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## **Come and join us for one semester study in Europe – Poland**

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# POLAND

## - The country of the great spirit

Poland is a country in the central part of Europe, a member state of the European Union, with population of 38 million people, which in Europe is a large number (compared with Estonia which has only 1–million 300 thousand people). It is a parliamentary republic, and its capital is Warsaw.

Since 2004, the country belongs to the EU, which occurred after a 15-year period of system transformation. Polish history also includes a period with the Communist system, between 1945 and 1989.

The over thousand-year-old history of Poland abounds in memories of many great monarchies. In 17th Century, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth grew to the position of third largest country of Europe: it embraced present-day Lithuania, Latvia, Belarus, a greater part of Ukraine, and even parts of Russia – with the eastern border almost as far as Moscow. Poland is a country that always fought bravely for its independence.

The neighbors of Poland are: Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania and Russia. Poland and Ukraine co-organized the Euro 2012 football championship.

When you come to Poland, you can enjoy travelling within Europe as you receive the Schengen Area visa which allows you to travel in the countries of European Union.

Poland is famed for its diverse landscape (seaside, lakes, mountains, great rivers), and its nature. One of the country's symbols is the European bison, whose flocks dwell in huge, natural forests. The vast, green central plains are known for environmental-friendly methods of farming, which make many Polish dishes taste great.

Poland has a temperate climate: it is much like Britain, but with a stronger tendency to frostwaves (and snow) in winter, as well as more frequent (but brief) heatwaves in summer. Polish weather, while far from extremes, is prone to rapid change. Poland is perhaps cloudier than the European average, but in the Spring and Summer you enjoy long hours of daylight.

## Famous Poles

World-famous Poles include Fryderyk Chopin (great composer), Maria Skłodowska-Curie famous professor at Sorbonne in France (first woman professor in the world, first woman to be awarded Nobel Prize), Mikołaj Kopernik (astronomer who proved that the Earth is round), and, more recently, Krzysztof Kieślowski (film director), Adam Małysz and Kamil Stoch (ski jumpers), and the best of the best Robert Lewandowski (the football player).

## The city of Łódź



Lodz is a large city in the center of Poland. Its population is over 700 000 (city itself) – 1 400 000 (metropolitan area). It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Poland. It is located near the crossroads

of Poland's two main highways. It has an international airport, and several train stations.

The Lodz region is situated on central lowlands with a minor hill range. The cities are now important for logistics and commerce, as well as electronic and mechanical industry. Outside urban areas, there are huge areas of extensive agriculture.



Lodz's location is really convenient in relation to the Polish capital, Warsaw.

It is only 120 km away, and there are both highway and train connection. It is very easy to go and visit other countries in the European Union: it

takes 4 hours by train or bus to Berlin (Germany) from Lodz, and Prague (Czech Republic) is about 5-6 hours away.

Compared to the capital, Lodz is more relaxed and has lower costs of living. It has a larger proportion of antique buildings, but also a more integrated entertainment cluster.

Lodz is proud of a collection of historic buildings in Piotrkowska street (that show a multitude of styles – guiding you to the 19th and early 20th history of European architectural design). The city is also noted for remnants of its textile industry past – you can see antique redbrick industrial buildings successfully turned into entertainment and commercial areas. The town abounds in splendid, large, and freely accessible parks (gardens) – which makes the people stay connected to nature.

# University of Lodz

## – your partner university!

The University of Lodz has, for over 70 years, been one of the leading educational institutions in Poland. The UL is a multi-disciplinary, state-owned University, fully accredited by the Polish Ministry of Education. It follows the motto: „Truth and Freedom“.

The UL is the largest state school in Lodz, Poland's third largest city. Poland is one of the large-sized countries of the European Union (5th in terms of the surface and 6th in terms of population), and it is right in the middle of Europe.

The University of Lodz has helped to make our home town an academic hub. Our school has made a contribution to the overall growth of Polish science, and, since Polish



scientists are known to act globally, we can say that our University is now a part of a worldwide academic cooperation network.



The University of Lodz is actually one of the most popular (over 40 000 students at current) and highest ranked public universities in Poland (included in QS World Ranking). Our diplomas are recognized in all countries of the European Union. Some of our study programs are taught entirely in English and thus allow a non-Polish speaker to earn a fine European degree with all the goodness of studying in Poland (our country is famous for splendid sights, beautiful nature, and a low cost of living). Our University also holds double degree

programs: the best-known of them are with partners from the USA, France, Finland as well as China. The exchange programs allow our students to move for a part of their studies, not only across the EU, but also in partner institutions anywhere in the world. We have had a long experience in LLP-Erasmus, as well as Erasmus Mundus programs, and are now a part of the Erasmus+. Each academic year there are over 1700 international students at the University of Lodz, coming from 80 different nationalities.

University of Lodz presents the best in Europe mobile application for students! SmartUni app was awarded in Italy in 2015 for its innovative mobile application. It is designed for foreign students of the University of Lodz, as well as foreign candidates. The SmartUni App is an innovative, interactive guide for study candidates and gives you insight to all main areas of student life at the UL, including classes, staff, exchange programmes and uni events.

