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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 memeber of the European Higher Education Area. Polish academies, as a participant in the EHEA and the Bologna Process, have introduced e.g. the three-cycle framework of higher education qualifications and the European Credit Transfer System.

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 5 Nobel Prize awards:

- Nobel Prize in Literature: Henryk Sienkiewicz, Czesław Miłosz,
- Nobel Peace Prize: Menachem Begin, Joseph Rotblat,
- Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences: Leonid Hurwicz.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

- 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



21 FACULTIES + 30 ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH UNITS

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, Information and Book Studies

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 Political Science and International Studies Faculty of Psychology

3 CAMPUSES IN WARSAW

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

1ST, 2ND AND LONG CYCLE – UNIFORM MASTER'S STUDIES



- over 100 programmes in humanities, social, exact and natural sciences
- 27 English-language programmes

within the Polish-language programmes, 2 000 courses are taught in foreign languages

- 29 double degree programmes run by the UW and international partners
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

process for recognising knowledge, skills and competences that have come from experience or previous formal or informal learning; the recognition gained may considerably shorten the normal period of studying



27 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES 1st, 2nd and long cycle – uniform Master's studies

- American studies (1st, 2nd cycle)
- Archaeology (1st, 2nd cycle)
- Chemistry (2nd cycle)
- Cognitive Science (2nd cycle)
- Data Science and Business Analytics (2nd cycle)
- English Studies (1st, 2nd cycle)
- Environmental Management (2nd cycle)
- European Politics and Economics (1st cycle)
- Finance, International Investment and Accounting (1st cycle)
- Humanitarian Action (2nd cycle)
- International Business Program (2nd cycle)

- International Economics (2nd cycle)
- International Relations (1st, 2nd cycle)
- International Studies in Philosophy (1st cycle)
- Master in Food Systems (2nd cycle)
- Oriental Studies Inner Asia: Mongolian and Tibetan Studies (2nd cycle)
- Physics (2nd cycle)
- Political Science (1st, 2nd cycle)
- Psychology (uniform Master's cycle)
- Sustainable Development (2nd cycle)
- Quantitative Finance (2nd cycle)
- Teaching English to Young Learners (2nd cycle)

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.



PhD PROGRAMMES, POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AND COURSES



- 4 doctoral schools
 - Doctoral School of Humanities, Doctoral School of Social Sciences, Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences, Interdisciplinary Doctoral School
 - each doctoral student has an opportunity to follow a complete learning pathway in English
- 126 postgraduate programmes (3 Master of Business Administration programmes)
- Open University courses



UNIVERSITY OF RESEARCH

- 3 700 academic teachers
 690 professors
- 2 900 doctoral students
- 100 million euro research budget
 ¹/₃ 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.



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

European Union funds

7th Framework Programme (2007-2013) – 32.5 million euro, 98 projects Horizon 2020 (Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020) – over 50 projects

Other international subsidies

Polish-Swiss Research Programme, European Economic Area and Norway Grants, European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST), European Space Agency, European Molecular Biology, Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA), European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), International Visegrad Fund Polish-German Science-Foundation, Chiang Chingkuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANTS



- the most prestigious European grants competitions, financed from EU framework programmes (7th FP, Horizon 2020)
- 2007-2018 scholars from UW have received 14 grants of the 32 grants given to all Polish institutions
- a wide range of research areas

algorithms, anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, cryptography, cultural studies, linguistics, logic, mathematical physics, sociology

 UW also participates in 2 projects financed by the ERC as an institutional partner, coordinated by the Polish Academy of Sciences and the University of Oxford.



EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANTS

Starting Grant

2017 – Dr. Artur Obłuski (Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology)

2016 – Dr. Marcin Pilipczuk (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

2015 – Dr. Marek Cygan (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

- 2013 Dr. Piotr Sułkowski (Faculty of Physics)
- 2012 Dr. Justyna Olko (Faculty of "Artes Liberales")

2010 – Prof. Piotr Sankowski (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

2009 - Dr. Natalia Letki (Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology)

2009 – Prof. Mikołaj Bojańczyk (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

2007 – Prof. Stefan Dziembowski (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)



Consolidator Grant

2015 – Prof. Katarzyna Marciniak (Faculty of "Artes Liberales")

2015 – Prof. Mikołaj Bojańczyk (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

2017 – Prof. Piotr Sankowski (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

Proof of Concept

2015 – Prof. Piotr Sankowski (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)

Advanced Grant

2009 – Prof. Andrzej Udalski (Faculty of Physics – Astronomical Observatory)





Over the last decade, thanks to EU funding, representatives of the exact and natural sciences have been equipped with laboratories facilitating research at the highest level. On the Ochota campus, two interdisciplinary centres have been built: the Centre of New Technologies and the Biological and Chemical Research Centre. MULTIANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2016-2025)



- adopted in November 2015 by the Polish government
- ca. 230 million euro
- a programme of change and modernisation in various university activities
- new facilities will be built and some existing buildings will be modernised





