

Arrival

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for international
students

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Welcome to Warsaw University of Technology!

This guide was created to prepare you for your arrival to WUT and to help you during your first days in Warsaw!

Take a look at the basic information about the university, classes, rules, calendar, Warsaw, Poland and everyday life. These are the things you need to know!

We hope you will adapt easily to the life and studies at WUT and that your time in Warsaw will become one of the best adventures of your life!



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First steps

A Buddy (also known as a mentor) is a local student who voluntarily helps international students throughout their stay in the new country. The Buddy is usually a student of your age and from your Faculty. He/she will help you with everyday issues and can also pick you up from the airport and assist you during your check-in at a dormitory or flat.

To find out more about the Buddy programme, please visit:
www.pw.esn.pl/en/buddy

Buddy is a project run by the student organization ESN (Erasmus Student Network).

ESN Buddy

Arrival in Warsaw at the airport

There are two airports in Warsaw:

- Chopin Airport, located inside the city, can be reached by Warsaw public transport (30 min by bus to the city centre, line 175);
- Modlin Airport, located an hour away from Warsaw, can be reached by train or transfer bus: lotniskowy.mazowieckie.com.pl.

If you are a non-EU citizen, then upon your arrival at the airport, you will first have to pass through passport and immigration control. Keep your passport, visa and all other important documents ready at hand (for example your letter of acceptance to WUT, accommodation confirmation, proof of adequate finances, etc.). Note down the phone number to WUT International Students Office (**+48 22 234 50 91**, **+48 22 234 6150** or **+48 22 234 1341**) in case the immigration officers want to contact us to confirm your admission. Once you have passed through the immigration control, you can collect your luggage and proceed through customs to the arrival hall.

WUT owns 11 dormitories. If you applied for the 1st year of full-time studies in English and got the Final Acceptance Letter, you can select the dormitory where you want to live directly in the Online Application System for studies in English. If you wish to contact the Accommodation Committee, you can send an e-mail to: **kkw@samorzad.pw.edu.pl**

Upon arrival in Warsaw, if you already have your room booked, you can go to your dormitory to check in. Please note that your booking for a dormitory room is limited in time – there are specific dates when you can check in. If you want to check in a few days earlier or at night, then it is necessary to contact your dormitory to ask if it is possible.

Checking-in at dormitories is best done during weekdays (not weekends) and during the day (not in the evenings or at nights).

Some of the dormitories are located in the area of the Main Campus, but some of them are located in other parts of the city.

List of dormitories and their addresses:

DS Akademik, Akademicka 5, 02-038 Warsaw
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DS Bratniak, Grójecka 39, 02-031 Warsaw
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DS Mikrus, Waryńskiego 10, 00-631 Warsaw
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DS Muszelka, Grójecka 39, 02-031 Warsaw
e-mail: justyna.andrzejkiewicz@pw.edu.pl

DS Pineska, Uniwersytecka 5, 02-036 Warsaw
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DS Riviera, Waryńskiego 12, 00-631 Warsaw
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DS Tatrzańska, Tatrzańska 7a, 00-742 Warsaw
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How to get to WUT

The main campus of WUT is located in the city center, just next to „Politechnika” subway station (Metro Line 1). Politechnika is actually the name of WUT in Polish. So, if you want to ask a local for directions, just ask for Politechnika Warszawska.

The exact address of the Main Building of WUT at the Main Campus is:
Plac Politechniki 1, 00-661 Warszawa.

Reaching WUT from Chopin Airport

Bus 188

LOTNISKO CHOPINA PRZYLOTY 02 » METRO POLITECHNIKA 51 » 700 meters on foot (in total 30 min)

Reaching WUT from Central Railway Station („Dworzec Centralny” or „Warszawa Centralna”)

Tram 78

DW. CENTRALNY 09 » PL. POLITECHNIKI 01 (10 min)

Reaching WUT from the city centre („Centrum”)

Subway (Metro) line 1

METRO CENTRUM » METRO POLITECHNIKA (3 min)

Public transport App

Download a very useful app with all routes and timetables of Warsaw public transport: „JAKDOJADE”. It is accessible from regular browsers as well as at the website: www.jakdojade.pl/warszawa/trasa/

You can also use Google Maps app.

TIP: To find our University, you can use both the name in Polish: **Politechnika Warszawska** or the name in English: **Warsaw University of Technology**.