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**You can easily join us by contacting your International Office and asking about the possibilities of one semester exchange. The exchange can be within Erasmus+ Credit Mobility Programme or a bilateral agreement!**

## Campus

If you just stay at our Campus, you will still experience diversity: our school hosts a lot of international conferences, and some of them include students. Also, there is a tradition of open lectures with eminent international speakers, such as scientists, politicians, and artists (recently we hosted eg. dr Joachim Gauck – the Prime Minister of Germany; Umberto Eco – a great writer, prof. Amos Oz – a prominent Israeli novelist; prof. Phillip Baker – British Queen’s Counsel). But such outstanding guests are not the only international speakers to lecture in our halls -



we also have international teachers to give lectures on an everyday basis. It should also be noted that, among your classmates, you will encounter young people from different parts of the world. Among exchange students, the largest groups are the Spaniards, the Turks, the Ukrainians, the Kazakhs, and the Chinese – all four being merely a start of the long list, which includes people from about every corner of the world. We are happy to see that the international community is growing in numbers, both in terms of exchange, and full-time students. The international students' community supports every new member: it also intermingles in a friendly way with domestic student community, also present in our dormitories.

The University of Lodz tries to provide dormitories for international students. The rooms are cozy and affordable, and in close vicinity to most lecture halls. The 24-hour shopping facilities are within walking distance, and the city center can be reached in no more than a quarter hour.



The neighborhood of the UL Campus is reputed as safe and quiet, and its lush greenery may captivate you (soon, you will discover the city of Lodz abounds in splendid parks).

The **accommodation cost** is 400 PLN per person per month (a bit less than 100 EURO). There is additionally a 700 PLN check-in deposit, reimbursed while checking out. The students live in double bedrooms that provide bedding, internet connection, and landline phones. For each two bedrooms there is a common hall, a bathroom (with European style toilet and shower), and a cooker. There is also a large, commonly accessible kitchen per each floor.

The UL Campus also provides a handy student canteen in the middle of the campus (and smaller ones in many academic buildings), a sports center, a medical facility, and the famous UL Library (one of the largest and most modern libraries in Poland).

Also, if you wish to learn the Polish language, look no further: the School of Polish for Foreigners at the University of Lodz is one of the oldest and most successful in Poland, as well as it leads courses of Polish tailored to one's specific academic

needs. Once you become an exchange student, you will most probably join a 2 week-long intensive Polish language course or a class during semester.

# Come and spend one semester with us with a scholarship!

The University of Lodz offers scholarships within Erasmus+ Credit Mobility Programme for one semester exchange (up to 5 months).

The allowance is 25 EURO per day (possibly, minus tax). Additionally, the scholarship covers your travel (plane tickets) and visa up to 60 EURO.

To win the scholarship, please learn the requirements and ask your International Office for more details!

To make the exchange work for you, please contact an International Office



at your university that manages the student exchange. See the UL subject offer taught in English (available online and in the office), and simply list, together with your international office, those subjects you need

to complete in your university and put them into the Learning Agreement form. Make sure your choice is accepted by an appropriate professor (coordinator) at your school as we need to make sure, that the semester spent with us, will be credited in your university.

Most important, your Office will make contact with the International Students Office at the University of Lodz – to make sure your application documents will be accepted not only by your home professors, but also by those at the UL, and your stay in Lodz is managed properly. Going through these steps ensures that your study semester with us is recognized as equal with a semester at your home school.

## Details of the documents required:

First submit the following documents to the International Office at your school (all documents need to be **in English**):

1. **Application form** (in doc. form – Word)  
Visit your International Office to get the Application.
2. **Learning Agreement**  
This is a document that contains the list of subjects you chose. Before your arrival, it should be accepted (signed) by coordinators at your university.
3. **Transcript of records** – the grades.
4. **Cover Letter** - please introduce yourself, prove why you are the one who should win the scholarship. Show your passions, interests, hobbies, list any voluntary work at the University or in a different institution, local community etc. Describe your international experience and achievements if you have any. Describe your background, mention if you belong to a disadvantaged or vulnerable group (confirmed with an appropriate document).
5. **Certificate of student status from your university**  
Please note that you cannot realize the mobility on your last semester at your university.
6. **English language certificate** (or skype interview).  
If you do not provide any language certificate, you may be interviewed via the Internet.
7. **Scanned copy of the last certificate or degree obtained** – eg. high school certificate, BA diploma, or MA diploma.
8. **Research Plan** (for PhD candidates).
9. Other documents confirming your qualifications and achievements.

10. **A scanned copy of the passport** – page with the picture.

Your documents are gathered and first selected by the International Office of your University. Then, the best candidates are being assessed by the University of Lodz in order to select the grantee/-s.

In some cases University of Lodz may require TRANSLATION of candidate's other documents which also need to be confirmed by the International Office. This does not apply to the documents prepared in the home university office.

# If you have already benefited from Erasmus Mundus or Credit Mobility scholarship for more than or equal to 7 months in total, you are not eligible to apply for Credit Mobility programme. If you have been selected for Erasmus Mundus scholarship for the period of 5 or 6 months you can apply for Credit Mobility. However, preferences will be given to the applicant who has never benefited from an Erasmus Mundus scholarship.

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