



# First steps in Warsaw – your personal guidebook

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## 1. Study in Poland

# Warsaw

**Warsaw** (Polish: *Warszawa* [var'ʂava] is the capital and largest city of Poland. It is located on the Vistula River roughly 370 kilometers (230 mi) from both the Baltic Sea coast and the Carpathian Mountains. Its population as of 2007 was estimated at 1,706,624, with a metropolitan area of approximately 2,785,000



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## WARSAW UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Warsaw University of Technology (WUT) founded in 1826 is a research intensive academic institution focused on undergraduate and graduate programs in engineering and applied sciences. It is the largest one from all Polish technical universities. WUT is the highest ranking engineering university in Poland

<https://www.pw.edu.pl/engpw>



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## Poland

Poland is located in heart of Europe where East meets West. If you are interested in culture and history you will find here many interesting places. If you like landscape, trekking or other outdoor activities you will be glad too. Poland's territory extends across several geographical regions. The country spreads from the Baltic Sea in the north, through the lakes and deep forests to the hills, rocks and the mountains with walking routes, and adventure hiking areas in the very south. Poland has 21 mountains over 2,000 metres (6,600 ft) in elevation, all in the High Tatras. With almost ten thousand closed bodies of water covering more than one hectare (2.47 acres) each, the country has one of the highest numbers of lakes in the world.

**This country is quite recent member of EU (since 2004), has a long tradition in education (one of the first European universities was created in Poland). Comparing to the other EU members the living expenses and educational costs in Poland are still lower.**

**MORE INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS:**

<https://www.pw.edu.pl/engpw/Media4/Handbook-for-International-Students>

## 2. The weather

The climate has four seasons; green spring, gold and sunny summer, red and yellow autumn, and snowy, white winter. The climate is more oceanic in the north and west and becomes gradually warmer and continental as one moves south and east. Summers are generally warm, with average temperatures between 20 °C (68 °F) and 27 °C (81 °F). Winters are cold, with average temperatures around 3 °C (37 °F) in the northwest and -8 °C (17.6 °F) in the northeast.

### Current weather forecast

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/pl/warsaw/274663/hourly-weather-forecast/274663>

## 3. How to obtain Polish Visa

For non-EU citizens an entry visa is required. An application form for a Polish visa is available at:

[https://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel\\_to\\_poland/visa/](https://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/visa/)

A Polish visa will be issued upon the presentation of the health insurance certificate and the originals of acceptance letters.

## 4. Academic calendar

Academic year in WUT begins with the first full week of October. The year is split into 2 semesters (15 weeks each). There are several breaks: the Christmas break lasting up to the last two weeks of December, a mid-term break after the first semester (this is usually a week in February) and the summer break which lasts from the end of June till the beginning of September. The first 2 weeks of September are reserved for second exam session of the previous semester. **To match the study scheme with other EMARO/JEMARO universities the EMARO/JEMARO students will nominally have the second exam session not in the first days of July.** The regular academic year starts in first days of October.

## 5. Preparing your arrival

The Faculty is not responsible for accommodation. This is the area of activity of Student's Union.

Students of Warsaw University of Technology live in 11 student halls of residence. Students live in single, double or triple rooms or in segments which consists of two or three rooms (other residence halls). They can use the gym, swimming pool, library, TV room, laundry and kitchen.

In some halls students who live on one floor share the bathrooms, toilets and kitchens.

For more information regarding the accommodation, please visit the following website:

<https://www.students.pw.edu.pl/index.php/Resources/Accommodation>

## 6. Foreign Students Office

Please visit

<http://www.students.pw.edu.pl/index.php?id=70>

## 7. On Arrival

**Person responsible for EMARO/JEMARO on the MEiL faculty: Mrs. Krystyna Różycka**

**Explanation:**

**Administrative Specialist for Foreign Students Administration Mrs. Krystyna Różycka [krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl](mailto:krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl) is responsible for your registration at our university, she will follow your study record and other formal matters related to it. The Officer also take a care about posting you the acceptance letter and the letter to Polish Embassy (or consulate). The electronic version of your medical report must be send to Faculty [krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl](mailto:krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl) Pls. bring the original of medical report with you.**

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All e-mails must be also cc. (copied) to the WUT chair of EMARO/JEMARO studies – prof. Teresa Zielinska: [teresaz@meil.pw.edu.pl](mailto:teresaz@meil.pw.edu.pl).

