

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAMPUS COLOGNE



Dear students,

In this guide you will find information about possible housing options in Cologne.

ISM does not own a private student residence. However, you will find plenty of information about housing options in Cologne in the following pages of this guide.

We wish you a great stay in Cologne!

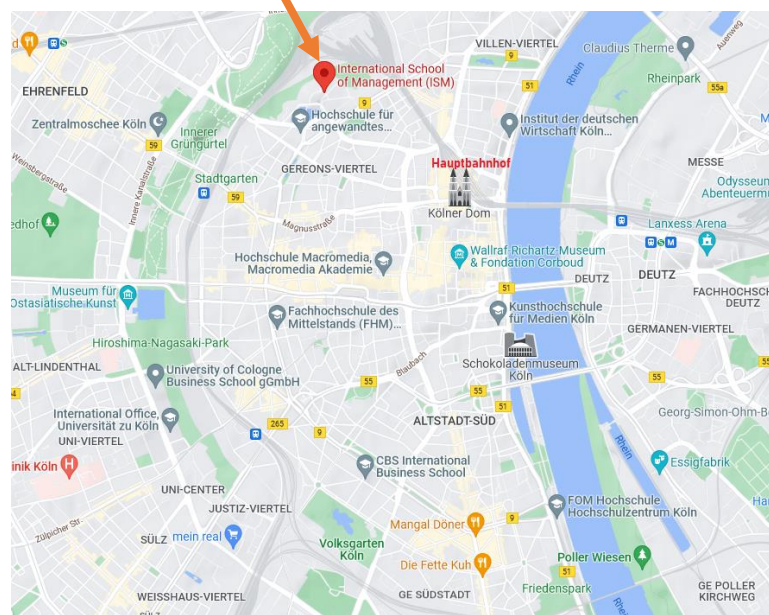
COLOGNE – AN OVERVIEW:

BOROUGHS OF COLOGNE AND ISM LOCATION

The ISM campus is located in the area of Innenstadt – Neustadt/Nord.



If you arrive by plane, you can easily reach Cologne Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) – right in the city centre (Innenstadt) - with a direct subway (U-Bahn) or local train connection from Cologne Airport or Düsseldorf Airport. The ISM Campus is 20 minutes away (walking distance) from the Central Station. Alternatively, you can use the public transport (closest U-Bahn stops: Hansaring or Christophstr./Mediapark)



- **Innenstadt**

Cologne's city center is located on the site of the former Roman colony Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium, to which Cologne owes its name. It is the center of the city's downtown district. The Gothic cathedral characterizes the image of the city center.

- **Lindenthal**

The district of Lindenthal is the westernmost district of Cologne. It is characterized by spacious residential areas in Lindenthal and Braunsfeld, which are adjoined by extensive parks and green spaces.

- **Ehrenfeld**

The Ehrenfeld district developed from the originally wide field in front of the Ehrentor, one of Cologne's twelve late Romanesque city gates. Today, it is the most „hipstery“ district.

- **Chorweiler**

The name Chorweiler originates from the wetland "Chorbusch" located in the borough as well as from the place name of the district "Weiler". The borough was created in 1975 as part of the municipal reorganization. It is the only urban district that does not directly border the Cologne city center. However, the district is well connected to Cologne's city center by suburban train, light rail, bus and highway.

- **Nippes**

The borough of Nippes is located between the "old" Cologne and the borough of Chorweiler. In the past it was characterized by villages and individual farms. Today, the district, with its lively and urban neighborhoods and residents from many nations and cultures, is one of the most attractive in Cologne.

- **Mülheim**

The borough of Mülheim is located in the north of Cologne on the right bank of the Rhine. Mülheim was already named in pre-industrial times after the mills on the lower reaches of the Strundenerbach. In 1914 Mülheim was incorporated into Cologne.

- **Kalk**

This borough was founded in 1003 by the Archbishop of Cologne, Heribert, who transferred a rural settlement- the Kalk farm - to the Benedictine abbey he had founded in Deutz.

- **Porz**

The borough of Porz is located in southern Cologne on the right bank of the Rhine. In addition to the industrial settlements, rural areas, extensive local recreation areas and large forest and open spaces characterize the district.

- **Rodenkirchen**

The district of Rodenkirchen is the southernmost district of Cologne. The district of Rodenkirchen is a popular place to live, which is particularly due to its location on the Rhine and the green belt.

