

STUDY & BE SUCCESSFUL

Discounts

Students aged below 26 are entitled to **discounts** on most means of **public transport** in Poland (with some differences in the discount rate under specific conditions allowing for the discount):

- **national railway** (PKP) – **51% discount** for 2nd class tickets on all types of trains except EuroCity; necessary document: a valid student card from a Polish higher education institution;
- **municipal transport** – usually **50% discount**; necessary document: a valid Polish student card (sometimes the **International Student Identity Card** – ISIC).

Accommodation

Students can stay at a dormitory or rent a private room. Dormitories are usually cheaper, but you need to apply early to get a place, and remember that standards may vary significantly.

Work

All full-time students who possess a student visa or a temporary residence permit, EU/EEA citizens and holders of the Card of the Pole are eligible to work in Poland and **do not need to apply for a work permit**.

Medical care

In order to get free medical care in Poland **EU/EEA students** need to have the **European Health Insurance Card (EKUZ)**, for which they apply in their home country. **Non-EU/EEA students** need to purchase a **private health insurance policy**. Find out more: www.nfz.gov.pl

Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Republic of Poland www.nauka.gov.pl
The Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE) www.frse.org.pl
Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (KRASP) www.krasp.org.pl

STUDY & DISCOVER POLAND

Why Poland?

- Poland is the 6th largest country and 9th largest economy in the EU
- One of the fastest growing economies in the EU
- Member of the European Union since 2004
- Population of over 38 million
- Member of the Schengen Area since 2007
- Polish academic institutions are among world's recognized educational centres
- More than 400 higher education institutions (330 of them hold the Erasmus University Charter)
- Polish universities offer more than 700 courses in foreign languages
- Large variety of study programmes in English
- 1,5 milion students in Poland

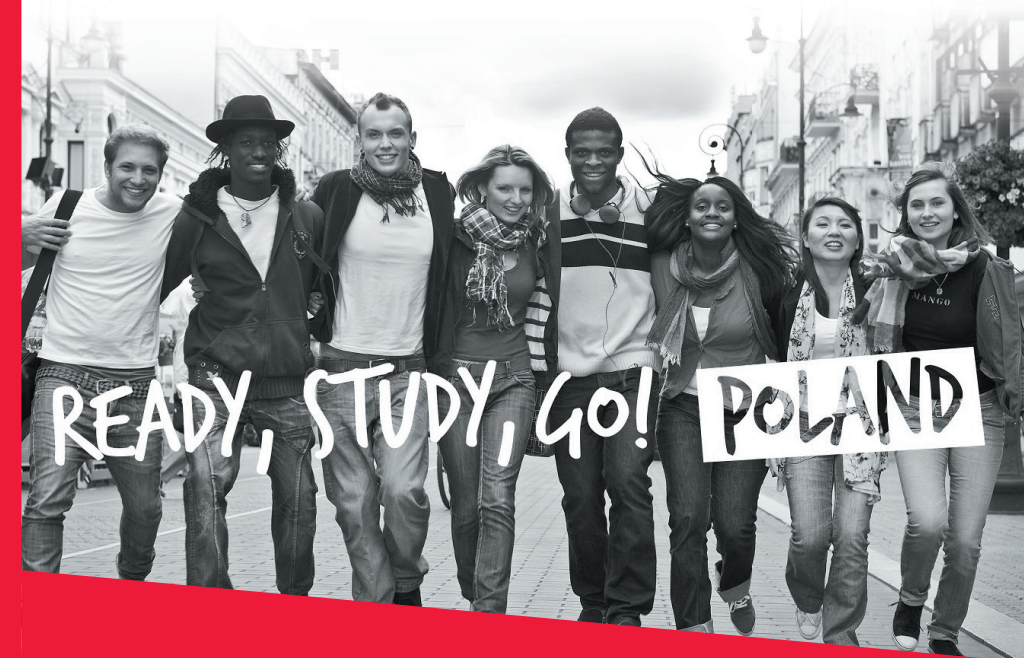
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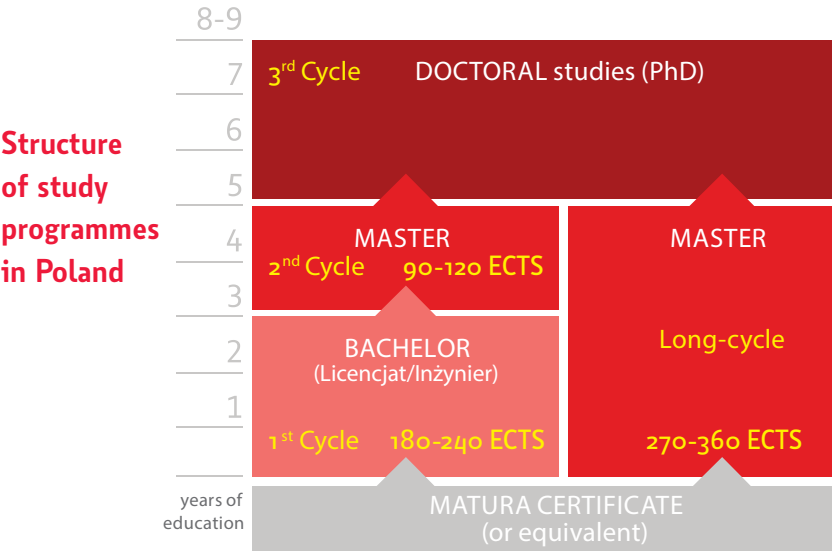


