments or housemates on the websites listed above and in newspapers.

You can place an advertisement in the local newspaper Augsburg Allgemeine. Note that there is a fee to do this: <https://anzeigen.augsburger-allgemeine.de/anbieten/private-anbieter/anzeige-aufgeben>*

Advertisements in newspapers mainly reach older landlords who prefer to read the newspaper than news on the Internet.

4. What do I need to pay attention to?

What are the special points to note when looking for accommodation?

Arrange accommodation early. As soon as you have received a study place, you should start looking for accommodation! It is important to find at least temporary accommodation (see 5.1 and 5.3) before arriving in Germany. In this way, you can bridge the time until you have found your new home.

TIP: Make a reservation in good time before your arrival date!

4.1 Establishing contact

With private landlords, contact is normally via email. Don't just say that you are interested in the apartment. Introduce yourself to your future housemates or landlord. Tell them a little about yourself! Where you are from, why you are here, etc.



Landlords usually receive a lot of emails. It is therefore especially important that you come across well and make a lasting impression.

4.2 Watch out for scams!

Unfortunately, sometimes accommodation that does not exist is advertised in order to steal money. Therefore, remember the following points:

- Be careful if an apartment is much cheaper than other, similar apartments
- Be skeptical if the landlord does not allow viewings or cannot be present at one.
- Be skeptical if the landlord wants to send you the keys by post.
- **And very important: Never pay anything until you have signed the rental agreement.**

You can find more information on how to identify fake apartment (and other useful information) listings here: <https://www.study-in-germany.de/blog/questblog/6-lessons-i-learned-when-flat-hunting/>

4.3 Find an apartment when in Augsburg, if possible

You are usually asked to come to a viewing. This is a way for the landlord or WG tenants to get to know you, of course, but is also gives you the chance to take a closer look at the accommodation and ask questions. This is obviously easier if you are already in Augsburg. It may be easier to look for a WG room. WG tenants often agree to a meeting on Skype.

5. Other temporary solutions

It is often difficult to look for accommodation while living abroad. It is also possible that you may not be able to move in straight away on arrival in Germany. Therefore, it is always good to have a plan B as temporary solution.

5.1 Hostels and youth hostels

Youth hostels are often cheaper than hotels. Youth hostels are designed to rent rooms to groups, such as school classes. They have common rooms and a dining room. However, this means that you often have to share a bedroom with other people. Bathrooms are also usually shared.



- *Jugendherberge Augsburg* youth hostel
<https://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/augsburg-199/portrait/>

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower price• Easier to meet people• Dining room with meal times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not much privacy• No possibility to lock away valuables

Hostels are another variant. Unlike youth hostels, hostels often have no dining rooms. Instead, they have shared kitchens and are aimed mostly at travelers who are alone but want a cheap living arrangement.

- Hostel SLEPS
<https://www.sleps.de/en/>
- City Hostel
<https://www.jakoberhof.de/en-gb/city-hostel>
- Slamba – Hostel GmbH*
<http://www.slamba-hostel.de/>
- *ÜbernachtHostel Augsburg* hostel
<https://www.dasuebernacht.com/>

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower price• More privacy (single rooms possible)• Possibility to lock away valuables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually no catering options

5.2 Couch surfing

The couch surfing social community is another option. This is where young people (mostly students) around the world let you sleep at their place: <https://www.couchsurfing.com/>, <https://about.couchsurfing.com/about/how-it-works/>

5.3 Rentals for shorter periods

It is also possible to rent furnished rooms for a short period.

- *Schlottog Vermietungen Augsburg* rentals*
<http://www.schlottog-vermietung.com/>
- Airbnb
<https://www.airbnb.com/>



6. Found accommodation - what now?

Congratulations! Finally: You found an apartment or a room in a WG. But what are the important steps now?

6.1 Rental agreement and confirmation from housing provider

Important: Read the rental agreement carefully! Pay attention to the duration of the agreement, the notice period and the rental objects available for you there. Read the handover protocol, where the existing damage is listed. In this way, you avoid having to pay for damage that you did not cause when you leave the accommodation.

When everything is OK and the rental agreement has been signed, you are officially a tenant and you have found your home!

To register with the town, you also need the

Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung (confirmation from housing provider) This is a form signed by the landlord to confirm that you will be living in the accommodation.

Please remember that most landlords will not think to bring a confirmation with them. You should **print it out yourself and take it with you** when you are signing the rental agreement or when the apartment is being handed over to you.

You can download the form here: https://formular-service.augsburg.de/intelliform/forms/stadt_augsburg/extern/330/extern/330/meldewesen/wohnungsgeberbestaetigung/index*

6.2 Registering with the city of Augsburg

You now have two weeks to register your new residence with the city of Augsburg. Registration takes place in the citizens' office: <https://www.augsburg.de/buergerservice-rathaus/buergerservice/buergerbueros>*

You need to bring the following with you:

- Passport
- *Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung* (confirmation from housing provider)
- Registration certificate / certificate of enrollment

6.3 GEZ registration

In Germany, we pay a television license (GEZ tax). The amount is €17.50 per household per month.

Please make sure that you **register your apartment yourself**. If you do not do this, you will have to pay more later. You need to register as soon as your rental agreement begins.



If you are **living with someone** who already pays the GEZ, you also need to register this so that the GEZ does not send you any bills. **You can then share the costs.**

You can find all required forms here:

https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/welcome/englisch/students_and_apprentices/index_ger.html

Some people may be exempt from the GEZ tax. For example, if you receive BAföG, you do not need to pay the GEZ. A list of people who are exempt from the GEZ tax can be found here:

<https://www.betanet.de/rundfunkbeitrag-befreiung-ermaessigung.html>*

* Unfortunately, this page only exists in German.