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

For the upcoming academic year 2022/23, the International Office cooperates with the following **external** partners for the accommodation of international exchange students from partner universities and offers a pre-reservation service. The following options with our external partners are described below:

## 1. WOGE 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) A single room with individual bathroom and a shared kitchen for 4 people at the Carl-Duisberg-Haus Saarbrücken b) 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. WOGE 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 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: € 340/350/360 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc.)
- Deposit: the refundable security deposit amounts to € 340/350/360, depending on the size of the room
- NO minimum rental period, 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)

Your contact person at the WOGE Saar: Ms Julia Kummutat <u>j.kummutat@woge-saar.de</u>, Phone: 0049 6893 83 -424, <u>www.freundlich-wohnen.de/en/service/housing-for-students</u>

# 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: € 400 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc). The refundable security deposit is € 600
- 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 deduced 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 at 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: € 310 (14m²) or € 400 (23m²) 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: 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 deduced 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: <a href="https://www.sib-saarbruecken.de/wohnen/wohngemeinschaften/studentenwohnen im carl duisberg haus">https://www.sib-saarbruecken.de/wohnen/wohngemeinschaften/studentenwohnen im carl duisberg haus</a>

https://www.sib-saarbruecken.de/wohnen/wohngemeinschaften/wohngemeinschaften\_tilsiter\_strasse Your contact person at the SGS: Ms Anita Schmitt, studenten@ig-sb.de, Phone: 0049 681 3016-392

## 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 € 253 and € 307 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge for warm/cold water, heating, electricity, etc.). The refundable security deposit amounts to € 300
- **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 machines
- 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 (upon availability earlier - exact moving in date on request)

In winter semesters: 1 October (upon availability earlier - exact moving in date on request). More photos and further information on the ESG residence hall (in German only) is available on: <a href="https://www.waldhausweg7.de">www.waldhausweg7.de</a> Wohnheim

Your contact persons at the ESG:

Ms. Stefanie Oestreich and Ms. Heike Krischer

esg.sb@mx.uni-saarland.de, Phone: 0049 681 936610

# 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:

- <u>Single apartments</u>, standard category (17-35m²), rent: € 320 to 435 p.m. (including a monthly utility charge\* for warm/cold water, heating etc.), additional charge for electricity: ca. € 65, to be contracted separately with an external energy supplier. The refundable security deposit amounts to € 585 € 795
- Minimum rental period: 2 semesters / 12 months! In case of an earlier move-out: students must find themselves a next tenant for the apartment and pay 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

Your contact person at the GBS Studentenwohnungen Saarbrücken GmbH:

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Phone: +49-(0)681/58600 97 E-mail: <u>s.vinke@sbt-gruppe.de</u>



### Important note on the pre-reservation service:

Our pre-reservation service is not a guarantee for a room. All external accommodation providers are however supposed to contact you back and start the actual paperwork with you. As soon as a room or apartment (in case of the GBS) becomes available you will be offered a rental contract which becomes binding once signed by both parties.

For all options, you are of course welcome to contact the managers and take out the contract independently from us. In this case, we recommend to point out that you are an exchange student from htw saar – you may also copy us in the email (incoming@htwsaar.de).

#### 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 student residence hall 'Cusanushaus':

Very central location in the heart of the city, 3 different categories of rooms. Rental period typically is one full semester (either from 1.10.-31.03. or 1.04.-30.9.). Further information and contact: Mr. Markus Geiger, see: <a href="https://cusanustreff.de/">https://cusanustreff.de/</a>

## 2. 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 €280 and €800 a month. These offers are usually posted online, or in the local newspapers and blackboards of the universities.

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

- 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 ->Wohnung suchen
- www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/stadt/saarbruecken/ -> Immobilien -> Mietwohnungen
- www.immowelt.de
- www.saarbruecken.homecompany.de
- <u>www.facebook.com/groups/wohnungsboerse</u> (private group "Wohnungsbörse Saarbrücken" "accommodation exchange Saarbrücken")
- <a href="https://de-de.facebook.com/groups/878754748838541">https://de-de.facebook.com/groups/878754748838541</a> (public group "WG & Wohnung Saarbrücken gesucht" "Wanted: shared flat & apartment Saarbrücken")

Searching for accommodation via newspapers

Wochenspiegel <a href="https://www.wochenspiegelonline.de/anzeigen/immo-spiegel/">https://www.wochenspiegelonline.de/anzeigen/immo-spiegel/</a> -> e.g. Vermietung 1-Zi.-Wohng. (single apartment)

Private student housing providers offering single and double apartments (furnished and unfurnished):

studioeins: <a href="https://www.studioeins.info">https://www.studioeins.info</a>
Zymma Living GmbH: <a href="https://zymma.de/en/">https://zymma.de/en/</a>

OneTwoSeven: https://www.onetwoseven.de/ or https://s819291815.websitebuilder.online/

Quint Immobilien: https://www.quint-immobilien.de/english/

Campo Novo Saarbrücken: https://www.campo-novo-saarbruecken.de/

#### 3. Short term accommodation

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

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. <a href="https://www.lsvs.de/hermann-neuberger-sportschule/unterkuenfte">https://www.lsvs.de/hermann-neuberger-sportschule/unterkuenfte</a> (rooms with two or three beds between 45€ and 66€)

Hotel zur Klause

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

Ibis Budget Hotel

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

Hotel ibis Saarbruecken City

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

Gästehaus Weller www.weller-hotel.de

B&B Hotel Saarbrücken https://www.hotel-bb.com/de

Europa Hotel Saarbrücken <a href="https://www.hotel-europa-sb.de/">https://www.hotel-europa-sb.de/</a>

Hotel Schlosskrug www.hotel-schlosskrug.de

## www.airbnb.de

For a night or two for free: Couchsurfing Group Saarbrücken: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/189872344386103">www.facebook.com/groups/189872344386103</a>