Mini guide for an international student in Poland

Higher education in Poland

Poland was among 29 countries which signed the Bologna Declaration in 1999. Since then, many legislative changes have been introduced to adjust the Polish higher education system to the **Bologna Process** action lines. "Bologna tools" such as the three-cycle study system, ECTS and the Diploma Supplement are now legally binding for all Polish higher education institutions. Currently, Poland is working towards the full implementation of the National Qualifications Framework.

Students in Poland may study either at university-type institutions or at non-university higher education schools (which may not award the doctoral degree). Both types of HEIs offer study programmes in various academic disciplines.



Higher education institutions in Poland offer the following educational possibilities:

- ▶ **first cycle programmes:** ▶ leading to the professional title of *licencjat* (Bachelor's degree), of 3 to 4 years duration ▶ leading to the professional title of *inżynier* (literally "engineer" – Bachelor's degree), of 3.5 to 4 years duration;
- ▶ **second cycle programmes** of 1.5 to 2 years duration, leading to the professional title of *magister* or an equivalent degree (Master's degree), accessible to graduates of first cycle studies;
- ▶ **long-cycle programmes** (or one-tier degrees) of 4.5 to 6 years duration, leading to the professional title of *magister* or an equivalent degree (Master's degree);
- ▶ **third cycle programmes** are doctoral programmes provided by the institutions as well as some research institutions (principally the Polish Academy of Sciences).

Study programmes

Polish Higher Education Institutions offer more than 5000 courses taught in Polish language and more than 700 courses taught in foreign languages (mainly English). All courses in Polish are available on the website www.wybierzstudia.nauka.gov.pl. All courses in English and other foreign languages are available through «Studyfinder» tool on www.go-poland.pl.

Exams and Assessment

February is the month when the first examination session (*sesja*) within the academic year takes place. It usually starts in late January after the classes finish and lasts for two or three weeks, during which students have to take written and oral exams (*egzaminy*).

Between the first session and the summer semester students have a two-week winter break. The summer semester continues until late June, when the second examination session takes place.

In order to complete a semester each student has to obtain at least pass marks for all classes within the semester, regardless of their form (including projects, integrated placements etc.). The assessment scale most often used envisages the following grades: **very good** (5), **good plus** (4+ or 4.5), **good** (4), **satisfactory plus** (3+ or 3.5), **satisfactory** (3), **fail** (2) (for detailed information on the grading scale used by a particular HEI check its current ECTS course catalogue).

The costs of studying in Poland

Full-time studies (in the Polish language) at the state Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are free for Polish students and foreigners who commence studies in Poland on terms applicable to Polish citizens. These include citizens of the EU/EEA and students who hold the Polish Charter (Karta Polaka). All other foreigners are required to pay tuition fees that **on average** are the following:

- ▶ EUR 2000 per year for first, second and long cycle studies,
- ▶ EUR 3000 per year for doctoral, postgraduate and medical postgraduate internships as well as scientific, arts, specialist and post-doctoral internships,
- ▶ EUR 3000 per year for vocational courses and apprenticeships,
- ▶ EUR 2000 per year for an annual preparatory Polish language course to commence studies in Polish.

Fees at public and non-public HEIs are established by the institution itself under the condition that they cannot be lower than the costs of education process. The tuition fees range from EUR 2000 to 6000 per year and depend on the institution and study program (for MBA programs: about EUR 8000-12,000 per year).

LIVING COSTS

Monthly living costs: of an average student in Poland: 300 – 700 EUR.

55-100 EUR DORMITORY	120-150 EUR ROOM AT PRIVATE APPARTMENT	30 EUR ENERGY AND GAS	20-40 EUR FULL-PRICE MONTHLY TICKET	12 EUR / 7 EUR HAIRCUT WOMEN / MEN
2-3,5 EUR LUNCH AT A CANTEEN	1,7-3 EUR COFFEE IN A CAFÉ	1,5-3 EUR BEER AT A PUB	5-6 EUR CINEMA TICKET	0,6 EUR BREAD
6-7 EUR / KG HAM	6 EUR / KG CHEESE	0,5 EUR / 1,5 LT MINERAL WATER	0,8 EUR MILK	0,8 EUR APPLES