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Student Guide 

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# WELCOME

## Dear Students and Future Students,

Kazimierz Wielki University (UKW) is a constantly developing institution with a tradition of 50 years of teaching and research. As a well-established wide-profile University, we are proud of our skilled and experienced staff, advanced technology, modern facilities and our cooperation with the business environment. Our students have classes in well-equipped laboratories and computer labs, and sport lovers can benefit from the modern sports centre.

Based on sound foundations, the University recognises how important it is to invest in the future.

Therefore, all efforts are made to maintain high teaching standards and adjust educational programmes to the constantly developing labour market.

We acknowledge the indispensable value of intercultural competence that our students need to develop in the modern world and we are fully committed to mobility programmes such as Erasmus+, to name but one.

International exchange students are offered support and assistance from International Relations Office.

We look after incoming students, helping them settle in and feel at home in Bydgoszcz and get acquainted with local students. With that in mind, international students are invited to take part in an orientation programme including games, trips, guided tours, as well as various cultural workshops.

**Studying at a public institution provides  
the opportunity to earn a diploma that  
is acknowledged in all of Europe.  
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## POLAND in brief



Coat of arms and flag of Poland



**Location:** Central Europe. Poland borders with: Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia, Czechia, Germany; its northern border runs along the Baltic Sea coast

**Capital and the largest city:** Warszawa (Warsaw); city population: 1.7 million, Warsaw agglomeration population: 2.6 million  
Main cities: Białystok, Bydgoszcz, Gdańsk, Katowice, Kraków, Lublin, Łódź, Olsztyn, Poznań, Szczecin, Wrocław

**Official name in English:** Republic of Poland (short form: Poland)

**Official name in Polish:** Rzeczpospolita Polska (short form: Polska)

**Government:** parliamentary republic

**Language:** Polish

**Currency:** złoty, PLN

**Economy:** free market economy since 1990

**Area:** 312,685 sq km (9th largest country in Europe)

**Population:** 38 million, out of which:

- 95% are Poles; largest national minorities: Ukrainians, Belarusians and Germans,
- 60% live in urban areas and 40% in rural areas,
- approximately 90% of Poles declare belonging to the Roman Catholic Church,
- Poland is the 7th largest population in Europe (excluding Russia) and the 6th largest in the European Union.

**Time zone:** Poland is in the Central European time zone (GMT + 1 hour / UTC + 1 hour),

- between the last Sunday of March and the last Sunday of October it switches to daylight saving time (DST).

**Calling code:** + 48

**Internet domain:** .pl

**Emergency number:** 112

*Source: Academic planner for Erasmus+ students in Poland 2020-21, Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE)*

## Study in Poland and...





## ...while in Poland

take the elevator to the very top of Palace of Culture and Science

**Warsaw**



taste gingerbread in Toruń, a bread rooster in Kazimierz Dolny and a pretzel in Kraków

**Polish cities**

wander around Bieszczady Mountains or the Tatra Mountains

**southern Poland**



visit the Main Square and listen to the trumpeter playing St. Mary's Trumpet Call (Hejnał Mariacki)

**Kraków**

admire the view from above Morskie Oko Lake

**Tatra Mountains**



sail in the Masurian Lake District (Mazury) and catch a view of flying storks

**north-eastern Poland**

windsurf or kitesurf at the Polish Seaside

**Baltic sea**



catch a view of the bison in the National Park

**Białowieża**



**POLAND**



## VISIT Bydgoszcz

I like it!



the capital of the kujawsko-pomorskie province



municipal rights since 1346



330 k residents



airport



cafes and restaurants



cultural institutions



green areas

## Bydgoszcz ★★★★★

a city in northern Poland, located on the Brda River and Vistula River. Bydgoszcz is the eighth-largest city in Poland. It hosts the Pomeranian Philharmonic concert hall, opera house, Bydgoszcz Airport and numerous universities.



Bydgoszcz is an architecturally rich city, with gothic, neo-gothic, neo-baroque, neo-classicist, modernist and Art Nouveau styles present, for which it earned a nickname Little Berlin.



The granaries on Mill Island and along the riverside belong to one of the most recognised timber-framed landmarks in Poland.



