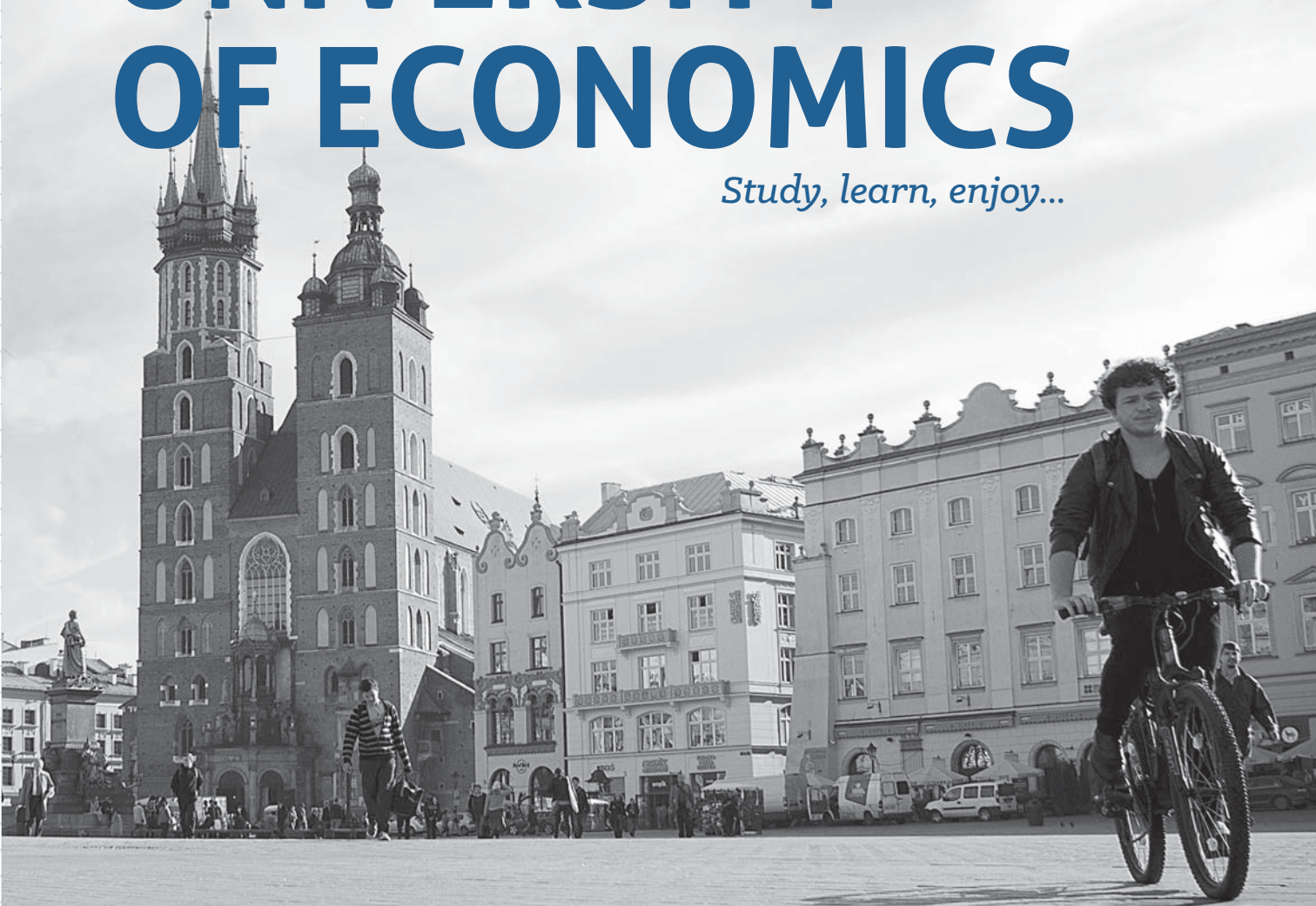


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# WHY KRAKÓW? WHY THE KUE?

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**K**RAKOW UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS is one of the leading higher education institutions in its field in Poland. Established in 1925, in 2015 the KUE is celebrating its 90th anniversary. Although justly proud of its history and traditions, the KUE is a modern and progressive establishment, constantly looking into the future. Today, almost 14 thousand students are enrolled in our programmes. This number includes nearly 2500 international students, making an important and valued part of the academic community.

Krakow University of Economics welcomes students from around the world, from countries

both within and outside the European Union. The KUE was the first university in all Poland to introduce programmes taught in the English language, in early 1990s. Today, international students can follow a range of degree programmes on all levels: Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral – all of these taught in English – as well as short-term programmes and preparatory language courses. It is possible to stay just within the English-language degree programme or the “English Track” exchange programme, and study exclusively in English. However, international students also have the option of joining a preparatory course in the Polish language, and following lectures in Polish within the degree programmes. The system is









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flexible: English language programmes are open also to Polish students and managers who wish to update their skills in a multilingual, international environment.

The KUE campus, upgraded and expanded over the last decades, offers a range of teaching facilities as well as a modern library, sports facilities with a swimming pool, a number of cafeterias and canteens, WiFi access, and more. A variety of student services include the International Programs Office, dedicated to managing English-language programmes and assisting international students.

The University campus is conveniently located in the centre of Kraków – Poland’s old capital and one of the country’s most important cities: a famous centre of culture, learning, knowledge, business, and entertainment. The KUE campus lies within easy access to regional, national, and international transportation – the city main transit hub and intercity bus and train station are just around the

corner, while the airport is a quick train or taxi ride away – connecting Kraków to major destinations in Europe and the World.

The historical Old Town centre, with its countless monuments, museums, restaurants, cafés, theatres and many other attractions is a mere 10-minute walk from the campus. Inhabitants of Kraków enjoy a lot of green areas in and around the city, with a range of sports and leisure facilities available. Kraków is a lively and vibrant town – also owing to the presence of students, who make about 20% of its population. There are more than 200 thousand students enrolled in Kraków’s universities and institutes of higher education. All in all, this is a perfect environment to study, learn... and to enjoy your student days.

# STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN ENGLISH

*It is possible to complete the entire degree programme – whether Bachelor’s, Master’s or Doctoral – in the English language.*

The 3 colleges of the KUE – College of Economics, Finance, and Law, College of Economy and Public Administration, College of Management and Quality Sciences – offer 24 different degree courses and 59 study majors, taught in the Polish language. Today, all 3 colleges offer full-fledged degree courses in English as well.

It is possible to complete the entire degree programme – whether Bachelor’s, Master’s or Doctoral – in the English language. These programmes are offered on a full-time and part-time basis.

In addition to degree courses, the KUE offers short term, non-degree programmes, such as the “English Track”, often chosen by: exchange students who join the KUE for one or two semesters, Polish students who want to experience studying in an international environment, or professionals who want to upgrade their skills. Non-degree programmes also include the English Language Module and the Polish Language Module (each lasting one year). These can be a helpful preparation before taking up subject studies in a foreign language (English or Polish, respectively).



**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

**European Universities**

ERASMUS +

CEEPUS

ENBS

Double Diploma

Scholarship and  
Training Fund

**Non European Universities**

Bilateral Agreements

STEP Japan

Master of Public  
Administration

Double Diploma

**Polish Universities**

Transekonomik

**STUDIES IN ENGLISH**

**Bachelor's**

Applied Informatics

GlobalFinance and Accounting

International Business

Modern Business Management

**Master's**

Applied Informatics

Economic Diplomacy and Statecraft

ESG in Finance

European Banking and Insurance  
in Digital Environment

Financial Accounting Accredited by ACCA

Financial Analytics

Global Business Services

Global Finance and Accounting

Global Human Resource Management

International Logistics

International Business

International Financial Management

International Studies

Modern Business Management

**Doctoral**

**SHORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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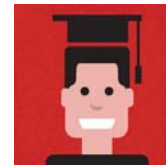
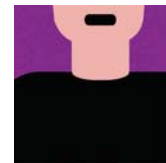
English Module

**Others**

Summer Schools

Guest Lectures

Study Visits



**International Programs Office**

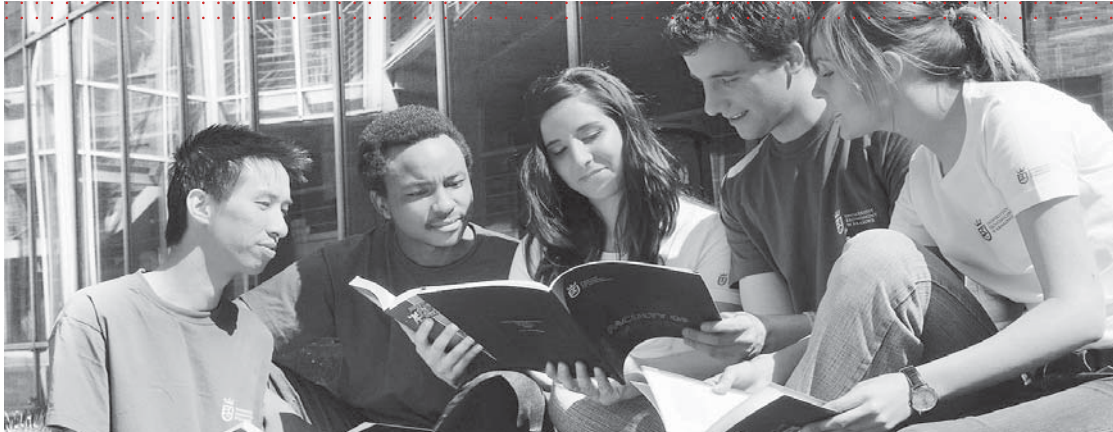


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## STUDENTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT THE KUE

From the point of view of a student international scholarships are one of the strengths of our University.

Scholarships are possible through various programs such as:

- Erasmus+,
  - CEEPUS,
  - Double Diploma (BA and MA level in France, Germany, Spain, Finland, USA),
  - ENBS network
  - within the bilateral agreements.
- Victoria University – Canada,
  - ESCP-Europe – France,
  - National Chengchi University – Taiwan,
  - Tec de Monterrey – Mexico,
  - Grand Valley State University – USA,
  - Mannheim University – Germany,
  - Universidad de Navarra – Spain,
  - La Sapienza Rome – Italy,
  - University of Economics in Prague – Czech Republic,
  - Hanyang University – Korea,
  - University of Dublin – Ireland,
  - ISCTE University of Lisbon – Portugal.

# DEGREE COURSES

*Krakov University of Economics offers study programmes on all levels of higher education: Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral.*

## **BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS (6 SEMESTERS, 180 ECTS):**

**Applied Informatics (full-time)** delivers IT knowledge and specific skills needed for effective information systems management in a fast changing world. This field of study focuses on theoretical principles of computer science, algorithmics, programming, database systems, operating systems, computer networks administration, information systems analysis, artificial intelligence as well as information systems security. Additionally, study programme includes subjects advancing knowledge of micro- and macroeconomics, management, business, corporate finance and accounting, marketing, and law.

### **Global Finance and Accounting (full-time and part-time)**

Classes are taught in English. Here you will gain knowledge of the basics of finance and accounting. The programme of this studies includes knowledge of economics and finance as well as introducing students to the financial mechanisms of the contemporary market economy, its institutions and economic entities.

The learning outcomes also take into account a broad range of knowledge, skills and competences in the field of business entity accounting – the measurement and recognition of the course of economic activity, the appropriate preparation of data and the preparation of financial statements.

The study programme is closely linked to professional practice and prepares students well for the CFA, ACCA and CIMA examinations.