This is the Main Building of WUT



Once you reach WUT for the first time, you should visit the International Students Office* to complete your registration.

International Students Office (ISO): room 233 in the Main Building of WUT.

Erasmus students: please follow the instructions sent by the Erasmus Office.

Others: please follow the instructions sent by your exchange coordinators.

**Registration
at the University**

The University and Studies

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A bit of history

WUT was first established in 1826 but has been operating under its present name since 1915. It became the most important scientific centre of engineering in Poland and gained international prestige in the years 1918-1919.

Over the years, the University was taking more and more significant position in the higher education in Poland, educating excellent academic staff. The symbol of WUT is the historic Main Building. It has been the venue of many important historical events: rallies, sessions, meetings and ceremonies. Today, the University's Audience Hall is a very representative place where many events are organised.

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General structure of WUT

WUT Authorities

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WUT is a huge University. We have over 23 000 students, about 5000 employees, and numerous buildings on 3 campuses: the Main Campus in the centre of Warsaw, the Southern Campus in Warsaw located about 15 minutes by tram from the Main Campus, and another Campus in Płock – a city over 100 km from Warsaw.

WUT is divided into 19 Faculties offering studies in different fields. Each Faculty is dedicated to a specific area of study and has its own authorities (Deans), administration offices, student offices and Erasmus offices.

Apart from the Faculties, there are also other units at central level that you might be dealing with, like: the Admissions Office, the Language Centre, the Careers Office, the Erasmus Office, Rector's Offices, the Central Library, Sports Centres and dormitories.

Below, you can find the list of WUT Faculties together with contact details to the coordinators of studies in English and administrative staff from your Faculty.

Coordinators of studies in English are responsible for making decisions about accepting candidates for studies in English. Also, they take care of students and studies from a didactic point of view.

Dean's Office at the Faculty is responsible for providing administrative help during studies. This office is a place from where you can obtain login and password to USOS, collect your Student ID, receive information about the scholarship opportunities etc.

LIST OF FACULTIES

STUDIES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COORDINATORS

DEAN'S OFFICE AT THE FACULTY – CONTACT DETAILS

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No courses in English.

No courses in English.

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Faculty of Mathematics and Information Science

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LIST OF FACULTIES**STUDIES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COORDINATORS****DEAN'S OFFICE AT THE FACULTY – CONTACT DETAILS****Faculty of Management**

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No courses in English.

No courses in English.

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DEAN'S OFFICE AT THE FACULTY – CONTACT DETAILS

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No courses in English.

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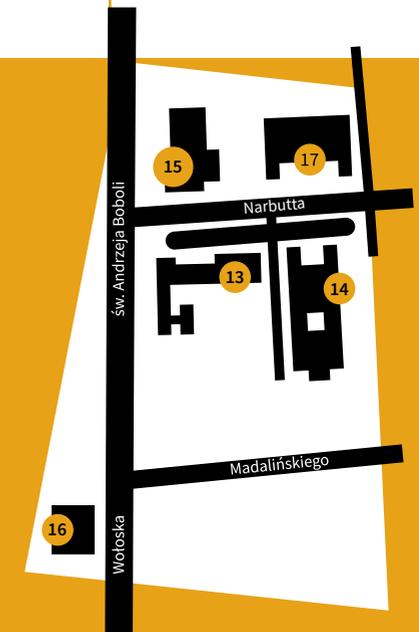
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- Faculty of Geodesy and Cartography
- Main Library

- Faculty of Chemistry
- Faculty of Transport
- Faculty of Power and Aeronautical Engineering
- Faculty of Mathematics and Information Science
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Building Services, Hydro and Environmental Engineering
- Faculty of Electronics and Information Technology
- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering

13. Faculty of Mechatronics

14. Faculty of Management Faculty of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering – Dean's Office

- Faculty of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
- Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering
- Faculty of Automotive and Construction Machinery Engineering



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Academic Regulations

The formal document that comprises the most important academic regulations as well as the rights and obligations of all students can be downloaded here: www.pw.edu.pl/engpw/Academics/Academic-Regulations

Faculty offices and rules

Dean's office

The role of the Dean's office is to help you answer all the questions regarding the course of studies, timetables, formalities, terms of exams, dormitories, scholarships, certificates and documents that are needed for the successful continuation of studies.

Please note that the working hours of the Dean's office vary depending on the faculty. Be sure to check the opening hours of the Dean's office prior to visiting it.

