



The best and the largest institution of higher education in Poland.



UW:²
Two centuries
Good beginning

- **200** years of tradition
- **20** faculties
- **48,000** students and doctoral students
- **330** million euro budget
- over **800** foreign partners

POLAND – IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

As Poland is a member of the European Union and the Polish universities belong to **the European Higher Education Area**, students and academics from other European countries can feel here at home. The European Credit Transfer System and other tools developed through the Bologna Process make it possible for students to commence, pursue or complete their studies in a European country of their choice.

Poland has 140 public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Apart from the classic universities, there are medical and technological schools (polytechnics), schools of economics and agriculture, teacher training colleges, schools of fine arts, sports colleges and military, ecclesiastical and vocational colleges. Polish academies offer **a wide choice of programmes of 1st, 2nd, 3rd cycle studies and long cycle (uniform) Master's studies**, in full-time and part-time systems. 1.5 million students per year receive their education in Poland. This makes our country one of European leaders, preceded only by Great Britain, Germany and France.



DYNAMIC ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

The University's community includes **3,500 foreign guests**: graduate and postgraduate students, academics as well as Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders. In terms of academic exchange the University of Warsaw stands out not only among Polish universities but also internationally. It is one of the leaders according to the European Commission, which – in one of its documents – has evaluated the dynamics of academic exchange in over three thousand institutions of higher education across Europe. The University is mostly visited by students from Spain, Germany, Italy, France and Turkey.

TWO FACETS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

The university life concentrates in three campuses: Central, Ochota and Służew, located in different districts of Warsaw. The University's historic seat, located in the heart of Warsaw, is widely appreciated for its elegant architecture. Impressive edifices, dating back to the 17th century, rank high among Warsaw's sightseeing musts. The University Library, built in the vicinity of the main campus at the turn of this century, has opened a new chapter in the University's architectural design. The new facilities built since then are not only modern and functional but also architecturally intriguing. The natural science departments' campus has recently gained imposing new buildings, housing state-of-the-art laboratories. These facilities provide their users with comfortable work and study areas, and interestingly arranged recreational spaces.

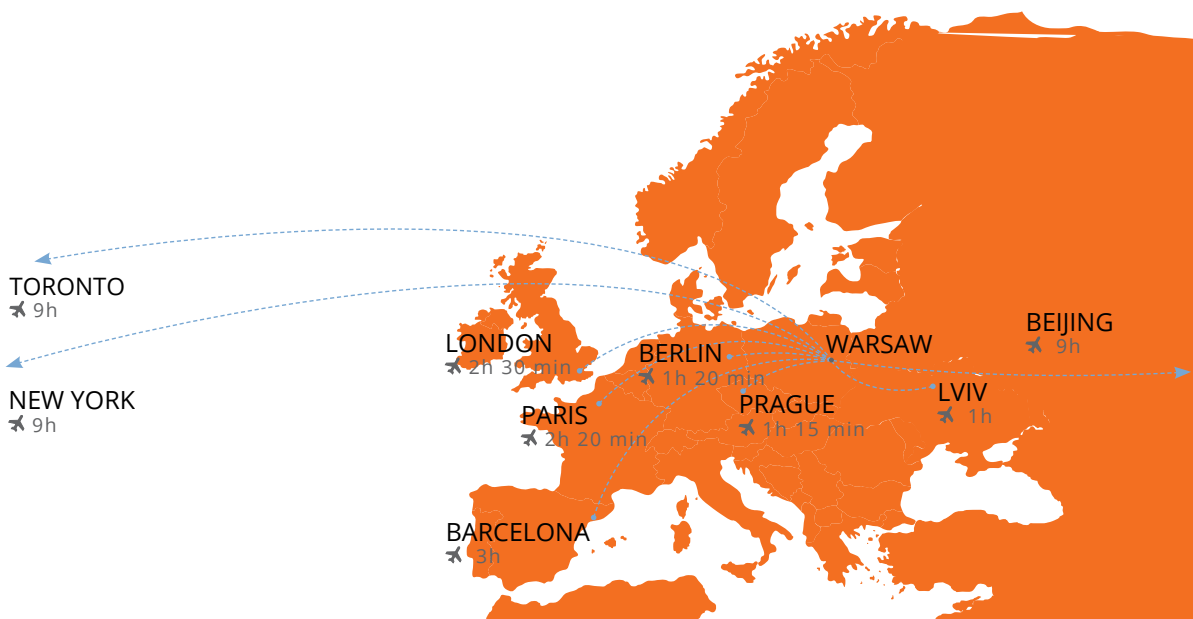
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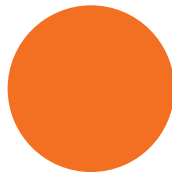


