

Private Housing in Göttingen



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Types of Housing



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Student dormitories

- Many international students live in student dorms. Most dorms are run by the *Studentenwerk* (Association of Student Services), an independent non-profit organization that closely collaborates with the University.
- All information regarding living in a student dorm is available on the website of the Studentenwerk
- Rooms in student dormitories operated by the Studentenwerk are inexpensive and cost between 200€ to 300€. Apartments with their own bathroom and kitchen are about 400€.
- Furthermore there are private student dorms



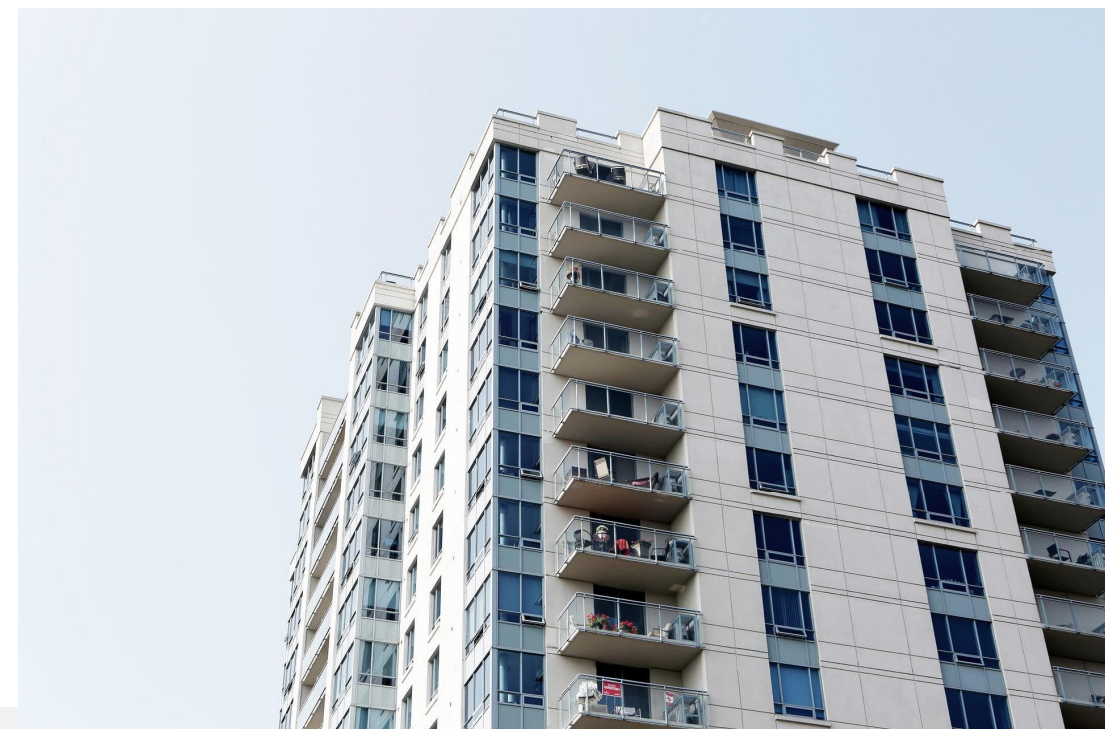
Shared flat (WG)

- living arrangement in which several people share the lease costs for a flat: each has his/her own bedroom and shares the common areas (i.e. kitchen & bathroom)
- The number of people can vary
- rent usually depends for example on the location & the size of the flat: between 300-700€
- You will be expected to help clean the common areas & maintain your own space
- Don't be surprised if your potential future roommates ask you a lot of questions 😊



