

University of Warsaw

The University of Warsaw is the largest university in Poland and best research centre in the country. Its academic community comprises 7 100 employees, more than 44 500 undergraduate and graduate students, 3 200 doctoral students and 3 400 postgraduate students. The overall number of students and doctoral students at the university includes 4 200 international students, most of whom come from Ukraine, Belarus, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, China and Turkey.

Besides 21 faculties, UW has also 30 academic and research centres. A wide range of studies in humanities, social, exact as well as natural sciences, including 24 English-language programmes, is provided by UW. Students can choose from 2 000 foreign-language courses within the Polish language programmes.

The high quality of teaching is reflected in the results of various rankings. According to these, the University of Warsaw is among the top 5% of universities in the world. The authors of Quacquarelli Symonds World University Ranking, Eduniversal Best Masters and MBA, or US News and World Report select the 200 best programmes from thousands of programmes in the world. 26 programmes offered by UW are listed there.

According to QS Best Student Cities 2017 Warsaw took 52nd place among the best cities in the world. It receives a very high score in the affordability category – within the top five of the entire index – thanks to its combination of low living costs and reasonable tuition fees.

Almost one third of the university budget, equal to over 1.3 billion PLN, is devoted to research. In the present financial framework, UW scholars have won 32 grants from the Horizon 2020 programme (amounting to 12.6 million euro), 6 SESAR Joint Undertaking grants and 2 grants from the COSME programme. Researchers from UW have received 12 from 25 grants given to Polish institutions from the most prestigious European competitions of the European Research Council (ERC).

Research potential of the University is reflected in the results of the 2016 Nature Index of Rising Stars. The University of Warsaw was ranked 3rd among the institutions of South East Europe in that ranking. Globally it occupied 96th place.

Since 2016, UW has used the 'HR Excellence in Research' logo, which is granted by the European Commission. It confirms that the university fulfils the requirements of the European Charter for Researchers.

The University works together with 800 international partners, 400 of which represent 73 countries which have signed a bilateral cooperation agreement.

In 2016, the University of Warsaw celebrated the 200th anniversary of its foundation. This year saw the beginning of the realisation of a multiannual development plan (2016-2025) financed by the Polish government. The subsidy adds up to 1 billion PLN. With this funding, it will be possible to develop UW faculties and centres of humanities and social sciences.