Brda River

The city's riverside location provides visitors with the opportunity to view some of Bydgoszcz's greatest sights by boat. Water tours are a wonderful way to enjoy the scenery both during the day and at night. There is also a sculpture here suspended on a rope over the river called "Man Crossing the River" that is probably unlike any other sculpture you have seen before.



One of the most interesting features of the city is the Mill Island on the Brda River, also known as the "Bydgoszcz Venice". The houses sit so close to the edge of the water that they almost appear to be resting on it. This is a great place to have a cup of some tea or coffee while soaking up the atmosphere.



## Worth seeing in Bydgoszcz



Old Market Square

Opera Nova

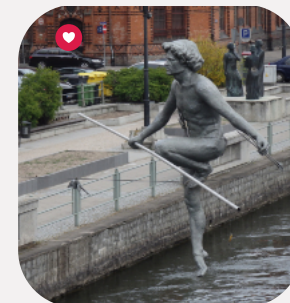
Brda River

Water Tram

Granaries on the Brda

Mill Island

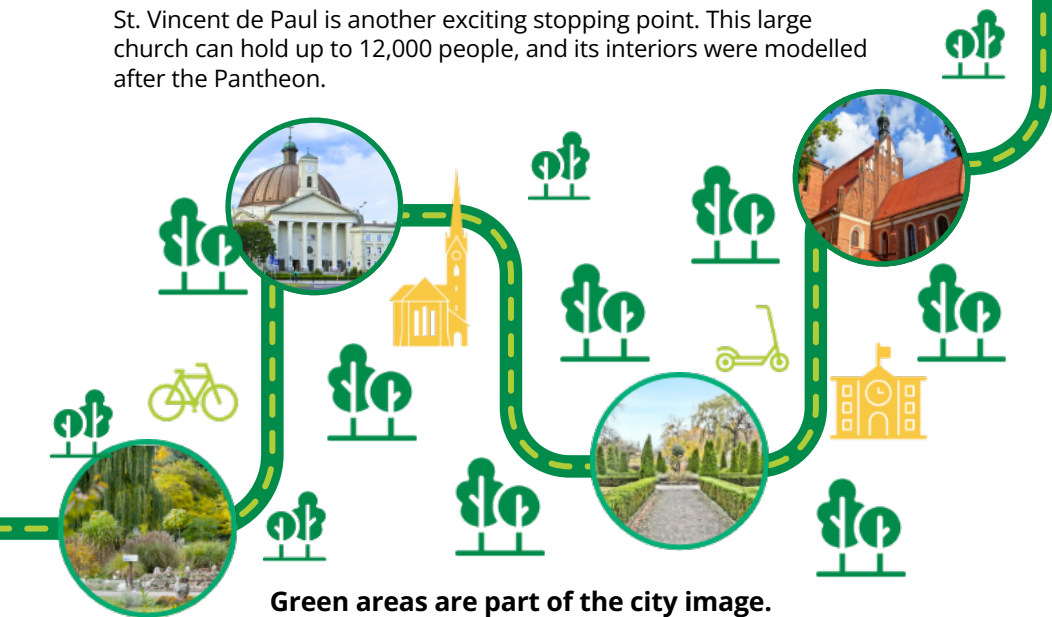
Wyczolkowski Museum



Fot. R. Sawicki

### Bydgoszcz has several noteworthy landmarks.

At the top of the list is the Bydgoszcz Cathedral, with its 15th-century red brick exteriors and colourful interiors. The Minor Basilica of St. Vincent de Paul is another exciting stopping point. This large church can hold up to 12,000 people, and its interiors were modelled after the Pantheon.



### Green areas are part of the city image.

### Bydgoszcz is often called a green or a garden city.

It owes this title not only to the parks, old avenues of trees within the city, but also to Poland's largest city park called the Myślęcinek. Its 800 hectares of forest include the Polish Fauna Garden, one of a few in Poland, a Botanical Garden, an Alpinarium, an equestrian centre and tennis courts, just to name a few.