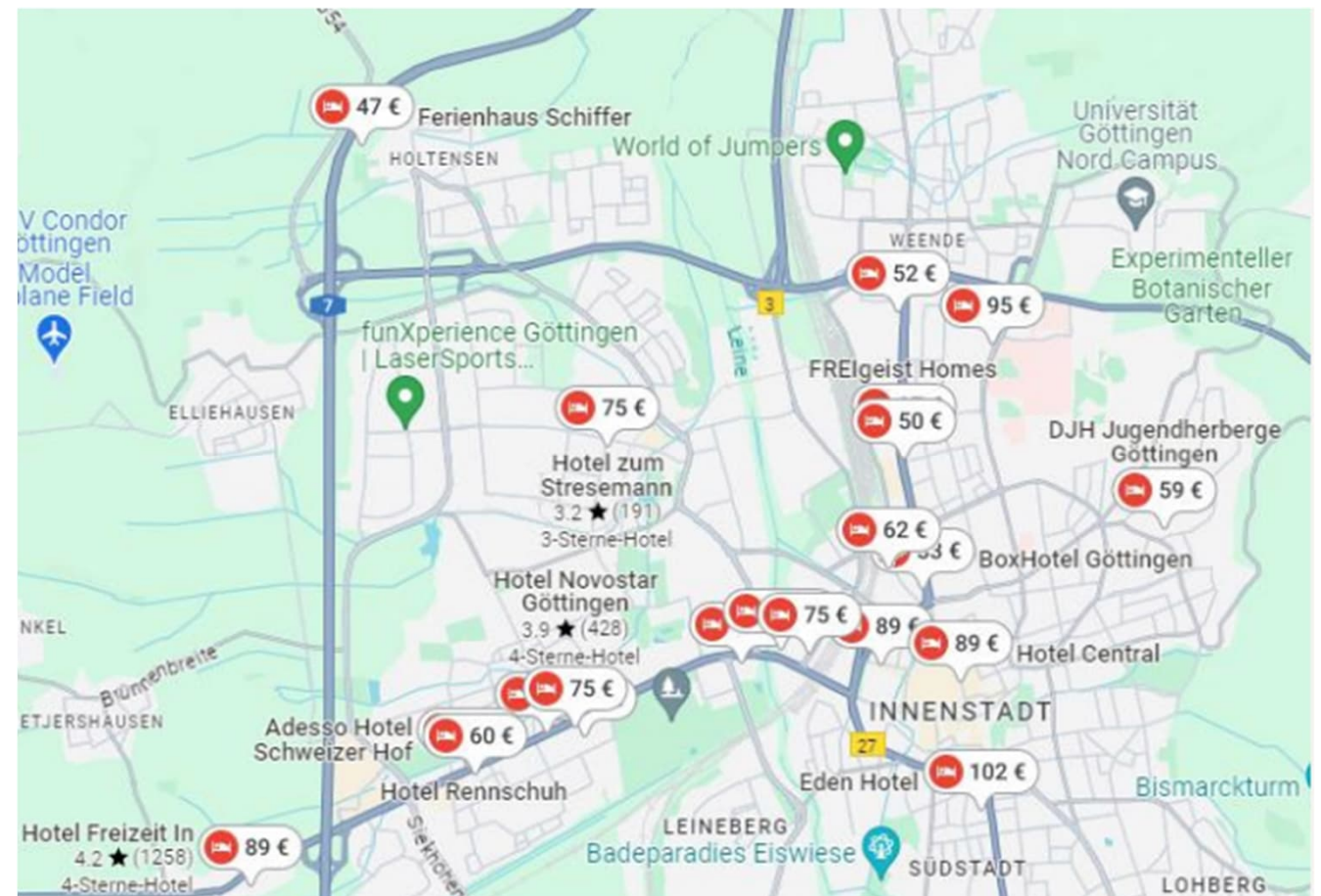
Single or studio apartments

- You will have your own room with a bathroom and a kitchenette. The monthly rent for a studio apartment is between 500 and 800€. In German, studio apartments are also called „Einzimmerwohnung“.
- It is more challenging to find an apartment than a room in a shared flat, especially if your budget is limited.
- **Flats with multiple rooms, whether furnished or unfurnished, are difficult to find.**



Temporary Housing

If you can't find accommodation, you can stay temporarily in a [youth hostel, guest house or hotel](#) and continue your search locally with better chances of success. We have compiled an overview in our accommodation list for a short term stay.



Basecamp



WHY CHOOSE BASECAMP GÖTTINGEN?

