



Dear Global Studies Students,

Welcome to the University of Wrocław!

The 2010/2011 schedule is as follows:

2010/2011

Winter semester

Preparatory course of Polish: 13.09.2010 - 24.09.2010

Orientation days: 28.09.2010 - 01.10.2010

Lectures: 04.10.2010 - 28.01.2011

Exams: 31.01.2011 - 11.02.2011

Resit exams: 14.02.2011 - 18.02.2011

Semester break: 21.02.2011 - 28.02.2011

Summer semester

Preparatory course of Polish: 07.02.2011 - 18.02.2011

Orientation days: 22.02.2011 - 25.02.2011

Lectures: 01.03.2011 - 21.06.2011

Exams: 22.06.2011 - 05.07.2011





Visa

An EU student can enter Poland with ID document (a valid travel document e.g. passport) or another document certifying identity and citizenship. If a student intends to visit Poland's neighboring countries (not all of them are EU Member States), a passport is recommended. For stay up to 3 months no legalization of stay is necessary. For stay exceeding 3 months an EU student has to register the residence. In case of students the registration is issued for one year (possibility to prolong). The document is issued by the Department of Citizens Affairs of the Voivodeship Office (province administration, Urząd Wojewódzki).

Non-EU students Students of a non-EU/EEA country can enter Poland on the basis of a valid travel document (passport) and a visa (if required). A student of a non-EU country has to obtain a visa from the Polish Consulate (sometimes the procedure differs, so please contact the Polish Consulate or Embassy in your country). In the attachment you can find the Letter of Acceptance- the document that you need to ask for the visa. A short-term visa entitles the holder to stay in Poland for up to 3 months, a long-term visa up to 1 year. Prolongation of a visa in Poland is possible only in cases of force majeure or situation impossible to foresee while applying for the visa in the consulate. The visa can be prolonged only once.

The Schengen Visa

Poland is now member of the Schengen Area (membership since 21st of December 2007) - so you can apply for the Schengen Visa in the Polish Consulate in your country. If you have a Schengen Visa you can freely travel around in the Schengen Area (most countries of the EU)

Temporary Residence Card

Notwithstanding the visa, after your coming to Poland you have to legalize your stay by applying for the temporary resident permit (TRP). All international students staying in Poland longer than three months need to obtain TRP. The permit is issued for the period of your stay in Poland, but not longer than two years (usually for one year). It can be prolonged.

Evidence of the permit is the Temporary Residence Card (TRC) - an identity card for foreigners in Poland and it (with a passport included) allows passing the border as often as you like without having a visa.

You have to apply for the residence card at least **45 days before your visa expires**.



Healthcare

Health services in Poland are available for students from the EU or EFTA member countries, provided that they have valid medical insurance in the national insurance system of any EU or EEC member country. A valid passport, student Identity Card or doctoral student Identity Card and a valid Medical Insurance European Card entitles its holder to medical care services free of charge.

If possible it is recommended that students purchase their own international medical insurance prior to arrival in Poland. Otherwise students from non-EU or non-EFTA countries are required to sign a voluntary health insurance agreement with the National Health Fund and pay their own insurance fees.

Student Card

All students receive a student identity card entitling them to a 50% discount on public transport in the city and a 37% discount on national railways (only when they are under age 26).

The card also entitles the student to the use of the university library, sports and other facilities, but also to discounts on tickets to Wrocław's cinemas, theatres and museums.

Accommodation

The dormitory

The University of Wrocław accommodation consists of two halls of residence. Both of them are situated within easy traveling distance from the city center and provide a friendly and safe study environment. Students live in shared modules with two bedrooms and a shared bathroom and kitchen. Kitchens are equipped with a refrigerator and an electric cooker. Each room has Internet access. Students may use the common room, the club, the study room and the laundry.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE INTENSIVE COURSE OF POLISH YOU MIGHT BE STAYING IN TEMPORARY ROOMS, IT WILL CHANGE IN THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

Monthly rent per person is approximately:

- 729 PLN (194 EUR) - single room
- 405 PLN (107 EUR) - double room



It is quite hard to get a single room in the dormitory and I have no idea what are the rules to get the single room. It is just a mystery for everyone but the administration of the dormitory.

