


## General Information on Accommodation in Cologne

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### Accommodation

You would like to study in Cologne or Gummersbach and you're looking for a roof over your head? Start searching for your new home as soon as possible. Whether you are looking to live in a student dormitory or shared apartment, in the city or in the suburbs - we advise you to be flexible. This page provides useful advice for searching for a place to live in Cologne, Gummersbach and Leverkusen.

- ⊕ What is the situation on the housing market in Cologne?
- ⊕ What is the situation on the housing market in Gummersbach?
- ⊕ What is the situation on the housing market in Leverkusen / Opladen / Chempark?
- ⊕ I don't have a place to stay yet, where can I spend the night?
- ⊕ Are there student dormitories in Cologne, Gummersbach and Leverkusen?

In particular, check out the three videos our RIA provides on this page about:

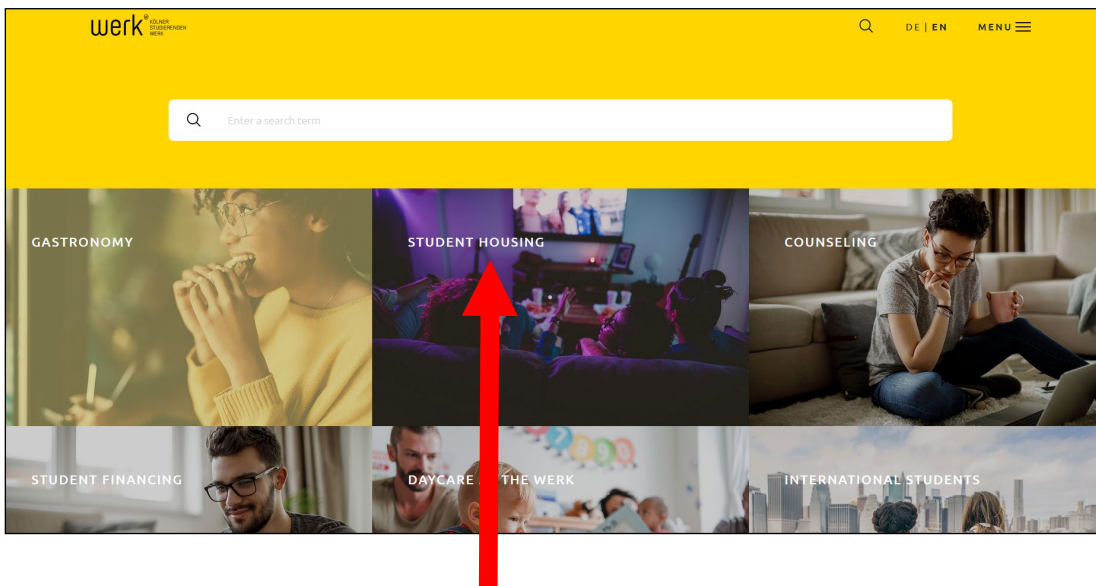
- **Dormitories**
- **Different types of accommodation**
- **Search on the private market**

On the following pages you will find a description how to apply for student housing with the Kölner Studierendenwerk (the largest non-profit provider of student rooms in Cologne).

## How to Apply for Student Housing as an Exchange Student at the “Kölner Studierendenwerk” (KStW) for Your Stay at THK

Website: [www.kstw.de/en](http://www.kstw.de/en)

→ Click on “Student Housing”



→ To get information on the different student houses, please click on “Dormitories”



**General information** about the housing options offered by KStW:

In addition to dormitories with a common kitchen and bathroom we rent out shared flats. We also offer apartments, family apartments for students with children, and barrier-free living space, all available upon request. About half of our rooms and apartments come furnished - the others are unfurnished. Kitchens, laundry and drying rooms are standard facilities. Even internet access is standard. Many residence halls offer a bicycle storage room and some buildings even include fitness and music rooms.

You can submit your application before your course of study begins: [Student Housing Application Form](#). You can select the desired type of housing and whether or not it needs to be furnished.

Energy saving tips: Rent prices are stated as "warm rent" (*Warmmiete*), which includes energy costs. Please nonetheless be mindful when consuming water, electricity and heat. We have put together a few [tips on energy saving](#).