**International Business (full-time and part-time)** is intended for students interested in economic, political, and social relations in the areas of global economy, foreign trade, international business management and the European Union. The programme covers such

topics as business negotiations, entrepreneurship, international market analysis, international finance and accounting, as well as diplomacy. Students acquire practical skills pertaining to analysis and interpretation of social and economic phenomena in contemporary economic processes and their international aspects by working on team projects in a multicultural environment.

The programme was accredited by the Polish Accreditation Commission and received a “distinguished” grade. Following the distinction, the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education has awarded our Department of Economics and International Relations an additional grant aimed at increasing the quality of studies.

**Modern Business Management (full time)** the studies cover the scope of management issues and enable gaining practical knowledge, skills and social competences being the key to success in the new economy. The graduates acquire qualifications concerning i.a. using modern technologies in practice, negotiations and management of small teams. While learning, the modern teaching methods, like case studies or strategic games, are used. The program prepares entrepreneurs for managing their own business and trains middle management managers in all types of manufacturing and service companies.

## **MASTER'S PROGRAMS (4 SEMESTERS, 120 ECTS):**

### **Applied Informatics (full-time)**

The Applied Informatics field of study is the result of the search for an attractive and effective combination of knowledge and skills useful in the society and economy of the 21st century. The main objective of this study program is to deliver IT knowledge and specific skills needed for effective information systems management in a fast-changing world. The Applied Informatics field of study focuses on advanced approaches to data processing and data oriented computer systems.

### **European Banking and Insurance in Digital Environment (full-time and part-time)**

The field of study is commercial in nature and is dedicated to students who have completed undergraduate studies, both Polish – interested in the European financial market, and foreign. The educational program contains both theoretical content and practical knowledge, and its aim is to prepare graduates to use the acquired competencies in the widely understood labour market, especially in international companies providing financial services to business and private entities, as well as companies operating in a global environment – especially in the European financial market. The aim is to create a modern profile of the future graduate, adequate to the anticipated needs of the labour market, therefore a teaching cooperation with various Institutes is planned, which will make it possible to offer the broadest possible interdisciplinary teaching in this field of study.

### **Economic Diplomacy and Statecraft (full-time)**

Full-time master's degree in the field of Economic Diplomacy and a Statecraft deals with the issues of the activity of national institutions in promoting the economic interests of the state. The curriculum combines the issue of economic diplomacy with the economic strategy of the state. Program points out that economic diplomacy is not only the issue of classical diplomacy with the tasks of promoting the country's economic interests, but building systemic and strategic solutions. Therefore, the study program indicates the need to treat economic diplomacy as state system related to the country's economic and political potential with its effective external promotion of its interests and cooperation with non-state actors in this area. In such an approach, it is more reasonable to use the English term "Economic Statecraft" as a multidimensional and multilevel system of promotion and implementation of economic interests abroad. Thus, economic diplomacy is understood as an activity to face the challenges in operating in culturally, politically and legally different markets, such as the countries of the EU's eastern neighbourhood. The program also draws attention to the role of Poland and Central European countries as brokers of knowledge about cultural and political conditions of economic relations with countries east of the European Union.

### **ESG in Finance (full-time and part-time)**

The master's degree program in ESG in finance deals with the theoretical and practical aspects of the functioning of companies and other financial institutions in the environment of changes related to the environment of environmental challenges. In the financial sector, environmental aspects and non-financial reporting in the sector of finance are an increasingly important part of risk management in finance. The studies provide an in-depth knowledge of the principles and mechanisms shaping the international ESG environment in finance and help to understand the increasingly complex reality around us. They discuss at an advanced level the main theories and issues related to the application of ESG in multinational corporations and financial investments in global markets.

### **Financial Accounting Accredited by ACCA (full-time and part-time)**

The field of study Financial Accounting accredited by ACCA is a new, unique field of study offered by the Cracow University of Economics. The major is conducted in English, in the system of 1.5-year supplementa-

ry master's studies (full-time and part-time). Most didactic classes in the field of study can be carried out as part of distance learning.

The offer is addressed to students from various countries around the world, especially to those where ACCA accreditation is valued by companies and the economic environment, including Europe, Asia, Africa, where international financial and accounting centres are located (e.g. India, China, Indonesia).

### **Financial Analytics (full-time and part-time)**

The purpose of the course is to provide knowledge of financial markets, with particular emphasis on empirical methods used in analysis in financial markets, and practical skills for obtaining financial data processing. The detailed scope of the CFA degree program is consistent with the scope of CFA Level 2 and Level 3 accreditation requirements.

Financial Analytics is a 3 semester course aimed at people from different parts of the world who want to improve their competencies related to big data processing, analysis and evaluation. Such competencies in the era of big data, artificial intelligence and the offshoring of corporate financial functions, are particularly relevant today.

### **Global Business Services (full-time and part-time)**

The Master of Global Business Services is the first graduate programme in Poland prepared in cooperation with companies from the shared services centres/business process outsourcing sector. This field of study aims to educate future employees ready to undertake work in various positions in an international, multinational and inclusive environment.

### **Global Finance and Accounting (full-time and part-time)**

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The learning outcomes also take into account a broad range of knowledge, skills and competences in the field of business entity accounting – the measurement and recognition of the course of economic activity, the appropriate preparation of data and the preparation of financial statements.

The study programme is closely linked to professional practice and prepares students well for the CFA, acca and CIMA examinations.

### **Global Human Resource Management (full-time)**

The Global Human Resource Management major is designed for those interested in human resource management in an international environment. Organizations striving to gain competitive advantage need professionals prepared to work in a rapidly changing world. Evolving technology is altering the way we work and that is why skills such as flexibility and adaptability are crucial. The GHRM major helps students develop competences related to the use of new tools and technologies in managing employees as well as gain the knowledge necessary to work in a globalizing world.

### **International Business (full-time and part-time)**

focuses on the understanding of economic and social patterns and phenomena pertaining to world economics, the role of the state and international organizations, as well as various management strategies applied in international markets. It covers such current issues as: European monetary integration, international financial recession, foreign direct investment, entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility, product and brand management, and international commodity markets.