- All-inclusive prices - no hidden costs (incl. utilities: water, heating, electricity)
- Super fast WiFi
- Direct booking confirmation - no waiting list
- No SCHUFA required
- 24/7 gym, Cinema and Laundry
- Events & community spaces
- Fully furnished rooms with ensuite
- 24/7 on-site team - managers during office hours
- Bus stop right outside the door

ABOUT BASECAMP GÖTTINGEN

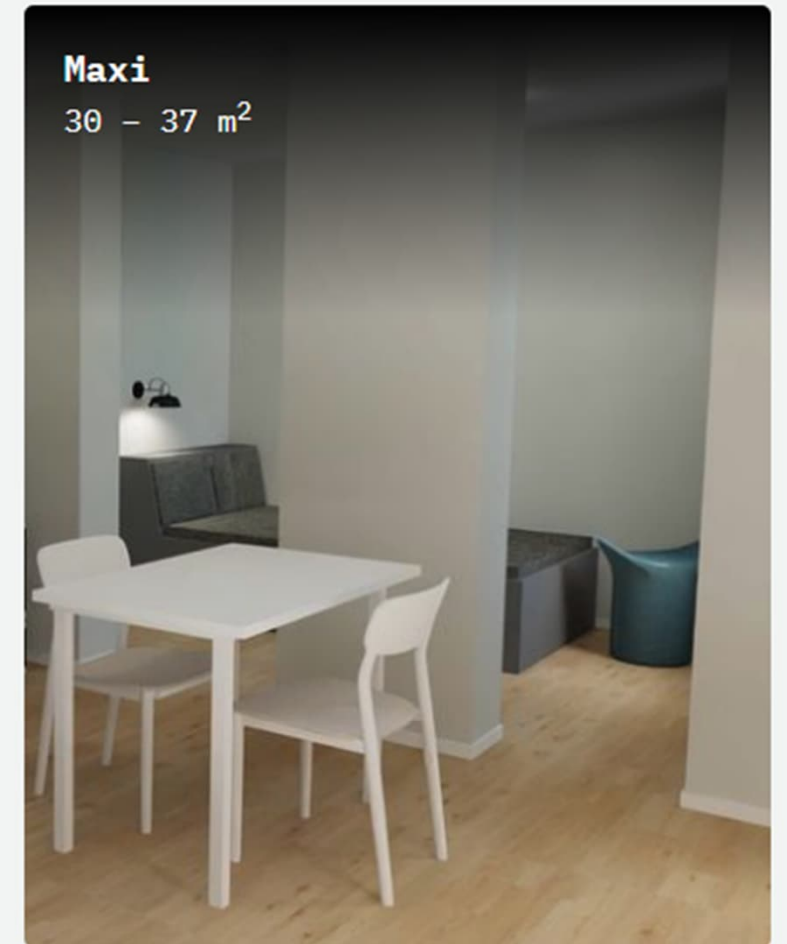
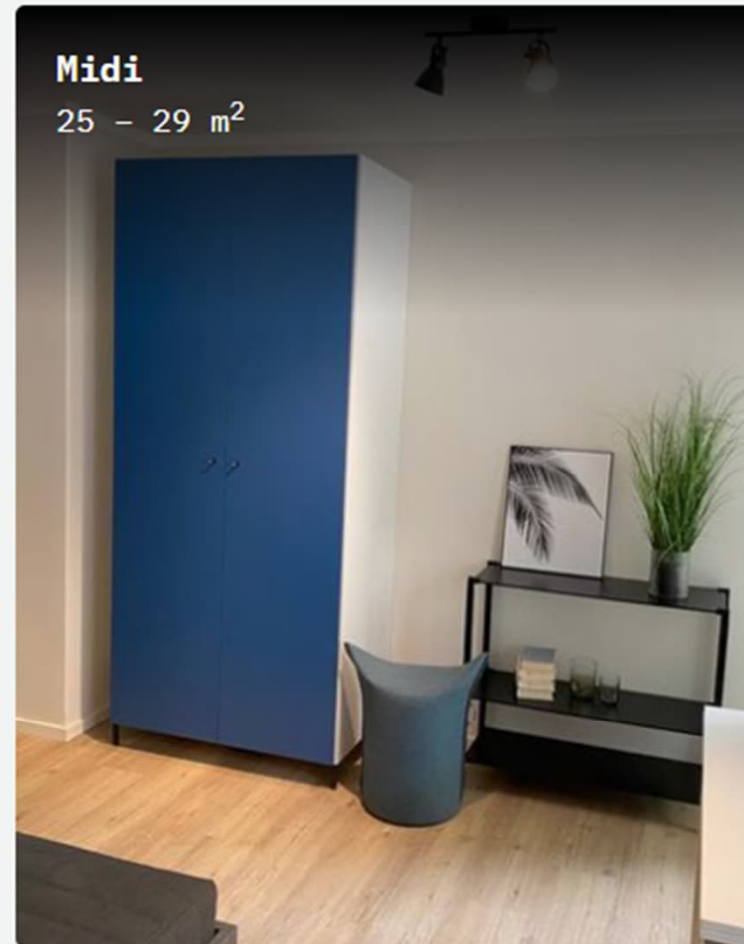
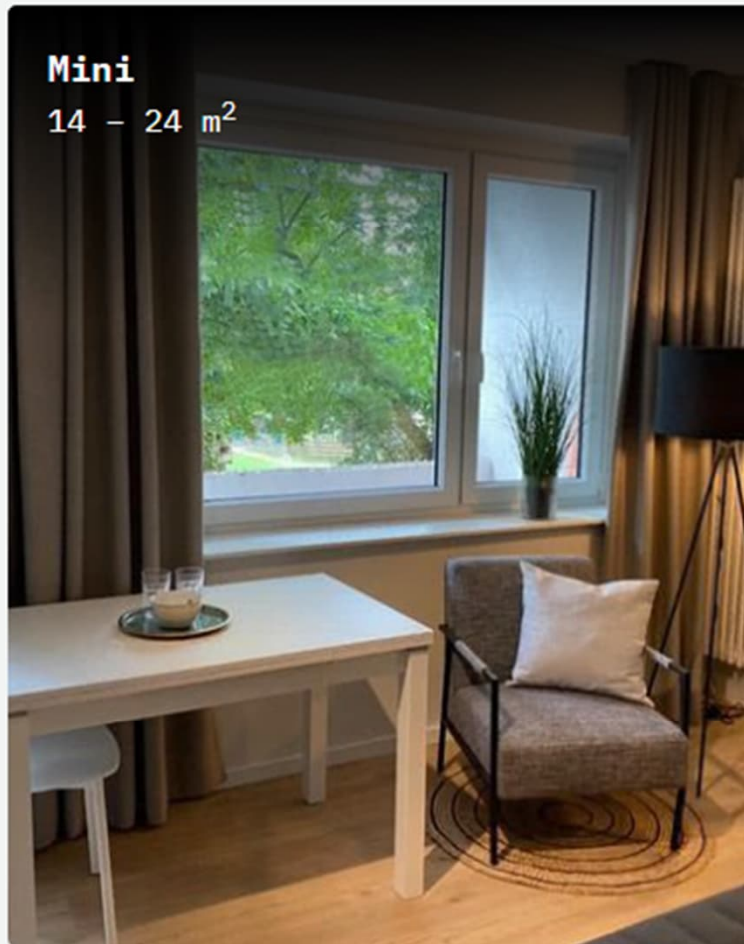
Basecamp Göttingen opened in October 2022 and offers local and international students modern, fully furnished bedrooms and incredible shared spaces.

