

Guide

Apartment hunting in Augsburg

You have been admitted to study at the University of Augsburg. Now it is a matter of finding accommodation for the time of your studies.

This guide is intended to show you the various housing options and make it easier for you to find your way around the Augsburg housing market.

1. Dormitories

Rooms in student dormitories are probably the most affordable way to live.

There are seven different student dormitories in Augsburg, which are financed either by the Studentenwerk Augsburg or other providers. You can live in the dormitories in single rooms as well as in shared apartments. The rooms are already furnished.

On the pages of the dormitories, you will find more detailed information on the size and rental prices of the rooms as well as all further application modalities for a room.

Benefits	Downsides
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reasonable price • easier to meet new people • maybe there are tutoring programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • often noisy • little privacy

1.1 Studentenwerk (Student services)

You can register for some of these residence halls through the Studentenwerk Augsburg:

- 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>

- Baustudentenwohnheim

<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/student-residences/augsburg-engineering-students/>

Registration for a room is done online via an application for admission:

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

Bitte denken Sie daran, dass die **Zimmer nicht komplett ausgestattet** sind. Das heißt, dass kein Geschirr, keine Töpfe und keine Bettwäsche vorhanden sind. Möchten Sie etwas mehr Leistung haben, dann melden Sie sich für die **Servicepakete** an:

- Möbliertes Einzelapartment mit Küche/Dusche/WC für 6 Monate
- Kostenlose Beratung in [Rechts-und Finanzierungsfragen](#) und [psychologische Beratung](#)
- Teilnahmemöglichkeit am jeweiligen [Tutorenprogramm](#) der Wohnanlagen
- Aktuelle Wegweiser des Studentenwerks Augsburg "Studieren in Augsburg und Kempten" sowie "Internationale Studierende in Augsburg" und "Studieren mit Kind in Augsburg"
- Gegen Aufpreis: (60,- €) auf Wunsch: Kauf von 1 x Bettdecke, 1 x Kopfkissen, 1 x Bettwäsche, 1 x Spannbettlaken
- Auf Wunsch: Vermittlung einer Krankenversicherung

Please remember that the **rooms are not fully equipped**. This means that there are no dishes, pots and bed linen. If you would like to have a little more service, then sign up for the **service packages**:

- Furnished single apartment with kitchen/shower/WC for 6 months.
- Free advice on [legal and financial](#) matters and [psychological counseling](#)
- Possibility to participate in the respective [tutoring program](#) of the residence halls
- Current guidebooks of the Augsburg Student Union "Studying in Augsburg and Kempten" as well as "International Students in Augsburg" and "Studying with Children in Augsburg"
- For an additional charge: (60,- €) on request: purchase of 1 x comforter, 1 x pillow, 1 x bed linen, 1 x fitted sheet
- On request: arrangement of health insurance

Registration for these service packages is done through this form:

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

1.2 Kolping- Dormitories

Kolping is a church-based organization, but welcomes students of all religions. **Students of the University of Augsburg can only apply to Kolping for the residence halls listed here.**

<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/bewerbung/studentenwohnheime>

- Haus-Edith-Stein
<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/studentenwohnheim-edith-stein-augsburg>
- Albertus-Magnus-Studentenwohnheim
<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/studentenwohnheim-albertus-magnus-augsburg>
- Studentenwohnheim im Priesterseminar
<https://www.kolping-wohnheime.de/studentenwohnheim-im-priesterseminar-augsburg>

1.3 Dormitories of other providers

In addition to the dormitories of the Studentenwerk and Kolping, there are other dormitories run by other organizations. You can find a list on the page of the Studentenwerk:

<https://studentenwerk-augsburg.de/accommodation/other-residences/>

Please note: The dormitories in Kempten are out of question for students of the University of Augsburg! Kempten is too far away from Augsburg.

Please apply only for dormitories in Augsburg.

2. Other forms of housing

In addition to student residences, there is still the possibility to look for housing options on the open market. Therefore, a brief overview of the most common types of housing.

2.1 Apartments

If you like it a bit quieter and don't want to share kitchen, bathroom and room with others, you are in good hands in a one-room apartment. Of course, you can also rent an apartment with several rooms, but each m² costs money. It is often cheaper to live in a smaller one-room apartment.

Benefits	Downsides
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• one lives alone• therefore often quiet• free in the design of the apartment• no cleaning plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• you have to take care of everything yourself• often expensive

2.2 Shared flats (Wohngemeinschaft „WG“)

Unlike in many other countries, the vast majority of students in Germany live in private apartments. These are both those domestic students who live at home with their parents, but above all, this means students who live together in a so-called **Wohngemeinschaft** ("WG"). Together they rent an apartment, in which everyone gets a room and pays an appropriate price for it. Kitchen and bathroom are used together and the service charges are shared. WG's are a cost-effective option and have the advantage that you get to know people early through your roommates and live relatively cheap.

Ads for WG rooms can be found throughout the year, especially often at the beginning of the winter semester.

