



University of Warsaw – Education

The University of Warsaw is the largest university in Poland when it comes to the number of students. In the 2022/2023 academic year, 36 300 undergraduate and graduate students, 1 900 doctoral candidates and 2 500 postgraduate students were educated here. The overall number of students and doctoral candidates at the university includes 3 600 international students, half of whom study on long-term programmes. The other half comprises participants in academic exchange programmes, such as Erasmus+. Most of our international students come from Ukraine (862), Belarus (422), China (238), Spain (186), Turkey (170), Italy (119), Azerbaijan (117), India (112).

Study programmes are offered by 24 faculties, interdisciplinary units, academic and research centres. Doctoral candidates are educated at 4 doctoral schools. 4 000 staff, including 518 professors, teach our students. The wide range of study options cover programmes in humanities and social, exact and natural sciences. There are also individual interdisciplinary studies, 44 English-language programmes, 3 joint degree programmes, 12 programmes with elements of medical sciences, 8 programmes with elements of engineering and technical sciences, and 4 programmes leading to an engineering degree. Following the Senate of the University of Warsaw's approval, on 29th June, Prof. Alojzy Z. Nowak, the UW Rector, signed the ordinance on establishing the Faculty of Medicine. This is a milestone towards restoring the medical education at the university after a 70-year hiatus. The first students of medicine will commence their education on 1st October 2023.

In addition, the Open University, which makes courses available to everyone, is based at the University of Warsaw.

The university performs well in various university rankings, both nationally and internationally. According to global rankings such as THE, QS and ARWU, the UW is among the top 3% of universities in the world. Ten scientific disciplines run by UW were ranked in the Shanghai's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022, with Physics in the lead (51–75). This was the best result for this discipline among all Polish universities.

The University of Warsaw was the first Polish university to begin monitoring the careers of its graduates. The results of this monitoring indicate that over 90% of respondents find employment within a year of obtaining a degree.

The university works together with many international institutions, not only in terms of academic exchange programmes but also on joint didactic projects. In cooperation with Columbia University in New York, the UW has formulated a one-year programme of excellence for future teachers. The university, in collaboration with the University of Cambridge, runs a programme which brings together Polish language, literature and culture at the British university.

The university belongs to the 4EU+ European University Alliance, selected by the European Commission for funding in the 'European Universities' call for proposals, launched as part of the 2019 Erasmus+ programme. The 4EU+ universities want to enhance cooperation in research, teaching and initiatives related to the social responsibilities of science. 4EU+ students take part in summer schools, workshops and seminar. 4EU+ plans to create programmes of study offering students and doctoral candidates new mobility opportunities. On 27th July 2022, a project of the 4EU+ Alliance One Comprehensive Research European University (1CORE) received a funding in the next "European Universities" call of the European Commission. The project aims, e.g., to develop a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary educational offer, innovative research-based education, intensified physical and virtual mobility and a new common digital infrastructure. The members of the 4EU+ European University Alliance are: Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Heidelberg University (Germany), Paris-Panthéon-Assas University (France), Sorbonne University (France), the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), the University of Geneva (Switzerland), the University of Milan (Italy) and the University of Warsaw (Poland).

Approximately 180 student and doctoral candidate associations, both academic and artistic, exist at the university. The UW supports those students who want to develop their skills and gain experience while competing against students from other leading world universities. Representatives from the university perform well in international competitions, including the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest, law competitions, the University Rover Challenge and the International Physicists Tournament.

Currently, the UW is implementing two large initiatives: a multiannual development plan (2016–2027), which will provide students of humanities and social sciences with excellent study conditions, and the Integrated Development Programme of the University of Warsaw (ZIP), whose aim is to upgrade the range of studies at UW to make them even more attractive. In 2019, following the competition of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (currently Ministry of Education and Science) entitled "Initiative of Excellence – Research University", the University of Warsaw was granted research university status for 2020–2026. Five priority research areas and 70 measures, specified in the application, aim to develop programmes supporting employees, doctoral candidates and students.