

Living in Berlin

Housing

Unfortunately, it has become much more difficult to find accommodation in Berlin within the last three years. **We urge you to take care of this as soon as possible!**

You have the following options to organise your accommodation:

1. Accommodation Service at Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin)

Furnished apartments

Freie Universität Berlin offers fully furnished apartments including household equipment for exchange students in Steglitz/Lichterfelde (Celsiusstr.) and Steglitz/Lankwitz (Klüberstr.). The FU campus is located in the neighbouring Dahlem. The apartments can be reached by bus or S-Bahn. The rent is approximately € 390 (Celsiusstr.) € 420 (Klüberstr.) per month. A security deposit is necessary. The minimum duration of stay is one semester.

Student dormitories

The Studentenwerk Berlin as well as the privately owned Studentendorf Schlachtensee offers a limited number of student dormitories. **Please note that the rooms available at Studentenwerk Berlin are always booked out very fast!**

Information and application

Please click here for further information and the application forms for the apartments and dormitories:

Accommodation service at FU Berlin

<http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/unterbringung/>

2. Private accommodation

Of course you may also individually provide for housing.

Apartment / Shared apartment

If you do not wish to stay in a student residence hall, you can try to find a room or an apartment on the private housing market. Many students in Berlin live in shared apartments (WGs) and there is a relatively large supply of rooms. You find these offers on the internet (e.g., studenten-wg.de or wg-gesucht.de), in various Berlin magazines, or on notice boards in different places of the university. Freie Universität Berlin is located in Dahlem, a residential area with many villas. Rooms/apartments around the university are rare and normally quite expensive. For that reason students generally commute from other parts of the city, with 30 minutes to one hour commuting time on public transport being nothing unusual.

Rent

Rents in Berlin normally start around € 300 Shared apartments tend to be less expensive. On signing the lease your landlord will probably expect a deposit of three months, reimbursed with interest at the end of tenancy as long as nothing has been damaged. Sometimes a commission or a compensation for furniture is requested; therefore, make sure that you bring enough money with you.

3. Short-term accommodation

If you arrive in Berlin and have not yet found an apartment or a room you will need cheap short-term accommodation at either a youth hostel (Jugendherberge) or a guest house (Jugendgästehaus).

An overview of information about housing in Berlin can be found here:

Housing in Berlin (pdf)

http://distributed-campus.org/dc-root/dc_resources/multimedia/Wohnen_deutsch_englisch.pdf