Candidate will be instructed by e-mail about check-in details.

## 8. Check-in hints:

### 1. Accommodation address

should be provided to you by **the representative** from the Students Union [dormitory@samorzad.pw.edu.pl](mailto:dormitory@samorzad.pw.edu.pl) and cc to Mrs. Krystyna Różycka [krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl](mailto:krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl)

If you are interested in private accommodation please visit our Faculty website to check how you can find a flat in Warsaw:

<https://www.meil.pw.edu.pl/eng/PAE2/Exchange/BA-ERASMUS/Housing>

2. **Pick-up service** – contact Erasmus Students Network from Warsaw University of Technology (ESN):

<https://www.pw.esn.pl/en/buddy>

- find e-mails to them and ask for assistance for your arrival

## 9. Your mentors:

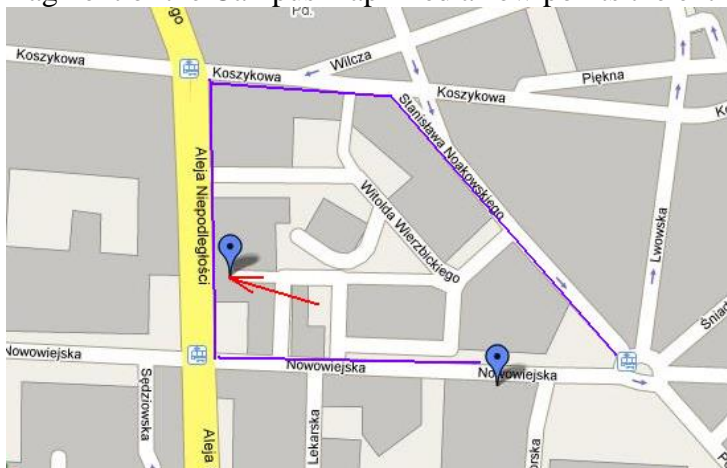
- people from ESN (contact as given above)
- Mrs. Krystyna Różycka [krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl](mailto:krozycka@meil.pw.edu.pl)

Your Polish language lector: Marta Szpak M.A. (you will meet her in your Polish classes) [marta.szpak@pw.edu.pl](mailto:marta.szpak@pw.edu.pl)

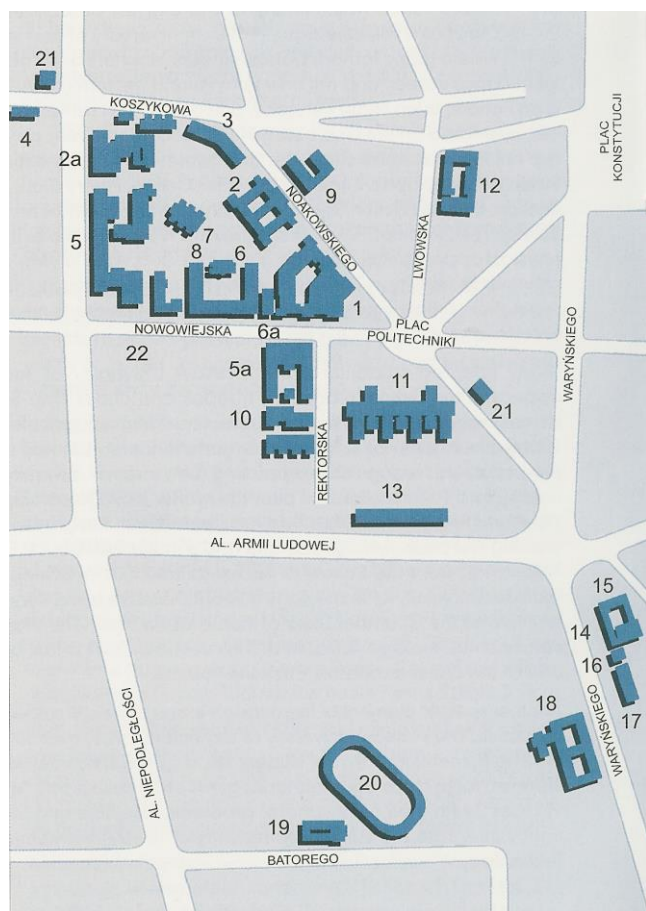
## 10. Documents which you must bring with you:

- **original of your medical report**
- **original of your 1<sup>st</sup> degree diploma – only 1<sup>st</sup> year students**
- **original of your transcript of records from 1<sup>st</sup> year of EMARO (only 2<sup>nd</sup> year students)**
- **your birth certificate**
- **4 passport size photographs**

The EMARO studies are located in the **Faculty of Power and Aeronautical Engineering** building (address: ul. Nowowiejska 24, 00-665 Warsaw) – see map of Campus – building no.5. Below you have enlarged fragment of the Campus map – red arrow points the entrance to the Faculty building .



## 11. Campus



### University Central Campus

- 1 The Main Building:  
The Rector's Offices  
The Faculty of Geodesy and Cartography  
The Faculty of Mathematics  
and Information Science  
The Centre for Distance Learning  
The Foreign Language Centre  
The Main Library
- 2 The Faculty of Chemistry
- 2a
- 3 The Faculty of Transport
- 4 The Warsaw University of Technology  
Business School
- 5 The Faculty of Power  
and Aeronautical Engineering
- 5a
- 6 The Faculty of Electrical Engineering
- 6a
- 7 The Faculty of Physics
- 8 The Faculty of Environmental Engineering
- 9 The Administration Building  
The College of Social Science  
and Administration
- 10 The Central Canteen
- 11 The Faculty of Electronics  
and Information Technology
- 12 The Faculty of Architecture
- 13 The Faculty of Civil Engineering
- 14 The Student Hostel "Riviera"
- 15 The Physical Education and Sports Centre
- 16 The Health Centre
- 17 The Student Hostel "Mikrus"
- 18 The Faculty of Chemical  
and Process Engineering  
The Centre for Biotechnology
- 19 The Student Club "Stodola"
- 20 The Stadium
- 21 The University Hotels

### Living costs

The official currency in Poland is Polish Zloty (PLN). One EUR is about 4.40 PLN. Accommodation –150-200 EUR/month (in a hall)

Meals – 200-250 EUR/month Books and entertainment – 50EUR/month Public transport – 10 EUR/month

Average costs of medical services: - general practice – 15 EUR - dentistry – 25 EUR

***You are not first ERASMUS student in our University. We are experienced to assist you. European Students Network (ESN) is very active and will look for you as well.***

## 12. Timetable

- The detailed time table is defined for each academic year separately. In general: the winter semester starts by beginning of October, the Christmas holidays start about 20th December. The winter semester ends by the end of January. The winter exam session plus one week holidays are lasting till mid of February when the summer semester starts. The Eastern break lasts one week. Summer semester ends in the second part of June. The summer exam session lasts till end of June and is continued in the two first weeks of September (for those who didn't pass the exams in June).

