Information for cooperative students on accommodation

Students from cooperation programmes are offered accommodation by Bielefeld University's International Office - in halls of residence run by the Studierendenwerk [Association for Student Affairs] or in private shared flats or flats. Internet is available in halls of residence via LAN. If you want WLAN, you have to buy a router.

Winter semester:

September: Students are offered a room in a hall of residence. If more students register than there are rooms available in the halls of residence, they will receive an offer of private accommodation. Private accommodation are furnished rooms in a shared flat or a separate flat.

October: Students receive an offer for private accommodation.

Summer semester:

Similar to the winter semester. There are fewer dormitory rooms available in summer.

Furnishing of dormitory rooms

One-bedroom flat: fully furnished (bed with duvet and pillows, desk, shelf and wardrobe). Kitchenette (with fridge, crockery, cutlery, cooking pots), bathroom with shower/WC, internet connection (DSL).

Shared flat (‘Wohngemeinschaft’ = WG): Equipped like a single flat with two or five rooms. Kitchen and bathroom are shared by all residents.

Term of the rental agreements

The terms of the tenancy agreements with Studierendenwerk [Association for Student Affairs] Bielefeld are fixed:

Winter semester: September to February (1 semester = 6 months)

September to July (2 semesters = 11 months)

Summer semester: March to July (1 semester = 5 months)

Costs

Dormitory rooms cost 250 to 350 euros per month (including utilities). A deposit of 300 euros must be paid two months before moving in. The deposit acts as a reservation and as security in case of damage. If nothing is damaged, the deposit will be returned after you move out.

18.36 euros per month must be paid per flat/apartment for broadcasting (TV, radio). Shared flats divide this amount between all flatmates.

Private rooms and flats cost 300-450 euros per month. A deposit is also customary here.
Rental application and room reservation
Please register for the housing service in the online portal. Registration ends:

31.05. for the winter semester
30.10. for the summer semester

After the registration deadline, we will distribute the available rooms and send you either a binding room offer for a place in the student residence or an offer for private accommodation. So please be patient, we will send you something in any case, even if it may take some time. In any case, it is very important that you check your emails regularly and respond immediately!

If you have received a binding offer of a room in a student hall of residence, you must return the signed form immediately and transfer the deposit so that the room can be reserved for you. If you are unable to start your studies in Bielefeld for whatever reason, you should also let us know immediately so that we can rent the room to someone else if necessary. Otherwise you are obliged to pay the first month's rent.

If you receive an offer for private accommodation, you must then contact the landlords or flatmates to clarify the terms of the contract. Please do this immediately after receiving the offer, otherwise the room may already be taken.

How to Find Us
Residence: You can only move in during the week (Mondays to Fridays). If you arrive in Bielefeld on a weekend, public holiday or after 6.00 pm, you can stay here overnight:

Youth guest house
Hermann-Kleinewächter-Str. 1
D-33602 Bielefeld Phone
+49 521. 5 22 05-0 jgh-bielefeld@djh-wl.de
www.djh-wl.de/jh/bielefeld

Private rooms: Please clarify the move-in date with the landlord or flatmates. It may be possible to move in at the weekend.

Do you have any further questions? Please write to wohnen-io@uni-bielefeld.de

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