# General information on accommodation options in summer semester 2022 (external accommodation partners and self-organized options)

For the upcoming summer semester, the International Office cooperates with the following **external** partners for the accommodation of international exchange students:

- 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

If interested in these options, students are required to directly contact the manager of the respective accommodation provider-**no later than January, 25**<sup>th</sup>. As soon as a room becomes available, the actual paperwork will be sent to the student via email by the management of these external 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: €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:

Exact date on request, typically March or April for summer semesters

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>

If interested, please send a request to Ms. Kummutat, **no later than by January, 25**<sup>th</sup>, and attach a copy of your personal ID or passport document to your email. Don't forget to point out that you are an exchange student from htw saar and to copy us in the email (incoming@htwsaar.de). Please note that this is not a guarantee for a room but the WOGE Saar will contact you back and start the actual paperwork. As soon as a room becomes available you will be offered a rental contract which becomes binding once signed by both parties.

## 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 <u>'Carl-Duisberg-Haus'</u>: 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 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: €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: 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:

Exact date on request, typically March or April for summer semesters

Your contact person at the SGS: Ms Anita Schmitt, studenten@ig-sb.de, Phone: 0049 681 3016-130.

Further information on the SGS student accommodation 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 And FAQ (in English) on: https://www.sib-saarbruecken.de/wohnen/wohngemeinschaften/after\_conclusion\_faq

If interested, please send a request to Ms. Schmitt **no later than by January, 25th**. Don't forget to point out that you are an exchange student from htw saar and to copy us in the email (incoming@htwsaar.de). Please note that this is not a guarantee for a room but the SGS will contact you back and start the actual paperwork. As soon as a room becomes available you will be offered a rental contract which becomes binding once signed by both parties.

### 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 €280 and €400 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/kleinanzeigen/immobilien/">https://www.wochenspiegelonline.de/kleinanzeigen/immobilien/</a> ->Vermietung (e.g. 1-Zi-Wohnung or Wohngemeinschaften)

Searching for accommodation via notice boards

The Mensa building on the campus of the Universität des Saarlandes (Saarland University) is a very popular site for posting and reading accommodation notices.

## 2. 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. <a href="https://www.diejugendherbergen.de/jugendherbergen/saarbruecken/portrait/">https://www.diejugendherbergen.de/jugendherbergen/saarbruecken/portrait/</a>

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?dateln=&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

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Couchsurfing Group Saarbrücken: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/189872344386103">www.facebook.com/groups/189872344386103</a>