

# Finding Home in Darmstadt

Tips and Resources for Exchange Students

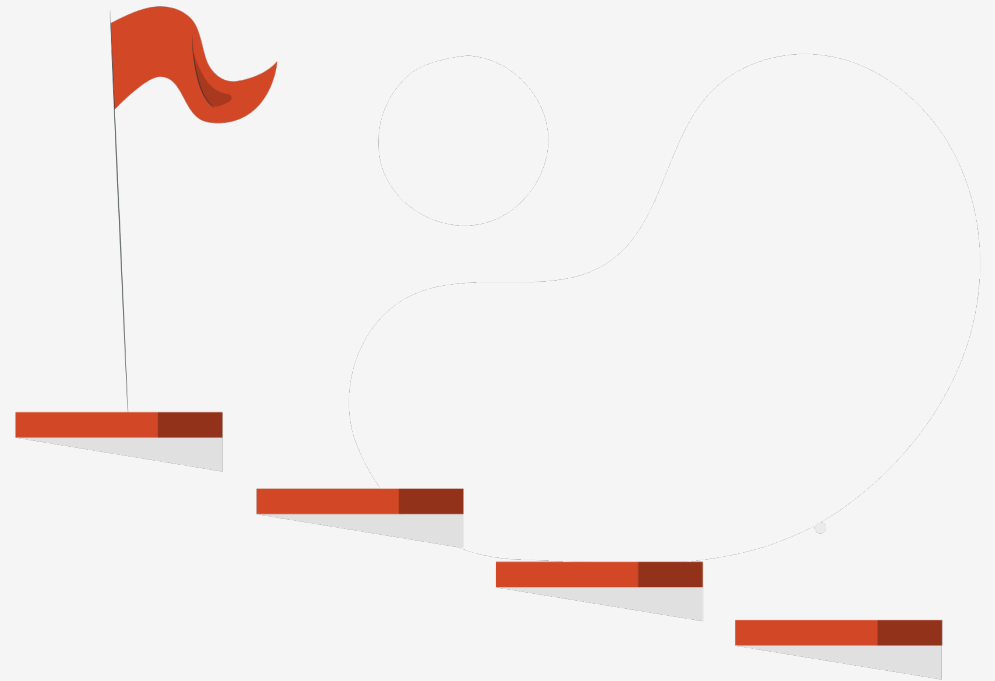
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# Types of Accommodations

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## 1 Student Residence (Studentenwohnheim)

- Shared apartments (**Wohngemeinschaft, WG**) or individual rooms in dormitories.
- €200–€400/month
- **High demand**; early application needed.
- Studierendenwerk Darmstadt.

## 2 Shared Apartment (Wohngemeinschaft or WG)

- Renting a room in a **shared flat** with other students or young professionals.
- €300–€600/month
- Requires **coordination** with roommates.
- WG-Gesucht, Ebay Kleinanzeigen, Bauverein.

## 3 Sublet Apartments (Untermietung)

- Renting a room from a **family or individual**.
- €300–€600/month
- **Temporary** solution, stay only for a few months.
- WhatsApp, Facebook Groups, Bread & Breakfast.

# Costing & Deposit

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	<b>COLD RENT (Kaltmiete)</b>	<b>WARM RENT (Warmmiete)</b>
Electricity	×	✓ / ×
Water	×	✓
Heating	×	✓
Internet & Wi-Fi	×	✓ / ×
Building Maintenance	×	✓
Basic Rent	✓	✓

Deposit: It always consists of **2-3 months of Cold Rent**.

# What is WG-Gesucht?

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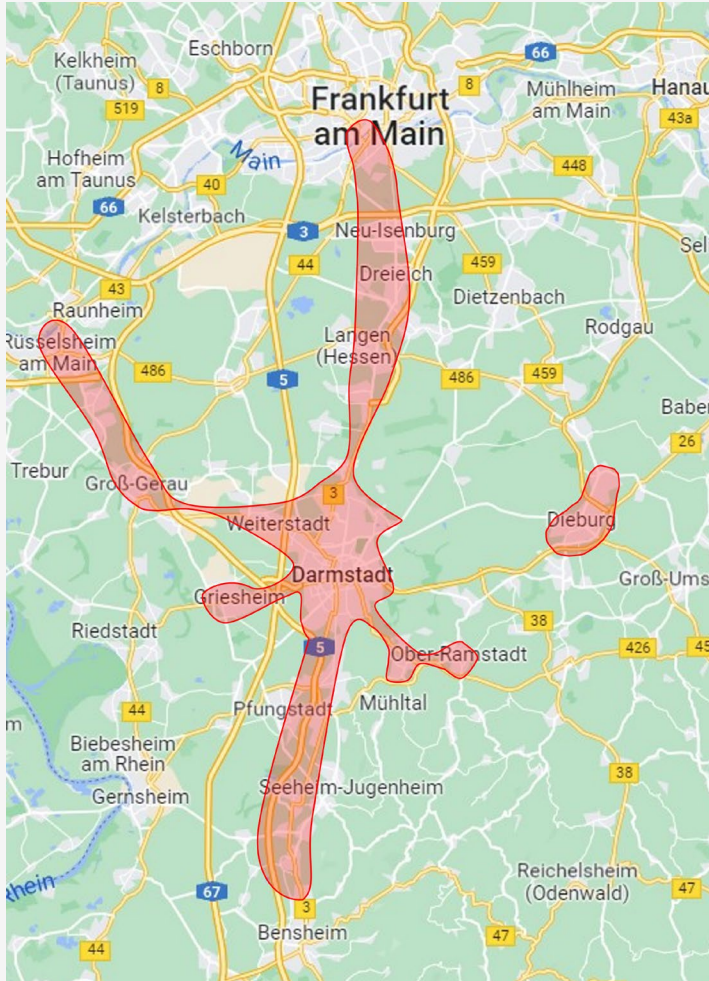
- Popular online platform for shared housing (Wohngemeinschaft), apartments, and temporary stays in Germany.
- Connects landlords, tenants, and roommates directly.
- Offers filters for location, budget, and preferences.
- Widely used by students and young professionals.
- Features include direct messaging with landlords or roommates.
- Helps you get a multicultural WG.