An on-site team provides 24/7 support and a rich social calendar to ensure you have the best student experience in Göttingen.

- 655€ per month, all inclusive
- Contracts for minimum of 6 months
- [Student Accommodation in Göttingen | Basecamp](#)



Living by Monti



- 520€ per month for smallest apartment, 16m²
- Contracts for minimum of one year
- [Monti – Wohnen in Göttingen](#)

Good to Know



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Accommodation Support

What do we do?

The Accommodation Support is here to help you find a place to live in Göttingen. If you would like to use the help of the Accommodation Service for finding an accommodation, please fill out the [registration form](#).

Please start your search by visiting our website for more information:

[Accommodation Support - Georg-August-Universität Göttingen](#)

Who are we?

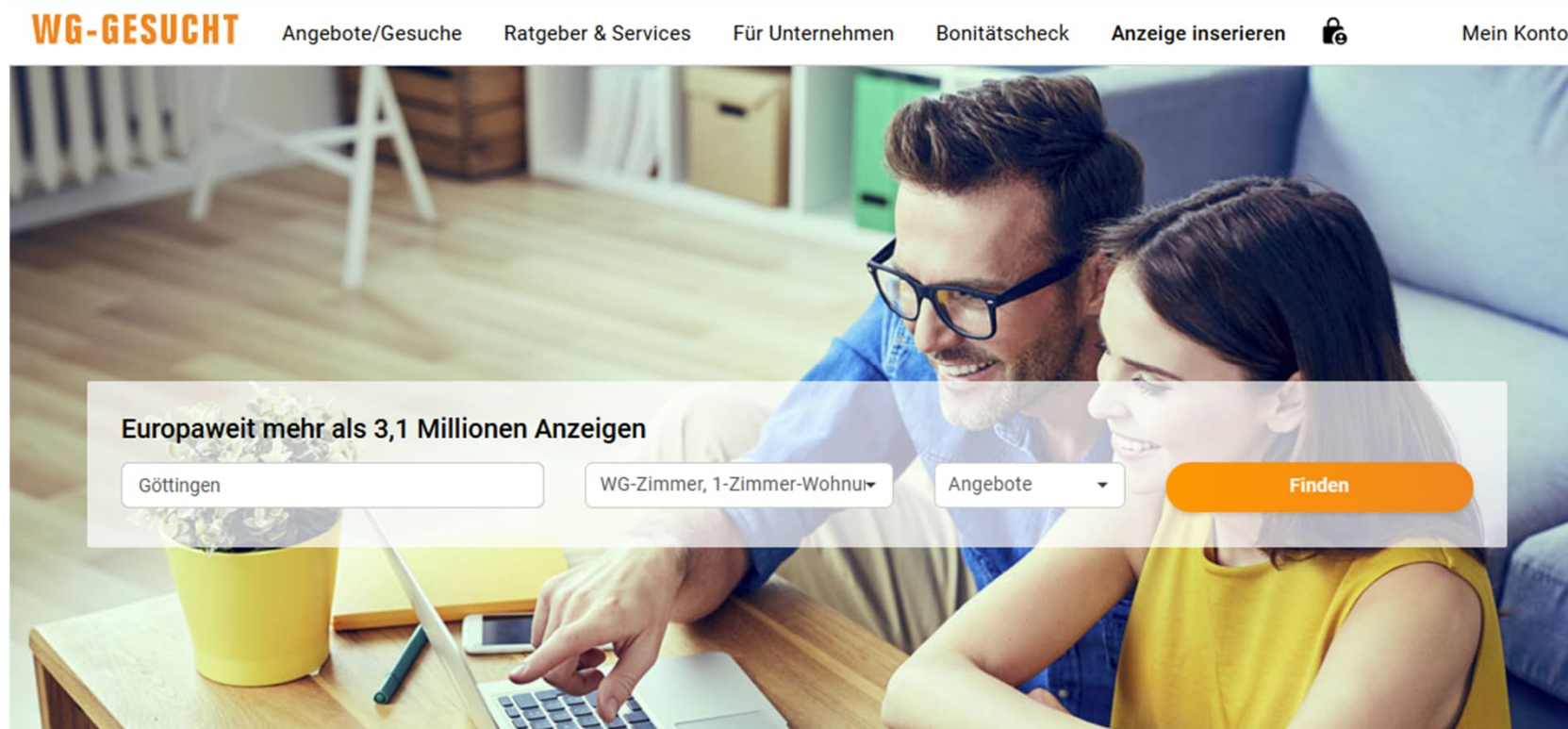
- **(Ms.) Helena Hoffmann**
Support for international exchange students

Useful tips

- ✓ Please start searching for an accommodation **as early as possible** and do not underestimate the time and effort it takes to find a room!
- ✓ Notices for rooms or apartments to rent are usually published about **2-3 months in advance** before they are available for moving in.
- ✓ Rooms and apartments from private landlords are normally **unfurnished**.
- ✓ **Subletting agreements** (Zwischenmiete) usually include furniture and are often let by students. These can be a very practical solution for your start in Göttingen!
- ✓ See our website for more information on how to find used furniture.



