

General information on accommodation: pre-reservation and self-organized options

A. Options with pre-reservation service:

The htw saar International Office offers a pre-reservation service for international exchange students from partner universities. The following options with our **external** partners are described below:

1. **WOGES Saar – Wohnungsgesellschaft Saarland**

Flat share: a single room in a shared flat with shared bathroom and kitchen for 3 people in Saarbrücken

2. **SGS – Saarbrücker gemeinnützige Siedlungsgesellschaft mbH**

- A single room with individual bathroom and a shared kitchen for 4 people at the Carl-Duisberg-Haus Saarbrücken
- Flat share: a single room in a shared flat with shared bathroom and kitchen for 3 people in Saarbrücken

3. **ESG - Student hall of residence of the Protestant student community Saarbrücken:**

A single room with wash-basin, shared kitchen and W.C./bathroom in a floor with 9 units

4. **For exchange students who stay for an entire study year (12 months) in Saarbrücken:**

Student hall of residence of the private company 'GBS Studentenwohnungen Saarbrücken GmbH':

A single apartment with individual bathroom and kitchenette

After admission all exchange students will receive a pre-reservation form from the International Office in the second half of December (for summer semester period) and in the second half of July (for winter semester period). The actual paperwork with the external accommodation providers will be sent to the student either via email or postal mail by the management of these partners.

Detailed information on the different options 1 to 4:

1. **WOGES Saar – Wohnungsgesellschaft Saarland mbH (municipal real estate company in Saarbrücken)**

Flat share:

The buildings with the flats are located at Hellwigstraße 17/19 in 66121 Saarbrücken or Bayernstraße 12/14 in 66111 Saarbrücken and at about 4 km distance/20 min by bus to the htw saar Campus 'Rotenbühl' (Business School) and about 5 km distance / 15 min by bus to the htw saar Campus 'Alt-Saarbrücken' (School of Engineering and department of Civil Engineering). The tramway and the bus stop are in a walking distance.

Basic information:

- Individual room (11/13/14m²) in shared apartment (ca. 75 m²), WC, bathroom (washbasin and shower), common room and kitchen to share with 2 other students (all male or all female)
- Rent: € 280/300/310 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc.)
- Deposit: the refundable security deposit amounts to € 280/300/310, depending on the size of the room
- **Minimum rental period: 3 months** with cancellation period: 4 weeks
- Functional furniture **including** bed, bed table, 2 wardrobes, desk and chair
- **Not** included: mattress, duvet and pillow, bed linen and towels - students need to arrange for those themselves
- Fully furnished kitchen with hot plates, oven and refrigerator (partly with freezer), table and chairs to share with 2 other students. **Included:** kitchen equipment (tableware, pans and pots etc.)
- Common living room, furnished with sofa, table and chairs
- **NO** washing facilities in the apartment, however in Saarbrücken there are several laundrettes with coin operated washing machines
- Internet access **included** in the rent
- Good shopping facilities in the neighborhood (3 supermarkets)
- **NOT** included: License fee charged by the public broadcasting system for their radio, television and internet services, currently around €18 per unit per month (ca. €6 per person, to be transferred as soon as the students will receive the notice to pay by post, usually sometime after registration at the citizen centre of the city hall). The payment of this fee is required by law (similar to a tax) regardless of whether you actually use these services or not



Start of rental period:

In summer semesters: March or April (exact date on request)

In winter semesters: September or October (exact date on request)

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2. SGS – Saarbrücker gemeinnützige Siedlungsgesellschaft mbH (also a municipal real estate company in Saarbrücken)

The municipal real estate company SGS offers two different types of student accommodation at the following locations in Saarbrücken:

a) The student residence hall 'Carl-Duisberg-Haus': a single room with private ensuite bathroom and shared kitchen for 4 people

b) Flat share: a single room with shared bathroom and kitchen for 3 people

a) The 'Carl-Duisberg-Haus':

The Carl-Duisberg-Haus is located at Mecklenburgring 1 in 66121 Saarbrücken (Eschberg) at about 3,5 km distance/15 min by bus to the htw saar Campus 'Rotenbühl' (Business School), and about 35 min by bus to the htw saar Campus 'Alt-Saarbrücken' (School of Engineering and department of Civil Engineering). The bus stop is in front of the building.

