

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 Polish Card 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

STUDY & DISCOVER POLAND

Why Poland?

- ▶ Poland is the 6th largest country and 8th 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 850 courses in foreign languages
- ▶ Large variety of study programmes in English
- ▶ 1.3 million students in Poland



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Higher Education Area



POLISH NATIONAL AGENCY
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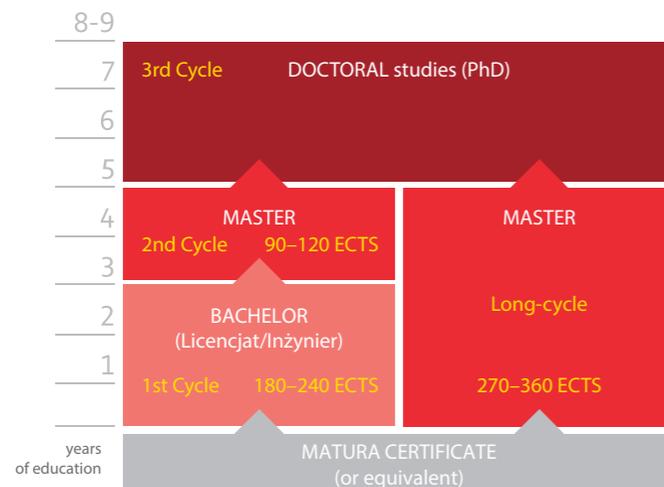
Mini guide for an international student in Poland

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 nonuniversity higher education schools (which may not award the doctoral degree). Both types of HEIs offer study programmes in various academic disciplines.

Structure of study programmes in Poland



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 2.5 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 850 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 Card (*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 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 can not be lower than the costs of education process. The tuition fees range from EUR 2000–6000 per year and depend on the institution and study program (for MBA programs: about EUR 8000–12000 per year).

LIVING COSTS

Prices for students*
*may vary depend on the city

from €60/month	from €100/month	from €9/month	from €9/month	from €2,50
DORMITORY	RENTED ROOM	FITNESS CLUB	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	HAIRDRESSER
from €2	from €1,30	from €0,90	from €2,50	from €0
LUNCH AT CANTEN	COFFEE IN A CAFE	BEER IN A PUB	CINEMA TICKET	MUSEUM TICKET
from €0	from €9/month			
DANCING CLUB ENTRY	UNLIMITED INTERNET ACCESS			