

Local transport:

In Krakow you can take advantage of many local transportation systems, such as buses and wide net of trams. Moreover, in the very city center. The Main Railway Bus Station are located nearby Cracow University of Economics.

To use public transportation system, you are obliged to purchase a ticket. You can choose a monthly ticket which is called KKM (acronym for Krakowska Karta Miejska/Cracow's City Card).

Here you have a choice of regular and student tickets:

| TYPE OF TICKETS | REGULAR TICKET | | | STUDENT TICKET | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| | 1 line | 2 lines | All city lines | 1 line | 2 lines | All city lines |
| 1 month | 48,00 zł | 67,00 zł | 94,00 zł | 24,00 zł | 33,50 zł | 47,00 zł |
| 2 months | 95,00 zł | 132,70 zł | 186,10 zł | 47,50 zł | 66,30 zł | 93,10 zł |
| 3 months | 141,10 zł | 197,00 zł | 276,40 zł | 70,60 zł | 98,50 zł | 138,20 zł |
| 4 months | 186,20 zł | 260,00 zł | 364,70 zł | 93,10 zł | 130,00 zł | 160,80 zł |
| 5 months | 230,40 zł | 321,60 zł | 451,20 zł | 115,20 zł | 160,80 zł | 190,90 zł |
| 6 months | 273,60 zł | 381,90 zł | 535,80 zł | 136,80 zł | 190,90 zł | 267,90 zł |
| 7 months | 315,80 zł | 440,90 zł | 618,50 zł | 157,90 zł | 220,40 zł | 309,30 zł |
| 8 months | 357,10 zł | 498,50 zł | 699,40 zł | 178,60 zł | 249,20 zł | 349,70 zł |
| 9 months | 397,40 zł | 554,80 zł | 778,30 zł | 198,70 zł | 277,40 zł | 389,20 zł |
| 10 months | 436,80 zł | 609,70 zł | 855,40 zł | 218,40 zł | 304,80 zł | 427,70 zł |
| 11 months | 475,20 zł | 663,30 zł | 930,60 zł | 237,60 zł | 331,60 zł | 465,00 zł |
| 12 months | 512,60 zł | 715,60 zł | 1 003,90 zł | 256,30 zł | 357,80 zł | 502,00 zł |

These type of tickets (KKM) can only be acquired in Public Transportation Ticket Offices located around the city. The ticket office nearest to the University is located next to the local bus station, in Galeria Krakowska Mall, next to the stop „Dworzec Główny Wchód”.

Another selling point is in the heart of the Cracow Old Town, on Podwale 3/5 street (opposite to the Jagiellonian University). The full list of Public Transportation Ticket Offices can be found here: www.mpk.krakow.pl/pl/bilety2/gdzie-kupic-bilety/

You need to have a valid ID with you to purchase KKM.

If you would like charge the card (e.g for another month), you can do this in ticket machines (the nearest to the University ticket machine is on the tram stop on Rakowicka Street).

You can also purchase daily tickets:

| TYPE OF TICKETS | REGULAR TICKET | STUDENT TICKET |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| One journey | 3,80 zł | 1,90 zł |
| Two journeys, twice validate | 7,20 zł | 3,60 zł |
| 20-minute | 2,80 zł | 1,40 zł |
| 40-minute | 3,80 zł | 1,90 zł |
| 60-minute | 5,00 zł | 2,50 zł |
| 90-minute | 6,00 zł | 3,00 zł |
| 24-hour | 15,00 zł | 7,50 zł |
| 48-hour | 24,00 zł | 12,00 zł |
| 72-hour | 36,00 zł | 18,00 zł |
| 7-days | 48,00 zł | 24,00 zł |

Daily tickets can be acquired in Public Transportation Ticket Offices or ticket machines. Ticket machines are located near bus/tram stops and inside some trams/buses. Sometimes tickets are also available in kiosks and small grocery shops.

Please, keep in mind that course participants are not entitled to travel on a STUDENT TICKET, unless they have valid student ID card from the University they graduated before joining the Preparatory Course at UEK. In such case ISIC or EURO 26 card is required.

Fines for not respecting the public transportation rules:

- For journey without valid ticket the additional charge is 240 zł plus the price of a ticket.

(The fine can be reduced by 50% in case of on-the-spot payment or if it is paid within 7 days).

- For journey without valid document which confirms the right to the discounted ticket – 150 zł plus the price of a ticket.

(The fine can be reduced by 30% in case of on-the-spot payment or if it is paid within 7 days).

- For stopping or changing direction of a vehicle without justified reason, additional charge is 500zł.

Around Cracow University of Economics both bus and tram stops are located. The easiest way to find suitable bus and/or tram connection and up-to-date timetable, is to use website www.krakow.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en, you can also download special application on your smartphone „JakDojade.pl”

Dormitories location and transport to the University:

“**Fafik**” dormitory is located around 3 km away from the University. The easiest way to reach the University is to take tram no 4 or 14 from “Urzędnicza” stop till “Lubicz” stop, tram goes about 10-15 minutes. Overall it takes 30 minutes to get to the University from “Fafik”.

“**Merkury**” dormitory is located 2 km away from the University. The easiest way to reach the University is on foot, it takes about 25 minutes. Another option is to take bus 115 from “Uniwersytet rolniczy” stop to “Dworzec Główny Wschód”.

