

University of Warsaw – Cost of Living Information

Currency

The official Polish currency is the zloty (złoty - zł; PLN). One zloty divides into 100 grosz (gr).

Exchange rate

Money can be exchanged in banks and exchange offices (kantory). The Polish National Bank's exchange rates are available at www.nbp.pl. At the moment of publication of this guide 1 euro was about 4 zlotys.

Banks

The banking network in Poland is well organized. The full list of banks in Poland is available at the website of the National Bank of Poland: www.nbp.pl.

Opening a bank account in Poland

Students are not required to open a bank account. Many education abroad students, simply rely on their debit and credit cards. However, before departing the country, each student should make sure his or her credit and debit card will work overseas by calling his or her bank and alert the bank to the dates of his or her international travel.

In order to open a bank account you need a valid passport, another ID document with a photo (e.g. a drivers license, national ID) and a document certifying that you are a student in Poland (ex. Electronic Student Card). You can open a bank account in PLN or in a foreign currency.

Cost of Living

The cost of living depends on individual needs and lifestyle. However, the University of Warsaw has said that **2,000 PLN (or approximately 500 Euros) per month is the minimum** needed to cover the cost of accommodation, transportation, food, and academic materials. Although **Gatton students** would continue paying UK tuition, they would be responsible for several additional expenses, such as international airfare, passport, and start up expenses.

Accommodation

- shared room in a dormitory (number of places limited) - from 450 PLN/115 Euros per month per student
- single room in a university's guest house (number of places limited) - from 550 PLN/140 Euros per month
- room in a flat - from 650 PLN/160 Euros per month
- studio - from 1400 PLN/350 Euros per month

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Transportation

monthly student ticket – 10 Euros

three month student ticket – 25 Euros

single student ticket – 0.35 Euros

Mandatory Insurance:

Health insurance is mandatory for all students for the whole duration of their stay in Poland. Every student coming to the University of Warsaw for short-term studies will be asked to present proof of health insurance upon arrival.

International students and academics are advised to purchase third party liability insurance and accident insurance in their home countries.

Non-EU citizens can sign a health insurance agreement with the Polish National Health Fund (Narodowy Fundusz Zdrowia). For more information: www.nfz.gov.pl) or with one of private clinics.

Incidentals (such as start up/moving expenses):

In most of the dormitories there is Internet connection. However, students have to pay an extra fee for the access.

Each student has to pay approximately 4 Euros for an Electronic Student Card.

**All costs outlined above are contingent upon individual spending habits and are subject to change.