Basic information:

- Individual room (15m²) with private ensuite bathroom, the room is part of a small unit of 4 students; each group is sharing a common-room with a fully furnished kitchen and a flat-screen TV
- Rent: €305 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc). The refundable security deposit is €480
- Each room is equipped with an individual bathroom with toilet and shower
- **Minimum** rental period: 5 months, cancellation period: 4 weeks
- Functional furniture **including** bed and (used) mattress, bed table, wardrobe (with safe), desk and chair
- **NOT** included: duvet, pillows, bed linen Students need to arrange for those themselves
- The **fully furnished** kitchen is in the middle of the 4 individual rooms and equipped with hot plates, microwave, refrigerator/freezer, table and chairs (no oven included); students need to organise themselves for the cleaning, the company provides a comprehensive cleaning service once a month
- **NOT** included: kitchen equipment (tableware, pans, pots, cooking utensils etc.). Students need to arrange for those themselves
- Coin-operated washing machines and tumble dryer in the basement (washing: €1, drying: €0,50)
- Internet access **NOT** included in the rent. Students need to contract an internet service provider themselves (currently between €20 and 30)
- Elevator
- Good shopping facilities in the neighborhood (The SaarBasar Mall)
- **NOT** included: License fee charged by the public broadcasting system for their radio, television and internet services, currently around €18 per unit per month (ca. €4,50 per person, to be transferred as soon as the students will receive the notice to pay by post, usually sometime after registration at the citizen centre of the city hall). The payment of this fee is required by law (similar to a tax) regardless of whether you actually use these services or not
- An extra cleaning fee of €85 can be deducted from your deposit at the end of the stay if the room will be left in bad conditions



b) Flat share:

The buildings with the flats are located at Tilsiter Straße 1 and 9 or Königsbergerstraße 2, both in 66121 Saarbrücken (Eschberg), and at about 3,5 km distance/15 min by bus to the htw saar Campus 'Rotenbühl' (Business School), and about 35 min by bus to the htw saar Campus 'Alt-Saarbrücken' (School of Engineering and department of Civil Engineering). The bus stop is in a short walking distance.

Basic information:

- Individual room (14 or 23m²) in shared apartment, bathroom (WC and shower) and kitchen to share with 2 other students (matched as male or female only flats)

- Rent: €305 or 345 p.m., depending on the size of the room (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc.). The refundable security deposit is either €480 or €600
- **Minimum rental period: 4-5 months**, cancellation period: 4 weeks
- Functional furniture **including** bed and (used) mattress, bed table, wardrobe, desk and chair
- **NOT** included: duvet, pillows, bed linen. Students need to arrange for those themselves.
- Fully furnished kitchen with hot plates, oven and refrigerator (partly with freezer), table and chairs to share with 2 other students
- **NOT** included: kitchen equipment (tableware, pans, pots, cooking utensils etc.). Students need to arrange for those themselves
- **Included:** washing facilities in the apartment (washing machines, no tumble dryer)
- Elevator
- Internet access **NOT** included in the rent. Students need to contract an internet service provider themselves (currently between €20 and 30)
- **NOT** included: License fee charged by the public broadcasting system for their radio, television and internet services, currently around €18 per unit per month (ca. €6 per person, to be transferred as soon as the students will receive the notice to pay by post, usually sometime after registration at the citizen centre of the city hall). The payment of this fee is required by law (similar to a tax) regardless of whether you actually use these services or not
- An extra cleaning fee of €85 can be deducted from your deposit at the end of the stay if the premises will be left in bad conditions
- Good shopping facilities in the neighbourhood (The SaarBasar Mall)



Start of rental period for both locations:

In summer semesters: March or April (exact date on request)

In winter semesters: September or October (exact date on request)

