FAQ Accommodation

1. **WHEN AND HOW CAN I APPLY?**

   Please use this [form](#) to apply for University Accommodation. The Studierendenwerk is very popular; it’s very common to have a waiting period of a few months. Here are a few tips for your application: If you have decided to move into the Studierendenwerk, you should apply as soon as possible. That means you should apply at least six months before beginning your studies. A certificate of enrollment is not needed to apply, it is only necessary for the actual leasing agreement. You can also increase your chances of receiving an apartment offer by indicating different types of renting type e.g. shared apartments or single apartment and in different housing areas.

2. **WHAT IS THE SYSTEM FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE STUDIERENDENWERK?**

   As soon as a room is available, the first ten people on the waiting list for this specific type of housing and housing area will be contacted. The first person to respond will receive the free space. The remaining applicants will keep their place on the waiting list, only if they respond back within a specified period of time. In irregular circumstances, the waiting list will be changed. In this case, the applicants will be contacted and asked if they are still interested in their spot on the waiting list. Students who do not respond within the specified amount of time will lose their spot on the waiting list but can apply again at any time.

3. **HOW EXPENSIVE IS THE RENT?**

   The average rent for a room at the Studierendenwerk is around 200 €, “Warmmiete”. “Warmmiete” is the basic rent including utilities. The basic rent varies depending on the size of the room, the furniture, and the type of living situation. The utilities mainly include the electricity, water, waste disposal and cable TV. Internet connection is included in almost all of the housing areas. There are communal areas available in most of the housing and the usage of them is covered in the rent. GEZ fees are not included. When the rental agreement is made, a deposit based on the particular rent has to be paid.

4. **WHAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT HOUSING?**

   Those eligible for living in the Studierendenwerk are students of the following higher education institutions:
   - Technische Universität Dortmund
   - Fachhochschule Dortmund
   - Fachhochschule Südwestfalen
   - BiTS Iserlohn
   - ISM Dortmund

   If you study at BiTS Iserlohn or ISM Dortmund, you must pay a monthly surcharge.

   The following students are not eligible for the Studierendenwerk: those who are employed while studying (e.g. interns or student teachers), PhD Students, students who already have a university degree that qualifies them for a profession, visiting students or those who have studied longer than the standard period of study.
5. HOW LONG MAY I LIVE IN THE UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION?

The Studierendenwerk is available during your studies but the maximum amount of time is eight semesters. Only in specific cases can this time be extended. The time spent living at another publicly funded housing residence will be added to the maximum amount of time allowed to live in the Studierendenwerk.

6. HOW ARE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES BEING CONSIDERED?

In many housing areas, the rooms are set up in a way that meets the needs of students with a special. You can find a list of these housing areas here.

7. HOW IS THE WAITING LIST UPDATED?

You will indicate the type of housing and area when you apply. You will then receive a place on the waiting list. This waiting list is constantly updated through the “Studentenwerk”. When they contact you, you must respond within a specific period of time, if you still are interested in getting a spot in the Studierendenwerk. If they do not hear back from you, your application will be deleted.

8. WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE THERE IN THE STUDIERENDENWERK?

Living in your own space, but not being alone: Social events in your housing area help you to quickly make new contacts with other people. Football-evenings, tournaments or just sitting around together- these events and more await you in the communal rooms. These events are organized by students, specifically the housing committee. New members are always welcomed! The contact information for the housing committee can be found in the entrance of each housing area. The information can be also picked up at the Service Center of the Studierendenwerk.

9. WHAT FURNITURE WILL BE PROVIDED?

Most of the rooms in the Studierendenwerk are either partially or fully furnished. This normally includes a combination of a bed, wardrobe, table, chair and shelf. You will have to bring your own silverware, bedding and any other personal items.

10. UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS CAN A ROOM IN THE STUDIERENDENWERK BE SUBLET?

If the main tenant has to complete a practical training or do a study abroad within the time frame of their studies, then the lessee can look for a subletter.

A subletter has to be found by the main tenant and must be a student of the TU Dortmund, FH-Dortmund, FH Südwestfalen or ISM. The sublease will be drawn up between the main tenant, the Studierendenwerk and the subletter.

The following documents are necessary for the sublease to occur:

- Confirmation of the practical training or do a study abroad of the main tenant
- The enrollment certification of the subletter
- Two biometrical photos of the subletter

Furthermore, there will be a fee of 26.00 € for the sub-lease agreement. The sub-lease must be made at the Service Center for Studierendenwerk.

You can find the address and the office hours of Studierendenwerk here:

http://www.stwdo.de/wohnen/kontakt-wohnen/