In shared flats, prospective tenants are usually invited to an interview and viewing. You can take your time to look at the room and get to know the other residents so that you can assess whether they would like to live with you.

Do not be afraid! Such introductions are casual and often very amusing. Prices vary widely and depend on the size, location of the apartment and the total incidental costs.

Beware: often these rooms are not furnished and apartment furnishings have to be purchased first.

Benefits	Downsides
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you do not 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 have to adjust to each other and compromise if necessary

2.3 Interim rent

Some students who study abroad for one or more semesters, do an internship or are away from Augsburg for other reasons sublet their room for that particular time.

These rooms are in most cases furnished and a good opportunity to have a place to stay at least for the beginning and from there to find a long-term place to stay.

Benefits	Downsides
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one is alone • therefore often quiet • the apartment is furnished 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • available only for a certain time • furniture is third party property • own furniture has no place

3. How to search for apartments?

On the Internet there are many sites where you can search online for shared rooms or apartments, such as:

- 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)
- www.wg-gesucht.de

You can also **place an advertisement for an apartment** or a room **on these pages yourself**.

An advertisement is an announcement or a notice. Both on the above-mentioned Internet sites, as well as in newspapers, you can place ads yourself and look for apartments or roommates.

You can place an advertisement in the local newspaper Augsburg Allgemeine. **Please keep in mind that there are costs involved:**

<https://anzeigen.augsburger-allgemeine.de/anbieten/private-anbieter/anzeige-aufgeben>

By placing an ad in a newspaper, you will reach older landlords who prefer to read newspapers instead of reading the news on the Internet.

4. What to look out for?

Look for accommodation as early as possible. As soon as you have accepted a place to study, you should start looking for accommodation!

It is important to find at least a temporary accommodation before you enter Germany. Under point 5. we have listed some possibilities for a temporary solution. This way you can bridge the time until you have found a new home in Augsburg.

TIP: Make your reservation in time before your travel date!

4.1 The contacting

With private providers, the contact will mostly be by mail. Here it is important that you do not just say that you are interested in the apartment. Introduce yourself to your future roommates, or landlords. Tell something about yourself! Where are you from, why are you in Augsburg, etc.

Most of the time, landlords get a lot of mails. Therefore, it is especially important that you are sympathetic and remain in the memory.

4.2 Caution trap!

Unfortunately, apartments that do not exist are also offered to steal money.

Therefore, **beware if:**

- an apartment is much cheaper than other, equivalent apartments
- the landlord does not agree to an apartment inspection or cannot come to one.
- the landlord wants to send you the key by mail

And very important:

Never pay anything before you sign the lease!

You can find more information about how to recognize fake apartment ads here:

<https://ratgeber.immowelt.de/a/zu-schoen-um-wahr-zu-sein-gefaelschte-wohnungsanzeigen-erkennen.html>

4.3 Better search on site

Usually you will be asked to come in person to view an apartment. The tenants or flat-sharers would like to get to know you. This gives you the chance to take a closer look at the apartment and ask questions.

Often, flatmates also agree to meet you via Skype or Zoom.

5. Temporarily live in youth hostel or hostel

It is generally easier to find a room if you are already on site. Therefore, **it is recommended to arrive about two weeks before the start of lectures and stay in a youth hostel or hostel first.**

5.1 Youth Hostel

Cheaper than hostels or hotels are often youth hostels. Youth hostels are designed to rent rooms to groups, such as school classes. They have common rooms and a dining room. This means that you may have to share a room with others. Washrooms are also usually common areas.

- Youth Hostel Augsburg
<https://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/augsburg-199/portrait/>

Benefits	Downsides
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reasonable price• easier to meet others• dining room with meal times	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• little privacy• no possibility to lock away valuables

5.2 Hostel

Unlike hostels, hostels often don't have dining rooms, but rather communal kitchens, and are geared more towards travelers who are on their own but want to stay cheaply.

- Hostel SLEPS
<https://www.sleps.de/de/>
- City Hostel
<https://www.jakoberhof.de/city-hostel>
- Slamba – Hostel GmbH
<https://www.slamba-hostel.de/>
- ÜbernachtHostel Augsburg
<https://www.dasuebernacht.de/preise/>
- Hotel Jakoberhof
<https://www.jakoberhof.de/>

Benefits	Downsides
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasonable price• More privacy (single room possible)• Possibility to lock away valuables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In general, no catering facilities

5.3 Couchsurfing

The social community network **Couchsurfing** can also be a welcome alternative. Here, you create a profile on the website and can email other people worldwide who offer free accommodation for a certain period of time.

In Augsburg, many people, especially students, participate in Couchsurfing and offer places to sleep. You can make direct first contacts with local people while you are looking for a place to stay.

You can find the Couchsurfing community network at:

<https://www.couchsurfing.com/>

5.4 Apartments for shorter periods

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

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

6. Accommodation found! What now?

You have found accommodation and have already moved in?