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### **International Financial Management (full-time and part-time)**

The contemporary processes of internationalization of economic activity make the knowledge of international finance and global financial markets essential for managing a multinational corporation. The studies provide in-depth knowledge of the rules and mechanisms shaping the international environment of enterprises and help to understand the increasingly complex reality that surrounds us. They discuss at an advanced level the main theories and issues related to the multinational corporations and financial investments on global markets.

### **International Logistics (full-time)**

The three-semester Master's studies in the field of International Logistics contain theoretical and practical elements, prepare graduates to use the acquired competences on the labour market. Studies are interdisciplinary in nature. Students gain knowledge in the area of logistics, management and quality sciences and IT. The aim of this program is to familiarize students with the complexity and multifaceted nature of international logistics management systems and the impact of globalization processes on logistics systems. The possibilities and conditions for shaping logistics in an interdisciplinary approach will be explained.

### **International Studies (full-time)**

International Studies is a multidisciplinary program which explores global issues at the intersection of various disciplines, such as: political science, economics, culture and religion, and sociology. This multifaceted approach develops abilities to critically analyse and understand the increasingly complex international reality and provides in-depth knowledge of various-

forces shaping today's world. The program gives a comprehensive understanding of the current global dynamics through advanced discussions of the main theories and interactions of governments, business, civil society, and other actors at the international, regional and national levels.

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### **DOCTORAL DEGREE:**

The Krakow University of Economics has been authorized to confer doctoral degrees in the field of social sciences in the discipline of:

- Economics and finance,
- Social and economic geography and spatial management,
- Sciences of politics and administration,
- Sciences of management and quality,
- Law.

English language doctoral candidates have the option of preparing their doctoral thesis via the individual path. This mode focused on interests of candidates and needs to deepen their specialist knowledge.

The individual path considers the additional verification of learning outcomes at level 8 of the Polish Qualification Framework (PRK).

Candidates who applies for a doctoral degree through the individual path must pay a fee for the procedure.

More details of the procedure for awarding the doctoral degree at the Krakow University of Economics are published on the website [dr.uek.krakow.pl](http://dr.uek.krakow.pl)

# NON-DEGREE COURSES

## *English Track programme, English Language Module, Polish Language Module, Polish Path*

### ENGLISH TRACK PROGRAMME

The English Track programme is open to short-term international and Polish students. Individual and exchange students (Erasmus, Ceepus, bilateral agreements, etc.) of both undergraduate and graduate level can come to study at the Krakow University of Economics for one or two semesters.

The English Track programme offers a selection of courses in English focused on business, economics, finance and cultural studies. Courses are given by leading KUE professors, lecturers from partner universities worldwide as well as successful professionals and practitioners.

All students who successfully complete the programme receive transcripts of records. Those who earn 29 ECTS points are additionally awarded the English Track Certificate signed by the KUE authorities.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE MODULE

The English Language Module has been designed to give students a solid foundation of the English language and vocabulary used in the field of economics before they take up regular studies leading to the Bachelor's or Master's degree, or start their career. It is a great way to begin your studies at the Krakow University of Economics and to improve your language skills. The one-year programme (October – June) includes more than 700 teaching hours: general English (480h), business English (60h), Polish (120h), and Mathematics (60h).

The English Language Module concludes with the final language exam (level B2). The exam is recognised as a proof of English language competence required for the Bachelor's or Master's programmes admissions at the KUE.



## POLISH LANGUAGE MODULE

The Polish Language Module has been designed to give participants a solid foundation of Polish language and vocabulary, before they take up regular studies at the Bachelor's or Master's level, or start a professional career in Poland. The course is suitable for participants with none or basic knowledge of Polish. Upon completion of the programme, participants will be able to achieve at least B1 level of Polish according to the Common European Framework. The course helps improve mathematical skills as well as developing basic skills in business Polish. The one-year programme (October – June) includes more than 700 teaching hours: general Polish (480h), business Polish (60h), English (120h), and Mathematics (60h).

The Polish Module concludes with the final exam (level B1 or B2). The exam is recognised as a proof of Polish language competence required for the Bachelor's or Master's programmes admissions at the KUE.

## POLISH PATH

The Polish Path offers the opportunity to explore the Polish language in more depth, learn Polish business vocabulary, and gain know-how in essay writing. The programme is designed especially for foreigners, people of Polish descent living in Poland and abroad, as well as candidates planning to start studying or working in Poland.

Polish Path programme offers effective and affordable Polish classes. Classes are available on different levels – A1, A2, B1, and B2. In terms of annual cost, this is the cheapest offer available in the local educational market. The one-semester programme includes 60 teaching hours.



# STUDENT FACILITIES AND SERVICES

*The University owns 15 buildings where lectures and classes take place. The campus houses many facilities such as: the language centre, the library, sports facilities, canteens and cafés, the career centre and the university clinic.*

**T**he Krakow University of Economics campus is located in the centre of Kraków, in the vicinity of the main railway station (Kraków Główny), the regional bus station, and a large transit hub (city trams and buses).

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## WELCOME CENTRE UEK

Welcome Centre UEK is a multilingual unit at the Krakow University of Economics, which delivers professional service and help to foreign students, especially to the new-enrolled ones and candidates, but also guests and doctoral students. Its main idea is to enhance access to information for the international community coming to KUE and to shape the attitudes of openness and tolerance throughout the academic environment. Welcome Centre UEK is responsible for providing the necessary information on the structure of the University, its administrative procedures and the competences of individual University units. Additionally, it can help you learn about the educational offer, KUE infrastructure, and share information in foreign languages about Kraków and Poland.

## LANGUAGE CENTRE (CJ)

Language Centre offers foreign language courses at all levels for the KUE students, including preparatory courses for internationally recognized certificates (LCCI, TELC, CCIP).