Websites to search for accommodation



Useful Links:

[Studenten-WG](#)
[WG-Gesucht](#)
[ImmobilienScout24](#)
[Basecamp](#)
[Immowelt](#)
[Immonet](#)
[Ebay-Kleinanzeigen](#)

Facebook groups for finding accommodation

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/975022582528165/?fref=ts>
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/169422686527333/?fref=ts>
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How to apply for an apartment:

- Finding a place to live in Germany is similar to searching for a job 😊. It is time consuming and takes a while to find something suitable.
- Writing a compelling message is important to stand out from the huge number of applications (see sample letters below)
- Some hints on what to include in your message:
 - *Move in date (and for how long)*
 - *What you do for work and in your free time*
 - *What is important to you in a shared flat (e.g. cleanliness, etc.)*
 - *Whether an online or personal viewing is possible for you*
 - *No answer? What then?*
- How formal or personal an application has to be depends on who offers the place and where the offering has been published

Sample Letters

Example for a flatshare application

Dear Anna, Paul and Therese,

I am Sofia, 25 years old and I come from Bulgaria. The pictures of your place look great and I like the location of the flatshare. I think I could fit in well with you. I'm starting my Master's degree in Biology in the summer semester of 2022 and I'll be coming to Göttingen in April. I am also interested in sports and music. As a flatmate, I am tolerant, tidy and communicative. If you would like to get to know me, I am available for a flat viewing and could meet you in person from the 06th of April 2022.

I look forward to your reply and can be reached by phone (+49 (0) 12345678) or by e-mail (Sofia.Musterfrau@gmail.com).

Kind regards,

Sofia

Example for a formal application

Dear Mr. Mustermann/Dear Ms. Musterfrau,

I am from Bulgaria, 25 years old and would like to move to Göttingen soon. In the process, I became aware of your flat offer. I like the pictures as well as the location of the property very much, which is why I would be happy if you would consider me as a single-tenant from the 15th of April 2022. I will start my Master's degree in Biology at the University of Göttingen in April. I am available for a digital flat viewing as of now or in person from the 06th of April 2022.

I look forward to hearing from you via phone (+49 (0) 12345678) or email (Sofia.Musterfrau@gmail.com) and wish you a nice day!

Yours sincerely,

Sofia Musterfrau

For more information, go to this link: [How to apply for a flat](#)

Some Formalities

Contract

Contractual obligations are taken very seriously in Germany. Once you have signed a contract, your landlord expects you to fully comply with the terms.

Deposit

- .Amount: 2-3x monthly rent
- The deposit is paid together with your first rent.
- This amount should be refunded to you at the end of the leasing period, if you leave the place in good condition

Important: Only pay the deposit if:

- You have seen the flat (if you are already in Germany);
- You have signed the rental agreement.



Caution!

Be cautious when transferring the deposit if:

- You are asked to make a money transfer via Western Union or a similar payment service provider
- The landlord offers to send the keys by post. This is not common in Germany.
- The landlord does not offer the possibility to view the accommodation.

Legal Advice on Housing Issues

1. Legal Advice on Housing Issues (the General Students' Committee AStA)

Appointments can be arranged via the AStA administration office

sekreteriat@asta.uni-goettingen.de

2. Tenancy advice Forum Waageplatz-Viertel e.V.:

Free rental advice, every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.,

Untere-Masch-Straße 21

mietberatung@waageplatz-viertel.org

3. Student legal advice with the Tafel

Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. Mauerstraße 16/17

More information is available on our website.



For more information, visit our website:

- [Website](#) Accommodation Support
- [Wohnungsgeberbestätigung](#) (Housing Confirmation of Landlord)
- [Accommodation Guide](#)
- [Checklist](#)
- [Living outside of Göttingen](#)

If you have any questions concerning housing, please contact the Accommodation Support:



accommodation@uni-goettingen.de

General information

Utility Costs: Final Invoice

In Germany, a distinction is made between “cold rent” without utility costs and “warm rent” including utility costs, such as heating, water, and in some cases electricity.



Water, Electricity & Heating



Locksmith (Schlüsseldienst)



Radio & Broadcasting fee (GEZ)

- In Germany every household is required to pay a Public Broadcasting Service fee (Rundfunkbeitrag).
- It costs **18,36€ per month**. You will automatically receive a letter from the responsible government agency with the details.