Congratulations! Nevertheless, there are still a few things you should consider and take care of before you fully dedicate yourself to your studies.

6.1 Sign rental contract

In Germany, it is customary for a written rental agreement to be concluded between the tenant and the landlord. This specifies the size of the apartment, the rent, the due date for rent payment and other contractual details.

Make sure that a rental agreement is signed as soon as you have moved into the apartment.

6.2 Registration with the city of Augsburg

In Germany, there is a so-called obligation to register: If you move into an apartment, you must register with the registration office within two weeks. If you are temporarily living in a hostel or Airbnb, you probably cannot register right away. In this case, please contact the „[Hochschulbetreuungsstelle](#)“.

For the registration you will need your **passport** and the **accommodation provider's confirmation**.

Here you will find the necessary **information and forms for registration**:

<https://www.uni-augsburg.de/en/portal/internationals/hochschulbetreuungsstelle/angekommen/registration-city/>

6.3. Registration broadcasting fee

A monthly broadcasting fee of 18.36 euros is charged for every apartment in Germany, regardless of how many people live in that apartment.

Remember, you must register for this independently if the contribution for your apartment is not yet collected.

Information about the broadcasting fee and the online registration form can be found here:

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

7. List of abbreviations

To make your room search easier, we have put together a small ABC of ads for you. Here you will find the most important and common abbreviations that you will encounter again and again in newspaper or Internet ads.

2 Zi.-Whg.	Two-room apartment	Zweizimmerwohnung
3 ZKBB	3 room apartment, kitchen, bathroom, balcony	3 Zimmerwohnung, Küche, Bad, Balkon
AB	Old building	Altbau
Ablöse	You have to buy a part of the apartment furnishings	Sie müssen einen Teil der Wohnungseinrichtung kaufen
App.	Apartment	Appartement
Bad mit BW	bathroom with bathtub	Bad mit Badewanne
Blk.	Balcony	Balkon
DG	attic	Dachgeschoß
Duplex	Underground garage of two superimposed parking spaces	Tiefgarage von zwei übereinander liegenden Stellplätzen
EBK	Fitted kitchen	Einbauküche
FP	fixed price	Festpreis
gewerbl.	commercial, not to live in	gewerblich, nicht zu bewohnen
HP	half board	Halbpension
inkl.	inclusive	inklusive
K	Deposit (Most landlords require a deposit of one to three months' cold rent. When you move out, you will get the deposit back. If damage has occurred, the landlord may retain as much of the deposit as is necessary to repair the damage).	Kautio (Die meisten Vermieter verlangen eine Kautio in Höhe von ein bis drei Kalt-Monatsmieten. Beim Auszug erhalten Sie die Kautio zurück. Sind Schäden entstanden, darf der Vermieter so viel von der Kautio einbehalten, wie zur Behebung der Schäden notwendig ist.)
Kalt	Heating costs are added	Heizkosten kommen noch dazu
KM	Cold rent, without additional costs	Kaltmiete, ohne Nebenkosten
KN	Kitchenette	Kochnische
Ko-gel.	Cooking facilities	Kochgelegenheit
MM	Monthly rent	Monatsmiete
möbl.	furnished	möbliert
MVZ	Rent prepayment	Mietvorauszahlung
n. A.	By arrangement	Nach Absprache
N	North	Norden
Nfl.	Useful area	Nutzfläche

Nh.	Near	Nähe
NK	Service charges. Electricity, water, gas (heating)	Nebenkosten. Strom, Wasser, Gas (Heizung)
NMM	Net monthly rent (additional costs for heating, gas, water, electricity, garbage will be added)	Nettomonatsmiete (zusätzliche Kosten für Heizung, Gas, Wasser, Strom, Müll kommen dazu)
NR	Non-smoker	Nichtraucher
O	East	Osten
OG	Upper floor	Obergeschoß
Prov.	Commission. Is a fee you pay to the real estate agent for helping you find an apartment. Be sure to check if the apartment is commission free (especially with internet ads).	Provision. Ist ein Entgelt, das Sie an den Makler zahlen, wenn er Ihnen bei der Wohnungssuche hilft. Achten Sie darauf, ob die Wohnung provisionsfrei ist (besonders bei den Internet Anzeigen).
ren. / re-nov.	renovated	renoviert
RH	Row house	Reihenhaus
S	south	Süden
sep. WC	separate WC	separates WC
TG	underground parking	Tiefgarage
VB	basis for negotiation	Verhandlungsbasis
W	west	Westen
WBS erford.	certificate of entitlement required	Wohnungsberechtigungsschein erforderlich
Wfl.	Living space	Wohnfläche
WG	Shared apartment	Wohngemeinschaft
Whg.	apartment	Wohnung
zentr.	central	zentral
ZH	Central heating	Zentralheizung
ZKDB	room, kitchen, shower, bath	Zimmer, Küche, Dusche, Bad
ZKB	room, kitchen, bathroom	Zimmer, Küche, Bad
zzgl.	plus, additional	zuzüglich, zusätzlich