Dean

The Dean is in charge of the whole faculty. He is assisted by Vice-Deans. Vice-Deans for Student Affairs take care of all the social issues concerning students (scholarships, dormitories, etc.). In case of problems with lectures, examinations or passing some classes, it is your Vice-Dean for Student Affairs whom you can ask for help. There are also Vice-Deans for Studies who take care of educational and teaching process at the faculty. They are responsible for approving the decisions about dismissing students, accepting conditional registration for the next semester and allowing the reduction of some charges for failed classes. If you want to meet a Dean or a Vice-Dean, you

may be asked to come within specific “student hours” (for example only one specific day per week) or to schedule an appointment by e-mail first. In case of complicated issues, complaints or petitions, it is recommended to hand in a letter to the Dean or his/her secretary in which you explain briefly your matter and give your personal data.

Timetables of classes

Timetable of classes is distributed in a different way at each Faculty. Some Faculties publish timetables on their websites (please note that Faculties have their own websites, separate from the main WUT website), some send them to new students by e-mail, some publish them in the corridors of their buildings. The best way to inquire about the way you can find your timetable is to visit the Dean’s office of your Faculty or contact your Coordinator at the Faculty.

Types of classes

At WUT, there are different kinds of classes. Each of them is special in its own way and may differ from what you know from your own countries’ traditions. Classes last 60 or 90 minutes (sometimes there are 2 class blocks, each lasting 45 minutes with some break between them).

Below, you can find a short description of each type of classes:

Lecture

Theoretical lessons during which a lecturer / tutor lectures on a subject according to the most up-to-date information, guiding you through the subject and explaining the main points that sometimes are not included in all textbooks. This is the best place to take notes on the subject. Some lectures can gather an entire course of people. It may even reach up to 90 or 100 people, so sometimes it is quite difficult to ask the lecturer all the question that you have in mind.

During the first lecture, course bibliography, regulations and curriculum are presented by the tutor. Many lectures are non-obligatory (there is no attendance list), but some of the lecturers prefer to check the attendance of all students in order to know them better.

The last class for majority of lectures ends with a written exam which decides upon the passing of the subject.

If you happen to miss a lecture, don’t be shy and ask your fellow students to share their notes with you so that you don’t fall behind.

Practical training classes (PTC)

Obligatory, practical lessons which are conducted for smaller groups of people than in the case of lectures. They correspond to the curriculum of lectures. There are many ways to conduct this class, such as: workshops, laboratories, etc. During this class, you usually work individually or in a small group. Each PTC class has a special experiment for a particular group. In order to prepare, everybody has to read instructions which will be presented by tutor (or available online).

During the PTC, many tutors test your knowledge of each subject by a short written test at the beginning or at the end of each class. Depending on a tutor and regulations of each class, you may be obliged to score a certain amount of points in order to enter the class and perform the experiment.

After the class, you may be asked to present a written summary of each experiment with detailed description and conclusions that can be observed. This task is usually issued for the next class.

Similarly to lectures, first class of each semester is usually dedicated to explaining terms and regulations of the subject.

Tutorials

Obligatory practical lessons for smaller groups of people. They focus on more detailed aspects of the subject. During these classes, tutors will help you use the theoretical knowledge obtained during the lecture in practice to solve problems and guide your work. During these classes, you may ask professors about the things you did not understand well enough during lectures.

During tutorials, there may be one or more tests during the semester to check your knowledge.

Seminars

Classes where students discuss ideas together with the lecturers, rather than just listen to them. The topics for discussion are often related to the final dissertation that you are about to prepare for your Bachelor's or Master's degree work.

Academic Calendar

Academic Year at Polish universities always begins in October. It consists of two semesters (winter and summer) and holiday breaks. Each of the semesters lasts around 15 weeks during which the courses and classes are conducted.

www.pw.edu.pl/engpw/Academics/Academic-Calendar

During the academic year, there are examination periods after each semester. There are no classes during the examination period – there are only final exams and tests. Passing the exams is necessary to move on to the next semester of studies.

These periods are 2 to 3 weeks long. Before the examination periods begin, lecturers announce exact dates and places of the exams so that you have time to prepare.

An additional examination period called “Autumn examination period” is only for retakes. So, if you pass all the exams in the semester examination periods, then you do not have to be present at the university during the Autumn examination period. If you fail the semester examination periods, then you have to be present at WUT in October to take the retake exams.

You can check the dates of the Examination period in the Academic Calendar above.