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students

19  
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Centre or check out the website:


 [studyinbydgoszcz.pl](http://studyinbydgoszcz.pl)


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Music Education


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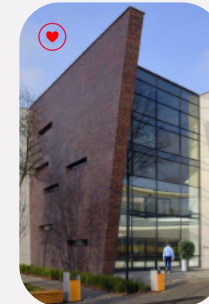
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Law in Business  
Law



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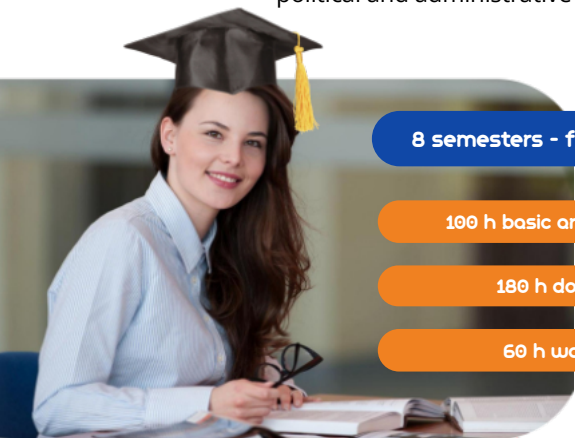
## Campus locations



## DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF KAZIMIERZ WIELKI UNIVERSITY

Kazimierz Wielki University nostrifies academic degrees (doctoral degree/ PhD, habilitated doctor) in the following disciplines:

- literary studies,
- culture and religion studies (Humanities),
- political and administrative sciences (Social sciences).



8 semesters - full educational cycle

100 h basic and specialist classes

180 h doctoral seminar

60 h work placement

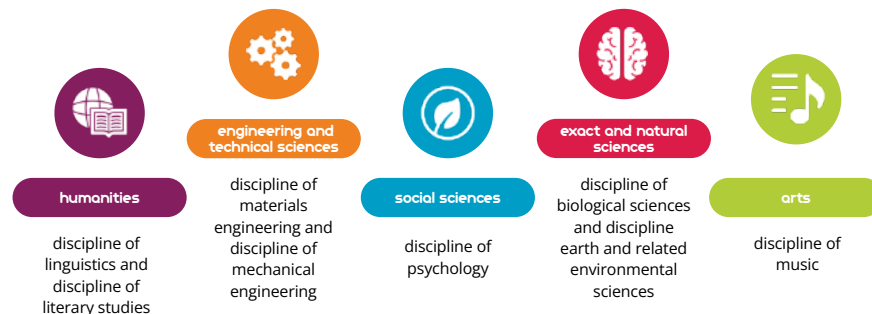
Detailed information is available on the website:

» [www.doctoralschool.ukw.edu.pl](http://www.doctoralschool.ukw.edu.pl)

✉ [doctoralschool@ukw.edu.pl](mailto:doctoralschool@ukw.edu.pl)



Kazimierz Wielki University conducts recruitment for the doctoral school in the following academic fields and disciplines:



The PhD candidate is supervised by a supervisor who should be contacted before recruitment. Every year in June, UKW publishes a list of supervisors who are ready to accept a doctoral candidate. Recruitment can be carried out online.

The candidate's diploma should be legalised. Details are available in the NAWA Qualifier system (available in English): <https://kwalifikator.nawa.gov.pl/>.

Doctoral candidates receive scholarships and can also stay in a student dormitory (low price compared to market prices for renting apartments). Doctoral candidates are provided with standard health insurance.

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a short film about  
our PhD student.

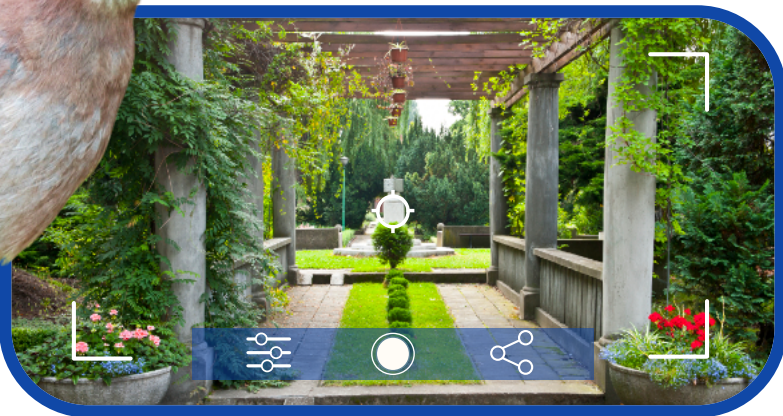






## BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Botanical Garden is a unique place that offers a fascinating journey through diverse plant ecosystems on an area of 2.3 hectares.**



You will find collections of both native and exotic plants, including an alpine garden, Japanese garden, rose alley, magnolia alley and greenhouses with tropical plants. It is the perfect place to spend time outdoors, enjoy the beauty of nature and deepen your botanical knowledge.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Library is a modern, huge facility built with the support of European Union funds.