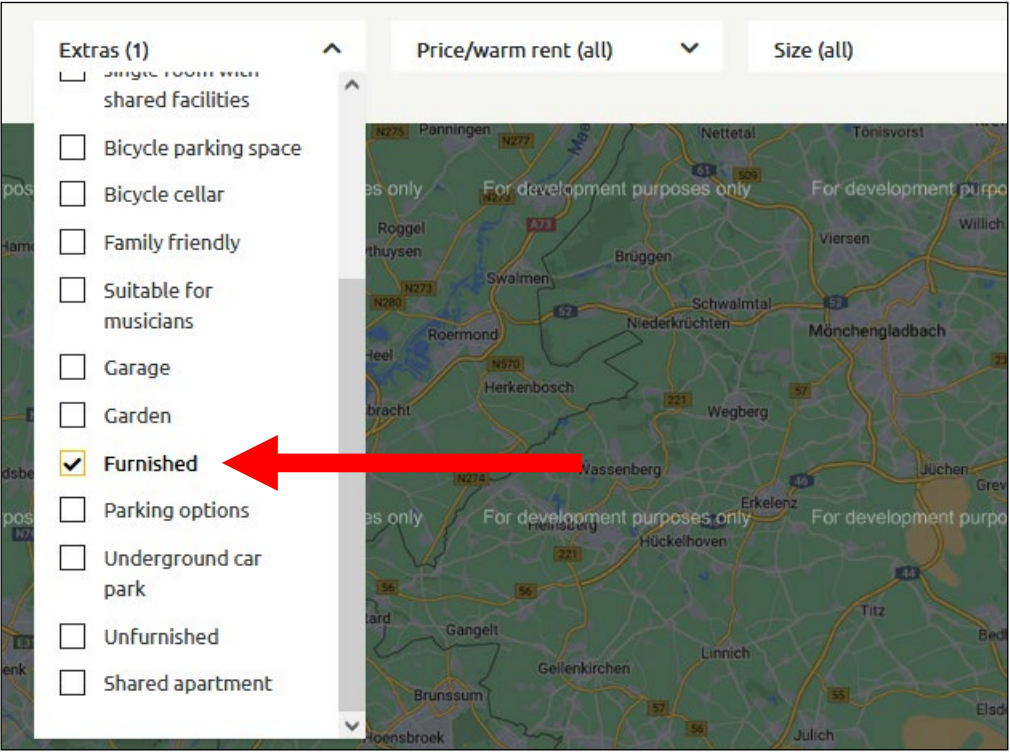
You can search for student housing by applying various filters on this page. This [overview](#) will give you an idea of the different types of accommodation available at the different locations and their prices.

The different types of housing are shown further down on the page.

We wish you a happy and successful time in Cologne!

**Good to know:**  
A shared flat is **"Wohngemeinschaft"** in German, or **WG** for short.

When searching, you should look for **furnished accommodation** ("möbliert"):



→ **FYI:** You will study at **THK's "Campus Südstadt"** which is located **at Ubierring 48 and Claudiusstrasse 1**. An area map can be found on THK's website:  
[www.th-koeln.de/en/suedstadt-campus\\_76520.php](http://www.th-koeln.de/en/suedstadt-campus_76520.php)

The district is called "Köln-Südstadt" and is close to Cologne's city center and the river Rhine. THK Südstadt Campus can easily be reached from every dormitory location by public transport\*, e.g:

- to station "Ubierring" with tram no 15 and 16 or bus line 133 and 142
- to station "Chlodwigplatz" (five minutes walk to Ubierring) with tram no 17 or bus lines 106 and 132.

Timetables and other connections by tram or bus can be found on the website of the "Kölner Verkehrsbetriebe" (KVB for short): [www.kvb.koeln/en](http://www.kvb.koeln/en)

The nearest areas to the "Campus Südstadt" are the following "Stadtteile" (= areas):

- Neustadt Süd
- Zollstock
- Deutz
- Agnesviertel
- Altstadt Nord
- Klettenberg
- Lindenthal
- Sülz.

Also easy to reach is the dormitory in „Hürth-Efferen“ a town close to Cologne (can be reached with line no. 18 from station "Barbarossaplatz")

(When looking on your own, do NOT choose ~~Gummersbach and Leverkusen~~, these are TH campuses in towns outside Cologne.)