Examination
periods

Student Card and student number

Each student who arrives at WUT, registers and starts studies will receive a plastic **Student Card at the Dean's Office of the Faculty**. A Student Card is green, includes the name of WUT, your data and photo, and it proves that you are officially a student in Poland. The backside of the card has a place for tiny stickers that mark the card's validity. The stickers will be given to you at the beginning of each semester by the Dean's Office of your Faculty.

The student Card will also include your student number (in Polish: "numer albumu") consisting of 6 digits. You should memorize this number as it will be the main way to identify you in almost all WUT databases.

This card is used at the university as your library card and in other situations, so you should always have it.

The Student Card entitles to discounts on some of the public services in Poland, for example, on public transport:

- **Public transport in Warsaw ("ZTM")**
50% discount on all buses, trams and metro;
- **Trains ("PKP")**
51% discount for most of the tickets if you are less than 26 years old;
- **Public bus companies ("PKS")**
37% discount on most of the tickets if you are less than 26 years old.

To be able to use the discounts on transport or other services, you need to always carry the Student Card with you.

Student electronic system – USOS

The central electronic database of all WUT students is called USOS. This system is used to register your subjects, courses, grades, and payments.

A login and password to the system should be sent to you automatically within the first week of your studies. If you have problems with receiving data for USOS, you can contact your Dean's Office. They should also instruct you when and how to use the system and if your Faculty use any other additional electronic systems (some faculties use USOS only, some also use additional systems).

Psychological support

Our students' well-being is very important to us. To ensure that you get all kind of necessary support during studies at Warsaw University of Technology, we offer a free psychological assistance programme for all students. Our psychologist offers supporting, motivating and therapeutic conversations in Polish or in English, provides psychological support focusing on human development, assists students in crisis situations and provides further information on other possibilities of getting specialist assistance if necessary.

More information is available at: www.students.pw.edu.pl/index.php/Resources/Psychological-support

Student life and activities

Student Organizations and science groups

WUT has many student associations. They are involved in the organization of many cultural, sport, tourist and scientific events. It is through work of many students that some important events have been taking place at WUT for over 40 years.

There are also around 100 student scientific groups which gather people with similar interests and way of thinking, who strive to discover, build or invent something new for technology. They work at the University but also participate in national and international competitions and projects.

Joining scientific groups and associations formed mostly by Polish students may seem harsh at the beginning due to the language barrier – even though WUT has many international students, Polish is still the first language for most communication outside the lecture hall. However, don't get discouraged. Most of Polish students have a good command of English and once they get to know you better and see you as an active and enthusiastic student, they will be surely glad to welcome you in their science projects, groups and initiatives. Be open and don't be shy to talk to them and ask if you can join!

WUT has also some organizations that are dedicated especially for international students, where English is the main language. Below, check out the most important and largest WUT student organizations that may help you during your WUT experience or simply enrich your stay in Poland.

The Students' Union contributes to a significant extent to the internationalization and international cooperation at WUT. The main role in this activity is played by a special team who is in charge of international affairs – the International Matters Committee of the Students' Union. The Committee represents Polish and foreign students before the University authorities and is responsible for expenditures on international cooperation of student organizations. They collect and share information on international scholarships, internships and educational programmes for students. The International Matters Committee is a link between the University and all students. Some of the flagship projects of this Committee include: the organization of student exchanges with Dusseldorf and Kiev, the organization of Students Mobility Fairs, activities during ATHENS exchange week, a series of cultural events “Feel the World” and many more. The Students' Union and the International Matters.

The Committee also gathers several other student organizations at WUT which are related to international cooperation.

Join WUT's International Community
Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/478997260167596/

Another unit of the Students' Union is also responsible for the distribution of places in WUT dormitories.

How to reach Students' Union?

www.sspw.pl/

kz@samorzad.pw.edu.pl

room 165 in the Main Building

ESN – Erasmus Student Network

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a Europe-wide student organization. Its aim is to help exchange students abroad and to integrate locals and foreigners. Its members do their best to help Erasmus and other international students to get used to a new place. Their motto is “Students helping students”. Almost all universities in Europe that participate in Erasmus programme have their own section of the global ESN.

WUT section of ESN is called “ESN PW”.

Its members organize different kinds of events for international students at WUT, including: trips, parties, cultural, sport & social activities.