Detailed maps of the town and further information can be found here:

<http://www.stadt-koeln.de/basisdienste/stadtplan/>

<https://www.stadt-koeln.de/leben-in-koeln/stadtbezirke/>

PLEASE NOTE

It is often rather difficult for exchange students to find a room that suits their needs and is available for the exact dates of their stay in Cologne. Many students have very definite ideas, however it is usually necessary to make compromises in order to find a room.

We recommend searching for accommodation on the private market through online forums or with the help of agencies specialized in short term accommodation. It can also be useful to arrive in Cologne some time before the semester starts, so as to facilitate your search.

You can also consider searching in nearby areas such as Bornheim, Brühl, Bonn, Sankt Augustin.

SHORT/TEMPORARY STAY

These websites are normally used for temporary stays (1 to 3 months).

However, types of accommodation and prices can vary greatly so they might be worth having a look.

Housing Anywhere

HousingAnywhere is a housing platform where people can rent out. It originally started as a platform where outgoing exchange students could rent out their rooms when they went abroad. Nowadays, it's a global platform where demand & supply of rooms for students meet each other.

<https://housinganywhere.com/s/Cologne--Germany>

Homelike

This platform allows you to search, request, and book an apartment as well as sign the rental agreement 100% online. Apartments come fully-furnished, include all utilities + WiFi, and are located in every ISM city.

<https://www.thehomelike.com/>

AIRBNB

Visit this platform offering private rooms/apartments. Owners normally let their property for a short time but it is often worth getting in touch with the people, as they are often willing to sublet for a longer period and also for an individual price.

www.airbnb.de

Tempoflat

Furnished apartments for temporary lease

<https://www.tempoflat.de/furnished-apartments/K%C3%B6ln/50.937531/6.960279/>

University Living

Search platform for apartments and rooms in Cologne and other German cities.

<https://www.universityliving.com/country/germany>

ROOM IN A SHARED APARTMENT (MIN. LEASE CAN VARY)

Very popular websites for a room search in a multiple-room apartment. Prices and lease duration can vary.

ESN Köln (Erasmus Student Network)

<https://www.instagram.com/esnkoeln/?hl=en>

The Instagram page and website of ESN Köln can offer insights on life in Cologne in general and tips for accommodation. In one of their Instagram **story highlights**, you can find useful links and advice for the accommodation search. However, keep in mind that ESN cannot help you directly with your search and does not own accommodation. ESN also has a **Whatsapp group** where offers are sometimes posted, although this is not the main purpose of the group.

Connecting with ESN not only gives you the chance to access some more tips and offers but mainly it also allows you to get in touch with other university students in Cologne and get to know about ESN events.

Das Zeitwohnportal

<https://www.das-zeitwohnportal.de/wohnen-auf-zeit/suche?region=K%C3%B6ln#/?page=1>

Kölner Studierendenwerk Portal

The Studierendenwerk (student union) has a platform on which offers or private rooms are published. Here you can find offers shared rooms, rooms to sublet, separate single rooms, apartments, and flats - some are also available temporarily. The rooms or apartments are not checked by the student union. The demand is high.

<https://www.kstw.de/en/student-housing/private-room-exchange-mein-zuhause-in-cologne>

WG-GESUCHT.de

<http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/>

Habyt

<https://www.habyt.com/>

Wunderflats

For flats and shared-apartments.

<https://wunderflats.com/en>

AreaOne

<https://www.areaone.io/s/wohnung/mieten/koeln>

Ebay-Kleinanzeigen

<https://www.kleinanzeigen.de/s-wohnung-mieten/c203>

Wohnungsbörse

<https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/>

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Erasmusplay

<https://erasmusplay.com/en/koeln.html>

Erasmusu.com

Besides publishing room/apartments ads, this website is also provided with a page dedicated to the specific city you are going to live in.

<https://erasmusu.com/de>

<https://erasmusu.com/de/erasmus-koln>

IMMOWELT

<https://www.immowelt.de/suche/wg/mieten>

IMMOSCOUT24

<https://www.immowelt.de/>

SINGLE APARTMENTS IN STUDENT RESIDENCES (MIN. LEASE OFTEN 6 MONTHS)

Cube Life Apartments

Located in the young and hipster district of Ehrenfeld, this student residence is an 8-minute bike ride away from ISM. A 10-minute bike ride away from ISM. You can also take the public transport and reach the university in about 20 minutes.

Details:

- apartments between 19 m² and 30 m²
- rent price is all-inclusive (see attachment for prices)
- garage for €65
- Prices: can vary, are usually between €500 and €900 monthly (all inclusive)

In order to inquire about offers and apply please write to Ms Seidel and use the Application Document attached to the ISM email.

