



First Steps in Warsaw – Your Personal Guidebook

Welcome to Warsaw University of Technology!

We are delighted that you have chosen to study at Warsaw University of Technology (WUT). Moving to a new country and starting your studies at a foreign university can be an exciting experience, but it also involves some preparation.

This guidebook has been prepared to help you organise your arrival, settle into life in Warsaw and find the information you need during your first weeks at the university.

We hope you will find it useful and that your stay in Warsaw will be both academically rewarding and personally enjoyable.

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1. Study in Poland

Warsaw




Warsaw (Polish: Warszawa) is the capital and largest city of Poland. Situated on the Vistula River, it is the country's political, economic, cultural and academic centre.

Warsaw offers a vibrant combination of history, culture, modern architecture, green spaces and an active student life. You will find museums, theatres, concert venues, restaurants, cafés and numerous places to relax and meet people from different countries.

Warsaw University of Technology (WUT)




Founded in 1826, Warsaw University of Technology is one of Poland's leading technical universities and an important research and educational institution. It offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programmes in engineering, technology and applied sciences.

WUT combines a long academic tradition with modern research facilities and international cooperation.

University website: https://eng.pw.edu.pl/

Poland

Poland is located in the heart of Europe, at the crossroads of Central and Eastern Europe. It is a country with a rich history, diverse culture and beautiful natural landscapes.

If you are interested in history and culture, you will find many fascinating places to visit. If you enjoy nature, hiking or outdoor activities, Poland also has plenty to offer.

The country's landscape stretches from the Baltic Sea in the north, through lakes, forests and picturesque lowlands, to hills and mountains in the south. The Polish mountains offer numerous hiking trails and opportunities for outdoor adventures. The Tatra Mountains, in particular, are a popular destination for mountain enthusiasts.

Poland has been a member of the European Union since 2004 and has a long tradition of higher education. It is also home to one of the oldest universities in Central Europe. Compared with many other EU countries, the cost of living and studying in Poland can be relatively affordable.

More information for international students:
Warsaw University of Technology – Student Guide:
https://www.cwm.pw.edu.pl/en/International-students/A-Student-s-Guide-in-Poland

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2. The Weather



Poland has a temperate climate with four distinct seasons:

- **Spring:** Nature comes back to life, and temperatures gradually become milder.
- **Summer:** Generally warm and sunny, with occasional hot days and thunderstorms.
- **Autumn:** A colourful season, with golden and red leaves and gradually cooler weather.
- **Winter:** Cold, with occasional snowfall and temperatures often below zero.

In Warsaw, summer temperatures are usually around 20–27°C, although hotter days are common. Winters can be cold, with temperatures frequently dropping below zero. If you are arriving in autumn or winter, remember to bring warm clothing, a winter coat, gloves, a hat and waterproof shoes.

Current weather forecast for Warsaw:

https://www.accuweather.com/en/pl/warsaw/274663/hourly-weather-forecast/274663

3. How to Obtain a Polish Visa



Students who are not citizens of EU/EEA countries may need a visa to enter Poland and begin their studies.

Visa requirements and application procedures depend on your nationality and individual circumstances. Please check the current requirements well in advance of your planned departure.

Official information on Polish visas is available at:
https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas

You should also consult the Polish embassy or consulate responsible for visa applications in your country.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be asked to provide documents such as:

- A valid passport.
- An official university acceptance letter.
- Proof of sufficient financial resources.
- Health insurance.
- Evidence of accommodation in Poland.
- Other documents required by the Polish consulate.

Please note that the university's acceptance letter does not automatically guarantee that a visa will be granted.

Important: Start the visa application process as early as possible. Visa procedures may take time, and delays could affect your arrival and registration at the university.

4. Academic Calendar



The academic year at Warsaw University of Technology normally begins in October and is divided into two semesters.

Each semester includes approximately 15 weeks of classes, followed by an examination period.