### 13. Contact persons



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Deanery opening hours:  
Monday 10.00-12.00 and  
14.00-15.00  
Tuesday 09.30-12.030  
Thursday 12.00-15.00  
Friday 10.00-13.00

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## 14. Basic phrases in Polish

Pozdrowienia	Greetings
Dzień	Good day, Good morning (universal greeting)
Witam	Good morning (more official)
Dobry wieczór	Good evening
Dobranoc	Good night
Do widzenia	Good bye
Do zobaczenia	Good bye (a bit informal)
Cześć	Hi/Bye (informal)
Hej	Hi
Na razie	See you
Smacznego	Bon appetite
Na zdrowie	Cheers! To your health!
<b>Przedstawienie się</b>	<b>Introducing</b>
Jestem Paweł	I am Paul
Jak się masz?	How are you?
Jak się macie?	How are you? (more people)
Jak masz na imię?	What is your name?
Dokąd idziesz?	Where are you going?
Pan	sir, Mr
Pani	Mrs, Miss
Państwo	a group of people to whom you refer with respect
ja	I
ty	you
Pan, Pani	you (politely referring to a man /woman)
on, ona, to	he, she, it
my	we
wy	you (referring to more persons)
Państwo	you (politely referring to more persons)
oni	they
<b>Rozumienie</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING</b>
Nie rozumiem.	I do not understand
Rozumiem tylko trochę.	I understand just a bit.
Słucham?	Pardon?
Pan (Pani) mówi za szybko.	You speak too quickly.
Proszę powtórzyć.	Repeat, please.
Proszę powoli.	Slowly, please.
Jeszcze raz .	once more
Trochę	a bit
..., wiesz?	...you know?
Nie znam polskiego, mówię tylko po angielsku.	I do not know Polish, I can speak only English.
Tak	Yes
Nie	No
Jeden, dwa, trzy	One, two, three.
Co to jest?	What is it?
Ile to kosztuje?	How much is it?
Dziękuję (bardzo)	Thank you (very much)
Proszę	Please/Here you are
Przepraszam	Excuse me/Sorry



Pozdrowienia	Greetings
Kawę czy herbatę?	Coffee or tea?
Dwa piwa	Two beers
<b>Podróż</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Dokąd jedziesz?	Where are you going?
Autokarem? Pociągiem? Samolotem? Na piechotę?	By coach? By train? By plane? On foot?
Kiedy masz pociąg (samolot) do Krakowa?	When is your train (plane) to Krakow?
Muszę się przesiadać	I have to change (trains).
<b>Zamieszkanie</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>
Gdzie mieszkasz?	Where are you staying? Where do you live?
Mieszkam w hotelu/u znajomych	I am staying at a hotel/at my friends' place.
Szukamy zakwaterowania.	We are looking for accommodation.
Szukam tanich noclegów .	I am looking for a cheap lodging.
<b>Zakupy</b>	<b>Shopping</b>
Zapraszamy -	Welcome/We invite you (a typical inscription on Polish shops)
Lubię zakupy -	I love shopping.
Nie lubię zakupów -	I dislike shopping.
Jest za drogo -	It is too expensive.
Chcę coś tańszego -	I want something cheaper.
Kupię to -	I will buy this.
W czym mogę pomóc? -	May I help you?
<b>Jedzenie</b>	<b>Food</b>
Smacznego!	Bon appetit!
Czy może Pan (Pani) coś polecić?	Is there something you can recommend?
Dania mięsne / Dania bez mięsa	Meat dishes / Dishes without meat
przystawka, zupy, sałatka, sos, desery	starter, soups, salad, sauce, desserts
wołowina, wieprzowina, kurczak, indyk, jagnięcina, ryba	beef, pork, chicken, turkey, lamb, fish
ryż, ziemniaki, makaron, frytki, kluski	rice, potatoes, pasta, chips, dumplings
Smakowało?	Did you enjoy it? Did it taste well?
Rachunek poproszę.	The bill, please
<b>Bar</b>	<b>Pub</b>
Na zdrowie!	Cheers! (To your health)
Sto lat!	May (s)he live one hundred years!
Jeszcze jedno duże (małe) piwo	One more big (small) glass of beer.
Dziękuję, nie palę	Thanks, I do not smoke.
<b>Praca</b>	<b>Work</b>
w pracy	at work
Karol jest już w biurze	Charles is already in the office.
Co robisz?	What are you doing?
Pracuję na pełny etat	I work full time.