It's absolutely necessary to inform me if you want to book a room in the dorm and if you want to take part in the preparatory intensive language course, then before your arrival you will have to confirm the date of your arrival. If not, your reservation will be canceled.

The rooms are furnished, but towels, kitchen accessories (plates, cutlery, pots, saucepans, etc.) are not provided, bed linens are changed every three weeks.

The rent (including Internet) is paid monthly in cash in advance in the dorm and in the first month you'll be charged additionally a deposit (equal to one-month rent), which will be returned after you check out and leave the room tidy.

Other options

I've never heard about Polish families that give a room to rent to some students, usually they are just elderly people who live alone and are looking for a way to earn some money. But it is possible to rent a flat with Polish students, maybe it could help you in practicing Polish. Renting a flat, a room or shared room is a good option. Here you can find some adverts:

<http://wroclaw.gumtree.pl/>

www.simplerent.pl

(students use google translator to understand it :) or I help them to find a flat when they are already here)

Junglebook

For detailed information on accommodation options and the costs of transport, food, sports and entertainment please visit

<http://www.jungle.uni.wroc.pl/>

or you can download it here: <http://www.gs.uni.wroc.pl/living-wroclaw>

Wrocław Radio in English

www.radiowroclove.com





Living Expenses

STUDENT LIVING EXPENSES PER MONTH (IN APPROXIMATION)			
	BUDGET	MID-RANGE	LUXURY
Lodging	300-390 zŁ/ 87-113 €	702 zŁ/ 202 €	2000-2500 zŁ/ 580-722 €
Food	400-450zŁ/ 115-130 €	500-650zŁ/ 144-187 €	2500zŁ/ 722 €
Transportation	0-60 zŁ/ 17 €	60-90zŁ/ 17-26 €	90 zŁ and more/ 26 €
Other Expenses	200-250 zŁ/ 58-72 €	400-450zŁ/ 115-130 €	500 zŁ and more/ 144 €
TOTAL	900 - 1115 zŁ/ 260-322 €	1662-1892 zŁ/ 480- 546 €	5090-5590zŁ and more/ 1471- 1615 €

Approximate food prices:

bread - 1 loaf- 2,50-3,00 PLN/0,72-0,86 EUR

butter - 2,50-3.00 PLN/0,72-0,86 EUR /250 g

eggs - 0,30 PLN/0,10 EUR/each

meat - 9-25 PLN/2,60-7,25 EUR/kg

cheese - 12-40 PLN/3,40-11,60 EUR/kg

fruit - 1,50-15 PLN/0,43 - 3,90 EUR/kg

mineral water - 2,50 PLN/0.70 EUR/bottle



CAN YOU WORK IN POLAND WHEN YOU ARE AN ERASMUS MUNDUS STUDENT?

If you already have your residence permit/card and you are student of the full-time course **there is no problem for you to start working**. There are no limitations or other permit that you would have to apply for.

(a EU citizens should have their residence registered <http://www.gs.uni.wroc.pl/living-wroclaw/new-visa-requirements>)

You only need to get your PESEL and NIP.

PESEL (*Powszechny Elektroniczny System Ewidencji Ludności*, Universal Electronic System for Registration of the Population) is the national identification used in Poland since 1979.

The PESEL number is mandatory for all permanent residents of Poland and for temporary residents living in Poland for over 2 months. Applicants for Polish citizenship must request a PESEL number together with their passport application. If you want to work in Poland, you need this number for the documentation.

First you have to have a household registration. You can ask for the document in Biuro Meldunkowe in the same building that you will request the PESEL:

Urząd Miejski
Wydział Spraw Obywatelskich
ul. Gabrieli Zapolskiej 4
50-032 Wrocław

tel. + 48 71 777 76 59

The documents that you have to present to get the PESEL are the residence card (residence registration for EU citizens) and the household registration.

The next step is to ask for **NIP** (Numer Identyfikacji Podatkowej). Its primary purpose is to identify individuals for taxation purposes. In order to get the number you have to go to the nearest Urząd Skarbowy (department of the treasury internal revenue service)- the nearest from the place you live and then present there your PESEL and the filled out NIP-3 form with the stamp of your future employer.

The NIP-3 form you can find here:

http://www.mf.gov.pl/files/_podatki/formularze_podatkowe/nip_2006/nip_3.pdf