# WELCOME TO POLAND



# **GETTING AROUND POLAND: TRANSPORTATION TIPS**



# **Poland by Bus**

en.e-podroznik.pl Flixbus.com/polskibus

# **Poland by Plane**

LOT.com
Lotnisko-Chopina.pl
en.ModlinAirport.pl
Momondo.com
WhichBudget.com
skyscanner.pl





# Poland by Train

Eurail.com/eurail-passes InterCity.pl/en RailEurope.com Rozklad.pkp.pl

# **WEATHER IN POLAND**

The only thing predictable about Polish weather is that it's impossible to predict!



# **SPRING**

Average temperature: 5°C – 15°C
Even with the warmer
temperatures, throw a rain jacket
into a small backpack to keep dry
from the always-lingering
possibility of showers.



Average temperature: 25°C – 30°C
The best moment to travel and
enjoy the beauty of Warsaw and
Poland



Average temperature: 5°C – 15°C

Cold nights. People usually wear a bit warmer clothes. Very often it rains during this period, especially in November.



Average temperature: -4°C - 1°C Cold and snowy or windy and rainy. You can expect everything from the weather here. Be sure to have warm

sweaters, winter coats, hats, gloves,

sturdy boots, and thick socks.



### Time change:

Poland uses Central European Time (GMT + 01:00); Due to the Daylight Saving Time (DST) on the last Sunday of March at 2am we change time by adding one hour and on the last Sunday of October we take one hour back.





















# LIVING IN WARSAW: A GUIDE

# **Legal Support by Lazarski University**

Please notice that we can help you with TRC (Residence Permit) and visa issues

You can address all the questions to Mr Lukasz Wieczorek

Room 41 Ground floor Sector E Tuesday 9 AM – 5 PM Friday 9 AM – 5 PM

E-mail: l.wieczorek@lazarski.edu.pl



# **ACCOMMODATION**

Lazarski University
Accommodation Department
Room 208, Sector D, Floor 2
Mobile: (+48) 502 373 084
E-mail: accommodation@lazarski.edu.pl
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

# Prices with Lazarski assistance:

- Lazarski houses
  - 750 EUR/semester
- Students dorms
  - 500 EUR/semester
- Flat-studio
  - 400 EUR/month



WANT TO DO THAT BY YOURSELF? CONSIDER THIS Sample Prices (Warsaw, AUG 2018)



Youth Hostel
PLN 120 per night for
double room

5-star Hotel PLN 800 per night for double room





Dorm room PLN 450 per month for double room

Single rooms: PLN 900 per month





Studio Flat PLN 1800 per month

# PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN WARSAW



### Metro

The two metro lines. You can the line change Świętokrzyska station. Metro runs based on approximate hours from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. On Friday and Saturday nights metro runs until 3 a.m. with a stable 15 minute frequency. In case of unanticipated service interruptions or planned works the metro service may be suspended with buses or trams marked with a pictogram or the letter "Z".



### **Bus lines**

Standard are numbered from 100 to 399. These buses stop at all stops (with few exceptions). Bus lines 400 to 599 are the quicker lines that do not stop at low traffic areas. Night lines buses are marked with the letter "N" followed by a number, e.g. "N11". Selected night lines are, at the same time, zone lines-their routes run across Zone 1 and 2. On all buses described above the same tickets are valid.



### Tram lines

Trams have numbers between 1 and 79. The more basic tram connections on the tram line are numbered from 1 to 39. The trams tend to be faster as they have their own lanes and lines through the city. There are however lines you can take that go well beyond the Warsaw boundaries and into the greater metropolitan areas on the outskirts of Warsaw.



### Urban Rapid Rail skm (Szybka Kolej Miejska – SKM)

Trains of SKM are marked with the letter "S" and a number. The route of SKM runs across two zone tickets. Rules for paying fares are the same as in the case of zone bus lines.

Koleie Mazowiecki trains are also local trains but not from the city. they belong to the Masovian Voivodeship. Therefore different fare rules apply for most routes.

# TICKETS, WARSAW CITY CARD, STUDENT ID



### **Tickets**

20 min ticket – 3,40 PLN 75 min ticket – 4,40 PLN 90 min ticket – 7 PLN 24 hours ticket – 13 to 26 PLN (depends on Zone)

#### FOR STUDENTS - 50% DISCOUNT!

Where to buy: ticket machines, kiosks bearing the green and yellow RUCH logo, anywhere with a sign Bilety.

