Welcome to Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität!



the official guide of the international department of the student body council

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Welcome to LMU Munich!

No matter what subject, which studies, or personal reasons have brought you to our campus, the international department of the student body council is happy to have you here and glad to welcome you.

We remember the challenges that we faced at the beginning of our adventure and have with the best intentions in mind gathered a list of references aimed to ease your first steps and to prevent arising struggles in the areas of **accommodation**, **scholarships**, **networking**, and specifically **COVID-19**. As student representatives, our means might be limited, but we subscribe all our energy to the goal of supporting all foreign students in their endeavors at LMU.

In case of discrimination, we point out the **university's official advisory body:** https://www.lmu.de/en/about-lmu/working-at-lmu/additionalservices/diversity/index.html

Gladly, we refer to the extensive **official guide of the university's foreign office** where you can find additional information and specific support in scholastic issues:

https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/internationalstudent-guide/index.html

In the following guide, we understand *Official Resources* as websites of the German government, the city of Munich and LMU, and *Private Resources* as <u>all other</u> websites. In neither case, we take responsibility for the truthfulness, actions, or services represented on those sites and ask you to refer to those at your own risk.

Sincerely, the team of the international department

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Accomodation

You have surely heard at least one of the horror stories spread amongst students at LMU about the blood, sweat and especially money necessary to find a place in Munich.

Indeed, apartment searching in Munich is not for the faint of the heart, but the international department hopes that the following references can at least partly prepare you for the troubles ahead of you!

Official Resources



Munich Student Union

The Student Union offers almost 11,000 rooms and apartments as part of the student dormitories in Munich, Freising, and Rosenheim. Link:https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/studentaccommodation/



The city of Munich offers tips and tricks for finding living space. Link: https://www.muenchen.de/int/en/living/new-to-munich/tips-for-newresidents.html

Private Resources

Sharing Homes with Senior Citizens

Provided good German skills you can share cheap living space with a senior citizen in return for your support with their daily tasks. Link:https://www.seniorentreff-neuhausen.de/wohnen-fuerhilfe/wohnraumnehmende-2/

WG-Gesucht ("Flat Share")

Most popular online platform for finding a room in a shared apartment. Link: https://www.wg-gesucht.de/wg-zimmer-in-Munchen.90.0.1.0.html

Dormitory "Roncalli College"

Catholic private dormitory open for all students with a set room number for foreign students Link: https://www.roncalli-kolleg.de/

Dormitory "Deutsche-Burse"

Private dormitory administered by a catholic fraternity; only open to male students.

Link: https://www.deutsche-burse.de/



Hostel and Dormitory "München Süd"

Founded and organized by the catholic church with a pedagogical concept. Link: https://www.jwh-sued.de/kontakt.php



Dormitories by Caritas

The Catholic organization Caritas offers a range of dormitories. Link: https://www.caritas-nah-am-naechsten.de/caritasstandorte/wohnheime

Dormitory of Dachau

Dormitory provided by the city of Dachau close to Munich. Link: https://www.studentenwohnheim-dachau.de/das-haus.html

Dormitory of the Protestant Church

Three dormitories provided by the protestant church are open to students of all religions and explicitly open to foreign students. Link: https://www.eswm.de/en/application/registration.html

Dormitory "Newman-Haus"

Dormitory by the catholic church favoring students with catholic "background and upbringing". Link: https://www.newman-haus.mhn.de/willkommen/?lan=en

Dormitory "Massmannplatz"

Five houses building a "dormitory settlement" open to foreign students. Link: http://massmannplatz.de/assessment/

Dormitory "Ludwigskolleg"

Catholic dormitory open to students of all religions. Link: https://www.erzbistum-muenchen.de/ordinariat/ressort-4-seelsorge-undkirchliches-leben/hochschulpastoral/ludwigskolleg-studentenwohnheim Facebook Groups:

WG & Wohnung München gesucht, Schwarzes Brett München, ... Tip: you can search a group from the country that you come from on Facebook and be aware if someone posts a rental advertisement!

Scholarships

On a gray day, studying at LMU can feel burdensome. However, don't fret, because a range of public and private organizations have arranged a multitude of scholarships with the aim of supporting students like us intellectually and financially.

Feel free to apply for the listed programs and to speak to us if you need help sending your application.

Official Resources

LMU Office

The university keeps a list of its own scholarships and scholarship databases. The list is specifically prepared for international students. Link: https://www.lmu.de/en/workspace-for-students/student-support-services/finance-your-studies/scholarships/scholarships-for-international-students/index.html

International Parliamentary Scholarship

A bit less of a typical scholarship, for those interested in international politics or a career in politics, this program grants you the opportunity to work in the German parliament for five months. Link:https://www.bundestag.de/en/europe/international/exchange/ips/i ps-201258

Private Resources

German Academic Exchange Service ("DAAD")

The DAAD is the largest German support organization for international academic exchange.

Link:https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/2114 8-scholarship-database/

Official Foundations by the Political Parties

The official foundations of the German political parties offer scholarships to students that identify with their political values.

Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung by the CSU (Christian Social Union in Bavaria) Link: https://www.hss.de/en/

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung by the CDU (Christian Democratic Union) Link: https://www.kas.de/en/

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit by the FDP (Free Democratic Party) Link: https://www.freiheit.org/

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung by Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Alliance 90/ The Greens) **Link:** https://www.boell.de/en

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung by the SPD (Social Democratic Party) Link: https://www.fes.de/en/stiftung/international-work

Deutschlandstipendium

Paid for half by private partners and half by the Government, the Deutschlandstipendium is one of Germany's most prestigious scholarships.

Link: https://www.deutschlandstipendium.de/de/english-1700.html

👂 Geh deinen Weg

If you are under the age of 29 and have personal migration history, you can apply here. The scholarship's main aim is to network with outstanding employees and persons from your professional field. Link: https://www.deutschlandstiftung.net/projekte/geh-deinen-weg-programm/stipendiaten

Youth Bridge München

Bringing youth of all communities together, this foundation aims to teach soft skills and social entrepreneurship in a two-year project. Link: https://www.youthbridge.eu/

Elite Network Bavaria

The Bavarian Government is also a host for a number of scholarships. Link: https://www.elitenetzwerk.bayern.de/en/home

Networking

Attending classes, studying at the library, or just chilling at the park- it all is more fun with the right people around! Finding people to hang out with or friends to spend time with is difficult for all of us, but there is a lot at LMU happening that can make this task much easier.

Join one of the listed clubs or attend one of the following activities to get to know your fellow students- especially the international department is ready to welcome you with open arms!

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📄 Debate Club

Mostly consisting of students, this club hosts most of its debates in English. Link: https://www.debattierclub-muenchen.de/

Model United Nations

International students representing LMU in international conferences-What could be greater fun? Link: https://nmun-muenchen.de/

AIESEC

If you are interested in going abroad to volunteer or for an internship, this UN-affiliated organization is ideal for you. Link: https://www.aiesec.de/lcs/muenchen



European Students' Forum thriving for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe.

Link: https://aegee-muenchen.de/



Alumni of German partner schools abroad currently studying in Germany can connect using this website. Link: https://www.pasch-net.de/de/index.html

COVID-19

"I hope this letter finds you well in these challenging times"- Or how do your emails start these days? Truly, a worldwide pandemic is a challenge, especially for our foreign students.

In the hope that the following will give you at least some support, we leave you with references to some extraordinary projects started with the aim to help you with and distract you from the pressure that COVID-19 can be for us.

Official Resources

"Walking Buddy"

Link: https://www.ikberatung.ikk.uni-muenchen.de/index.html