

# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LODZ



## Poland

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## 01 A Fascinating Country to Explore

### Poland: A Fascinating Country to Explore

Poland, officially the Republic of Poland, is a country in Central Europe, bordered by Germany to the West, Czech Republic and Slovakia to the South and Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania and Kaliningrad Oblast to the East. Poland's north border is lined by the 528-kilometer coast of the Baltic Sea.

Poland's history is more than a thousand years of complicated and grand times with outstanding people who have contributed to the history of Poland, and the world. They include: Mikołaj Kopernik, who „stopped the Sun and moved the Earth”, King Jan Sobieski, who defended Vienna against the Turks, Maria Curie-Skłodowska, who discovered radium and polonium, the great composer Fryderyk Chopin, President Lech Wałęsa, Andrzej Wajda, Andrzej Kieślowski, Arthur Rubinstein, Czesław Miłosz, Pope John Paul II and many others.

Thirteen sites in Poland have been put on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Polish cities with a thousand-year history invite visitors to encounter their unique beauty and charm. Poland's villages and small towns offer the opportunity to get away from the bustle of modern life, but Poland's greatest attraction is her nature: wild, often untouched, and more diverse than in most countries in Europe and around the world. You can find more or less everything here: alpine mountains, wide beaches, clean lakes, deep forests, internationally-renowned historic monuments, and even a desert in southern Poland. All of that, plus friendly people, make the country very attractive for foreign guests.

Poland has been a member of NATO since 1999, the European Union since 2004 and, in

2007, Poland joined the Schengen Area. Poland has also one of Europe's youngest populations – half of its citizens are less than 35 years old. Out of nearly 39 million Poles almost 2 million are university students.

Polish academic traditions date back to the 14th century. Some of Europe's oldest universities can be found here. Polish universities are well known all over the world for the high level of education they offer.



## 02 City of Lodz

### City of Lodz – City of Four Cultures

The city of Lodz is located in the heart of Poland at a crossing point of many important European routes. In the beginning, Lodz was inhabited by four cultures. The Polish, Jewish, German and Russian inhabitants contributed to the rich and diverse cultural background of the city that the university strives to sustain. The local architecture and history attracts a great number of tourists. The history of Lodz is linked to the rapid 19th century development of the textile industry when the place was called the city of factory chimneys and the Promised Land.

### City of Festivals

Every year dozens of cultural events are held in Lodz. Concerts, film, music and theatre festivals attract more and more outstanding guests and tourists. The events worth recommending are:

- Lodz Design Festival ([www.lodzdesign.com](http://www.lodzdesign.com))
- Festival – Lodz of Four Cultures ([www.4kultura.pl](http://www.4kultura.pl))
- Explorers Festival ([www.festiwalgor.pl](http://www.festiwalgor.pl))
- Lodz Biennale ([www.biennalelodz.pl](http://www.biennalelodz.pl))
- Fotofestival ([www.fotofestival.com](http://www.fotofestival.com))
- International Festival of Comics ([www.komiksfestival.com](http://www.komiksfestival.com))
- Film Music Festival ([www.kinomuzeum.pl](http://www.kinomuzeum.pl))
- International Triennial of Tapestry ([www.muzeumwlokiennictwa.pl](http://www.muzeumwlokiennictwa.pl))
- Se-ma-for – Film Festival (<http://www.se-ma-for.org/>)

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Lodz is the cradle of Polish cinematography and is famous for its film traditions. The Polish National Film, Television and Theatre School is invariably one of the best film schools in Europe. The most known graduates are: Krzysztof Kieślowski, Roman Polański, Krzysztof Zanussi, Jerzy Skolimowski and Andrzej Wajda. Just like on Hollywood Boulevard, one can find the Walk of Fame on Piotrkowska Street in Lodz. Moreover, you can learn the history of Polish cinematography in the Museum of Cinematography, the only one of its kind in Poland.

### Clubbing Centre

The city's night life is concentrated predominantly along Piotrkowska Street in the centre of town. Here are big-name clothing outlets, and more than 100 pubs, restaurants, clubs, discos and cafes. Łódź Kaliska (a meeting spot for art students), Lizard King (for rock fans), Klub Jazzga (with jazz concerts and clubbing events), Peron 6 (serving more than 160 brands of beer), Irish Pub, Klub Siódemki, Dublin Pub, Bagdad Cafe and Rolling Stone are among the most popular. Enthusiasts of Eurodance rhythms are welcome to party all night long at the Cabaret, Cube, Nexus, Port West and Paradox discos. Average prices are: a glass of beer about \$3 and dinner for two people about \$20-25. Just visit Lodz and turn the night into an exceptional journey!