#### DO NOT AVOID BUYING TICKETS!

There are plain clothes ticket inspectors who regularly stalk the lines, dishing out 266zl tickets to those without valid tickets.



### **Warsaw City Card**

A card with an imprint of a user photo and their personal data on the reverse page. Issue of the first Card is free of charge. Next one costs 14,00 PLN.

#### How to get it:

- visit the ZTM Passenger ServiceCentre attach a photo;
- download the application from the website <u>www.ztm.waw.pl</u> fill it in, attach a photo and send it by post;
- fill the application in on the website

In case of losing or theft of a card, it is possible to recover an unused part of the coded ticket.



### **Student ID Card**

A carrier of long term tickets similar to Warsaw City Card. A 30-day city travel card and a 90-day city travel card may be coded on it.

Both exchange and degree-seeking students need to pay the fee of PLN 17 (~4 EUR) to receive the card.

You can put money on your student card at any ticket selling point - ticket machines, the ZTM Passenger Service Centre.

30 days ticket – 55 PLN 90 days ticket – 140 PLN

More details: www.ztm.waw.pl

# **USEFUL MOBILE APPLICATIONS**



These are only few examples. The range is much wider ©

# **BANK ACCOUNTS**

In Poland each bank has a different proces regarding accounts for foreign citizens.

For more spesific details, it is best to inquire in the bank's branch itself!



**Documents:** Passport and/or residence card or ID



Fees: Opening a bank account is free of charge but there are other fees involved once you set it up. Make sure you realise what changes will be involved every month



**What you get:** Make sure the offer you become interested in provides you with the best possible set of products you can get from a bank.



**Language:** Banks usually can provide you with services in English. However, check whether the account, documents, ATMs are possible to be managed in other languages than Polish.



**Online Banking:** It is possible to use cashless payment methods through websites, mobile apps and other banking services.

Useful app:



**Transferwise**Allows for International money transfers



**Currency exchange:** Most Kantors (Polish), moneychangers offer very good rates for major currencies (USD, EUR, GBP) and are honest but you should always (!) check current rate online on the internet and compare with the offered rate. Avoid changing at airports.

Examples of popular Polish banks

Alior Bank

. Bank Pekao S.A.

❖ ING Bank Śląski

Bank Millennium

PKO Bank Polski

# POLISH PHONE NUMBER & INTERNET

### ? Using your old number

May be tricky. Consider roaming costs.

### ? Get new Polish number

 Present you valid passport, ID or residence card to register your SIM card.

### ? How to top up account

 Online, in network's store, or by buying credit in convenience store, supermarkets, post offices etc.

There are four major mobile networks: **ORANGE, T-MOBILE, PLAY and PLUS.** Their outlets are located in city centers, shopping malls and even small towns.

- ☐ A lot of hot;pot; around city
- ☐ Eduroam Wi-Fi in all University facilities
- ☐ Internet access by \$IM card
- If you are renting the flat, there is a high possibility that you will have Instruct connection there. If not, ask landrord to provide it. Be careful with creating any legally binding agreement with Internat provider.

Always remember that public networks are not as secure as private ones and make sure to avoid risky operations online.

# **SAFETY ISSUES**

This matters!

In general, Poland is a safe country for foreigners, and most visitors and tourists experience no difficulties. Anyway please keep in mind the following:

- Make sure you know how to contact your embassy in Warsaw
- Monitor your alcohol consumption
- Be careful when using public transport. It is easy to get robbed in a crowd

- Avoid situations that could be dangerous
- Let everyone know you have arrived safely, keep your family updated on your travel plans and your contact information (phone numbers, e-mail addresses)
- keep useful numbers in your mobile phone. Set an ICE contact (in case of emergency)

- Keep your money and valuables safe, never leave any documents, mobile phones, money, other valuables in easily accessible and visible places
- Avoid carrying large amount of cash with you

Please inform us - erasmus@lazarski.edu.pl - of any emergency situation so that we can be in touch with your home University coordinator and assist you as necessary.



# **UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS**



# Police is not your enemy!

Their main goal is to serve and proctect you, and to maintain public order and security. If you lose anything (e.g. documents) go immediately to police station.

### **Emergency numbers:**

- 112 an all-service number
- 999 ambulance
- 998 fire brigade
- 997 police

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# TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE AND LEGAL



### Stamp your ticket or face a fine

(it is a silly way to waste your money 😌 )





#### Jaywalking and road safety

Only cross roads at marked pedestrian crossings, or face a fine. Obey the little red man - he can save your life.