Among their projects you can find:

- **Creative** – focuses on the cultural side of Warsaw's life. This project includes events such as: visiting museums, jam sessions, jazz musical evenings, movie nights, sightseeing of the Old Town or Praga district, city games.
- **Sport** – a project that promotes physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. In the framework of this project various types of sports events are organized, such as: volleyball, basketball, football, swimming, bubble football, trampoline jumping, skateboarding, ice-skating. One of the major sports events for Erasmus students is ESNOLYMPICS – annual sport championships for exchange students from all over Poland.
- **Bounce** – oriented to one of the most important parts of the Erasmus exchange – parties. They always offer you the highest level of entertainment – the best clubs, thrilling DJ sets and extra attractions that won't let you get bored until dawn. At the beginning of each semester, they organize the Orientation Week – a week full of parties at night and other activities during the day.

- **Travel** – a project that focuses on travelling all around Poland and nearby countries. Depending on the semester, destinations may include: Krakow, Polish mountains, Prague, Budapest, Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn and more.
- **Tandem** – a method of language learning based on mutual language exchange between tandem partners (ideally, the discussions should be held between a student who is a native speaker of a given language and a student who wants to learn this foreign language). The idea is to improve your language skills while making friends with someone from the language and culture you wish to learn.
- **ESNcard** – a membership card which gives you many benefits like discounts in cinemas, pubs, clubs, restaurants, fitness clubs as well as discounts on taxi services and of course parties and events organized by ESN. To find out more about the project and check the discounts all around Europe go to: esncard.org.
- **ESNband** – a project connecting people filled with passion for music: instrumentalists, vocalists and everyone making music in every other way. Its main purposes are playing together, jam sessions, practicing and obviously meeting new people.
- **SocialErasmus** – a project that gives you not only the opportunity to get to know a whole new culture, but it also enables you to do something for others in a form of volunteering. You can join multicultural information meetings in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, as well as ecological and cultural events (such as Erasmus Forest) and charity actions (International Santa Claus).
- **ExchangeAbility** – a project that makes ESN accessible for students with disabilities and helps to remove obstacles to participation in international student exchanges.
- **Discover Europe** – a pan-European contest enabling its participants to establish international relations, break stereotypes and present their point of view on variety of topics.

How to reach ESN?

E-mail	buddy.pw@esn.pl or pw@esn.pl
Address	Dormitory „Riviera” at Waryńskiego street no. 12 Room A104
Office Hours	Wednesdays and Fridays, 5-7 pm
Social Media	Website: www.pw.esn.pl Facebook fanpage: www.facebook.com/esn.pw Instagram: @esn_pw Twitter: @esn_pw Snapchat: @esn_pw
FB groups	Erasmus in Warsaw (ESN official group): www.facebook.com/groups/erasmusinwarsaw/?ref=share WUT's International Community: www.facebook.com/groups/478997260167596/

ENHANCE

alliance

Warsaw University of Technology is a member of the ENHANCE Alliance. It consists of 10 European technical universities: the Technical University of Berlin, Warsaw University of Technology, RWTH in Aachen, Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, the Polytechnic University of Milan, the Polytechnic University of Valencia, Delft University of Technology, ETH Zurich and Gdańsk University of Technology.

The purpose of the members of ENHANCE is to achieve the status of high-class research units, introduce innovative educational methods on a wide scale, make the offer more flexible for students, PhD students, academic and administrative staff, and reduce bureaucratic barriers.

Students of universities belonging to the ENHANCE Alliance will be able to take advantage of online courses prepared by partner universities, learn foreign languages with other students in language tandems, create international project groups cooperating online, as well as participate in workshops and summer schools.

More info may be found at: www.enhanceuniversity.eu.



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Poland

General information

Every year, over 13 million foreigners visit Poland, attracted by its history, nature and hospitality of Poles. The country has over 38 million citizens. Marked by its tragic history, it is a homeland of heroes and famous people like John Paul II and Nicolaus Copernicus. About 30% of Poland's territory is covered by forests. It is known for its beautiful lakes (has 9,300 of them) and Baltic gold – amber.

More than 94 % of the people are Poles, with small groups of Ukrainians, Belarussians, Germans, Slovaks and Lithuanians. The capital of Poland is Warsaw with approximately 1,700,000 inhabitants. Poland is divided into 16 provinces (voivodships), each with its own self-government. Warsaw is located in Mazowieckie voivodship.

Poland is a member of the most important international organizations, such as: the United Nations, NATO or the Council of Europe. Since 2004, it has been a member of the European Union.

