Living in Cologne

Info Sheet Accommodation

With around 83,000 students studying and living in Cologne, the number of university students reached a record level currently. Along with the growing demand on living space in the city at the river Rheine, the prices of rooms and apartments are rising. The average rent for a room amounts 355€ a month. Finding an affordable place to live constitutes a major challenge when starting to study in Cologne.

For this reason, we want to provide you some helpful links and homepages to facilitate your search.

Student residence

The situation of student residences in Cologne is quite difficult: there are 5,000 spaces, while 10,000 students are applying each year.

- The German Sport University has a limited number of dormitory places on its campus. As competition for these places is very stiff, students should apply well in advance.
  Link for information and application: https://www.dshs-koeln.de/english/studying-structure/full-time-studies/accomodation/
- Kölner Studentenwerk: 86 halls of residence are run by Kölner Studierendenwerk. Anyone studying at one of the colleges in Cologne can live here. Rent includes costs of central heating, water and electricity thus guaranteeing no extra payments during the whole period of your tenancy. Further Information: https://www.kstw.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=315&Itemid=11
  Online application: https://ti1host.eu/SWK/index.html/admission

Online Platforms for apartment/room search:

- http://www.studenten-wg.de/wohnungsmarkt.html (flats and flat-sharing)
- http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/ (flat-sharing, 1 Room flats, flats)
- https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/nordrhein-westfalen. koeln/mietwohnungen.html (flats)
- https://ti1host.eu/SWK/index.html#privateroom (private rooms - online platform by the Kölner Studentenwerk)
- https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-wohnung-mieten/koeln/wohnung-gesucht/koenig2039445 (flats and flat-sharing)
- http://www.wohnungsboerse.net/ (flats and flat-sharing)
- http://www.kalayo.de/immobilien/mietwohnungen/o/koeln/4/ (flats)
- https://www.immowelt.de/liste/koeln/wohnungen?sort=relevancy (flats)
- http://www.immonet.de/ or http://www.immonet.de/nordrhein-westfalen/koeln-studentenwohnung.html (flats, 1-Room flats, and flat-sharing)

Further ads:

- Facebook-Group NETT-WERK (unfortunately in German, but people often post rooms / flats)
- Facebook-pages of the various districts:
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/107618579279145/?fref=ts
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/136226473094677/?fref=ts
- FacebookStatusPage: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2722006797/?fref=ts

We wish you all the best finding an appropriate accommodation and better start looking right away. Good luck!