Poland is the 7th largest country in Europe (population of 38 million people). It is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area. Whoever enters Poland may freely travel around all member states.
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN POLAND

- academic tradition in Poland goes back to the mid-14th century
  - The first Polish university was established in Krakow in 1364.
- 132 public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
  - classic universities, medical schools, universities of applied sciences, schools of economics, schools of agriculture, teacher training colleges, schools of fine arts, sports colleges, military colleges, ecclesiastical colleges, vocational college
- 1.3 million students
- 73 000 international students (long-term) from over 150 countries
- Poland is a member of the European Higher Education Area.
WARSAW – AN ACADEMIC CITY

• **Capital city of Poland**
  - 1.7 million inhabitants, 8.3 million tourists per year
  - 150 cinemas, theatres, music venues and museums, 80 parks, 450 kilometres of bike trails

• **15 public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**

• **240 000 students per year (more than in Berlin or Prague)**

• According to Nature: Warsaw is the country’s main research hub and is becoming a hub of globally competitive science. (“Poland: Into the light”, 2017)

• According to QS Best Student Cities 2019 Warsaw took 51st place in the world. It receives a very high score in the affordability category thanks to its combination of low living costs and reasonable tuition fees.
The University of Warsaw was founded in 1816. It is the largest university in Poland and the best research centre in the country.
UW – FACTS AND FIGURES

- UW occupies 1st place in the national rankings of universities

- UW belongs to the top 3% of universities in the world
  - according to global rankings such as THE, QS and ARWU; 11 subjects run by UW were ranked in the Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects 2019 (Physics and Mathematics were ranked 51-75 worldwide)

- UW belongs to the 4EU+ European University Alliance

- UW is among the „Nature” Rising Stars
  - 3rd place among the institutions of South East Europe and 96th place worldwide in Nature Index 2016 Rising Stars

- UW was granted the “HR Excellence in Research” award
  - it is given by the European Commission and identifies the institutions that adopted the principles of the European Charter for Researchers
The University of Warsaw graduates have won 6 Nobel Prize awards:

- Nobel Prize in Literature: Henryk Sienkiewicz, Czesław Miłosz, Olga Tokarczuk
- Nobel Peace Prize: Menachem Begin, Joseph Rotblat,
7,300 employees
  • 3,700 academic teachers
2,900 doctoral students
42,500 students
4,800 international students and doctoral students
2,700 postgraduate students
9,200 graduates per year
University life is concentrated on three campuses:

- **Main Campus**
  - historic seat of the University
  - located in the heart of Warsaw – part of the city’s flagship Royal Route
  - appreciated for its elegant architecture, dating back to 17th century
  - home to the humanities and social sciences, the UW authorities and central administration offices

- **Ochota Campus**
  - home to science and natural science
  - recently gained impressive new buildings, housing state-of-the-art laboratories

- **Służewiec Campus**
  - home to the Faculty of Management and a part of the Faculty of Applied Linguistics buildings, student dormitories
The main campus is located in Krakowskie Przedmieście street – part of the Royal Route. For several centuries, Krakowskie Przedmieście has been one of the most representative arteries in Warsaw.

Now it is not only a place of beautiful monuments and the old town - it is also the center of social life of Warsaw residents.
• 3 700 academic teachers
  • 690 professors
• 2 900 doctoral students
• 100 million euro research budget
  • ⅓ of the University budget
• 3 300 research topics
  • humanities, social, exact and natural sciences
  • interdisciplinary studies, including subjects in medical or technical sciences
• 1 900 projects
  • financed from the national or international research grants
• 5 200 publications per year
UW research centres are found not only in Poland. The astronomers observe the sky in the Las Campanas Observatory in Chile. The archaeological research centre in Cairo has been in operation since 1959. There is a scientific research entity in Peru entitled The Center for Andean Studies of the University of Warsaw in Cusco. In 2018, a new archaeological unit in Khartoum has been opened in Sudan.
• 800 international partners
  • 530 universities in 73 countries that work with the UW under bilateral agreements

• 100 international societies and research networks with UW as a member

• UW is the most active Polish university in academic exchange programmes
  • Erasmus+, Central European Exchange Program for University Studies, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst programmes, Polish-American Fulbright Commission programmes
The Alliance brings together six, large, public and well-established universities that are comprehensive and research intensive.

The 4EU+ mission is to develop a barrier-free and continuously deepening cooperation in education, research, mobility and innovation within the Alliance.