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\* Cologne is also most suitable to get around by bicycle. You can rent a bike for a short period of time from various so called Bike Sharing Services in Cologne. Or you can rent a bike for a monthly rate. Here are some providers:

[www.kvb-rad.de/koeln/en/](http://www.kvb-rad.de/koeln/en/)

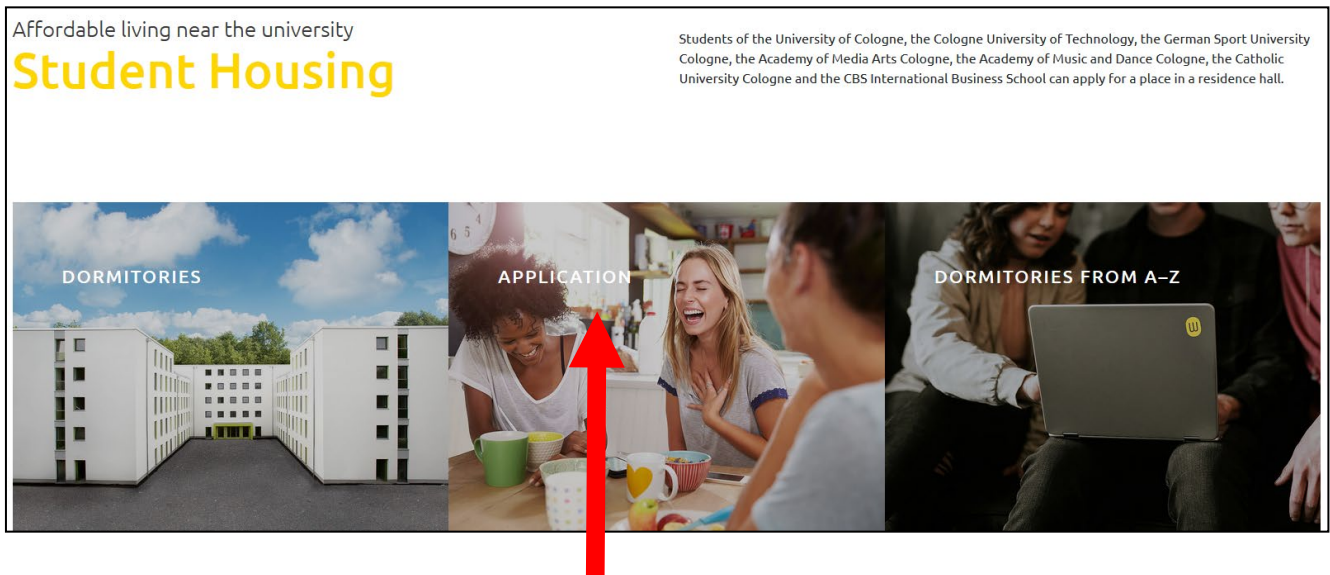
[www.callabike.de/en/cologne](http://www.callabike.de/en/cologne)

[swapfiets.de/en-DE/cologne](http://swapfiets.de/en-DE/cologne)

Further bike letting companies can be found on the page of the German Cyclists Association in Cologne:  
<https://koeln.adfc.de/artikel/fahrraeder-mieten-und-leihen-in-koeln> (German version only)

## How to apply online for housing to the KStW

→ Go to “Application”



→ **Before clicking on the application form**, please first check the **FAQ** at the bottom of the page:

Frequently asked questions

### FAQ

**Who can apply for a room?** ▾

**How do I apply for a place in a residence hall?** ▾

**Is there a waiting list?** ▲

We do not have an applicant list with numbered places. Your wishes will be taken into account when allocating rooms. Criteria such as the distance from your home, parenthood or participation in exchange programs increase your chances of getting a place in a dormitory. The waiting period can vary. It depends on the demand and availability of rooms.

The following groups of students will be given preferential treatment in the allocation of accommodation:

- Students with disabilities
- Students with children
- Participants in exchange programmes and scholarship holders
- First-year students (Freshmen)
- Students whose place of residence is outside the greater Cologne area
- Students who receive BAFöG or other grants

**I would like to live together with my girlfriend/boyfriend/friend in a shared flat. What do I have to do?** ▾

**I got a place in a dormitory. How do I get my key?** ▾

→ Click on “Apply here”

How to apply for student housing  
**Application**

Are you interested in a room in one of our dormitories or an apartment? Apply directly via our online application portal. We will register your request there and send you suitable offers as soon as a place becomes available.