The University's campus map:



Where to eat:

At our campus you can take advantage of several places where you can grab a bite:

- Canteen – Building Ustronie
- „Bułka z makiem“ – Building F
- Lunch bar “Dobre smaki” – Education and Sports Hall
- Bar “Pokusa” – Building B
- Club “zaUEK” – Building E
- „Grota” – „Księżówka” Building

If you prefer to dine outside the campus, there are also a few bistros, and restaurants close to the campus:

- “Lunch Tu Bar” (Lunch Bar) - Rakowicka str. 10B (five minutes' walk)
- “Wesoła” (Café) – Rakowicka str. 17
- „Metropolitana” (Restaurant and Pizzeria) – Plk. Beliny Prażmowskiego str. 2D
- „Fabryka Pizzy” (Pizzeria) – Lubomirskiego Str. 41 (opposite the Campus)
- “Ancho “(Restaurant) - Rakowicka str. 11 (three minutes' walk)
- „Gospoda Krakowska” (Polish Restaurant and Pizzeria) – on the corner of Bosacka and Topolowa (opposite the Railway Station)

Long list of restaurants, cafes and pubs in Krakow can be found here: www.local-life.com

What to see:

Krakow is a very historical city with well-preserved monuments. Must see are Wawel Castle, Kanonicza street, Mariacki Church and Sukiennice. We strongly recommend underground museum “Podziemia Rynku” (ticket office and entrance are located in Sukiennice, on Main Market Square) where you can see and also experience how life in Krakow looked like a few centuries ago.

Another district worth seeing is also the jewish part of the city called “Kazimierz”, where ethnographic museum, Schindler's factory, old synagogues and old jewish cemenary are located.

Twice a day you can join free walking tour around city (but tip for a guide is well seen), and you can learn a little bit about the city both in historical and modern context.

We encourage you to visit National Museum, famous Krakow “Słowacki” Theatre and Philharmonic hall.

During Christmas holidays, on the Main Market Square (Rynek Główny) local craftsmen and farmers sell their products, so you can taste traditional Polish delicacies, buy handmade products and souvenirs, or listen to polish carols.

If you would like to attend music festivals or concerts in Krakow or in other polish cities, check out www.eventim.pl – on this site you can see the current list of upcoming events and you can also purchase tickets.

If cinema is your thing, in Krakow there are a lot of huge multiscreen cinemas (CinemaCity or Multikino) located in shopping malls such as Bonarka, Plaza and Galeria Kazimierz. If you want to see low-budget and less commercial productions you should visit small cinemas: „Kino pod Baranami” on the Rynek Główny 27 and „Kino Ars“ on św. Tomasza 11.

Information about sightseeing, culture and current events is available on official Krakow website:

<http://www.krakow.pl/english/>

Information about Małopolska region is also available on-line:

<http://www.malopolska.pl/Strony/default.aspx>

Cost of living:

The monthly cost of living in Krakow can be estimated at between 1 350 and 1 750 PLN. The total expenditure, naturally, depends on the style of life and needs of a particular individual. The mentioned sum includes:

1) monthly accommodation:

- dormitory: 360 PLN/month
- shared room in a rented apartment: 400 PLN
- single room in a rented apartment: 600-800 PLN
- studio apartment: min. 1400 PLN

The prices may differ depending on the district of the city.

2) food: 800 PLN

3) monthly ticket for the public transport: 48-94 PLN

4) other expenses (cinema, books, nightlife, etc.): 300 PLN

Below is a list of Krakow's most popular supermarkets:

Considered as cheap:

- Biedronka
- Lidl

Considered as standard:

- Tesco
- Carrefour
- Kaufland
- Lewiatan
- Real

Considered as expensive:

- Alma
- Żabka
- Fresh Market
- Piotr i Paweł
- and other small, private grocery shops

Examples of some expenses:

- a meal in the University cafeteria ca.: 9-20 PLN,
- a meal in the restaurant in the city centre: 20 PLN and higher depending on the restaurant,
- coffee in the city centre: 4 - 15 PLN,
- cinema ticket: 6 - 35 PLN,
- theatre ticket: 25 - 100 PLN,
- haircut: 25 - 100 PLN.

Bank account:

In order to open a bank account in Poland, a valid passport is necessary (some banks may require an additional document with a photograph, eg, a driver's license) and a certificate confirming participation in the course. Money can be also directly withdrawn from the account that is opened in the student's home country through a cash machine. The banks are generally open from 9am to 5pm on weekdays and from 10am until 1pm on Saturdays.

Poland has an extensive network of ATMs, which are connected to all international networks. It is advised to consult your bank or card issuer about the charges incurred while using a particular card abroad.

All major foreign currencies may be exchanged in any bank or exchange office (Kantor). Kantors are generally open from 9am to 7pm during weekdays and from 10am until 2pm on Saturdays.

Nightlife:

Krakow as one of the most popular cities in Poland among tourists and students has very rich nightlife.

You can choose from the wide variety of clubs, bars, pubs, popular drink bars called „pijalnia” or music clubs where you can listen to small, underground polish bands.

In Krakow you can visit in the evening Rynek Główny or Kazimierz – both are great, but Kazimierz is consider as more bohemian and has less tourist. To check out what the city has to offer visit www.where2b.org/Krakow

Emergency phone numbers:

112: Emergency phone number for mobile phones

999: Ambulance

998: Fire brigade

997: Police

981: Emergency Road Service

986: Municipal police