Polish is a Slavic language, and it is not the easiest one, but English is the most popular foreign language in Poland, so you should not have big problems to communicate especially in larger cities.

Dialing code for Polish phone numbers: **+48**.

Time zone

Poland is in the Europe Central time zone (GMT +1) and uses a 24-hour clock. You can often hear the term 8 pm, but the official version is 20:00.

There is a change of time twice a year in Poland (like in other European countries):

- on the last weekend of March, clocks switch from winter to summer time and move;
- forward one hour;
- on the last weekend of October, clocks switch to daylight, saving time for winter,
- and move back one hour.

Weather

The climate of Poland is mostly temperate: oceanic in the north and west, it becomes gradually warmer and continental towards the south and east. Summers (May–August) are generally warm, with some rain and temperatures varying between 18 °C and 30 °C. Autumns (October–November) are usually around 10 °C and rainy. Winters (November–March) are cold and snowy, with average temperatures around 0 °C but possibly going down to even -20°C.

Be prepared for frequent changes in weather conditions, especially in autumn and spring. From rain, winds and snowstorms to sunny and dry – Poland has it all and it is very difficult to forecast the weather.

We generally recommend taking variety of clothes, including many warm clothes, especially if you are coming from a hot climate country: waterproof and windproof winter jacket, warm waterproof boots, scarfs, earmuffs, thick socks, gloves, beanie. If you don't have them – don't worry, you will be able to buy it in Warsaw as well. Just make sure that when you come in October, you bring more than just your flip-flops and one sweater!

Currency

The currency in Poland is the Polish Zloty (PLN). PLN 1 = 100 groszy. Coins circulate in the following denominations: PLN 1, 2 and 5 as well as 1 grosz, 2 grosze and 5, 10, 20 and 50 groszy; banknotes are in the following denominations: PLN 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500.

You can exchange your money in an exchange office called KANTOR. Credit cards like VISA, MASTER CARD are widely accepted in the majority of shops and markets. Using these cards, you can also withdraw some cash from a cash dispenser called BANKOMAT.

Current exchange rates of the National Bank of Poland may be found at: www.nbp.pl.

Prices in Poland

Please consult NAWA guide for prices in Poland and the cost of living for students: www.study.gov.pl/cost-living-poland

Public holidays

Workdays in Poland are from Monday to Friday – this is when all offices and establishments (and the university as well) are open. Saturdays are when most offices are closed, but other places like shops, shopping malls, entertainment spots like bars, restaurants, cinemas, gyms etc. are open. On Sundays, the majority of shopping malls and shops are closed. Below, you can see the list of public holidays in Poland. These days the university and most of other establishments and shops are closed.

New Year	1 January
Epiphany	6 January
Easter Sunday and Monday	dates vary each year (in 2024 – 31 March and 1 April)
Labour Day	1 May
Constitution Day	3 May
Corpus Christi	date varies each year, usually it is in May or June (in 2024 – 30 May)
Assumption Day	15 August
All Saints' Day	1 November
Independence Day	11 November
Christmas	25 and 26 December

Safety and most important laws

Poland is a safe country. However, there is a risk of crime like anywhere in the world, so keep the following in mind:

- Avoid going out alone at night and keep away from deserted places.
- As for Warsaw, the district called “Praga” (on the east side of the Vistula river) is commonly considered to be less safe than other parts – if you decide to go there, it would be better to be accompanied by a local person and avoid entering smaller streets, especially at night.
- Attempts for pick-pocketing may happen on public transport, especially in the city centre, so keep your handbag close in buses and when walking in the street.
- Never leave your bag unattended.
- If you witness any trouble on WUT campus, inform University Guards: **+48 22 234 6666**.
- Smoking – it is prohibited at public transport stops as well as clubs, pubs and restaurants unless they have separate room for smokers. Non-compliance with this prohibition may result in a penalty.
- Alcohol – it is prohibited to drink alcohol in public places (parks, squares, streets, etc.), with the exception of permitted areas such as gardens and patios in restaurants and pubs. Non-compliance with this prohibition may result in a penalty.

If you are involved in any kind of trouble or become an eyewitness of a violent act or crime, call the police immediately (**emergency hotline: 112**).

Emergency numbers

112 general emergency number for all emergency issues

997 Police

998 Fire department

999 Ambulance

Temporary residence registration (“meldunek”)

Non-EU citizens who are going to spend in Poland more than 30 days and EU as well as EEA citizens who are going to spend in Poland more than 3 months have to register their address of residence in the District Office of the City of Warsaw.

