Accommodation Information from Hochschule Niederrhein

Information regarding arrival / Covid-19:

No matter if you stay in a dorm or rent another place:
Please check some time before your arrival on current restrictions regarding entering Germany.

Here is an example where to look at the current regulations of entry to Germany due to Covid-19 (switch to English on website):

https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus.html#c23063

Please apply for an accommodation as soon as possible!

Since the Hochschule Niederrhein does not manage the student residences or private flats we kindly ask you to apply by yourself.

Studierendenwerk Düsseldorf

The “Studierendenwerk Düsseldorf” runs the student dorms in Krefeld and Mönchengladbach.

Important information on rental contract & picking up the keys for the dorm:

Information on picking up your keys

Currently, due to the pandemic situation, you need to make an appointment and pick up your keys only personally, no third person (also not your “buddy”) is currently allowed to pick up your keys for you.
Information on contact and times of key collecting appointment will be sent to you with the rental offer directly from the Studierendenwerk, after you have applied and sent back the signed rental contract.
Please note, if you arrive on another day of your key-collecting appointment, or in the evening or weekends, when the office is closed, you need to take care of a place to stay until you have the appointment to pick up your keys. This is also the case even if you cannot get another flight. Please note we cannot reimburse these costs, you have to pay them yourself. Your GLOBUS tutor / buddy can help you find a place upon arrival. Also, if you need to stay in quarantine please inform the tutor/buddy at least 14 days before your arrival!

Here is some information about the dormitories (in German) available:

**Krefeld:**
Gladbacher Straße/Obergath
https://www.stw-d.de/studentisches-wohnen/wohnanlagen/

**Mönchengladbach:**
Rheydter Straße 254a
http://www.stw-d.de/studentisches-wohnen/wohnanlagen/rheydter-strasse-254-a/

Contact:
Studierendenwerk Düsseldorf
Universitätsstraße 1
D – 40225 Düsseldorf
Telefon: 0049-211-811-3286
https://www.stw-d.de
Private Landlords

If you decide not to apply for a place in the student dorm, there are various private housing organizations also manage the following student residences:

Krefeld

Adlerstraße . 45-47-49-51 – NOT FURNISHED

https://www.wohnstaette-krefeld.de/

Contact: https://www.wohnstaette-krefeld.de/service/kontakt/

E-Mail: mail@wohnstaette-krefeld.de

Mönchengladbach

Nicodemstraße 2 (WOMEN ONLY)

http://www.studentenwohnheim-nicodemstrasse.de/

Contact: http://www.studentenwohnheim-nicodemstrasse.de/anfrage.html

Shared flats (called “WG’s”)

It is also possible to rent a room in a shared flat, called a “Wohngemeinschaft” (or in short: WG) with German students.

The following websites may help you in your flat hunting:

http://www.wg-gesucht.de/

http://www.wohnungsmarkt24.de/

http://www.studenten-wg.de/

(English https://housinganywhere.com/?utm_source=StudentenWG )
Private Flats

If you do not want to share your flat or want to rent an apartment with your friend, you can also use the following methods for flat hunting:

- Ebay Kleinanzeigen
- Immobilienscout24
- Facebook groups
- Dictionary for Flathunters

AStA

The local student committee, known as the “Allgemeine Studierendenausschuss” (AStA), maintains a list of the addresses of private accommodation providers:

Internet: http://asta.hn/  → Kontakt (Contact)

For temporary accommodation, for example if necessary for the time between arrival and appointment to get you keys, you may check youth hostels (German: “Jugendherberge”):

Düsseldorf:

https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/duesseldorf-442/portraet/

Neuss:

http://www.jugendherberge.de/de-de/jugendherbergen/neuss-uedesheim459/portraet

Mönchengladbach: (temporarily limited opening times due to Covid-19, please look at website for updates)

https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/moenchengladbach-hardter-wald-454/portraet/
Ebay Kleinanzeigen
https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/stadt/moenchengladbach/

Ebay Kleinanzeigen is a website where everyone can put private adds for different kind of things. You can find used furnishing for a small price or look for add postings offering accommodations. You can also post your own add looking for an apartment. To write people you need an account on Ebay Kleinanzeigen.

First click on the icon in the right top corner saying “Registrieren”

Now you can type in your e-mail and choose a passcode.

You have to tick the box saying “I’m not a robot.”,

But you don’t have to tick this box. It asks for your permission to send you a newsletter or the odd add.

Now click “Kostenlos registrieren” to register for a free account. You will get a verification e-mail before you can start.

Now a pop up will ask for your phone number. They will send you a text message with a 6-numbered verification code.

After your registration is complete you can LogIn under “Einloggen”.

Now you can look for apartments in your area! Type “Wohnung” into the searchbar. If you want to narrow it down a bit you can click on the category “in Mietwohnungen”, for rented apartments.

Next to the searchbar is a field where you can type in the city you want to look in. Now click on “Finden”.