## Useful Links:

- Link: How to write a successful application? [Click Here](#)
- Link: Addressing a landlord / landlady. [Click Here](#)
- Link: Visiting your possible new home. [Click Here](#)



# Regions near Darmstadt



Don't forget that with your **student card**, you can travel around Hessen without buying a ticket! But check the provincial borders (if you upgrade your ticket, you can travel all over Germany on the regional trains).

You can get a room in one of these nearby regions.

- Messel
- Griesheim
- Weiterstadt
- Ober-Ramstadt
- Roßdorf
- Groß-Gerau
- Erzhausen
- Mühlthal


Just check the transport connections and the time it will take you to get to the university. For a detailed Map: [Click Here](#)

# Budgeting

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This monthly expense is totally based on my experience and friends, the cost can differ on a person to person basis.

Utilities	Expense
Rent	€ 450,-
Insurance	€127,-
Mobile Internet	€15,-
Groceries	€120,-
Additional Buffer	€50,-
<b>Total</b>	<b>€762 ~ €800</b>



As of January 2025, Block Amount is **€992,-**

# List of Documents

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- Proof of Income (Einkommensnachweis)  
(Documentation showing your ability to pay rent. (E.g: Block Account Certificate))
- Rental Application Form (Selbstauskunft)  
(A form provided by the landlord or agency where you fill in personal details.)
- Copy of ID or Passport
- Proof of Enrollment (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung)
- Security Deposit (Kaution)
- Visa/Residence Permit (Aufenthaltstitel)
- *P.S: Schufa Report (Schufa-Auskunft) (optional)*  
(A credit report that shows your financial history and reliability in Germany.)





# The Do's to avoid Scams.

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## The Do's

1. **Verify Listings:** Cross-check details like photos, address, and descriptions.
2. **Request a Viewing:** Always visit the property in person or request a video tour.
3. **Meet in Person:** Prefer face-to-face meetings with landlords or roommates.
4. **Check Contracts:** Ensure you get a formal rental contract before payment.
5. **Research Pricing:** Compare with similar listings to avoid suspiciously low offers.
6. **Use Secure Payment Methods:** Pay only via bank transfer to a verified account in Germany.



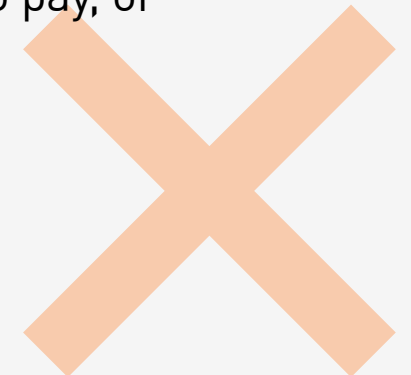
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## The Dont's

1. **Don't Pay in Advance:** Never send money before visiting the property or signing a contract.
2. **Don't Share Sensitive Information:** Avoid sharing personal data like ID copies before confirming legitimacy.
3. **Don't Trust Overly Perfect Offers:** Be cautious of listings that seem too good to be true.
4. **Don't Communicate Outside WG-Gesucht:** Avoid offers to move conversations to WhatsApp, Telegram, or email.
5. **Don't Ignore Red Flags:** Walk away if the landlord refuses a viewing, pressures you to pay, or communicates poorly.

*"But at the end of the day, Do It At Your Own Risk!"*



# Resources to find accommodation (Websites & Links)

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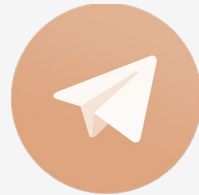
## Facebook Groups:

Are always helpful for short term renting but are more susceptible to scams.

[Wohnen in Darmstadt | Facebook](#)

[Miete & Vermieten von Wohnung in Darmstadt und Umgebung | Facebook](#)

[Wohnung Darmstadt | Facebook](#)



## Telegram Groups:

Students of Darmstadt:

<https://t.me/StudentsofDarmstadt>

ESN Darmstadt International:

[Telegram: Join Group Chat](#)



## WhatsApp Group:

Darmstadt Indian Association e.V:

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## Housing Support for International Students

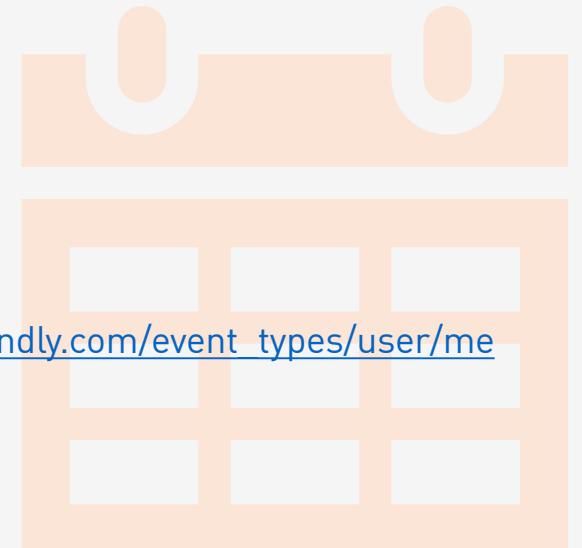
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# Good luck!