### Unique Architecture

Tenement houses and great residences are now regaining their splendor. The revitalized structures have been transformed into lofts, commercial and entertainment complexes and art centers. Nowadays the complexes of the 19th century industrial age are unique on a European scale. One will find here some of the finest examples of Classicism and Italian Neo-Renaissance, through Neo-Baroque and Art Nouveau to Neo-Gothic and Neo-Roman styles of architecture.

Two of them, erected by a famous textile manufacturer, Karol Scheibler, are situated within the Księży Młyn district. Another complex used to belong to Scheibler's chief competitor, Izrael Poznański.

At present, the old Poznański complex is a shopping, leisure and culture centre called Manufaktura. Many old, historical sites like palaces or manufacturers' houses are reconstructed and adopted for university's needs.

## 03 University of Lodz

### University of Lodz

The highly respected University of Lodz is one of the leading institutions of higher education in Poland. For decades it has been also one of the biggest and most popular Polish universities. It was established in 1945 as a successor of educational institutions active in Lodz in earlier times. The 12 faculties of the University provide programmes in 38 fields of study and 160 specializations.

### The University of Lodz 12 Faculties Include:

- Biology and Environmental Protection
- Chemistry
- Economics and Sociology
- Philology
- Philosophy and History
- Physics and Applied Informatics
- Mathematics and Informatics
- Geographical Sciences
- Educational Sciences
- Law and Administration
- International and Political Studies
- Management

In addition, the University offers several doctoral programmes, more than 90 postgraduate curricula including an MBA programme, and programmes financed by the ESF. Over 140,000 students have graduated from the University of Lodz since its foundation (excluding postgraduate and PhD programmes). Our students, together with those studying in Lodz within Erasmus programme, come from about 70 different countries. In this truly international atmosphere everyone can experience the cultural diversity of both the city and the institution.

The 43,000 students that attend classes at different faculties of the University are taught by 2,360 academic teachers, 560 of them professors. The interest in studying at the University of Lodz is determined not only by high quality of instruction, but also by modern programmes of study offered in Polish, English and French, and adapted to the changing demands of the labour market.

The University treats international cooperation as a way to foster its development and continue the city's tradition. Our institution regularly hosts guest speakers, renowned politicians, businessmen and cultural representatives from Poland and abroad.

### International cooperation

International relations of the university are visible in various areas. Currently, the school cooperates with 115 partner institutions from all over the world. Within the Erasmus Programme, the university has so far signed 461 agreements with 270 partner institutions. As a result, the University of Lodz receives more than 150 foreign students and sends about 550 Polish students abroad each year (fifth place in Poland). In addition, about 190 university teachers deliver lectures annually at foreign partner universities (first place in Poland).

The university cooperates with a number of foreign universities: Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Université François – Rabelais (Tours), University of Texas at Austin, Westfälische Wilhelms – Universität Münster, University of Michigan, University of Baltimore, the R. H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland and the Towson University. As a result, students of the University of Lodz can graduate with dual diplomas.

## 04 What to study?

### Courses in English and other languages at the University of Lodz

#### Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection:

- Ecohydrology – Master's Degree (available also within Erasmus Mundus Programme)

#### Faculty of Economics and Sociology:

- Economics – Bachelor's and Master's Degree
- Economics, European Studies – Bachelor's Degree
- Information Technology and Econometrics – Bachelor's and Master's Degree

#### Faculty of Philology:

- Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in English Studies
- Romance Philology – Master's Degree
- German Philology – Master's Degree
- Russian Philology – Master's Degree

#### Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science:

- Computer Science – Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

#### Faculty of Law and Administration:

- Administration – Master's Degree (studies in English)
- School of German Law – two-year programme (studies in German)
- School of French Law – Bachelor's and Master's Degree Course (studies in French)
- American Law School – Postgraduate studies (two-year programme)
- Tax Law – Postgraduate (studies in English)

#### Faculty of International and Political Studies:

- American Studies and Mass Media – Master's Degree (studies in English, full-time and part-time weekend courses)
- International Gender Studies – Master's Degree (studies in English, full-time course) – specialization available also within Erasmus Mundus Programme and GEMMA
- International Marketing – Master's Degree (studies in English, full-time course)
- International Marketing Management – Postgraduate studies (course in English)
- Formation Franco-Polonaise de Gestion (MBA) – Postgraduate studies (course in French)

#### Faculty of Management:

- Business Management – Bachelor's Degree
- Management – Master's Degree
- The Executive MBA Programme in Business Management – Postgraduate

### Documents needed for applying to the University of Lodz:

- Application Form
- School certificates and diplomas
- A transcript of records
- 3 passport photographs
- Document confirming identity
- Language certificate
- Health insurance policy
- Application fee
- Tuition fee (if applicable)



## 05 Important details

### VISA - NON-EU/EEA Citizens

A citizen of a non-EU/EEA country can enter Poland with a valid travel document (such as a passport) and a visa, if required. A citizen of a non-EU country has to obtain the visa from the Polish Embassy or Consulate in his/her country of residence.