#### Public drinking & smoking

It is illegal to drink alcohol and smoke in a public place. It doesn't matter if you're sucking back cans on the corner of the street or sipping cocktails with your pinky extended at a riverside picnic. Obviously, this doesn't apply to outside seating provided by licensed premises.



#### **Public drunkenness**

Get picked up drunk on the street and you could find yourself locked up for the night, and paying several hundred zloty for the privilege.



### **Drinking and driving**

The legal blood-alcohol level for driving in Poland is ZERO. Note that Polish drinking and driving laws also apply to bicycles.



#### The honey trap

Two gorgeous ladies stop you on the street and invite for a drink. Follow them to 'a little bar' they know, buy them a couple of cocktails, and you'll find yourself facing a bill for several hundred złoty, backed up by large gentlemen with shaved heads offering to escort you to a cash machine.



#### **Public disorder**

If things start kicking off, don't be tempted to stick around and watch the fun. The Polish police are going to come down on troublemakers like a bag full of anvils, and you don't want to be there when it happens.



# **MEDICAL SERVICES**

# PRIVATE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN POLAND

COMPULSORY

International students in Poland have to have health insurance.
This is your obligation!

You can always use the services of a walk-in clinic located in sector C of the building of Lazarski University. You will be provided with help with basic illnesses.



Most foreigners in Poland use private health care to supplement the public sector, thus avoiding the long waits and bureaucracy of the public health care system. There are many private institutions offering health care in Poland (e.g. LUX MED, Damian, Enel Med) as well as a wide range of specialized doctors. You can find almost all specialities and clinics that offer special treatments and operations. Note that costs will be significantly higher than in the public sector.

Recommended prices for public sector healthcare – 10 EUR monthly and private sector healthcare – 40 EUR monthly.

### **ZnanyLekarz**

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ZnanyLekarz

Find a doctor online and arrange the visit

### Yes, one of the most important things for students



### Where to shop?

#### Convenience stores:

- ABC
- **Delikatesy Centrum**
- Dino
- Groszek
- Małpka Express
- Żabka

#### Discount stores:

- Aldi
- Biedronka
- Lidl
- Netto









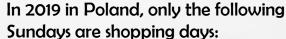
#### **Supermarkets:**

- Lewiatan
- MILA
- Piotr i Paweł
- **POLOmarket**
- Stokrotka

### Hypermarkets:

- Auchan
- Carrefour
- Kaufland
- Tesco

# **Important!**



- January 27
- February 24
- March 31
- April 14
- April 28
- May 26
- June 30
- July 28
- August 25
- September 29
- October 27
- November 24
- December 15
- December 22
- December 29

Basically, in 2019, trade is allowed on the last Sunday of every month and additionally on one Sunday preceding Easter as well as on the two Sundays preceding Christmas.

Trade ban does **NOT** include cinemas. restaurants, cafés, small local stores where the owner can work, stores at gas stations, flower shops, pharmacies.

### Additionally, you can use these apps:



### Pyszne.pl

Biggest food delievery company in Poland





Food ordering and delievery platform

























# **PRICES**



# Comparison of food prices between Poland and Norway (according to Numbeo; August 2018)

Product	Poland	Norway
Milk (1 liter)	0.55 €	1.81 €
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g)	0.64 €	2.69 €
Rice (white), (1kg)	0.75 €	2.56 €
Eggs (regular) (12)	1.74 €	3.78 €
Local Cheese (1kg)	5.24 €	10.51 €
Chicken Breasts (Boneless), (1kg)	3.61 €	11.97 €
Apples (1kg)	0.68 €	2.74 €
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	0.42 €	2.15 €
Tomato (1kg)	1.21 €	3.33 €
Potato (1kg)	O.41 €	2.02 €

**Exchange rate: EUR 1 = PLN 4.32** 

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# NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

In 2019, there are the following bank holidays in Poland:

Important!

Please note that stores in Poland are closed during bank holidays (with the exception of some small local stores and gas station stores).