Students from non-EU countries should do it within 4 days of their arrival.

Students from the EU and EEA countries have 30 days to do it.

In order to register your address of residence, you should prepare the following documents:

- passport or national ID card (EU citizens);
- visa (non-EU citizens);

- rental agreement or the confirmation of accommodation in a WUT dormitory;
- temporary residence registration form.

The list of all District Offices of the City of Warsaw and their addresses and contact details may be found here: Delegatury Biura Administracji i Spraw Obywatelskich w Dzielnicach www.bip.warszawa.pl/Menu_podmiotowe/biura_urzedu/AO/Delegatury/default.htm.

*Please note that registration of your address of residence (in Polish: mel-dunek) in the District Office of the City of Warsaw is a procedure different from the procedure of applying for a temporary residence permit in the Mazovian Voivodeship Office.

More information is available at: www.students.pw.edu.pl/index.php/Resources/Arrival-City-Council-Registration.

Immigration procedures for non-EU students

If you are a non-EU student, then you probably hold a visa to be able to enter Poland and stay here legally. Please check the expiry date of your visa and keep it in mind. Remember that after the expiration of your visa, you cannot stay in Poland legally, so before your visa expires you have to either leave Poland or arrange a new document enabling you to stay here legally. Therefore, in most cases, you have two options: go back to your country before your visa expires to apply for a new visa and enter Poland again or stay in Poland and apply for a Residence Card (Residence Permit, in Polish “Karta Pobytu”) before your visa expires. Please remember about it and make the necessary arrangements on time.

Please visit the website of the Mazowiecki Voivodeship Office for detailed information about applying for the temporary residence card: www.en.migrant.wsc.mazowieckie.pl/pl/procedury/zezwole-nie-na-pobyt-czasowy.

Temporary residence permit for EU citizens

Citizens of EU or EEA countries whose stay in Poland exceeds 90 days also have to apply for a temporary residence permit at the Mazowiecki Voivodeship Office. More info: www.en.migrant.wsc.mazowieckie.pl/pl/procedure/EU-citizens.

Health insurance

If you are an EU citizen, then you probably hold a European Health Insurance Card which entitles you to use Polish public health services without any additional procedures.

If you are a non-EU citizen, you have to arrange health insurance on your own. One of possible ways of getting health insurance for the period of your studies is to sign up for Polish National Health Insurance (“Ubezpieczenie NFZ”) which costs around PLN 55 per month. Individuals covered by this health insurance are entitled to free health services in Poland at public health establishments. The institution where you can go to sign up for the National Health Insurance is called NFZ and is located at ulica Chałubińskiego 8 (8 Chałubińskiego Street), close to the Main Campus of WUT. To sign up for this health insurance, you need to show the officials, in addition to other documents, your valid WUT Student Card or the Certificate of a Student Status from your Dean’s Office.

For more information about this insurance, please visit the website of the International Students Office: www.gov.pl/web/uw-mazowiecki/rejestracja-obywatela-ue.

There are also some private insurance companies, but you would have to research them on your own or with the help of your ESN Buddy.

Pharmacies services: There are many pharmacies (in Polish: “apteka”) in Warsaw, where you can buy basic medicines on your own, without doctor’s prescription. Most of them are open during the day only and are closed on Sundays and public holidays, but some of them are open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Warsaw

General information

Warsaw is the capital of Poland and its biggest city. The city was a witness of wars and the Warsaw Rising during the II World War (in 1944), during which it was almost completely destroyed. Rebuilt after the war, it has kept its historical atmosphere in the Old Town (which is included in the World Heritage List by UNESCO). Nowadays, Warsaw is Poland’s business centre with headquarters of many international companies.

The city is divided into 18 districts. WUT Main Campus is located in the most central district called “Śródmieście”, where you can see the majority of capital’s important places. The Southern Campus of WUT is located in the “Mokotów” district.

Accommodation

International Students can apply for a place in WUT dormitories or arrange accommodation on their own outside of the campus (for example rent a shared flat). Renting a room or a flat is more expensive, but you get better conditions, and it feels more comfortable. Monthly rent for a single room in a shared flat is about PLN 1500-1800, often the landlords also ask for an additional deposit.