Members:

University of Warsaw (Poland), Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic), Heidelberg University (Germany), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), Sorbonne University (France), University of Milan (Italy)
THE WINTER SEMESTER  
(October, 1 – February, 10)

The semester starts in the first week of October and lasts till mid February, with a two-week break for Christmas holidays and a one-week vacation period in February. The winter semester examination session usually takes place at the end of January and at the beginning of February.

THE SUMMER SEMESTER  
(February, 18 – September, 30)

The semester starts in February and lasts till the end of September (however, classes last till mid June), with a one-week break for Easter vacations in March/April and summer holidays from the beginning of July to the 30th September. A period for examinations is reserved in June, and for make-up exams – in September.
Your student ID will not only confirm your affiliation to the University of Warsaw…

…but it will give you the possibility of benefiting from a variety of special offers, including a 50% discount on public transportation in Warsaw!
Apart from public transportation there is plenty of other places where you can use your student discount, among them are (with exceptions):

- Cinemas, theatres and museums,
- Hairdressers,
- Restaurants,
- Cafés.

To receive a discount, please show your student ID to staff upon making payment.
ACCOMMODATION

- **Six dormitories – total of 2800 places** - situated in various parts of the city.
- Each hall has a quiet study lounge, a TV room, a computer room and laundry facilities.
- Monthly rent ranges from EUR 80 to 150 (PLN 325-620) per person, depending on the type of room.
- **Hera Guests House, Sokrates Guest House**
Students may learn up to 41 languages:

- Among them are both the most popular, like: English, French or Spanish...
- … and those less used, for instance: Hungarian, Indonesian, Hebrew and Finnish.

UW Units for teaching languages

- Centre of Polish Language and Culture for Foreigners „Polonicum”,
- Centre For Foreign Language Teaching,
- School of Eastern Languages
The Centre offers:

- Polish language classes from A1 (beginner) to C2 (proficiency).
- Lectures, seminars, workshops, films, audio-visuals presentations introducing Polish history, culture and traditions (in both Polish and English).
- Etnographic workshops (organised in co-operation with the Ethnographic Museum of Warsaw), related to specific customs (St. Andrew’s Day, Christmas and Easter).
- State Certificate Examinations in Polish as a foreign language.
BUW offers

- Over 3 million volumes
- Open stacks with over half a million items
- Rich collection of databases
- Remote access to e-resources
- Long opening hours 7/7
- Space to study – hundreds of work stations
- and the garden. on the roof of the building!

It’s nice up here, isn’t it?
WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM...

- Ombudsman
- Equal opportunity chief specialist at UW
- Centre for Disputes and Conflict Resolution
- Academic Legal Counselling
- Legal Clinic
- Office for Persons with Disabilities
- Psychological Counselling Centre
The University of Warsaw provides education which is a definite asset in the labour market. According to the monitoring of UW graduate careers, 94% of former students find employment within a year of graduation.
Need a place to develop your business activities, set up start-ups or NGOs?

• The academic incubator is a part of the University Technology Transfer Centre (UTTC UW) which supports researchers in the commercialization of their undertakings;

• UW incubator provides facilities to develop business activities.

• Incubator provides not only well-equipped facilities, but also expert support, individual mentoring, workshops and trainings.
Finished classes…

...not sure how to successfully build your career…?

... you can always look for help in the Careers Office!

They can help you by:

• advising you how to proceed
• organizing workshops and lectures on the subject of improving your qualifications
THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE OF THE UW

Activate the academic community and everyone who wants to develop social and civic attitude in a conscious and responsible way.

Every person associated with The University of Warsaw can become a volunteer: students, PhD students, researchers, administrative workers, also those who have already retired.

https://wolontariat.uw.edu.pl/volunteer-form/
Student Organizations

...and plenty more
About 200 scientific and artistic circles are registered at the University. Several thousand people operate in them. Each group has a substantive supervisor, who is a University researcher, and a president - this function is held by one of the students. The activities of the circles are largely financed from the University of Warsaw budget. Annually, the University allocates approx. PLN 400 000 for this purpose.
Students can actively practise around 30 various disciplines, e.g.: aerobics, athletics, climbing, football, handball, horse-riding, karate, rowing, volleyball, yachting. They can participate in competitions as professionals or exercise as amateurs.
After classes do not forget about entertainment!

The JUWENALIA UW is one of the largest student events in the country. The greatest Polish artists play on stage, and there are many other attractions organized by the Students’ Union.