Multiannual development plan will allow UW to:

- foster research in the humanities and social sciences
- tighten up international cooperation and conduct ambitious interdisciplinary projects
- encourage international academic exchange
- develop cooperation within the social and economic environment
- create places devoted to the popularisation of science, training and expertise, as well as lifelong-learning centres

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



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



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION – EXAMPLES

- associations of universities with UW as a member, e.g. :
 - European University Association (EUA)
 - Network of the Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)
 - Heads of University Management & Administration Network in Europe (HUMANE)

100 international societies and research networks with UW as a member, e.g. :

- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
- International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE)
- Research Network, Central & Eastern European Network of Indian Studies (CEENIS)
- European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM)
- Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
- Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (DARIAH-ERIC)
- Global Universities Partnership on Environment and Sustainability (GUPES)
- UW is a member of research consortiums established for specific research projects, UW scholars participate in international research undertakings, e.g.:
 - Graphene Flagship
 - H.E.S.S., CTA, LIGO/VIRGO, Planck, Gaia, Araucaria (astronomy)
 - EIT Food Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC)
 - European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)
 - Next Generation Internet (NGI) the initiative of the European Commission

4EU+ ALLIANCE

THREE CHALLENGES, ONE VISION

- The Alliance brings together six, large, public and well-established universities that are comprehensive and research intensive.
- 4EU+ Alliance was selected by the European Commission for funding in the the first pilot 'European Universities' call for proposals, launched as part of the 2019 Erasmus+ programme.

4 EU+ ALLIANCE

Members:

University of Warsaw (Poland), Charles University (Prague, Czechia/Czech Republic), Heidelberg University (Germany),University of Copenhagen (Denmark), Sorbonne University (France), University of Milan (Italy)

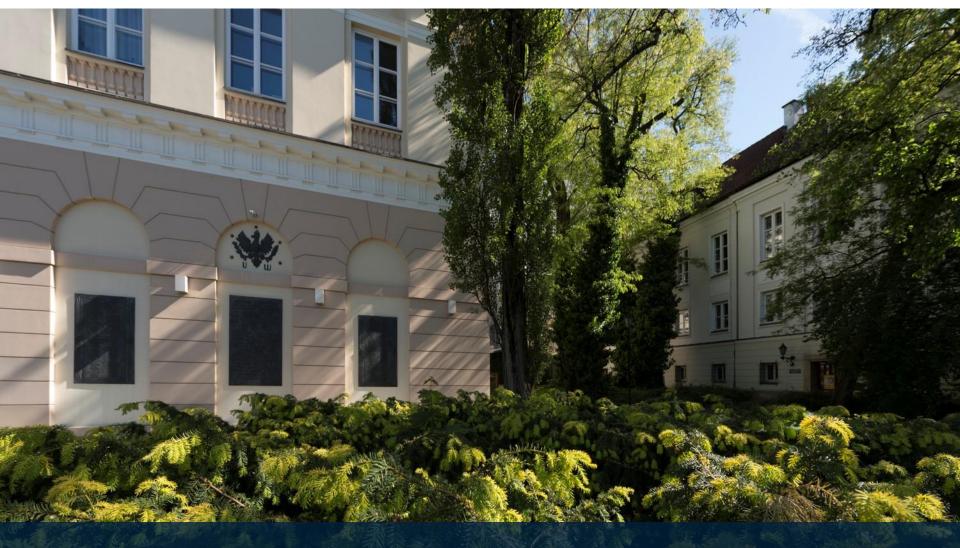
 The 4EU+ mission is to develop a barrier-free and continuously deepening cooperation in education, research, mobility and innovation within the Alliance.





2 International Research Agenda Units:

- ReMedy (Regenerative Mechanisms for Health) a joint unit of the University of Warsaw and the University Medical Center Göttingen (2017)
- Centre of Quantum Optical Technologies a joint unit of the University of Warsaw and the University of Oxford (2018)



In 2017, UW and the University of Cambridge have signed an agreement regarding the Cambridge Polish Studies. The programme will provide opportunities for research collaboration, as well as teaching in Polish language, literature and culture.

COOPERATION WITH BUSINESS PARTNERS



- 16 spin-off companies were set up at the UW
 - e.g. bioremediation, biodegradation, medical and veterinary diagnosis, genetics, satellite observations for forest economy and agriculture, Big Data analyses
 - RDLS, Warsaw Genomics, AmerLab, Spektrino, MIM Solutions, BACTrem, GeoPulse, EIT Food CLC North-East, CRI, Matariki Bioscience, Meteo, Nephrolab Plus, Microanalysis, DDG Bioinformatics, GeoLearning, Project42
- expert centres offering analytical, laboratory and computing services: Centre for Forensic Science, Centre for Political Analysis, Biological and Chemical Research Centre
- Academic incubator well-equipped facilities, expert support, individual mentoring, workshops and trainings





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