The main breaks during the academic year include:

- Christmas and New Year holidays.
- A winter break after the first semester, usually in February.
- The summer break, beginning after the end of the second semester.

An additional examination session is normally organised in September for students who need to retake examinations from the previous academic year.

However, students participating in the EMARO/JEMARO programme should plan their studies in accordance with the programme requirements and the academic calendar agreed upon by the partner universities. In particular, students are expected to complete their examinations by June whenever required by the programme schedule.

Please consult the official WUT academic calendar for the exact dates:
https://eng.pw.edu.pl/Academics/Academic-Calendar

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5. Preparing for Your Arrival

Accommodation



Please note that the Faculty is not directly responsible for arranging student accommodation. Accommodation in WUT student halls of residence is managed by the Students' Union.

Warsaw University of Technology has several student halls of residence. Depending on availability, students may be accommodated in single, double or triple rooms, or in residential units consisting of two or three rooms.
Student residences generally offer facilities such as:

- Kitchens or shared cooking facilities.
- Laundry rooms.
- Common rooms and study areas.
- Internet access.
- Sports and recreational facilities (depending on the residence).

In some halls of residence, bathrooms, toilets and kitchens are shared by students living on the same floor.

How to apply for a room in a student residence

The accommodation process is coordinated by the Accommodation Commission of the WUT Students' Union:

Accommodation Commission (Komisja Kwaterunkowa)
kkw@samorzad.pw.edu.pl
Applications are handled through the online accommodation system:
https://sspw.pl/en/enkwaterunek/
Further information about student accommodation is available at:
https://www.students.pw.edu.pl/index.php/Resources/Accommodation

Private accommodation

Apartment and room rental websites

- OLX Poland– private apartments and rooms: https://www.olx.pl/nieruchomosci/warszawa/q-apartment-for-rent/?srsltid=AYCX9vIz_TjyDzbHjisvmDCdvRLt1BJxo2RHieZZM7VIUKvSkE-SmapY
- Apartments for rent https://warszawa.nieruchomosci-online.pl/mieszkania,wynajem/?o=prem,desc&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=1054992167&utm_id=1054992167&utm_term=&utm_content=340142391825&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1054992167&gclid=Cj0KCQiA5NXXBhDEARIsABAJhdI-GrEYs4oIDEBNAsB6XAZVoowKrcVitqQ6yg0xdjVntXEYIrism34aAn-kEALw_wcB
- Erasmus Play- – accommodation for international and Erasmus students: https://erasmusplay.com/en/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=en_brand&utm_term=erasmus+play&utm_content=brand&utm_id=24418223465&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=24418223465&gclid=Cj0KCQiA5NXXBhDEARIsABAJhdJM7b40eIKzNt4UV3XwShfvnQikx6MTiYjy1gvqKejXFTup1sXnkU0aAkOCEALw_wcB
- Facebook groups dedicated to accommodation in Warsaw.
- The EMARO/JEMARO student Facebook group.

A word of advice: Be careful when renting private accommodation. Always verify the landlord and the property, read the rental agreement carefully and avoid transferring money before confirming that the offer is genuine.

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6. International Students' Office



The WUT International Students' Office provides information and assistance to international students regarding administrative matters and their studies at the university.

You can find useful information about studying at WUT, student services and university procedures on the following website:
https://www.students.pw.edu.pl/
Please consult the website whenever you need information about university regulations, student documentation or administrative procedures.