With a collection of around 750,000 items, Library's resources are multidisciplinary and cover all subjects taught and researched at the University.

There is an information centre that supports students in numerous ways offering free wi-fi, quiet individual and group study rooms, aids for the students with disabilities, free access to book collection and computers.

Library also organises exhibitions of books, photography, art and craft which serve to all local community.







## CENTRE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT



### Academic Sports Association is one of the most recognised in the country.

The club is best known for organising annually since 1992 International Great Rowing Regatta on the Brda River.



Modern centre offers excellent facilities such as:

- indoor swimming pool,
- full-size sports hall,
- gyms,
- football pitch,
- physiotherapy facilities.



## COURSE INFORMATION

Catalogue of  
English-taught courses:  
[erasmus.ukw.edu.pl/en/  
courses/](https://erasmus.ukw.edu.pl/en/courses/)



In order to receive information about programmes offered to English or German philology students, please contact:

### English Department



Karl Wood, Assoc. Prof. at:  
[erasmusengdept@ukw.edu.pl](mailto:erasmusengdept@ukw.edu.pl)

### German Department

Magdalena Długosz, PhD at:  
[mdlugosz@ukw.edu.pl](mailto:mdlugosz@ukw.edu.pl)

When you find a course of your interest in the above catalogue, here you can search syllabuses: <https://tiny.pl/ck2nb>





## NOMINATION and APPLICATION

### Deadlines for a winter semester or the whole academic year

Studies and traineeship  
Nomination deadline: 1 May  
Application deadline: 1 June

### Deadlines for a summer semester

Studies and traineeship  
Nomination deadline: 1 September  
Application deadline: 1 November

### How to nominate students

» [www.erasmus.ukw.edu.pl/en/cms/how-to-apply-information-for-students/](http://www.erasmus.ukw.edu.pl/en/cms/how-to-apply-information-for-students/)



» All nominations have to be sent to [incoming-erasmus@ukw.edu.pl](mailto:incoming-erasmus@ukw.edu.pl)

### Registration website

**First step is to create the account. Then you have to return to the registration website and follow all the steps.**



[www.irka.ukw.edu.pl/en-gb/offer/ERASMUS\\_2023\\_2024/](http://www.irka.ukw.edu.pl/en-gb/offer/ERASMUS_2023_2024/)

### Language requirement

English level B1/B2 – language certificate is required.

### Required documents

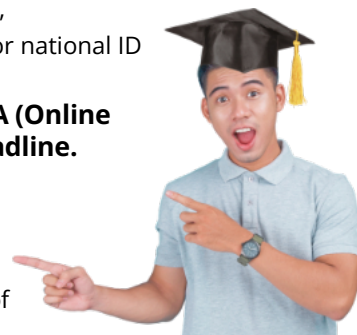
It is the student's responsibility to upload all the required documents by the deadline to his/her account on the registration website:

- Application form (has to be downloaded, signed and uploaded together with other required documents),
- Transcript of Records of the recent studies,
- Language Certificate proving at least B1/B2 level of English,
- ONLINE Learning Agreement if possible,
- Copy of the passport (non-EU citizens) or national ID (EU citizens).

**Student is also obliged to send OLA (Online Learning Agreement) by the deadline.**

### Academic calendar

Winter semester starts on 1 October and ends in the middle of February.  
Summer semester starts in the second half of February and ends on 30 June.



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## PRACTICALITIES

### ARRIVAL

The easiest and most convenient way to get to Bydgoszcz is to arrive at Bydgoszcz airport or the airports located in such cities as Warsaw, Gdańsk, Poznań or Kraków which have train/bus connections with Bydgoszcz.



EU/EEA students: No need to apply for a visa or a residence permit.

Non-EU/EEA students: Applying for a visa from their home countries is obligatory.

### INSURANCE

All the students are required to bring insurance from their home country: health insurance, accident insurance, liability insurance. In addition, students from EU/EEA countries must bring a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC = in polish: EKUZ), obtainable in their home countries.