➔ [Public Broadcasting Fee “Rundfunkbeitrag”](#)

Quiet times

Please make sure to observe house rules!

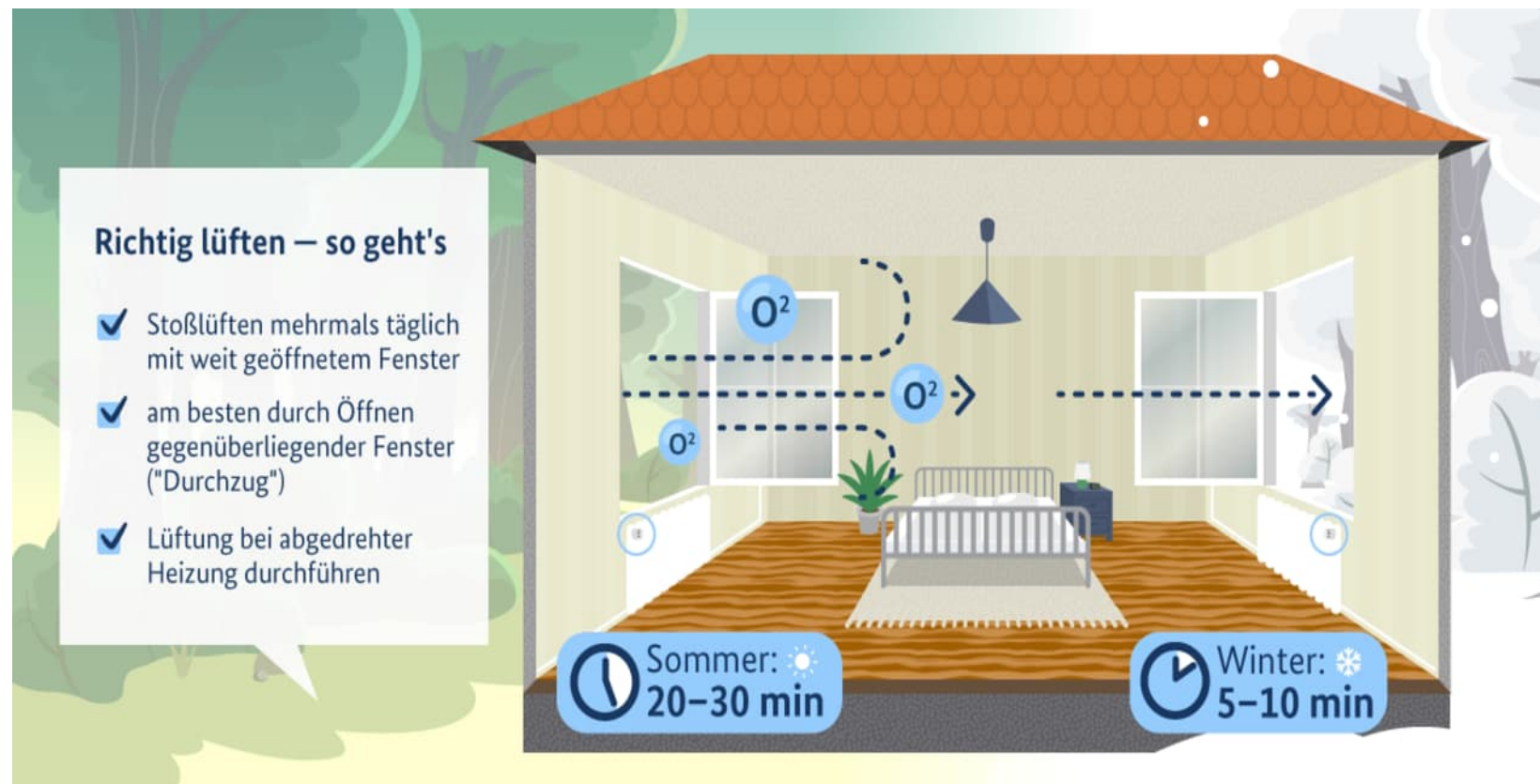


Separating garbage/waste and recycling



Proper ventilation

Ventilation is important in Germany!



Thank you very much for your attention!