Further information on the SGS student accommodation (in German only) are available on:

https://www.sib-saarbruecken.de/wohnen/wohngemeinschaften/studentenwohnen_im_carl_duisberg_haus

https://www.sib-saarbruecken.de/wohnen/wohngemeinschaften/wohngemeinschaften_tilsiter_strasse

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3. ESG – Student hall of residence ‘ESG Saarbrücken’ (Protestant student community Saarbrücken)

The ESG student hall of residence is run by the Protestant student community Saarbrücken. It is open to all religious denominations and the interreligious and intercultural dialogue is an important part of the ESG's profile. The community offers a wide range of activities, thus the residence hall provides common rooms for workshops, for studying, for reading and watching television. The residence is divided into floors with nine units each that share between them an open plan kitchen as well as the 2 W.C. and shower rooms. The premises have recently been entirely renovated.

The building is located at Waldhausweg 7 in 66123 Saarbrücken within a 50 m walking distance to the htw saar Campus ‘Rotenbühl’ (Business School) and about 4 km by bus to the htw saar Campus ‘Alt-Saarbrücken’ (Schools of Engineering and department of Civil Engineering).

Basic information:

- Standard category of single rooms (between 10 to 15m²) with wash-basin, the open plan kitchen and the 2 W.C. and shower rooms are shared with 8 other students.
- Rent: between €212 and €258 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc.). The refundable security deposit amounts to €260
- **Fixed rental period: 6 months** (the student has the option to find themselves a sublet for the room, if they need to leave earlier – however they remain responsible for the room for the full duration of the contract)
- Functional furniture including bed (with pillow and duvet/blanket), shelves, desk and chair
- Fully equipped kitchen with tableware, pots and pans, hot plates and refrigerator, shared with 8 other students
- **NOT** included: bed linen/sheets and towels
- Internet access **included** in the rent
- Coin-operated washing machine
- Some shopping facilities in the neighbourhood of ‘Rotenbühl’ (bakery, greengrocer, supermarket)
- Licence fee for all public service broadcasting programs **included** in the rent



Start of rental period:

In summer semesters: 1 April (exact moving in date on request)

In winter semesters: 1 October (exact moving in date on request). More photos and further information on the ESG residence hall (in German only) is available on: www.waldhausweg7.de → Wohnheim

Your contact persons at the ESG:

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4. Private student hall of residence 'GBS Studentenwohnungen Saarbrücken GmbH' (For exchange students who stay for an entire study year (12 months) in Saarbrücken)

The private company 'GBS Studentenwohnungen Saarbrücken GmbH' runs a student residence hall with functional furnished apartments, all fully equipped with individual bathroom and kitchen. The buildings are located at Sulzbachstraße 53, Dudweilerstraße 93 and Försterstraße 70 in 66111 Saarbrücken within a 1,4km distance to the htw saar Campus 'Rotenbühl' (Business School) and 2,2km to the htw saar Campus 'Alt-Saarbrücken' (Schools of Engineering and department of Civil Engineering).

Basic information:

- **Single apartments**, standard category (17-35m²), rent: € 290 to 395 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge* for warm/cold water, heating etc.), additional charge for electricity: ca. € 40, to be contracted separately with an external energy supplier. The refundable security deposit amounts to € 585 - € 795
- **Minimum rental period: 2 semesters / 12 months** (the student has the option to find themselves a next tenant for the apartment if they need to leave earlier and pays an additional contract breaking service fee of € 100.
- *utility charge: each apartment has meters for heat, electricity, water, etc. When students move in and out the meters are protocolled. The monthly utility charge is based on average monthly use of utilities. At the end of each billing period (once a year) the final bill for the utility charges is calculated. If renters used more than the monthly charge, the additional costs are deducted from the security deposit. If renters used less than the monthly charge, they receive a refund
- Functional furniture **including** kitchenette with hot plates and refrigerator with freezer, bed, shelves, wardrobe, desk and chair
- Elevator
- Coin-operated washing machines in the basement
- Modern furniture **including** shelves, wardrobe, desk, chair and bed
- **NOT** included: Mattress, duvet, pillows, bed linen, towels, crockery. Students need to arrange for those themselves
- Internet access **NOT** included in the rent. Students need to contract an internet service provider themselves
- Walking distance to the historic city center 'Altstadt' (or approx. 2 minutes by bus) as well as to the central train station
- Good shopping facilities in the neighbourhood
- **NOT** included: License fee charged by the public broadcasting system for their radio, television and internet services, currently around € 18 per unit per month (to be transferred as soon as the students will receive the notice to pay by post, usually sometime after registration at the citizen centre of the city hall). The payment of this fee is required by law (similar to a tax) regardless of whether you actually use these services or not



