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NEWMAN-HAUS

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## **An introduction to the Newman-Haus**

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The NEWMAN-HAUS is a catholic student residence under the leadership of the Newman-Verein e.V. The residence is open for students from the universities in Munich and seeks to provide its residents with the best possible learning and living conditions, although this is not its only purpose. There is more to living in the Newman-Haus: we offer our students a chance for education in social, cultural, and religious areas. This is achieved through intellectual encounters among students of different faculties. We seek an atmosphere that furthers encounters as those named above, as well as the individual and Christian development of the students.

Events in the form of presentations, discussions, and group work strengthen the spiritual purpose of the Newman-Haus. These offers aim to inspire our students and to introduce religious, philosophical, and ethical questions. Members of the student government frequently initiate such activities (see “Student government”)

According to its purpose, the Newman-Haus has certain expectations of its residents. We look for students with a positive attitude who care for fellow residents as well as for the Newman-Haus community as such. Residents are expected to actively participate in the offered events, take their studies seriously, and demonstrate open-mindedness. The Newman-Haus does not wish to be a hotel for students, but a place where all students feel responsible for others and the community.

Acceptance into the Newman-Haus is not to be understood as a rental contract (such as in leasing of private rooms). It is an agreement with the Newman-Verein in which a place in the residence is offered and accepted by the applicant. The agreement is defined by the spiritual purpose of the Newman-Haus and regulations determined in the General Order and the House Order.

## I. GENERAL ORDER

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The General Order defines the basic conditions of the acceptance agreement.

### 1. The room

A room in the residence is offered to encourage an efficient and orderly completion of studies for a restricted amount of time. This includes appropriate use of furnishings and accompanying community rooms. Residents does not have the right to dispose his/her room for any other purposes or for the benefit of others. Residents are prohibited leasing their room to others while they are on vacation. Non-residents are not allowed to stay overnight in the Newman-Haus (exceptions may be issued by the Newman-Haus administration for close relatives in case of a short stay). There is also one guest room available in the Newman-Haus that may be booked via the administration.

### 2. Duration of the stay

The first semester is a trial semester. After this period of time, the contract is renewed from one semester to the next, as long as no serious contradicting reasons exist. A stay longer than six semesters requires special reasons as found and approved by the Newman-Haus management. The contract covers a period of six months: From 1st October until 31st March (winter semester), and from 1st April until 30th September (summer semester). If the student wishes to terminate the contract, he must give written notice at least four weeks before the end of the respective six-month period. The student can terminate the contract before the third workday of a month for the period of the next month. An instant termination must occur according to legal regulations.

### 3. Prerequisites for acceptance

Only students of the Munich universities (LMU and TUM) and the Munich School of Philosophy may apply for a residency. Students of other universities, PhD students, or interns may not apply.

### 4. Prices

#### a) Room

including additional costs such as room-heating, warm water, showers, devices in the community showers, electricity, use of the community rooms and community offers:

Single room (about 12 m<sup>2</sup>) per month ..... € 386,-

Single room (about 8 m<sup>2</sup>) per month..... € 270,-

Large single room (women only, about 34 m<sup>2</sup>) per month..... € 512,-

b) Administrative fee ..... € 90,-

c) Deposit (interest-free) ..... € 500,-

## **5. Internet connection**

It is possible to connect devices such as mobile phones or laptops to the internal network and thus to the internet. To this end, a membership in the newman.net e.V. is required. The newman.net e.V. is a non-profit association founded and led by Newman-Haus residents. The monthly membership fee is currently € 5,-.

## **6. General meetings**

Newman-Haus general meetings take place once or twice a semester. The attendance of these meetings by all Newman-Haus residents is mandatory.

## **7. Services**

Residents must seek to maintain their rooms clean and orderly. Cleaning of the community rooms takes place once a week by members of the housekeeping staff. They clean the kitchens, showers, and toilets. Each resident is required to keep these places in appropriate order and to ensure the necessary cleanliness. It is possible that residents are asked to complete small tasks by the administrators of the Newman-Haus, or by the “senior students” (such as helping the caretaker or helping out the administration).

## **8. Introduction of newcomers**

At the beginning of each semester, the new student-residents are introduced to the Newman-Haus community by the administrator.

## **9. Student government**

The student government of the Newman-Haus consists of various committees. The “senior students” are elected representatives one can contact regarding community issues. The link between the students and the administration is the “Vertrauensrat”. The “Vertrauensrat” consists of the “senior students”, the tutors, the treasurer, and the representatives of each floor. Its purpose is to represent the wishes of the students and to support the administration for the benefit of the Newman-Haus. In addition to the semester program of the Newman-Haus, the student leaders (“tutors”) organize events which require the active participation of other residents.

## II. HOUSE ORDER

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The house order sets practical rules for the residence life. On the one hand, it covers the prerequisites for maintaining the character and ethos of the Newman-Haus. On the other hand, it ensures that residents can both focus on their studies and get along with the other residents. Thus, it is in every resident's best interest to follow the house order rules.

Excerpt from the house order:

- a) Visiting hours are between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- b) The Newman-Haus is not responsible for the residents' personal items. There is no insurance for the loss, damage, or theft of personal items. Thus, residents are advised to insure their items on their own.
- c) Residents are required to report damages in the rooms immediately to the administration. Residents are not permitted to fix damages on their own.
- d) Cooking is exclusively permitted in the kitchens. It is prohibited to use coffee makers, cooking plates, water boilers, etc. in rooms except the kitchens.
- e) The Newman-Haus does not provide bed sheets, towels, and cooking utilities (plates, knives and forks, pots, pans, etc.). These items have to be brought by the residents.
- f) Animals or pets are not permitted.
- g) Residents are encouraged not to smoke in the rooms. Although smoking is not prohibited, renovations due to smoking indoors will be billed to the resident.