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7. On Arrival at WUT

The EMARO studies are located in the **Faculty of Power and Aeronautical Engineering** .building (Nowowiejska 24 street, 00-665 Warsaw) – see map of Campus – building no.5



University Central Campus

1 The Main Building:
The Rector's Offices
The Faculty of Geodesy and Cartography
The Faculty of Mathematics and Information Science
The Centre for Distance Learning
The Foreign Language Centre
The Main Library
2 The Faculty of Chemistry
2a
3 The Faculty of Transport
4 The Warsaw University of Technology Business School
5 The Faculty of Power
5a and Aeronautical Engineering
6 The Faculty of Electrical Engineering
6a
7 The Faculty of Physics
8 The Faculty of Environmental Engineering
9 The Administration Building
The College of Social Science and Administration
10 The Central Canteen
11 The Faculty of Electronics and Information Technology
12 The Faculty of Architecture
13 The Faculty of Civil Engineering
14 The Student Hostel "Riviera"
15 The Physical Education and Sports Centre
16 The Health Centre
17 The Student Hostel "Mikrus"
18 The Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering
The Centre for Biotechnology
19 The Student Club "Stodoła"
20 The Stadium
21 The University Hotels

The administrative contact person responsible for EMARO/JEMARO students at the Faculty of Power and Aeronautical Engineering is:

Mrs Izabella Szulc
Administrative Specialist – Foreign Students Administration
Email: izabella.szulc@pw.edu.pl
She will assist you with university registration, your student records and other administrative matters related to your studies.
She is also responsible for providing the official acceptance documents required for your university registration and, where applicable, your visa application.
Please remember to bring the original versions of all required documents with you.
All email correspondence concerning EMARO/JEMARO administrative matters should also include the Chair of EMARO/JEMARO Studies in copy (CC):
Prof. Teresa Zielińska
Email: teresa.zielinska@pw.edu.pl
You will receive further information by email regarding your registration, check-in arrangements and the first steps at the Faculty.

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8. Check-in and Arrival Hints



Public transport in Warsaw

Warsaw has an extensive public transport network, including buses, trams, metro lines and suburban trains.

You can find information about tickets, routes and transport services here:
Warsaw Public Transport: https://www.wtp.waw.pl/en/public-transport-step-by-step/
Journey planner: https://jakdojade.pl/warszawa/trasa/
The Jakdojade application is particularly useful for planning journeys around Warsaw.

1. Confirm your accommodation address

If you have arranged private accommodation, please confirm the exact address with your landlord before travelling.

Make sure that you know how to get to your accommodation from the airport or railway station.

2. Arrange your arrival assistance – Buddy Programme

If you would like some help when arriving in Warsaw, you can contact the Erasmus Student Network at Warsaw University of Technology (ESN PW).

The ESN Buddy Programme connects incoming international students with local students who can help them become familiar with the university and the city.

You can find more information and request a buddy through:
ESN PW official website – Buddy Programme
ESN PW Linktree – Get your Buddy
Email: buddy.pw@esn.pl

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity!

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9. Your Mentors and Contacts



During your first weeks in Warsaw, you may need assistance with university procedures, accommodation, everyday life and studying.
The following contacts may be useful:
ESN Buddy Programme
Local student mentors who can help you settle into life in Warsaw.
Email: buddy.pw@esn.pl
Student ambassadors
https://www.students.pw.edu.pl/Resources/Students-Life/Student-Ambassadors

.Do not hesitate to ask for help if you have questions or encounter difficulties during your first weeks at the university

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10. Documents You Must Bring with You



Please prepare the following documents before travelling to Poland.

For students starting their first year of EMARO/JEMARO studies:

- Original Bachelor's degree diploma (first-cycle university degree), with the required apostille or legalisation, depending on the country of issue.
- Original academic transcript of records, if required by the admission procedure.
- Original birth certificate.

- Two recent passport-size photographs.
- Valid passport or national identity document, as applicable.

For students starting their second year of EMARO/JEMARO studies:

- Original transcript of records from the first year of EMARO/JEMARO studies.
- Valid passport or national identity document, as applicable.
- Other documents requested by the university administration.

Important reminders:

- Do not bring photocopies instead of original documents when originals are required.
- Check whether your documents need an apostille, legalisation or an official translation into Polish.
- Keep your passport and important documents in your hand luggage.
- Make electronic copies of all important documents and keep them in a secure location.

If you are unsure about the documents required in your particular case, contact the university administration before your departure.

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