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE (IPO) AND THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The International Programs Office (IPO) and the Office of International Relations support internationalization of the University by coordinating exchange programmes (Erasmus+, CEEPUS, Visegrad Fund, bilateral agreements and many others) and running numerous international projects with partners from all over the world.

**The International Programs Office (IPO)**, established in 1994:

- coordinates cooperation with over 200 partner universities within many different projects;
- coordination of staff exchange with international universities;
- runs the “English Track” – a short-term programme for exchange students;
- provides administrative support for regular studies in English at the Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD level;
- organizes events such as: summer schools, language schools and others;
- runs the website with a wealth of practical information about your studies.

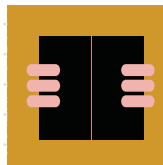
**The Office for International Relations** is responsible for various activities including:

- organization of international guests’ visits;

- organization of international scientific conferences;
- coordination of the KUE membership in international organizations.

## LIBRARY

The core collection of the Main Library contains publications covering subjects closely related to the disciplines taught at the Krakow University of Economics, such as economy, finance, management and commodity science. However, given the nature of the University environment, the library also collects chosen publications from the social sciences, humanities and technology, as well as works of a general nature for the purpose of broadening general knowledge.



## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (BON)

The Office for Students with Disabilities (BON) ensures that all students with disabilities have equal access to the educational content of the KUE by offering advice and guidance to prospective and current students who declare their disability, and by coordinating a wide range of services to ensure that the students receive adequate support while studying.

## STUDENT CAREER CENTRE (ACK)

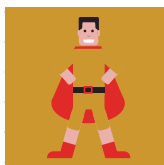
The aim is to create a platform between the KUE students and the companies, enabling students to gain professional experience, supporting graduates in starting their career and providing companies with dynamic and enthusiastic candidates.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP

The Office for Students with Disabilities (BON) organizes extra support for students, including free psychological consultations in English and in Russian. All English and Russian speaking students who are on exchange programmes or follow full-time studies at our University have the opportunity to benefit from the consultations.



## MENTOR PROGRAMME FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS



The programme is organized by the International Programs Office in cooperation with the Erasmus Student Network (ESN). A Mentor – who is a KUE student – provides the exchange student with assistance and help throughout their stay at the KUE.

## SPORTS FACILITIES

You can practise your favourite sport on the KUE campus. The University owns modern sports facilities, comprising a large indoor hall, fitness rooms, a gym, outdoor tennis courts, a swimming pool and a sauna. All sport facilities are available to students within regular physical education classes as well as for individual sports training.



## HEALTH CARE

Please note that health insurance is obligatory for international students.

EU nationals are eligible for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which you need to obtain in your country of origin. Please check before you travel.

The EHIC entitles EU citizens to healthcare in Poland on the basis of EU regulations on the coordination of social security systems. This means that during a temporary stay in Poland, EHIC gives you the right to healthcare benefits necessary for medical reasons. These are delivered by healthcare providers who are contracted for the provision of such services by the Polish National Health Fund (NFZ).

Non-EU citizens can purchase individual health insurance from NFZ or from a private healthcare provider.

University clinic, Scanmed Multimedis at Rakowicka 16 (opposite the main campus), offers basic healthcare and testing.

## RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

There are many places on the campus and in the immediate neighbourhood of the KUE where you can have a traditional Polish lunch suitable for student budget and enjoy a cup of well-brewed coffee afterwards. Beyond the campus, Kraków offers a large quantity, quality and variety of restaurants – local, international, and ethnic, catering to all tastes and budgets.