The short-term visa entitles a person to stay in Poland up to three months. The long-term visa is good for up to one year. Extending a visa in Poland is only possible in case of a force majeure (superior force) or situation impossible to foresee while applying for the visa in the consulate. The visa can be prolonged only once. It is therefore necessary to apply for a visa in an embassy or consulate for the fully intended period of stay in Poland.

For details, please contact the Polish Embassy or Consulate in one's country. Individuals who have received a visa for the whole period of stay in Poland are not required to apply for a residence permit for their stay in Poland.

### University Campus and Student's Life

The university has six scientific and research stations operating outside Lodz and 10 dormitories with a capacity of over 4,000, which are situated in a wide campus area resembling a park. The university campus offers modern rooms within walking distance from most faculties.

The university provides access to a state-of-the-art sports centre with a swimming pool, sports halls, gyms, among other facilities. Apart from abundant opportunities for an active student social life, people have a choice of joining about 120 societies,

scientific clubs, associations and other academic organizations such as the Academic Choir, Academic Song and Dance Group, Alternative Theatre or Academic Sports Association. The university's library, which houses the American Corner, is one of the largest and most modern libraries in Poland.

### The School of Polish for Foreigners

The University of Lodz boasts the oldest and most recognized School of Polish for Foreigners. More than 19,400 students have studied here since 1952. The school runs courses which prepare foreign students for their studies in Poland. It offers basic courses of Polish as well as thematic Polish language courses in history, geography, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and philosophy, with a view to giving prospective students the knowledge needed in Polish institutions of higher education.



## 06 Useful information

Official name: **Republic of Poland/Rzeczpospolita Polska**; short form **Poland/Polska**

- Location: Central Europe
- Language: Polish
- Capital City: Warsaw (Warszawa)
- Major cities: Lodz (Łódź), Cracow (Kraków), Wrocław, Poznań, Gdańsk
- Population: 3,816,000 (December 2009)
- Religions: Roman Catholic 89,8%, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish, among others
- Currency: Złoty (PLN)
- Climate: moderate with both maritime and continental elements (the average temperature in Winter is -2°C; the average temperature in Summer is 22°C)

### Climate and Dress Code

Some people associate Poland with the North Pole or the South Pole and amiable polar bears. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, the only polar bears that we have are kept in the zoo and the legendary cold, snowy winters are not as bad as people think. The average temperature in December, January and February is -2°C. These months are normally snowy which provides splendid opportunities to go skiing in the mountains. We advise bringing heavier coats, gloves, caps and boots.

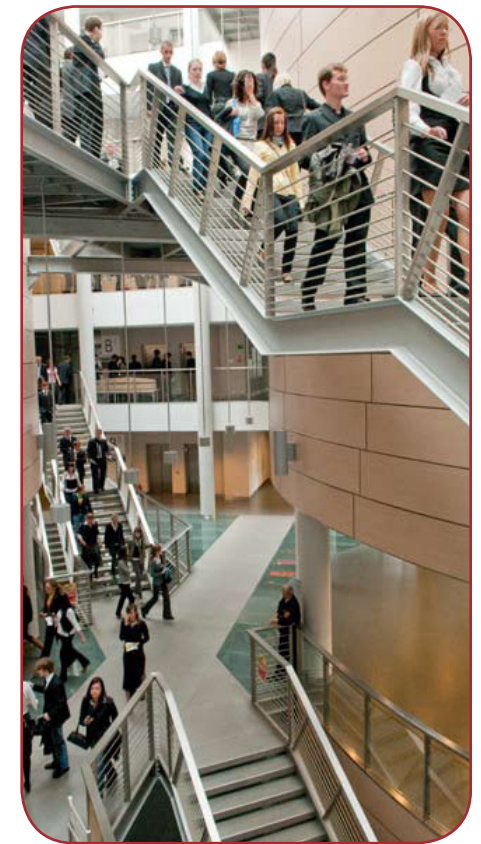
March and April vary between cold and warm days with average temperatures of 12°C. After that comes considerably warmer weather. The summer months can sometimes be unbearably hot.

The dress code at the university is rather informal. The average Polish student tends to

dress very casually when attending lectures, tutorials and so on. There are special occasions throughout the academic year where it might be more appropriate to dress a bit more formally, but it's not necessary.

For more information about recruitment process please visit International Students Office:

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