WARSAW – ACADEMIC CITY

The University of Warsaw has its seat in the **capital of Poland**, one of the **most dynamically developing European cities**. Warsaw is steadily climbing in international rankings of world's most attractive urban areas. It has recently found its way to the Top 50 of the City Brand Index and ranks 19th in terms of prosperity, according to the United Nations State of the World's Cities report.

Not only is Warsaw **a political, economic, social and cultural centre**. It is also an undisputed **leader of Polish education** – the city's facilities provide education to 245,000 people each year. The University of Warsaw is the oldest in the city. In 2016 it will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. Three other Warsaw's institutions of higher education have their origin here: Medical University of Warsaw, Fryderyk Chopin University of Music, and Academy of Fine Arts.





over **44,700** students

3,200 doctoral students

3,800 postgraduate students

7,100 employees

3,500 foreigners



FACTS AND FIGURES

20 FACULTIES

- Faculty of Applied Linguistics
- Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Resocialisation
- Faculty of „Artes Liberales“
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Chemistry
- Faculty of Economic Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies
- Faculty of Geology
- Faculty of History
- Faculty of Journalism and Political Science
- Faculty of Law and Administration
- Faculty of Management
- Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics, and Mechanics
- Faculty of Modern Languages
- Faculty of Oriental Studies
- Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Polish Studies
- Faculty of Psychology



800 foreign partners



5.8 million library's holdings



330 million euro budget

96 million euro R&D budget



3,400 research topics

1,400 grants

7,000 publications per year



29 research and educational centres



According to the annual survey carried out at the University, the vast majority of students are satisfied with their choice of the University and the programme of study.

The prestige, opportunities for personal advancement, and atmosphere are quoted as University's best assets.

QUALITY OF TEACHING

Each year the University provides education to approximately 51,500 students. The candidates are offered a wide choice of programmes in humanities, social and natural science, as well as numerous interdisciplinary programmes, which combine knowledge and skills in various fields.

University of Warsaw offers:

- a wide choice of programmes of 1st, 2nd cycle studies and long cycle (uniform) Master's studies,
- 36 programmes of doctoral studies (3rd cycle) and 4 international doctoral programmes,
- 3 MBA programmes,
- over 150 postgraduate programmes,
- 300 Open University courses, taught by the University's lecturers and available to everyone above the age of 16, regardless of their education.

The University offers over 20 English-language programmes. Within the Polish-language programmes, approximately 2,000 courses are taught in foreign languages. The University's system of language provision sets a pattern for other universities at home and abroad. It has been distinguished by the European Commission with the European Language Label award.

The high quality of teaching at the University of Warsaw is confirmed by various accrediting bodies and is reflected in international rankings such as the Quacquarelli Symmonds World University Ranking or Eduniversal Best Masters and MBA Worldwide. The authors of these rankings select each year the best two hundred programmes out of thousands provided worldwide. In 2015 nineteen programmes from the University of Warsaw received such distinction.

The highest standards of University's education are also reflected in post-graduation surveys. Monitoring careers of the University of Warsaw graduates is the largest research project of this type in Europe. It provides proof that the University of Warsaw diploma is advantageous on the labour market: 94% of respondents have found employment after graduation.



Research and education are of equal importance for the University.

UNIVERSITY OF RESEARCH

A third of total revenue is raised through research grants. The University employs **3,600 scholars**. One in four holds the title of professor. The University also provides education to **3,200 doctoral** students every year.