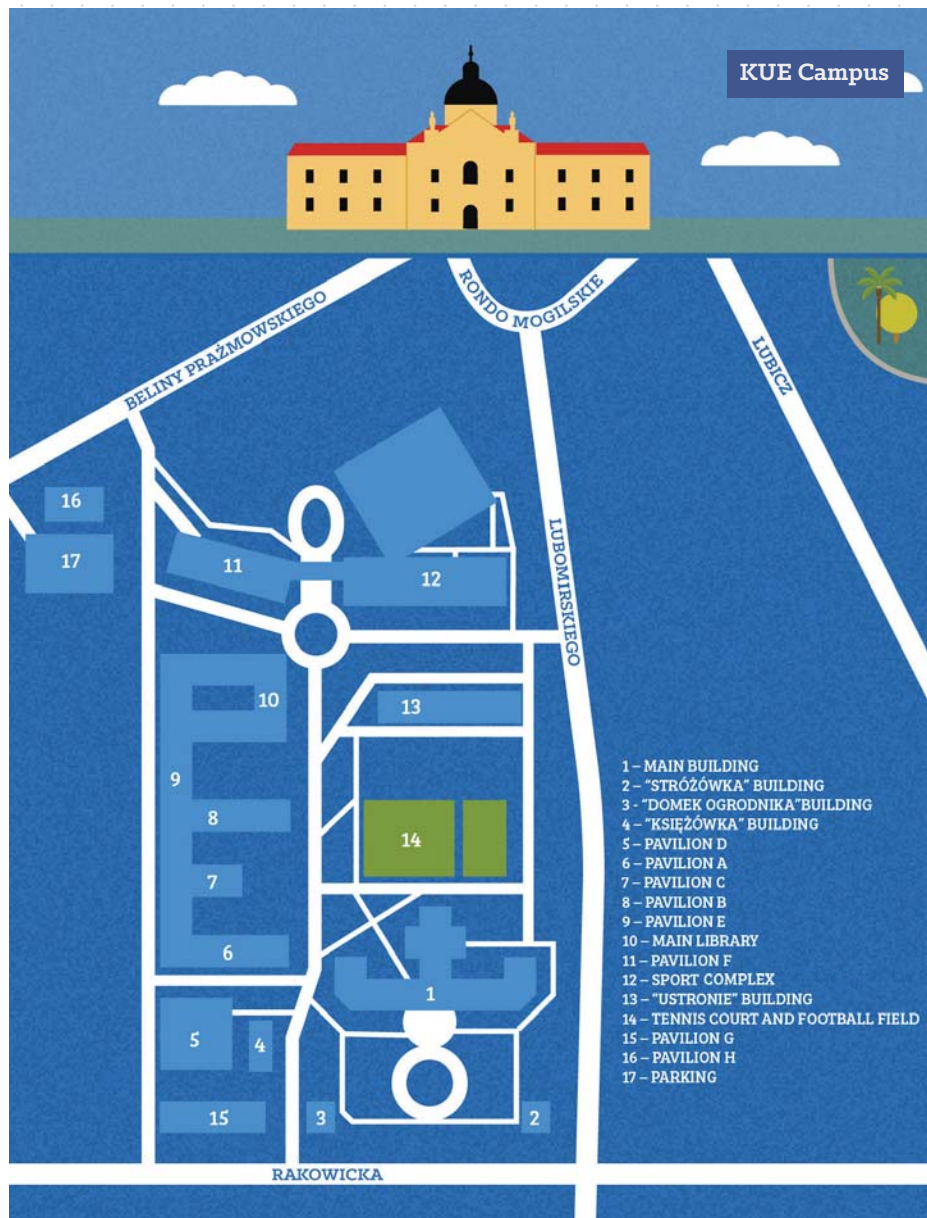




KRAKÓW CITY CENTRE

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KUE Campus



# ENJOYING YOUR LIFE IN KRAKÓW

*Many nicknames have been given to this beautiful city: the “Little Rome”, the “Florence of the North”, the “Little Vienna”...*

**K**raków is the historic heart of Poland, and its former capital. The area was already a bustling trading post and centre of civilization over 1000 years ago. Many of the streets still follow the medieval roads and you will find countless monuments of the past – not just in the city’s many museums, but all around you.

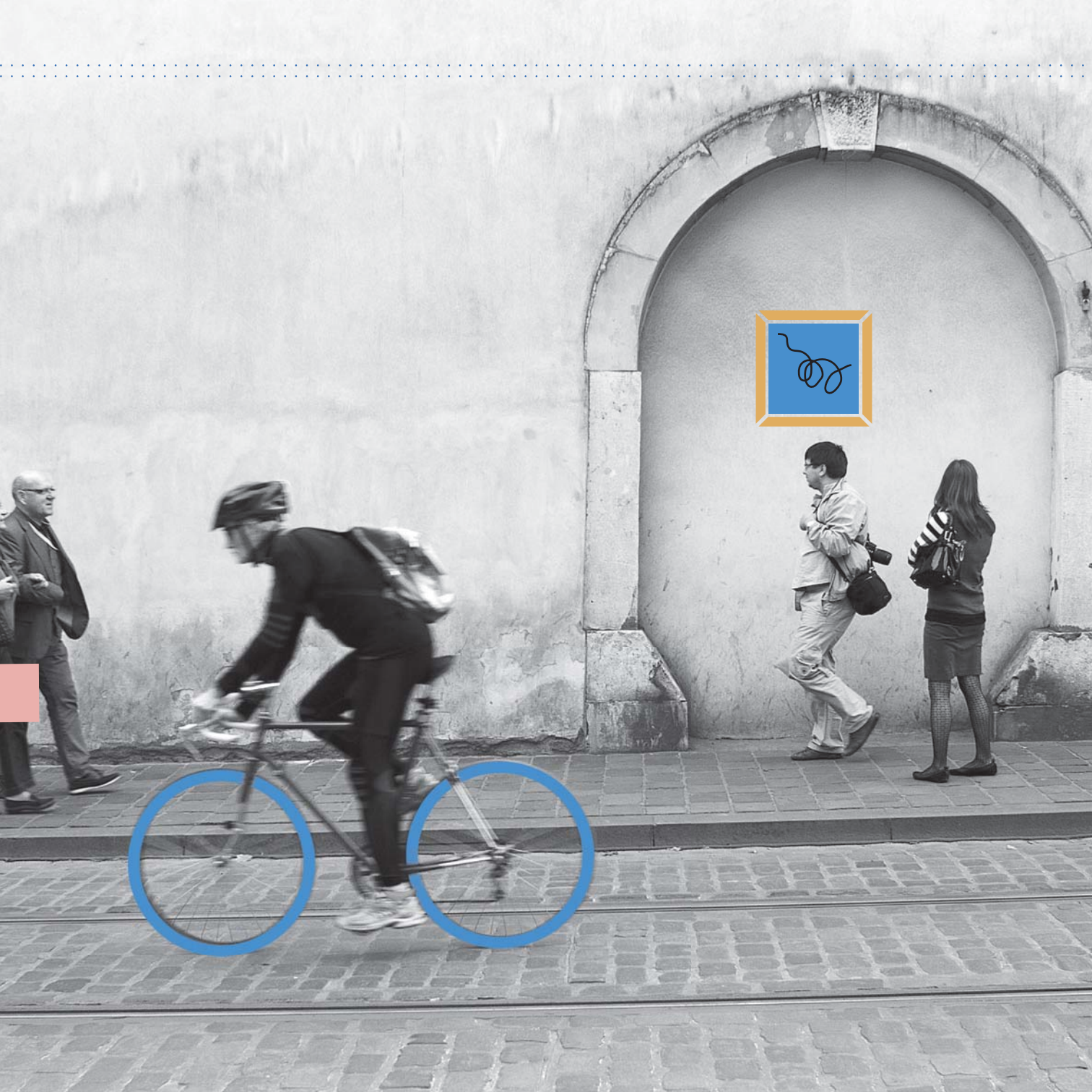
Kraków is an increasingly popular destination for travellers – with about 10 million tourists visiting the city every year. It is particularly trendy with younger travellers looking to have fun, to find

something original and interesting. There is always something exciting going on: any kind of music imaginable, hundreds of events, festivals, parties, and activities to choose from.