The fastest way to complete your application - online.  
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→ To the right on the top of the site you can choose the **English version**

**Student Services**  
Application for admission

Deutsch  
English

Private rooms  
Submission of private rooms

Before handing in your application, we would like to give you the following informations:

Your application does not guarantee the renting of a room. Among all applications we receive each year only one third can be supplied with accommodation currently. We recommend to look around, in addition, for residential alternatives in the city. Because of the tight living situation in Cologne you can't submit wishes for specific residences.

Available rooms will be preferentially rented to the following cohorts independently from the time the application arrives:

1. disabled students
2. students with children
3. participants of exchange courses and scholarships
4. first-year students (new at the location of university/college)
5. students, who live outside cologne
6. students, who receive student grants or something similar

As long as a room is available for you, you will receive a written offer. You can accept or reject the offer within the given deadline.  
After the rejection of the third offer you won't receive any further offer.

You can also apply for accommodation before your studies start! You only have to show the certificate of enrolment when you sign the contract. Please only apply once with one email-address. Multiple applications will be ignored. Please send changes or supplements by email to [wohnen@kstw.de](mailto:wohnen@kstw.de). Please send move or re-enter applications formless to the administration of "Studentisches Wohnen" (studential living).

After entering your application you will receive a mail every month with a link, which you have to confirm within 5 days, as long as you are interested in getting a room. If you don't confirm the link, your application will be closed.

→ Please read the **instructions** on this page carefully!

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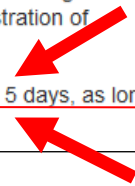
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### A few tips:

- Due to the high demand, student residences will be allocated by the KStW which means that **applicants cannot chose a special house or area.**
- The earlier you apply, the greater your chances of being offered a place. That's why you should **apply to the KStW asap!**
- However, an application to the KSTW does not guarantee that you will actually receive an offer. You should therefore **always look for other accommodation at the same time.**
- We recommend that you **apply to the KSTW in any case.** If you find better accommodation later, you can still turn down the room at the KSTW. There are always students who are on the waiting list.
- The **earlier you start your lease** (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> September instead of 1<sup>st</sup> October) you **might receive a preferential treatment.**

## How to fill-in the online application

Data about the rental property

Location of University\* Köln

Desired rental property\*  Apartment  WG-Zimmer  Flurzimmer

Available choices of our student residences\* please choose...

University\* TH Köln Campus Südstadt-Ubierring

Desired date of moving in\*

Max. amount of costs for rental\* €

Desired term of lease Months

Please tick all three options in order to have more chances  
\*Appartment,  
\*\*Flurzimmer, and  
\*\*\*WG-Zimmer

\* “We mean by that a self-contained flat consisting of one room with a kitchenette, bathroom and WC. There are also 1- double room flats in a few of the dormitories. They are usually bigger than single 1-bedroom flats and can be rented by couples or if desired by single students.”

\*\*A single room reaching on a corridor with shared bath, kitchen, and WC. Some „Flurzimmer“ are equipped with a sink. Some halls of residence also provide a common room.

\*\*\* = Wohngemeinschaft: Two to seven students share a flat. Every student has one private room and shares kitchen, bath, and WC with the others.

Personal data

Name\*

First name\*

Date of birth\* TT . MM . JJJJ

Sex\* Male female divers

Nationality\* Germany

E-mail address\*

Repeat e-mail\*

Disability? please choose...

Data about the study course

Grants  Stipendium

Program Erasmus - TH-Köln

UNF students please choose:  
- Grants: Stipendium  
- Program: Exchange TH Köln

UW students please choose:  
- Stipendium  
- ERASMUS - TH-Köln



The screenshot shows a form titled "other application fields" with three rows of selection options. The first row, "Furnishing\*", has buttons for "möbliert", "unmöbliert", "legal", "behindertengerecht", and "rollstuhlgerecht". The second row, "Person Type\*", has buttons for "Standardmieter" and "Kurzzzeitmieter". The third row, "Reapplication\*", has buttons for "Erstsemester" and "Wiederholer". A callout box on the right, titled "Choose:", lists three options: "- möbliert (= furnished)", "- Kurzzzeitmieter (= short-term lease)", and "- Erstsemester (= freshman)". Red arrows point from the callout box to the "möbliert", "Kurzzzeitmieter", and "Erstsemester" buttons in the form.