Contract duration: minimum 6 months

Contact: Celine Seidel Seidel@cube.life

Youniq Living Cologne Ehrenfeld

Located in the young and hipster district of Ehrenfeld, this residence is an 8-minute bike ride away from ISM. You can also reach ISM in about 20 minutes and the city centre with the public transport (closest stations are: the Köln Ehrenfeld or Köln West). See attached photos.

Details:

Single furnished apartments

- S-Apartment: 15 – 16 m², 619 €/ month
- M-Apartments: 17 bis 18 m², 669 €/ month
- L-Apartments: 22 bis 24 m², 769 €/ month
- XL-Apartments: 31 bis 36 m², 829 €/month

Contract duration: **minimum 12 months**

Equipment:

- Kitchen complete with induction hob, fridge and sink
- All furnishing (no bed linen and no crockery)
- Washing machine and tumble drier available (for a fee)

Other facilities:

- Community spaces
- Contact person on site
- CCTV secure entrance areas

In order to inquire about availabilities, please contact Mr Papstein. To apply: complete the *application form* attached to the ISM email and send it together with a copy of your ID/passport and the salary statement / income statements of the last three months of you or the guarantor to the contact below.

Contact: Kai Papstein (Residence Manager)

Venloer Straße 241-245, 50823 Köln

kai.papstein@youniq-living.com

<https://youniq-living.com/en/location/cologne/ehrenfeld/>

Colonius Apartments

9 and 12 minutes on foot from ISM respectively. Both central and close to the tram/subway station (Christophstr/Mediapark stop and Friesenplatz stop).

Details:

Single and fully equipped apartments of about 23 m²

- Category XS (only 1 apartment): approx.. €1040,-
- Category S: approx. €1120,-/1220,-

All utilities and a cleaning service twice a month included

Contract duration: minimum 6 months – 3-month cancellation notice

Equipment:

- Kitchen and furniture
- Washing machine and tumble drier
- Bedsheets

Limited availability for the winter semester 2023. Contact to check availability. ISM will also inform you, when we know that an apartment is vacant.

Contact: wohnen@colonius-apartments.com

+49 (0) 221 569 13 96

Two different locations:

Werderstraße 27, 50672 Cologne

Friesenwall 126, 50672 Cologne

<https://www.colonius-apartments.com/de/>

Spacest.Com by Roomless

The platform Roomless offers medium and long term rentals of rooms and apartments in several European countries, including Cologne. They verify each and every listing with a dedicated team, so that clients can easily and safely rent from the website. There is a promotional code for ISM students, which you can give to the agent to get a 15% discount on the booking fee: **ISM15**.

Details:

- Serviced apartments - properties are fully furnished, ready for use
- All-inclusive rentals - often at no additional monthly cost for utilities such as water, electricity, and internet
- Accommodations for students, professors and young professionals - Roomless only accepts young people between 18 and 35 years old to make the apartment environment suitable

Contact: <https://roomlessrent.com/en>

To receive free support from Roomless team of agents for Germany, contact: simone.crisante@roomlessrent.com

K-Apart Student

If you have a bike K-Apart Student apartment house is 18 minutes away from ISM. The rent is convenient and if you are lucky, there is the possibility of renting a double or shared apartment. It is located in the Zollstock district of Cologne, not far from the modern southern part of Cologne.

Details:

Single, double and shared apartments; different sizes (starting from 24 m²)

Price range: € 610,- to € 900,- (all inclusive);

Contract duration: minimum 6 months – 3-month cancellation notice, otherwise automatically renewed after 6 months

Equipment:

- Kitchen and furniture
- Internet
- Balcony/terrace

Limited availability. Check availability directly on the website <https://k-apart-student.de/apartments>

Be warned that offers get taken very fast, so react quickly.

Contact: Karlheinz-Steimel-Weg 21–25

50969 Köln

<https://k-apart-student.de/kontakt>

Quartillion

Located in Ehrenfeld, the hipster district of Cologne, Quartillion consists in two buildings, Fronthouse and Yardhouse, with 153 single apartments in total. A 10-minute bike ride away from ISM. You can also take the public transport and reach the university in about 20 minutes.

Details:

Apartments are divided into:

- Comfort: 610 € - 700 €/month, approx. 20 m²
- Comfort+: 700 € - 790 €/month, approx. 20 m²
- Premium: 690 € - 760 €/month, approx. 18 to 31 m², own terrace/balcony, good view

All apartments are modern, fully furnished, with built-in kitchenette, high-speed internet and private bathroom. Utilities are included in the rent

Contract duration: minimum 6 months.

