



My name is Mahmoud Salem and I came from Egypt to study at the University of Cologne for 6 months as part of my masters in archeology, specialized in the environmental archeology. I live in Cologne in the Junkersdorf area, which is green and beautiful nature in the building of AM Sportpark Müngersdorf. I paid per month 213 Euros. The accommodation is good, you have all the facilities but you have to buy all the stuff you need by yourself such as your tools to cook or study. Also all the beds here are up, so you have to get stairs to sleep up (good practice for the muscles).

I am doing a class in environmental archeology in the African institute joined by the Geography institute. It is a really amazing study, they offer you all the possibilities to study in the best way- from books or library to labs. As a muslim student it is important to find a super market which buy the meat and Chechen halal, we found a very good one called halal on Venloer Street in Ehrenfeld. Also, normal big supermarkets like "Rewe" or "Lidl" have different things with good prices. In my freetime I went to play football, whatever is your favourite sport I am sure you will find a place here to do it. You can get information of this from the internet. As Germany as a country is very organized, be sure that you can follow their way of respecting time. Furthermore, it is important that you have a good health insurance because it costs a lot here (around 70-80 Euros per month). I wish you all the best for your study in Cologne!