January 1 - New Year

January 6 - Epiphany

April 21 – Easter

**April 22** – Easter Monday

May 1 - Labor Day

May 3 - Constitution Day

**June 9** – Pentecost

June 20 – Corpus Christi

August 15 - Army Day and

the Assumption of Mary

November 1 - All Saints Day

**November 11** – Independence

Day -

**December 25** – Christmas

**December 26** – Christmas

# FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN

Don't forget about having rest! Warsaw is amazing city with lots of opportunities to have fun!



In Warsaw, there are more than 70 museums you can choose from. It's not that boring as you could think. You will be surprised with Copernicus Science Centre



One of the best ways to experience cities is from up high. Warsaw skyline is quite characteristic, with its contrasting Palace of Culture rising amidst sleek and modern skyscrapers. Visit The Palace of Culture and Science, have a drink at The Marriott Sky Panorama Bar or enjoy the view from the Tower of St. Anna church.



There are a lot of places to go out for a drink with friends. For example, "Pawilony" is a little area in Nowy Świat street with 25 tiny pubs! It's a perfect place to start the evening, to meet a friend or to do the hell of a pub crawl. Also, there are a lot of shot bars in Warsaw, enough to satisfy any taste.



Most of the museums, attractions and the Old Town are on the left side of the Vistula river. Yet, you should not neglect the right side. The river bank on this side is rough, wild and authentic.

A unique little gem in Warsaw's Praga district, the Neon Museum is the biggest collection of neons in Europe and the only one in Poland.

The Tibetan Gallery is an "open-air street art gallery" showing Tibetan culture and history. This gallery is the first of its kind in the world.

Obviously, these examples are only tiny part of a wide variety of attractions that you can visit. Discover Warsaw and you will fall in love with this city!





# LAZARSKI UNIVERSITY

#### **British Degrees**

through our double-degree Programs with Coventry University in Great Britain



among non-public universities in Poland according to

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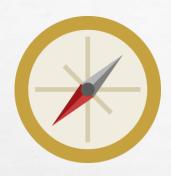


The faculty members are experts with many years of educational and practical experience. The programs combine the best theoretical knowledge with its latest practical application.



More than 80% of students in our Englih-language programs come from outside Poland, from 41 countries.

More info: https://www.lazarski.pl/en/



# **UNIVERSITY FACILITIES**

### **Medical Center**

- Medical advice and general check-ups
- Treatment for basic illnesses

# Library

- Over 180 000 books
- Virtual Library of Science
- Online journals and magazines

**大小大大公司** 中央

## **Food Courts**

- Two **restaurants** with homemade food
- 2 coffee shops

### Rest areas

- Table tennis
- Sector E, first floor

# **Sport Facilities**

- 2 gyms
- Swimming pool

# **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

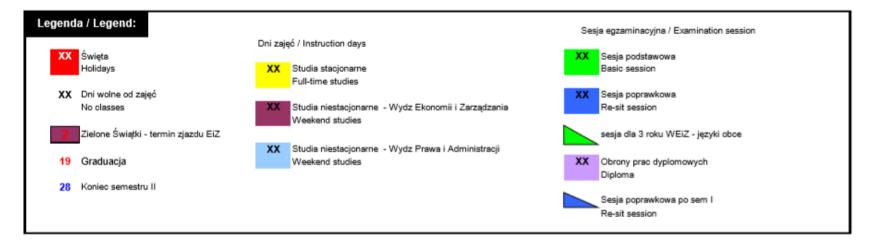


Pretty nice one, huh?

TERMINARZ / ACADEMIC CALENDAR GRID

Wiosna 2019 / Spring 2019

LUTY/ FEBRUARY MARZEC / MARCH					K	KWIECIEŃ / APRIL				MAJ / MAY					CZERWIEC / JUNE				LIPIEC / JULY				
Po	Mo	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	W.	1	8	15	22
Wt	Tue	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	1	2	9	16	23
Śr	We	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	75	3	10	17	24
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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

We know it's boring , but it's really important tho



### I. Attend classes

Students' presence in all classes is obligatory. Absence in 3 classes without serious reasons may lead to failing the course.

### II. Respect the examination rules

No student may enter the examination room fifteen minutes or more after the commencement of an examination. Own materials and/or equipment are forbidden in examination rooms. All types of cheating attempts are forbidden in examination rooms.

### III. Avoid unfair practices

Lazarski University shall use anti-plagiarism software as well as other means to identify and reprimand acts of plagiarism.

### IV. You can be penalized

In cases where students are found to be guilty of unfair practice, the Committee of Inquiry may issue the penalties (e.g. disqualification of the student from any future examination; reduce the degree result; cancel the student's marks in part or in whole).