### WORK

While EU/EEA students are eligible to work in Poland, non-EU/EEA students need to apply for a work permit.



### ACCOMMODATION

Erasmus+ students have the opportunity to be accommodated in our student house if they manage to submit their applications by the deadline.

Number of single rooms is limited – 'first come, first served' rule is applied.



More information and prices:  
[www.erasmus.ukw.edu.pl/en/cms/accommodation/](http://www.erasmus.ukw.edu.pl/en/cms/accommodation/)



The address of the student house:

**DOM STUDENTA nr 1**  
**ul. Łużycka 24,**  
**Bydgoszcz**



## SAMPLE PRICES IN BYDGOSZCZ



### PRODUCTS

5  
PLN



bread

#### MORE:

Apples (1 kg) - 5 PLN  
Bananas (1 kg) - 7 PLN  
Milk (1 l) - 4 PLN  
Butter (200 g) - 6 PLN

### MEALS

35  
PLN



inexpensive  
restaurant

#### MORE:

McMeal at  
McDonald's - 30 PLN

### FREE TIME

25  
PLN



cinema ticket

#### MORE:

Beer in a pub - 15 PLN  
Bottle of wine - 25 PLN

In order to get free medical care in Poland EU/EEA students need to have the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC = in polish: EKUZ) for which they apply in their home country. Non-EU/ EEA students need to purchase a private health insurance policy.

For more information, visit National Health Fund: <https://www.nfz.gov.pl/dla-pacjenta/medical-treatment-abroad/>

MEDICAL CARE

In comparison to other European countries, Poland is a relatively affordable place to live and study.

The cost of living in Bydgoszcz depends greatly on individual needs and lifestyle, but you can get by with about 2500 PLN at your monthly disposal.

LIVING COSTS

Students aged below 26 are entitled to discounts on most means of public transport in Poland:

- national railway (PKP) - 51% discount for 2nd class tickets in all types of trains except EuroCity.  
Document required: a valid Polish student card.

NATIONAL  
RAILWAY

Students aged below 26 are entitled to discounts on most means of public transport in Poland:

- municipal transport - usually 50% discount.  
Document required: a valid Polish student card.

MUNICIPAL  
TRANSPORT



**HAPPY  
TOGETHER**



In order to quickly adapt to campus life, get to know your way around the city, and feel at home at Kazimierz Wielki University and among your fellow students, International Relations Office offers to new Erasmus+ students introduction programme called Welcome Week.

**Programme includes**

- welcome meeting,
- cultural workshops,
- language classes,
- ice-breaking activities,
- guided tours,
- parties.

Welcome Week is held twice a year:

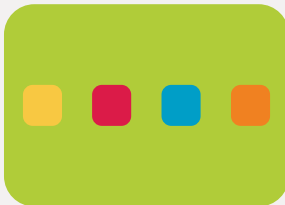
- for students arriving for the winter semester or full year, the Welcome Week takes place on the first week of the semester,
- for students arriving for the summer semester, the Welcome Week takes place on the first week of the semester.

**WELCOME WEEK**





## BUDDY PROGRAMME



It's the system where new international students are paired with local students based on field of study, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.



### How to get a BUDDY?

Once it is confirmed you are our incoming Erasmus+ student, we are able to assign you a buddy who will get in touch with you.



### How does it work?

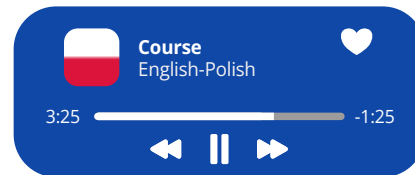
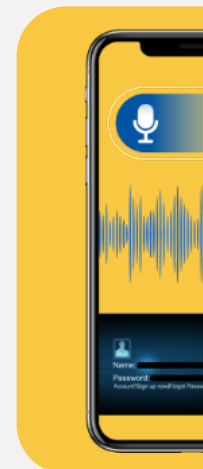
Your buddy will meet you upon your arrival, show you around the city, help you with practical matters during your stay. With your buddy, you can discover the local culture, meet local students and enjoy practising a new language.



## POLISH LANGUAGE COURSE



Erasmus+ students are welcome to attend Polish course.



