

Housing in Mannheim

1. Studentenwerk student dormitories

When studying in Mannheim you can choose between private accommodation and living in a student dormitory. Please note, the International Office cannot support you in finding private accommodation!

Most of our students stay in one of the student housings of Studentenwerk Mannheim, the service company for all Universities in Mannheim. Have a look at:

<http://www.studentenwerk-mannheim.de/egotec/en/Housing.html>

*IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Exchange students can rent a room at the student housing only for **ONE** semester. A short time of housing contract (for 3-4 months) is NOT possible. Duration of housing contract:*

Fall semester (01.08 – 31.12)

Spring semester (01.02 – 30.06)

Exchange students usually are placed in Steingarten, Ulmenweg (Studentensiedlung Ludwig-Frank), Brunnengarten or Carl-Zuckmeyer-Straße. They might seem a bit far from DHBW, but they also offer many advantages as excellent public transport connections, supermarkets nearby, nice gardens with the possibility to have barbecues, sport installations in the proximities and, last but not least, very cheap rooms.

More advantages and disadvantages:

Advantages

- Many parties
- Cheap (280 €* per month, includes rent, water, electricity, heating, internet)
- Many exchange students
- Easy to arrange
- Easy maintenance

Disadvantages

- More noise due to the parties
- More difficult to learn German due to the vast number of exchange students in the housing.

***without guarantee**

Important:

Everybody will have his own room. Floors are shared with students of either gender. Every room (+/- 13 m²) is equipped with a bed, bedclothes, a desk, chairs, a cupboard, a washing basin, a mirror and a shelf. You will share a bathroom (3 toilets, 2 showers) with 4 to 8 people and a kitchen with 4 to 10 people (The 10-people kitchens have about 40m²). Prices may vary. Most (>90 %) of our students pay 280 € per month (2015). **We have no influence in where you are placed.**

The bathrooms and the floors in the kitchens and the hallways are cleaned once a week; students are responsible **for their rooms** and the kitchen (**clean the dishes, take out the rubbish**).

Studentenwerk Mannheim, the service company for all students in Mannheim is an independent company. The International Office of DHBW Mannheim only takes care of the application process for you. By paying the deposit in time, you are privileged to have a room guaranteed.

There is a deposit of 550 € which you get back six weeks after moving out.

How to reserve a room in the dormitory

- **Fill in the housing application and sign it (Page 8 of the DHBW application)**
- **Confirm your reservation by paying the deposit of 550 € to DHBW's account UNTIL THE DEADLINE (see below).**
- **Before your arrival, DHBW Mannheim will forward your deposit to Studentenwerk. The deposit will be returned after your departure.**

Account owner	Studierendenwerk Mannheim
Account number	7 496 500 791
Bank number	600 501 01
Bank	Baden-Württembergische Bank/LBBW Stuttgart
IBAN	DE23 6005 0101 7496 5007 91
BIC	SOLADEST 600
Subject	YOUR LAST NAME (IN CAPITAL LETTERS), FIRST NAME, DHBW MA, Deposit/Rent (year)

If the deposit is not received in time, your housing application cannot be considered. In this case, you'll have to look for a room on your own. There are many students waiting for a room in the student dormitories, but exchange students reserving their rooms in advance have priority.

Once you've signed the contract, you are responsible to meet the requirements of Studentenwerk (e.g. to have enough money on your account), otherwise they'll charge you fees.

Students from outside the EU: Please make sure that DHBW gets the full amount of 550 €! Do NOT choose the option "Shared Fees"! Ask your bank how to proceed.

2. If you don't want to stay in the dormitory...

Why not living in a private shared flat with other students? Here are some useful websites that might help you:

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

<http://www.wg-gesucht.de> (partly available in English)

Prices on the private shared flat market vary from 350 € to 500 €. For a nice room not too far from the center, you should count with minimum 350 €

3. Deadlines for paying the deposit

I move in in...	Deadline	Students applying for...
August	01.07.	Fall Semester + Intensive Language Course in August
February	15.12.	Spring Semester + Intensive Language Course in February

Please note that on the day of the deadline, the deposit must be on Studierendenwerk's account. Calculate about two weeks for an international money transfer!

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact us at international@dhbw-mannheim.de.