Kraków is a Polish icon. Many nicknames have been given to this beautiful city: the “Little Rome”, the “Florence of the North”, the “Little Vienna”, and even, the “Polish Jerusalem”... Flattering as these comparisons may be, the truth is, Kraków is unique and special: one of a kind.

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## You will love this city because:



Kraków is one of the greatest small cities in the world

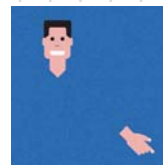
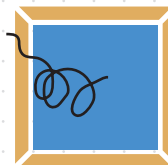
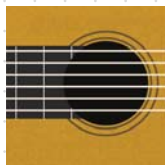
We have the most iconic urban environment in this part of Europe

Kraków is the home of culture

People of Kraków live wisely

It is impossible to feel bored here

You can enjoy music, exhibitions and performance art without spending a lot of money



You can be a part of a huge, international academic environment

Our bars are open around the clock

You can find a variety of food from all over the world, for all budgets

Believe it or not, you can still find a low-price apartment in the city

If you are tired with city life, nature is just around the corner: Jurassic valleys; Tatra mountains; ample opportunities for sports, tourism and leisure



## TO & FROM AIRPORT AND TRAIN STATION

KRAKÓW AIRPORT is conveniently located approximately 10 km from the centre of Kraków. It is served by buses, trains and taxis. The train station is located in the centre of the city, and very close to the KUE.

## PERSONAL SAFETY

Generally Kraków is a nice and friendly city, “cool” and enjoyable especially for the young people. Fortunately, the rate of violent crime is low. Don’t be an easy target for pickpockets and don’t ask for trouble. Don’t be foolish with drugs and alcohol. That’s all.

## TRANSPORTATION

Public transport is well developed and often preferable to driving, because of traffic congestion. Don’t take a chance riding a tram or a bus without a valid ticket. You may think the chances are low to get caught, but that is not true. Biking is increasingly popular, with a growing network of bike routes.

## STUDENT LIFE

“Student life” in Kraków is one of the important benefits of studying in our city. With plenty of higher education institutions located here, Kraków is certainly an attractive place to study and have fun. You will find plenty to choose from among the many nightclubs, cafés, restaurants, and so on: especially around Kazimierz – the old Jewish Quarter and the Main Square.

Don’t queue for the nearest fast-food; Kraków’s restaurants and bars cater to all tastes and budgets.



## CULTURAL LIFE

Those arriving in Kraków will quickly realize just how much the city has to offer, from educational tours to vibrant nightlife. Kraków is a kind of small metropolis, offering a wealth of opportunities for learning and leisure. While you are living here, you will have a chance to explore one of most exciting cultural and historical centres in this part of Europe. Every year, Kraków hosts over 100 festivals, approximately half of them important international events, including: Jewish Culture Festival (since 1988), Kraków All Souls Jazz Festival (since 1954), Kraków Film Festival (since 1961), International Festival “Music in Old Kraków” (since 1975), International Print Triennial in Kraków (since 1966), Street Theatre Festival (since 1988), Misteria Paschalia (since 2004) and Sacrum Profanum (since 2003).

## MUST SEE

Market Square area; Kazimierz – the old Jewish District; Wawel Hill with the Royal Castle; the 42-foot-high and 36-foot-wide Veit Stoss’ magnum ■■■

## USEFUL LINKS

### 1. OFFICIAL KRAKÓW WEBSITE

Before you go, why not browse the official Kraków website, which features a guide to the city and a lot of practical information.

[www.krakow.pl/krakow\\_open\\_city](http://www.krakow.pl/krakow_open_city)

2. **KARNET WEBSITE** lists current cultural events, also in English.

[www.karnet.krakowculture.pl/en/](http://www.karnet.krakowculture.pl/en/)

opus – the largest Gothic sculpture in the world; the Collegium Maius – the oldest surviving building of Poland’s first university (1364); Wyspiański’s stained-glass windows in the basilica of St. Francis... to name but a few of many historical treasures.

### MONEY AND CURRENCY

The currency in Poland is the złoty (PLN). You can change currency in a “kantór” or a bank. There are numerous ATMs around the city; and major international debit and credit cards are widely accepted.

### HOLIDAYS

Most Polish holidays have religious or national origin. Expect banks, shops, and most public places to be closed, while public transportation operates on Sunday schedules for the listed holidays.

### WI-FI

Wi-Fi is widely available, and you can go online in many public places, restaurants, cafés and libraries.

## Must see - outside Kraków

### WIELICZKA SALT MINE

One of the most visited places outside Kraków. Wonder of medieval industry, a UNESCO World Heritage site. ➔ Within Kraków metropolitan area, 10 kilometres from the city centre.

### THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

It is practically one’s duty to visit Auschwitz, but it is a difficult one: be prepared for a strong impression. Auschwitz concentration camp is a place of memory, symbol of the horrors of war and the Holocaust. ➔ 70 kilometres west of Kraków.

### OJCÓW NATIONAL PARK

Smallest and most beautiful national park with Jurassic rock formations; an absolutely unique place. ➔ 25 kilometres north-west of Kraków.

### TATRA MOUNTAINS

One of the most attractive regions of Poland, with many beautiful valleys, peaks, and routes to be visited. In and around the mountain capital of Zakopane, you will also find the wealth of regional traditions and a unique local culture. ➔ 100 kilometres south of Kraków.

### LANCKORONA

This idyllic village, its history going back to mediaeval times, is a favourite destination for artists and poets. ➔ 30 kilometres south-west of Kraków.