### V. Appeal

The student may appeal to the University Appeals Board chaired by the University's Rector from the decisions of the Committee of Inquiry.

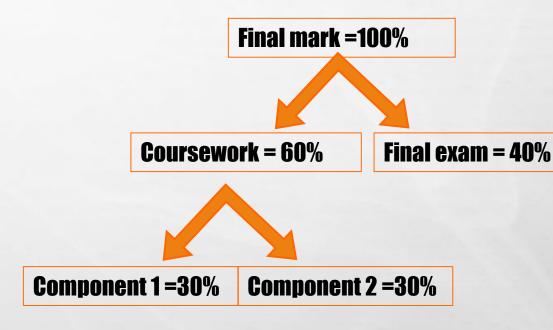
To be well informed about your rights and obligations study Programme Handbooks and LU Rules & Regulations (constantly available for students in the LU Resources)



# X GRADING SYSTEM



- ☐ Students are informed about exams 4 weeks before the examination session. The schedule is available on the virtual system.
- ☐ The final mark must be at least 40% to pass a course. 35% is a marginal pass and can create a tricky situations.
- ☐ The components with a mark below 40% must be reassessed. Pay attention that the after the re-sit exam the highest mark you can receive is 40% (D).
- ☐ If you did not pass during the re-sit session you need to retake the course (do not do that, it's not worth it ( )
- ☐ There is only one chance during semester to raise your mark by maximum 2%.



Possible components of coursework: in-class, midterm, papers, projects, presentations.

Ususally they are combined in the following way: 1 in-class exam + 2 inclass exam; paper + midterm

For more details check LU Rules & Regulations



# **GRADING SYSTEM**



# HOW TO CHECK WHETHER I HAVE PASSED A MODULE AT ŁAZARSKI UNIVERSITY

### Marking scheme:

70-100% - A

60-69% - B

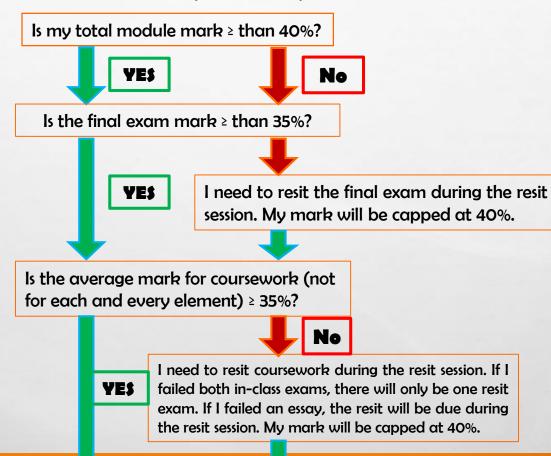
50-59% - C

40-49% - D

**35-39% - E** (Marginal fail)

0-34% - F







If you are confused do not hesitate to ask students/teachers for an explanation.

For more details check
LU Rules & Regulations

It is a pass! Congratulations!

# **POLISH LANGUAGE**

 Any attemp to learn Polish makes you a superhero in Pole's eyes and learning it is certainly a proper brain exercise. Are these reasons not enough to make you give Polish a try?



As an Erasmus student you can learn Polish language for free in Lazrski University! It will be deliverd weekly, adjusted to time possibilities of a student group, 3h of classes a week, awarded with 6 ECTS credits.

If you have such a wish

let us know s

erasmus@lazarski.edu.pl

### Some useful Polish expressions

English	Polish
Yeş	<b>Tak</b> /tak/
No	<b>Nie</b> /nyeh/
I'm sorry / Excuse me	<b>Przespraszam</b> /psheh-PRAH-shahm/
Please/Here you are	<b>Prosz</b> ę /PROH-sheh/
Thank you	<b>Dziękuje</b> /jen-KOO-yeh/
Good morning	<b>Dzień dobry</b> /jen DOH-brih/
Goodbye	<b>Do widzenia</b> / doh vee-DZEN-ya/
Good night	<b>Dobranoc</b> /doh-BRAH-notz/
Hi / Bye	<b>Cze</b> ść /cheshch/

# **OUT-OF-CLASS ACTIVITIES**

# **Sport Activities**

For more info contact Sport Department sport@lazarski.pl



# **Student Union**

Integration events, parties, conferences, workshops



Lazarski Dance Crew

**Music Band** 



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