

## Housing Guide Campus Eichstätt



## Step by Step to Housing

#### **Apartment hunting**

Before your arrival in Eichstätt, you will have to find housing. On the next few slides, we will show you how and where to look.

#### Moving in

You can usually move in on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. You make an appointment with your landlord for the handover of the keys.

#### Moving out

Contact your landlord early with the day of your departure. The landlord takes back the keys and checks the apartment for damages.



#### Contract

You conclude a rental agreement with your landlord. Perhaps, the landlord will also ask you to complete a form with your personal and financial information.

#### **Payments**

The 1<sup>st</sup> rent and the rental deposit usually need to be paid before the start of the contract, and the monthly rent usually needs to be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.



## "Everything is in German…"



You will find on your search for an apartment that many of the ads, forums and documents are in German. If you do not yet have any or only little knowledge of German, don't let this put you off!

A good "survival tool" is <u>Deepl</u> – a free online translator that delivers good translations!

Most browser providers also offer **translation plug-ins** that automatically translate websites for you.

And – don't forget – you can always turn to the **International Office** if you have any questions or need help!

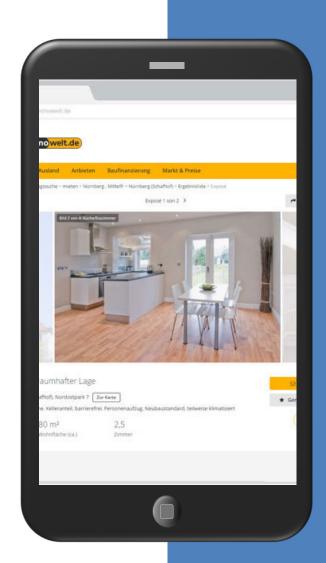




## Where to Look

List of websites and Facebook groups

# Online **Housing**Search Platforms





#### **Immobilienscout24**

The no. 1 page for apartment offers. Many different apartments, but only a small offer of 1-room apartments.



#### Immowelt.de

Similar platform. Many filter functions are available to narrow down the search for apartments.



#### WG-gesucht.de

A platform where mainly shared apartments are offered. You will also find many apartments that are sublet for a short period of time by other students.



#### **Local newspapers**

You can also find apartments by browsing the ads in our local newspaper <u>Eichstätter Kurier</u>



#### **University list**

On the university's apartment list, you will numerous private landlords looking for a new tenant.

## Private Student Dormitories

The private dormitories have a higher rent than the public ones, but the chances of finding an apartment are much higher, too.



#### "Studentenwohnanlage Spitalstadt" (18 spots)

New apartments for 2 or 3 students, near train station and town center, supermarkets nearby

"Wohnanlage Aumühle" (38 spots)

Single-rooms and flat-shares next to the Main Library

Residence Pedettistraße 26 (9 spots), town center contact: daniel.spiegl@spiegl-immo.de

Residence Turmgasse 7 (13 spots), town center contact: tg7@web.de

Residence Pfahlstraße 18 (12 spots), town center Contact: <a href="mailto:ibromhausverwaltung@gmail.com">ibromhausverwaltung@gmail.com</a>

Residence Spindeltal 13 (20 spots) near Main Library

Residence Freiwasser 5-7 and Gundekarstraße 12-22 Contact: info@hausverwaltung-bernhofer.de

## Public Student Dormitories

The public dormitories have the lowest rent, but also the highest number of applicants. Therefore, it is very difficult to find an apartment there.





#### St. Gundekar-Werk

#### Provider of various student residences in Eichstätt

The rooms and apartments are basic, furnished and partly have their own bathroom and a kitchenette. They have an average size of 10 − 22 m² and cost about € 170-230 per month.

Minimum rental period: 12 months

## Facebook Groups

On social media platforms, you can also find many housing offers published by private landlords and other students who, for example, go abroad for a semester themselves and are looking for a student who will live in their furnished apartment for a while.

The advantage: the rooms are often more affordable and less complicated to get than in larger student residences.

So keep your eyes open!



**Eichstätter Facebook Group:** 

https://www.facebook.com/groups/482309275184141/





## Cover Letter

How to reply to ads



## The following information should be included in your reply to an advertisement:

- ✓ Household size (e.g. Do you want to move in alone or with a friend?)
- ✓ Professional activity (e.g. "I will be an exchange student at the KU")
- ✓ Your age
- ✓ How long you would like to rent
- Contact details (address, telephone number, e-mail address)
- Possible attachments:
   Admission Letter, proof of creditworthiness/income/scholarship

#### Your advertisement [...] on page [...]

Dear [name of person who posted the advertisement],

My name is [your name] and I would like to rent the apartment you advertised on [name of the website].

I am a KU student from [e.g. Mexico] and I will do my degree at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. Therefore, I am looking for an apartment for the period of [e.g. 6] months, from [e.g. 1 October] until [e.g. 31 March].

I am quiet, friendly and reliable. I always pay my rent on time and will also submit any required documents in time. I will move into the apartment alone and have neither pets nor a car. I am primarily in Germany to get to know the culture and the country. So I will often be on the road on weekends.

The International Office of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt will also be available in case of any questions or need for assistance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at [your phone number] and [your e-mail address].

Thank you very much for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely, [your name]

## Sample Cover Letter

This sample letter shows you how your reply to an advertisement should be structured and what information it should contain.

If you speak German, don't hesitate to send out a letter in German! Some landlords do not speak English (well) and would, therefore, be more comfortable with German.



Rental Contract

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Often, rental contracts have to be concluded for a minimum duration of 6 months.

The rent is **usually quoted "cold"** and there are other costs that need to be paid for. These include heating, water, electricity and internet. These costs are also stated in the rental contract as "Nebenkosten" (additional costs).

In addition, it is very likely that a **deposit** has to be paid to the landlord. This usually amounts to 1-2 "cold" rents. The deposit serves as a security for the landlord if the rent is not paid or if damage is caused to the apartment.

If you live in your own apartment, you will be required to pay the German TV/radio/internet contribution of € 17.50 per month (subject to change). If you live in a shared flat, you and your flat mates can share this fee equally.





Handover Protocol

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In case the landlord does not use a handover protocol himself, we highly recommend using the sample handover protocol (see download).

The protocol should be completed and signed by you and the landlord when you move into and out of your apartment.

The protocol works as a proof of the actual state of the apartment when it was handed over, which is very important in case the landlord claims later on that you caused damage to the apartment which you did not.



# If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!



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