Further information on the GBS Studentenwohnungen Saarbrücken is available on:

<https://www.studentenwohnungen-saarbruecken.de/start-housing-supply-student-appartement-living-saarbruecken.html>

<https://www.studentenwohnungen-saarbruecken.de/downloads-736.html>

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B. Self-organized options and short term accommodation

Please note: the International Office is unfortunately not in the position to assist exchange students to find accommodation of this kind.

1. Private lodgings / Flat or house shares

A room in a private house will generally be furnished, whereas single apartments or rooms in a shared student flat or house (known in German as a "WG", meaning "Wohngemeinschaft") will generally be unfurnished. Private apartments, a room in private lodgings or in a shared flat or house currently costs between €250 and €380 a month. These offers are usually posted online, in the local newspapers and on the blackboards of the universities.

Searching for accommodation in Saarbrücken via internet-based non-commercial student accommodation sites:

- www.htwsaar.de/service/wohnraumboerse/angebote

(a virtual blackboard run by the htw saar and the 'Stadtteilbüro Alt-Saarbrücken' with a main focus on accommodation in the quarter of 'Alt-Saarbrücken' where the htw saar Campus Alt-Saarbrücken is located)

- www.studentenwerk-saarland.de/de/Services/Kommunikation/Pinwand

(the virtual blackboard of the Studentenwerk im Saarland, click on Wohnungen ->Angebot / Wohnungen->Mitbewohner gesucht)

More websites with housing offers:

- www.wg-gesucht.de/en/

- www.studenten-wohnung.de

- www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/stadt/saarbruecken/ -> Immobilien -> Mietwohnungen

- www.immowelt.de/

- www.facebook.com/groups/wohnungsboerse

Searching for accommodation via newspapers

Wochenspiegel <https://www.wochenspiegelonline.de/kleinanzeigen/immobilien/> ->Vermietung (e.g. 1-Zi-Wohnung)

Searching for accommodation via notice boards

The various htw saar buildings house a number of notice boards where rooms to let are advertised. The Mensa building at UdS Saarland University is also a very popular site for posting and reading accommodation notices.

2. Short term accommodation

Europa Jugendherberge, Jugendgästehaus Saarbrücken (youth hostel, located next to the htw saar Business School), rooms with beds for one, two or four people. <https://www.diejugendherbergen.de/>

Hermann Neuberger Sportschule: The "Landessportverband" Saarland (sports association of the federal state Saarland) offers accommodation at the Hermann Neuberger Sportschule, mainly for athletes, but if they have left over rooms, these are available for rent for everybody. <https://www.lsvs.de/index.php?id=21>, booking only possible via <https://www.lsvs.de/index.php?id=1867>

Hotel zur Klause

<https://www.hotel-zur-klause.de/>

City Hotel Saarbrücken

<https://www.hotel-saarbruecken.de/home.html>

Ibis Budget Hotel

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/3516/index.de.shtml?dateIn=&nights=&compositions=1&stayplus=false#origin=ibis>

Hotel ibis Saarbrücken City

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/2142/index.de.shtml?dateIn=&nights=&compositions=1&stayplus=false#origin=ibis>

Gästehaus Weller

www.weller-hotel.de

Europa Hotel Saarbrücken

<https://www.hotel-europa-sb.de/>

Hotel Schlosskrug

www.hotel-schlosskrug.de

www.airbnb.de

For a night or two for free:

Couchsurfing Group Saarbrücken: www.facebook.com/groups/189872344386103