

Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our website at www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA_Policies.

Description

CEA students studying in Berlin will live in centrally located apartments in both the East and West side of Berlin. Apartments vary in size, from one to three bedrooms and students usually share a bedroom with one or two other CEA participants. The apartments are nicely furnished with a bed and comforter for each student, shared closets or dressers, table and chairs, equipped kitchen with cooking utensils, refrigerator, stove, sink, shared bathroom, and washing machine. Each of the apartments is individually owned and it is impossible for two apartments to be identical in a city of the size of Berlin.

Rules & Guidelines

CEA Housing Agreements

1. I agree that I am a guest in my host country and am prepared to learn about and adapt to the cultural differences that I may encounter. I understand that the rules and etiquette in my assigned housing may be different than what I may be accustomed to at my home institution.
2. I agree to be respectful of my roommates and their personal items. I understand that part of my experience is learning to live with others and to respect and appreciate personal differences. I understand that if I am unable to resolve any conflict that may arise between my roommates and me within a reasonable timeframe, that CEA resident staff has the authority to intervene and take appropriate actions, which may include, but may not be limited to, a change of housing. I further understand that I will be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such an event.
3. I agree to be respectful of all residential and building property. This includes all items within my room, shared common areas, and the building. This also includes keeping my room and/or apartment clean throughout the duration of my program. Please see Damages section below for further details regarding cleaning.
4. I agree to be respectful of my neighbors, both within my building and in the surrounding areas. This includes keeping noise levels down and being discreet and quiet in the surrounding streets when coming home late. In many countries, it is against the law to make excessive noise after 10 pm.
5. I understand that as a representative of CEA, my home university, and the US, I am expected to conduct myself in a considerate and respectful manner while in my housing.
6. I agree not to consume any illegal substance in my housing.
7. I agree to thoroughly read the guidelines included below, and I understand that I will be held responsible for adhering to them for the duration of my program.

Meals

There is no meal plan with this option, however, you can eat cheaply at any of Berlin's numerous restaurants and snacks or purchase groceries at local markets and supermarkets and prepare your own meals. Kitchens are furnished with utensils and have a refrigerator, stove and sink.



Phone/Internet

Apartments are not equipped with phones. Students are expected to buy an inexpensive German phone or a German SIM card for their own phones or to have an international plan that allows them to make and receive phone calls and or access the internet. Free internet access is available on campus and in many public places, cafes and restaurants in Berlin. Students should use their private laptops/phones to access the internet.

Linens

Sheets are provided. Students should bring at least one large towel. Extra towels can be bought in Berlin.

Laundry

Apartments are equipped with a washing machine.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed inside the apartments.

Amenities

In most cases, CEA students will share a bedroom. Apartments are furnished including beds, desk or table, closet, and shared bathroom.

Guests

CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Overnight guests are not permitted in any housing assignment.

Curfew

There is no curfew, but students are expected to return to their apartments at a reasonable hour in order to get a good night's rest and be wide awake during class.

Keys & Security deposit

Each student will be issued keys to their housing upon check-in. Under no circumstances may students make a copy of their keys. In the event that keys are lost during the program, students will be responsible for the cost of replacement. A minimum fee of \$50 will be deducted from the program damage deposit for each set of key not returned upon completion of the program.

Utilities

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur utility charges above and beyond what is deemed reasonable by CEA will be responsible for paying the excessive charges. Please note that electricity is very expensive in countries outside the US. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity in their host country, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be accustomed to.

Damages

All students must respect all furniture, property, and other items provided. All damage, even unintentional, will be billed to the student responsible. If responsibility cannot be determined, the cost will be split equally among all residents. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.