The scholars participate in **over 150 projects financed by European and other international funds and organizations**, such as EU Horizon 2020 and 7th Framework Programme, European Science Foundation, European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research, European Economic Area and Norway Grants, European Molecular Biology Organization. The University of Warsaw is the leader among all Polish institutions which won the 7th Framework Programme grants.

Among projects financed as part of the European or international programmes, particularly interesting are prestigious **grants of the European Research Council**: three ERC frontier research grants (Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grants) and Proof of Concept Grants (open to ERC grant holders only). In 2007-2015 ERC awarded 16 grants to scientists working in Polish institutions of higher education, 8 of those grants are carried out at the University of Warsaw.

Each year the body of **publications** produced by the University scholars increases by approximately **7,000 new items**, most of them appearing in prestigious international journals.

WORLDWIDE RENOWN

In many areas the University scholars maintain an already well-established position in the world of science. One such example is the work carried out by the University **archaeologists** in twenty countries, on five continents. The discoveries made in Egypt, Sudan or Peru have fundamental significance to our understanding of the history of these areas, and they have contributed to the protection of local heritage. Spectacular discoveries of our **palaeontologists** traces of tetrapods in the Holy Cross Mountains that changed the hitherto views on the evolution have gained global recognition.

Unquestionable reputation has also been gained by the University astronomers. As a result of their research and discoveries the world has heard about new planets or the birth of black holes. Warsaw's **astronomers** have become the world leaders in the area of large-scale sky surveys. The **physicists**, carrying out biomedical research on brain-computer interfaces (BCI), or **chemists** specialising in superconductivity, are also leaders in their domains.



UW has joined a select group of universities collaborating with Google.

COOPERATION

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University cooperates with over 800 foreign entities. It is a member of approximately 100 international associations and networks. It is involved in activities of organizations which work for the integration of higher education, e.g. the European University Association, Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe, and Heads of University Management and Administration Network in Europe. It actively supports initiatives for the development of joint research and didactic projects.

Our University has been the most active Polish and one of the most active European academic institution in the programmes of academic exchange such as Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus. For its active Erasmus participation, the University has received many awards from the European Commission and the Erasmus managing foundation for Poland. In 2013 the University has successfully been awarded an Erasmus charter to take part in the Erasmus+ programme between 2014 and 2020.

COOPERATION WITH BUSINESS PARTNERS

The University has always supported both basic research, which broadens our understanding of the world, and applied research, the findings of which have practical applications. Therefore, the University has established various business partnerships, for example to find new uses for graphene or to discover new radiopharmaceuticals (radioactive substances used in the diagnosis and treatment of e.g. cancer).

Our University is open to contacts with society and the world of business in Poland and beyond. Recently, we have established relation with Google. The company has funded a new research centre at UW. The Digital Economy Lab (DELab) will address the impact of new technologies on the economy and society. To date, the company has funded research institutes at Stanford University, Oxford University and the Humboldt University of Berlin. This is the first such project in Central and Eastern Europe.

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THE COUNTRY'S LEADER IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The University of Warsaw, **the largest institution of higher education in Poland**, is the country's leader in teaching and research. The keynote of its activities is the **unity of research and education**, as well as a **harmonious development of all disciplines** represented at the University: **humanities, social and natural sciences**.

In 2014 the University of Warsaw has shown very good results in international rankings, such as Quacquarelli Symonds World University Ranking (QS), Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), US News and World Report, U-Multirank and of course has **won the national ranking of universities**. Taking into account the total number of research universities that reaches 20 thousand **the UW is among the top 2% of the world's best universities**.

TWO CENTURIES OF TRADITION

In 2016 the University of Warsaw will be celebrating its **200th anniversary**. For the last two centuries the University has been exerting significant influence on the history of Warsaw and the whole country. It has fostered the advancement of sciences, educated the country's elites and been an important centre of social and cultural life. Today, ahead of its 200th anniversary, the University sets itself **new strategic goals for the future**. The most important one is attaining the status of a leading European university.

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