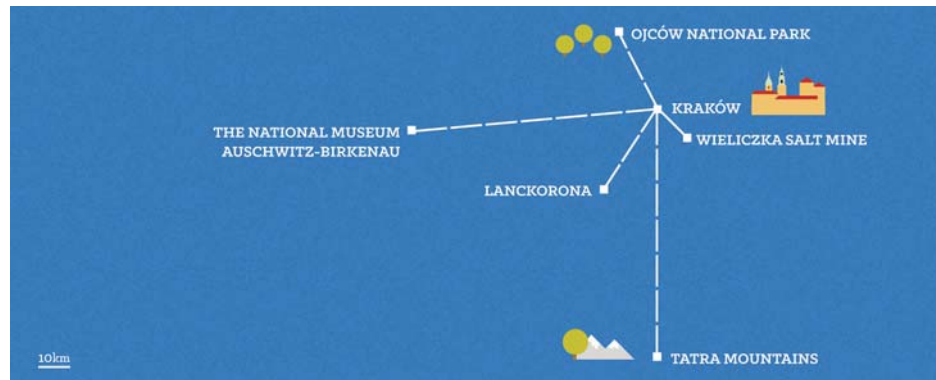


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# LEGAL ISSUES AND FORMALITIES

*Polish embassies and consulates abroad provide detailed information on the rules of entering the territory of Poland.*

The rules of entering the territory of Poland are regulated by international agreements. Students from the EU, the EFTA and Swiss Confederation need only a valid travel document to enter the territory of Poland, while most non-EU students need a visa. Polish embassies and consulates abroad provide detailed information on the rules of entering the territory of Poland. Prospective students are advised to check the requirements of entering and staying in Poland in advance, in their country of origin.

## **STAYING IN POLAND – EU, EFTA AND SWISS CONFEDERATION CITIZENS**

Students from the **EU, the EFTA and Swiss Confederation** staying in Poland for more than three months are required to register their stay.

In order to do that, they should fill an application in the Małopolska Provincial Office in Kraków (Małopolski Urząd Wojewódzki).

## **STAYING IN POLAND – NON-EU CITIZENS**

The majority of **non-EU citizens** need to obtain a visa to enter and stay in Poland. Citizens of some non-EU countries may enter the territory of Poland without a visa and stay up to 90, in some cases up to 180 days. Nevertheless, even if a visa is not required to enter the territory of Poland, it may be required for studying reasons. Detailed information is provided by Polish embassies and consulates abroad.

**National Visa (D)** allows a foreigner to enter the Republic of Poland and stay within its borders for





up to one year. The validity of the visa depends on the purpose of travel. On the basis of a national visa, a foreign citizen can travel to other countries in the Schengen area for up to 3 months within a six-month period. The visa indicates the number of entries to the country within its validity, e.g. 01 – one entry, multiple – unlimited number of entries.

**Schengen Visa (C)** may be issued for up to five years. It allows a foreign national to enter Poland and stay within its borders for up to 90 days within 6 months. The visa allows its holder to enter the territory of Poland (and other Schengen zone countries) many times. If a foreign citizen wants to stay in Poland longer than 90 days, he or she should apply for a temporary residence card.

Non-EU citizens staying in Kraków for more than 90 days need either a National Visa (D) or a temporary residence card. National Visa (D) is issued by the Polish consulate in the country of your origin.

### TEMPORARY RESIDENCE CARD

The residence card is issued by the Małopolska Provincial Office in Kraków (Małopolski Urząd Wojewódzki) for a period of one year. Application for the residence card should be made no later than on the last day of the validity of your visa or your previous residence card. The procedure usually takes up to one month (however, in some cases it may take longer). There is an application fee, plus an additional fee to be paid when the residence card is issued. Current information on fees and procedures can be found on the website of the Małopolska Provincial Office in Kraków.

### WORKING IN POLAND AS A STUDENT

Full-time and part-time students from EU countries may work legally and conduct business activity in Poland without any additional work permit.

Non-EU full-time students possessing temporary residence card may legally work in Poland without an additional work permit. They can conduct business activity on the same basis as Polish citizens. Full-time students possessing National Visa (D) are allowed to work

in Poland without an additional work permit only during the months of July, August and September. They can conduct business activity in limited forms. Part-time non-EU students need an additional work permit to work in Poland.

## USEFUL LINKS

### 1. MAŁOPOLSKA PROVINCIAL OFFICE IN KRAKÓW

The website provides information about the documents that need to be submitted in order to legalize your stay in Poland, obtain the residence card and work permit, etc. – for foreign nationals staying in Kraków and the Małopolska region.

[www.malopolska.uw.gov.pl](http://www.malopolska.uw.gov.pl)

### 2. INFORMATION PORTAL FOR MIGRANTS

The website provides detailed information about entering and staying in the territory of Poland, working in Poland, health care system, cost of living, etc.

[www.migrant.info.pl/home.html](http://www.migrant.info.pl/home.html)

### 3. EURES

The website provides information on living and working conditions and labour market in Poland.

[www.eures.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en](http://www.eures.ec.europa.eu/index_en)

# TEN KEY FACTS ABOUT POLAND

**1** Poland is the ninth biggest country in Europe. It shares frontiers with seven countries: Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Germany.



**2** Geographically, Poland is not in the Eastern Europe. Like Austria and Czech Republic, it lies in the very centre of Europe.

**3** Poland is an ancient nation that was conceived in mid-10th century.

**5** The population of Poland is ~39 million.

**4** Labour turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of “Solidarity” – an independent trade union that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency after years of communism and domination by the Soviet Union.

**6** During the early 1990s, the country transformed its economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe.

**7** Poland is considered one of the most successful examples of the transition from communism to market economy.

**8** Poland joined NATO in 1999 and the European Union in 2004.

**9** Poland is a predominantly Roman Catholic nation and the church still plays a very important role in its life.

**10** Famous Poles include: Nicolaus Copernicus, Fryderyk Chopin, Pope John Paul II, Krzysztof Penderecki, Mikołaj Górecki, Krzysztof Kieślowski, Nobel Prize winners: Maria Curie-Skłodowska, Lech Wałęsa, Czesław Miłosz, Wisława Szymborska, Olga Tokarczuk and Oscar winners: Roman Polański, Paweł Pawlikowski, and Andrzej Wajda.

FORMATION OF “SOLIDARITY”

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

POLAND JOINED NATO

POLAND JOINED EU

1980

early 90's

1999

2004

