

## Housing Information for Erasmus and other Cooperation Students

The International Office can dispose over appr. 70 rooms in **student residences run by the 'Studentenwerk Bielefeld'** (student welfare organisation). These rooms are reserved for Erasmus and other cooperation students who stay at Bielefeld University for one or two semesters. Rental contracts are with the Studentenwerk Bielefeld. At present, places are available in the student residences in Morgenbreede, Stennerstraße, Universitätsstraße and Am Hallenbad. Further information on the residences can be found on the website of the Studentenwerk Bielefeld.

In winter semester the places in student residences will be available for students attending the four-weeks German language course which begins in September. If more than 70 students register for this course, some students will receive an offer for **private accommodation**. This may be a (furnished) room in a shared house or flat together with other students, a room/an apartment with a family ('zur Untermiete') or a separate apartment. Students which arrive in October usually receive an offer for private accommodation.

In summer semester appr. 30 places will again be available for new incoming students. In addition, the International Office provides offers for private accommodation.

### Equipment of the rooms in student residences

Student apartments in the residences have a kitchen line (with fridge), a shower and toilet and are equipped with a DSL-connection. They are furnished with bed, desk, shelves and a wardrobe. A blanket, pillow and bedlinen are included, as well as dishes, cutlery and cooking pots.

The rooms in Universitätsstraße are part of shared flats ('Wohngemeinschaft' = WG): five international students share two bathrooms and a big kitchen. Apart from this the flats are furnished and equipped as the apartments. The furnished rooms in 'Am Hallenbad' are also part of shared flats (WG), however just two international students share a bathroom and a kitchen.

### Rental terms in student residences

Rental contracts with the 'Studentenwerk Bielefeld' are bound to fixed and limited periods of time. These periods are binding for all students in cooperation programmes and cannot be altered:

In **winter semester**:     6 months: **September to February**  
                                  11 months: **September to July** (if stay is for one academic year).

In **summer semester**:   5 months: **March to July**.

The rooms 'Am Hallenbad' are also let for 12 months: September – August.

### Housing Costs

Accommodation for cooperation students in student residences costs a monthly rent of 236 to 302 Euro, utilities included. The deposit for a room or apartment let by the Studentenwerk Bielefeld is 250 Euro. This deposit - a sum of money that is paid when renting accommodation - will be returned on moving out, if all monthly rents were paid and the accommodation is not damaged. Private accommodation costs between 200 and 400 Euro a month, depending on size, location and equipment, and usually also requires payment of a deposit.

## Accommodation Request and Room Reservation

Please send the accommodation request as soon as possible to the International Office, together with the printout of the online registration and the application for the German language and orientation program and – if applicable – the mentoring program. Closing dates are:

**1 June** for a stay in **winter semester** or the **whole academic year**;

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

After the closing dates we will allocate the rooms available and then send out to you either a form with a binding offer for a place in a student residence run by the 'Studentenwerk' or an offer for private accommodation. Please note that even if it may take a while until you receive information, we will in any case send to you an offer for residential or private accommodation! So it is important that you check your mail regularly and react without delay.

The **signed form with the binding offer** for a place in student housing by the 'Studentenwerk' has to be returned immediately and the deposit transferred in order to reserve the place. If you have to cancel your stay in Bielefeld for whatever reason, you must also let us know immediately so that we can find another student taking this place. Otherwise you will have to pay the rent for the first month.

Students who receive an offer for private accommodation, should immediately contact the landlord/landlady or flatmates in regard to rental conditions and in order to save the place.

## Arrival in Bielefeld

Please note: It is not possible to move in a student residence on the weekend or a public holiday. If you arrive in Bielefeld in the evening after 18.00 or on the weekend you can stay overnight at the Youth Hostel:

### Jugendgästehaus

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

### Kolpinghaus

August-Bebel-Str. 7A  
D-33602 Bielefeld  
Tel. +49 521. 60363  
info@kolpinghaus-bielefeld.de  
www.kolpinghaus-bielefeld.de

### Please reserve a place well ahead of time!

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

People who stay in **private accommodation** should contact the landlord/landlady or flatmates about the move in date. In this situation, it may be possible to move in on the weekend.

If you have further questions please contact us via email: [wohnen-io@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:wohnen-io@uni-bielefeld.de)