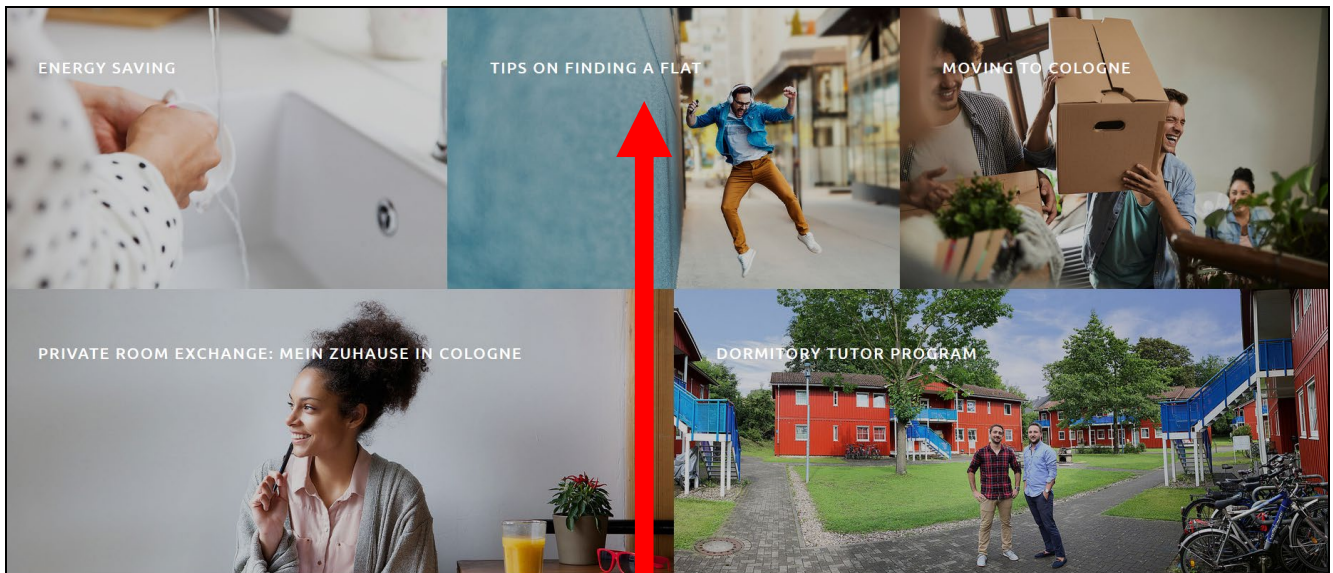
Please note: After having applied for a place at a hall of residence,

- you will **receive an email every month** with a link, which **you have to confirm within 5 days**, as long as you are still interesting in getting a room. If you don't confirm the link, your application will be closed
- you will receive an offer as soon as there's a vacancy. **You have to confirm that you want to rent the apartment offered by the KStW within a given deadline.** If you do not answer in time the offer will be given to someone else.

Thus, please **check your emails regularly**. If you haven't received an offer by late August, i.e. 8 weeks before lectures start, please inquire at the Kölner Studierendenwerk.

Please also note that THK has no influence on the application process nor on the allocation. In case of any questions please address directly to the Kölner Studierendenwerk. Please understand that neither THK nor your home university can answer any questions regarding student housing applications. Thank you for your comprehension.

The KStW also offers a lot of useful information, e.g. “Tips on finding a flat”



How much does a room in Cologne cost?	▼
When is the best time to find a room?	▼
Dormitories from the Cologne Studierendenwerk	▼
Mein Zuhause in Köln - Private Room Placement	▼
Housing for help - volunteer instead of paying rent	▼
Living for help - living in inclusive flats	▼
Social housing, residence entitlement certificate and housing allowance	▼
Gebausie - Gesellschaft für Bauen und Wohnen GmbH der Stadt Brühl	▼
GAG offers dormitories for students	▼
What to consider when an apartment is offered through an estate agent.	▼