

Housing Information for Incoming Students in Cooperation Programmes

International Students are offered housing in student residences run by the Studierendenwerk Bielefeld (student welfare organisation), **as long as places are available**.

Places are located at different residences, f.ex. Morgenbreede, Stennerstraße, Universitätsstraße, Jakob-Kaiser-Straße, Wertherstraße, Walter-Rathenau-Straße. All residences can conveniently be accessed by public transport.

Please note that the housing service of the International Office can present only **one offer of accommodation per person** and that it is not guaranteed that the offer is in a preferred location.

Rental terms in student residences

Rental contracts in the special contingency with the Studierendenwerk Bielefeld are bound to **fixed and limited periods** of time. These periods are binding for all students and cannot be altered.

Winter Semester: September to February (i.e. six months)

Summer Semester: March to July (i.e. 5 months)

Housing Costs

Accommodation for cooperation students in student residences costs at present a monthly rent of 290 to 380 Euro, utilities included. Deposit for a room or apartment let by the Studierendenwerk Bielefeld is 300 Euro. Deposits need to be paid (by bank transfer) when receiving the room offer approx. two months before the contract begins in order to reserve a room. If deposit is not paid, reservation expires. The deposit serves as security for the rent of the first month and will be returned after moving out, if there are no outstanding payments and nothing is damaged.

In addition, a monthly amount of 18,36 Euro per flat/apartment has to be paid. This is the 'Rundfunkbeitrag' (a statutory licence fee for TV and radio in Germany). Shared flats will split the amount between all flatmates.

Accommodation Request and Room Reservation

Students can apply for the accommodation service in the online portal. Closing dates for this service are: **May 15** for a stay in **winter semester**

November 15 for a stay in **summer semester**.

After the registration deadline, the housing service will allocate the available rooms and send a binding room offer for a place in a student residence (usually in June resp. December). It is important that you check your mails regularly and can respond without delay to a housing offer.

Once you have received an offer you must register immediately in the portal of the Studierendenwerk Bielefeld (you will receive information on how to do this) **and transfer the deposit so that the place in the student residence is reserved for you.**

In case you are not able to start your study stay in Bielefeld as planned, let the housing service know as early as possible. If possible, the room will be allocated to someone else. If not, the deposit serves as rent for the first month and cannot be returned.

Equipment of the rooms in student residences

In 'Morgenbreede' and 'Stennerstrasse' apartments for single use are available. Student apartments have a kitchen and a small bathroom. Other student residences offer single rooms as part of shared flats ('Wohngemeinschaft' = WG): two (in some cases up to four) students share a bathroom and a kitchen.

Apartements and single rooms in shared flats are furnished with bed, desk, shelves and a wardrobe. A blanket, pillow and bed linen are provided, as well as dishes, cutlery and cooking pots.

In most residences wireless internet is installed or internet access is available via LAN cable. Students will receive more information on this with the room offer.

Arrival in Bielefeld

Please note: It is not possible to move into a student residence on the weekend or a public holiday. If you arrive in Bielefeld after 18.00 hrs or on the weekend you can stay overnight at one of these hostels:

Jugendgästehaus

Hermann-Kleinewächter-Str. 1
33602 Bielefeld

www.djh-wl.de/jh/bielefeld

B&B Bielefeld City (near train station)

Europaplatz 2/Boulevard
33613 Bielefeld

<https://www.hotel-bb.com/de/hotel/bielefeld-city>

Please reserve in good time!

It is also an option to stay in a hostel in case you have a place in a student residence and arrive before the scheduled move-in date.

If you have further questions please contact the housing service: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de