Other facilities:

underground car park, bicycle parking slots, shared study/multifunctional rooms.

Contracts run for minimum 6 months.

Contact: Melatengürtel 113-115

50825Cologne

+49 (0)221 - 606 089 653

info.koeln@quartillion.de

<https://www.quartillion.com/cologne/apartments/>

Smartments

Not as close to ISM as other residences (18 minutes by bike and around 30 to 40 minutes by public transport) but very nice and fully furnished mini apartments for students and trainees.

Equipment:

Bed, desk, chair, shelves, wardrobe, curtains, ceiling lamps, kitchenette with microwave, ceramic hob, extractor hood, refrigerator, sink and kitchen cupboard.

Other facilities:

Car park, elevator, common room, laundrette

Details:

Prices: single approx. € 575 / shared approx. € 515. Contracts run minimum for 12 months.

Utilities and Internet are already included in the rent.

<p><i>Alphons Silbermann Haus</i> Höninger Weg 115 50969 Köln Single, double and triple apartments ca. 18m² https://www.smartments-student.de/en/locations/koeln-hoeninger-weg</p>	<p><i>Lilli Jahn Haus</i> Marktstraße 4-6 50968 Köln Single apartments ca. 22m² https://www.smartments-student.de/en/locations/koeln-marktstrasse</p>
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Plug&Study Homes

93 modern apartments in the central and trendy district of Ehrenfeld. 13 minutes by bike and about 20 minutes by subway from ISM.

Details:

The basic, basic+, basic S+ tariffs range from € 830 to € 880/month for 6 months, for approx. 21-22 m². Utilities for electricity, water, heat are included. Internet and digital TV as well.

The apartments usually have a balcony or roof terrace.

All apartments are fully furnished and have their own kitchenette and bathroom with shower. Besides your personal belongings, you only need to bring bedding and dishes when you move in.

Further facilities:

Underground parking space from 75€/month, separate basement boxes from 25€/month, bandwidth upgrade, landline connection, app-controlled washing machines.

Contact: Plug&Study Home

Melatengürtel 123

50825 Köln Ehrenfeld

<https://pash1.plugandstudy.de/en/homepage/>

HOSTELS AND HOTELS

Die Wohngemeinschaft

Very „hipstery“ hostel in a central and lively area of Cologne. The hostel also has a bar and hosts music events of different kinds. Probably the best hostel in the city centre.

<https://www.die-wohngemeinschaft.net/>

https://www.instagram.com/die_wohngemeinschaft/?hl=en

Hostel Köln

Close to Neumarkt, one of Cologne's main squares.

Bed in shared room from €30-40

Bed in single room from €70

<https://www.hostel.ag/en/rooms/>

Weltemfänger

The hostel has average to good reviews and is conveniently located in Ehrenfeld, not far from ISM.

https://www.koeln-hostel.de/?page_id=5908

B&B Hotel

Located in various areas of the city. The closest one to ISM is B&B hotel Köln-City (Oskar-Jäger-Straße 115)

<https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/de>

Motel One Köln [Mediapark](#)

Very conveniently located directly in the Mediapark plaza, in front of ISM.

Price: around €100/night

Hotel Windsor

The hotel is near ISM and offers single, double, triple and family rooms.

Single room from €75/night

<https://hotel-windsor-koeln.de/>

ACCOMMODATION AGENCY

Bridging Cultures

If you are relocating for a short-term period of 1 or 2 semesters, a furnished apartment is the ideal – although quite expensive - solution for you. Bridging Cultures advises you on the most suitable options according to your individual requirements. Included services:

- Individual needs assessment
- Pre-selection of up to 3 short-term furnished rentals according to your individual requirements from which you can decide
- Securing the apartment
- Check of the rental agreement
- Summary translation of the rental agreement into English
- Collection of the signatures
- Coordination of the deposit payment and the payment of the 1st monthly rent

www.bridging-cultures.com

LAST WORDS OF ADVICE

When looking online, trust your common sense. ISM is not responsible for any of the links posted in this guide, so please act thoughtfully and check everything more than once before signing a contract.

Do not act irrationally and do not send any money blindly to anyone!

Please be aware that Cologne is one of the most difficult rental markets in Germany! Start your search early and remember that there is no such thing as the perfect apartment. Most likely, you will have to compromise between your dream price, location, comfort... and reality!

We know that looking for private accommodation is not easy and does require a considerable amount of effort. But it is not impossible! Stay hopeful and please also always remain on the lookout for traps or shady offers!

We wish you a successful room-hunting!
Your International Office Cologne