The positive side of the Polish language is that it sounds as it appears. This is a great help once you know how to pronounce each letter/combination of letters. Many letters represent the same sounds as they do in English.

It's completely free of charge and it covers 20-30 hours. At the end participants receive certificates of attendance.

### Programme includes

- introduction to Polish culture,
- vocabulary,
- pronunciation,
- spelling & communication skills,
- writing and translating texts of everyday use.





Become a part of.. 

...our ERASMUS+ FAMILY!

I feel lucky to have crossed paths with such amazing people, Erasmus+ students like me. I had the opportunity to meet people from a lot of countries: Türkiye, Greece, Nigeria, Italy, Portugal and obviously Poland, a very good country to visit and live your Erasmus+ experience. UKW also organises group activities which help you to know each other with other students and find out more about Polish culture. Only two words to sum up this experience: AWESOME and UNFORGETTABLE.




*Roman Lopez Perez, Universidade de Coruña, Spain, 2022/23, Computer Science*

Throughout my time here, I've not only been impressed by the warm and welcoming atmosphere fostered by the university staff but also by the quality of the academic programs. I feel fortunate to have been part of such an inspiring academic community, and I look forward to future collaborations and to the continued growth of the English/ Arabic Applied Linguistics studies at the University of Bydgoszcz.



*Daniel Gonzalez Carrero, Escuela Oficial de Idiomas de Las Palmas, 2023, Erasmus+ teaching mobility*

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My first semester at UKW as an Erasmus+ student was the happiest time in my life. Bydgoszcz has many impressive places if you are willing to discover them. Bydgoszcz has lots of parks, coffee shops, supermarkets, pubs, clubs, sport centres and a very good public transport. I fully recommend you to come to Bydgoszcz and enjoy yourself.

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Yasin Metehan Aydın  
Türkiye

With its parks and beautiful architecture, Bydgoszcz is a truly unique city. I made friends with people from different cultures. The trips I took with my new friends were the best trips in my life. I have excellent memories of time spent in Bydgoszcz. The parties we had, the games we played, even the conversations we had in pubs were so much fun. I will never forget that period of my life and hope to visit Bydgoszcz again.

Mugla Sitki Kocman University,  
Erasmus+ student 2022/23, Political  
Science

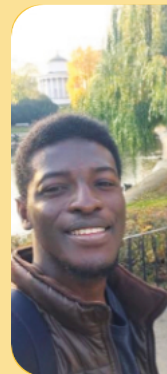


I was at Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz as part of ERASMUS+ Staff Teaching Mobility. I visited the Department of Special Pedagogy and Speech Therapy in the fall of 2023 and my visit was organised nicely and kindly. I had a pleasant stay and had engaging academic lectures and discussions with the academic staff.

Yusuf Akemoğlu, Düzce University,  
Türkiye, 2023, Erasmus+ teaching  
mobility



Academic and administrative staff was always very helpful, kind and supportive. The campus, UKW's modern buildings and facilities provide a vibrant hub for learning and research. I loved UKW's dynamic and beautiful campus.



Erasmus is the best way to help you understand different cultures, break your prejudices, be open-minded, see the world outside, get used to new things, rediscover yourself in every trip, make beautiful relationships and friendships, see many places and try many things with limited opportunities in a short period of time. Indeed, I am grateful to UKW Bydgoszcz for granting me this amazing experience. It was a pleasure. The only bad thing I can say about Erasmus is that it ends.

John Oluwakorede Odekeye, Istanbul Esenyurt University, Türkiye, Erasmus+ student 2022/23, Political Science and International Relations





Our students  





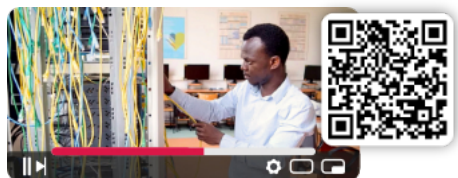
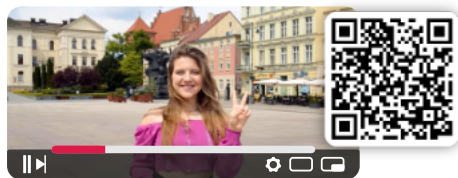


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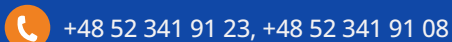
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