For detailed information about websites where you can find the offer of private accommodation, you can check A Student’s Guide in Poland prepared by the Students’ Parliament of the Republic of Poland (PSRP), the Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE) and the Erasmus Students Network Poland (ESN Poland): **A Student’s Guide in Poland (psrp.org.pl)**.

Public transport

In Warsaw, the public company that owns the city transport network is called ZTM. You can take buses, trams or subway (“metro”). There are two zones: zone 1 which comprises most of the city and zone 2 which includes suburbs. Tickets for Zone 2 are more expensive. There are day buses and night buses – tickets for both types are the same price.

Tickets are sold in automatic machines that can be found on the streets, at bus stops and metro stations or inside the buses or trams. Some of the machines accept payments by card only, some by cash only, some by both. Bus drivers do not sell tickets! You need to buy a ticket before entering the bus (or immediately after entering it if there is a ticket machine in the bus) and validate it inside the bus in a yellow validator right after you get in (some tickets bought in automatic machines inside buses may be already validated). There are also mobile apps where you can buy transport tickets. The most common types of short term and single ZTM tickets are:

- Short-term tickets for 20 minutes for all means of transport for zones 1 and 2 costs PLN 3.40 (with Student Card 50% discount – PLN 1.70).
- Single-fare transfer ticket for 75 minutes for all means of transport for zone 1 costs PLN 4.40 (PLN 2.20 with Student Card discount) and for zone 1 and 2 – PLN 7.00 (PLN 3.50 with Student Card discount).
- Unlimited one-day ticket costs PLN 15 (PLN 7.50 with Student Card discount). It is valid for 24 hours from the moment of first validation.
- The most convenient tickets for students and residents of Warsaw are long-term tickets: ZTM city card for 1 or 3 months:
- 30-day ticket costs PLN 110 (with Student Card discount – PLN 55),
- 90-day ticket costs PLN 280 (with Student Card discount – PLN 140).

Both of them allow you to travel all day lines and night lines in zone 1. City cards cannot be purchased at the machines. You can arrange them in two ways:

- You can order them in ZTM Passenger Service Centres – you will get a plastic magnetic card with your name and then you can charge the

long-term tickets on the card in the machines. The closest ZTM Passenger Service Centre is located at “Politechnika” metro station.

- You can also charge long-term tickets directly on your plastic green Student Cards of WUT!

Remember that to be entitled to use the tickets with Student Card discount you need to carry Student Card with you. You cannot use discounted tickets if you do not hold the Student Card yet (for example on the way from the airport to your dorm when you arrive). If you travel without a valid ticket or with a discounted ticket but without a Student Card, you can be given a fine of PLN 266.

Shopping and food

The most popular shopping malls are:

- **“Złote Tarasy”** (Złota 59)
– just behind the Central Railway Station
- **“Arkadia”** (Aleja Jana Pawła II 82)
- **“Blue City”** (Aleje Jerozolimskie 179)
- **“Galeria Mokotów”** (Wołoska 12)

Apart from big chain supermarkets, you can also find local small shops, convenience stores where you can collect a parcel or buy a coffee or a snack, grocery stores and bakeries. This is a good option, especially for buying simple day-to-day products. You can also do shopping online and collect your purchases from special parcel lockers [in Polish: “paczkomaty”].

Survival

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We really believe that you will be fine with just English but just in case you want to feel more secure, you can find here some of the Polish words and names you will probably encounter on your way.

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Warsaw University of Technology	Politechnika Warszawska
student card	legitymacja studencka
Dean's Office / Student office	dziekanat
dean	dziekan
Main Building of WUT	Gmach Główny PW
faculty	wydział
dormitory	akademik / dom studencki
examination period	sesja
room / office	pokój
opening hours	godziny otwarcia
student	student
library	biblioteka
canteen	stołówka
bus	autobus
tram	tramwaj
ticket	bilet
public transport monthly card	karta miejska
airport	lotnisko
Central Railway Station	Dworzec Centralny
City center	Centrum
Good morning / Good afternoon	Dzień dobry
Goodbye	Do widzenia
Thank you	Dziękuję
Please	Proszę
Excuse me	Przepraszam
Sorry, I don't speak Polish.	Przepraszam, nie mówię po polsku.
I don't understand.	Nie rozumiem.
Do you speak English?	Czy mówisz po angielsku? (informal – to a peer); Czy mówi Pani po angielsku? (formal – to a woman); Czy mówi Pan po angielsku? (formal – to a man)

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**See
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