To narrow down your search, you can choose categories on the left hand side of the website. You can find translations in the Dictionary for Flathunters.

Immobilienscout24
https://www.immobilienscout24.de/

Immobilienscout is one of the most used websites for flat searching. It is best to make an account on this site as well. You can either write messages via the websites messaging system or call the landlord.
To make an account and write messages click the icon in the top right corner.

However, before you can contact anyone, you have to find potential apartments! On the frontpage of the website you can already type in some basic search criteria:

- The town you want to live in
- The type of Appartment (keep these as shown in the picture)
- Pricerange
- Number of rooms
- min. Appartment size in m²
- Search radius around the city in km
- City and/or streetname

You don not have to fill out all the blanks right now. When you are done, click “Treffer” it also tells you the number of available apartments with your search criteria.

The New page that will have opened, has the possibility to fine tune your search.

First you can choose either:

**Städte/Kreise // Cities/Areas**

Multiple cities in the area, you want to live in or specific parts of the City. For example: Mönchengladbach>> Mönchengladbach Süd (South).

Or

**The Umkreis // radius**

Around city or street you want to be close too.
If you already know the area a bit, you could also draw your own limited space to look for apartments, although it is not recommended.

Another important factor in your search are rent prices. In Germany we have Kaltmiete (Cold Rent: without heating and water) and Warmmiete (Warm Rent: with heating included). You will always have to pay the price of the warm rent each month, but will be often told both prices regardless. Do not let this confuse you.

You can choose if you want apartments to be shown according to the minimal or maximal price of either the cold or the warm rent.

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121 Treffer anzeigen

“weitere Filter” // additional Filters

If you have specific needs that your apartment needs to meet, you can switch on some of the additional filters the website provides. You need to live on the ground floor? You want a very energy efficient apartment? Your internet speed has to be fast?

The Dictionary for Flathunters will help you navigate the options in “weitere Filter”

Quick Tipp!

If you need a fully furnished apartment, type in “möbliert” in “eigene Suchkriterien”
Facebook groups

https://www.facebook.com/groups/Globus.SS14

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1414038048857914

In the facebook groups of our university are students, who also did a year abroad, that are going back home or German students, who are looking for renters taking over their apartment for the next semester.

If you click on the links you can browse the facebook notices for potential apartments. Of course, you can also put up a notice that you want to rent an apartment or a room for the time you spent in Germany.
Dictionary for Flathunters

Wohnfläche    total Living Space in m²
Zimmer    Number of Rooms
Wohnungstyp    Fttype
Verfügbar ab Monat/ Jahr    Available from the month /Year
Kaltmiete von X bis X    *Cold Rent between X to X

*Cold Rent / Warm Rent
In Germany we differentiate between Cold Rent, which is Rent without heating or maintenance cost and Warm Rent which is the total amount you will actually have to pay at the End of each month for your apartment with heating and maintenance cost included. Most Places tell you both separately and you might have to calculate the Warm Rent yourself.

Allgemeine Merkmale / generall features

Altbau    older Building
Neubau    new Building
incl. Neubauprojekten    including New Building Projects (Don’t!)
Aufzug / Personenaufzug    Lift in the Building
Keller    has a Basement
Dachboden    Attic Appartment or has an Attic
WBS benötigt    needs a (Wohnberechtigungsschein)
Garage/Stellplatz    has a Garage or reserved Parkingspace
WG-geeignet    WGs are possible
Internetgeschwindigkeit    Internet Speed
Energieeffizienzklasse    the buildings energy performance
Baujahr    year the Building was made
Etage*    which floor is the apartment on
*Apartments in Germany Start with the Ground floor (Erdgeschoss) EG, the floor above that is the 1st floor and so on. Basement apartments are marked K for Keller in a lift and Attic apartments are numbered, as the highest floor, if numbered at all.

**Haustiere / Pets**
- erlaubt    Pets allowed
- nicht erlaubt    Pets not allowed
- nach Vereinbarung    Pets are negotiable

**Wohnungsausstattung / Apartment equipment**
- Möbliert/Teilmöbliert    furnished or partly furnished
- Balkon    has a Balcony
- Terrasse    has a Patio
- Garten/-mitnutzung    has a Garden
- Einbaurküche    with Kitchen appliances installed
- Badewanne    Bathtub in the Restroom
- Gäste WC    second Bathroom
- Stufenloser Zugang    no steps to the Apartment

**Heizungsart / Heating System**
- Fußbodenheizung    floor heating
- Etagenheizung    individual heating
- Zentralheizung    central heating

**Tauschangebot (kein Tausch!)**    Exchange of goods (no exchange) for apartment switch
- inkl. Tauschwohnungen    including exchange appartments

**Angebotstyp**    Type of Classified Add
- Angebote    Add Offering an Appartment
- Gesuche    Add looking for Accomodation
Online-Besichtigung durch Anbieter:in möglich  
Online Tour the Apartment with the landlord.

virtuelle Besichtigung vorhanden  
virtual Tour through pictures or a 3D model

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