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MARIJA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

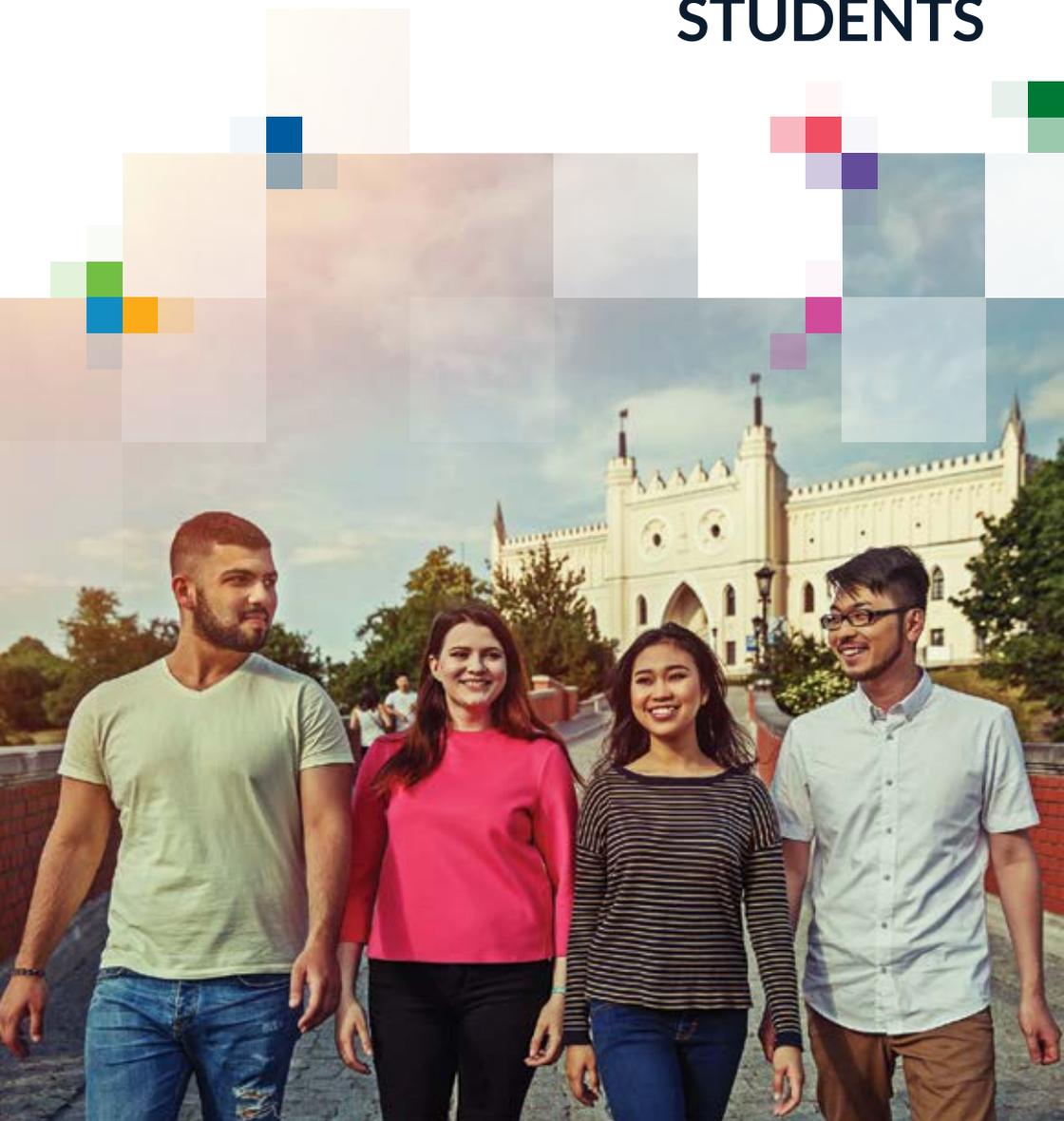


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INTRODUCTION

Welcome!

Hello!

We are pleased to welcome you to Maria Curie-Skłodowska University and hope that you will enjoy your stay and studies here.

Arriving in a new country to live and study is always a big challenge. The purpose of this guide is to help students wishing to study at UMCS with various administrative and educational formalities awaiting them before and after their arrival. On the following pages, you will find a general description of our University and its campus, some practical advice for before leaving your own country, information concerning your arrival in Lublin, accommodation, Polish language courses, libraries and other university services.

We hope this information will be helpful to you. We would like you to know that we are always at your service and hope to make your transition into the academic life at UMCS easier.



POLAND IN BRIEF

Official name: The Republic of Poland (in Polish: Rzeczpospolita Polska)

Short name: Poland (in Polish: Polska)

National flag: Colour: top – white, bottom – red

Language: Polish

Capital: Warsaw

Population: 38 million

Area: 312 696 km² Poland is the 9th biggest country in Europe, and 71st in the world.

Border Countries: Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Germany

Religion: Roman Catholic (about 93%), Eastern Orthodox, Protestant and others

Currency: 1 zloty (PLN) = 100 grosz (EUR 1 = approx. PLN 4)

Climate: Continental; moderate, changeable weather. We strongly recommend taking warm clothes and planning your budget to buy a warm winter coat as in winter temperature may reach -25°C! However, in summer the average temperature is 20°C.

Local time:

UTC + 1hr (Central European Time)

+ 2hr (Central European Summer Time)

Electricity: 230 V/50 Hz (European plug)

Calling code to Poland: +48

Calling code to Lublin: 81

Emergency telephone numbers in Poland:

999 – Ambulance

997 – Police

998 – Fire Department

112 – European emergency number, to be used in the event of: fire, traffic accident, burglary, theft, violence, etc.



CITY OF LUBLIN

www.lublin.eu/en

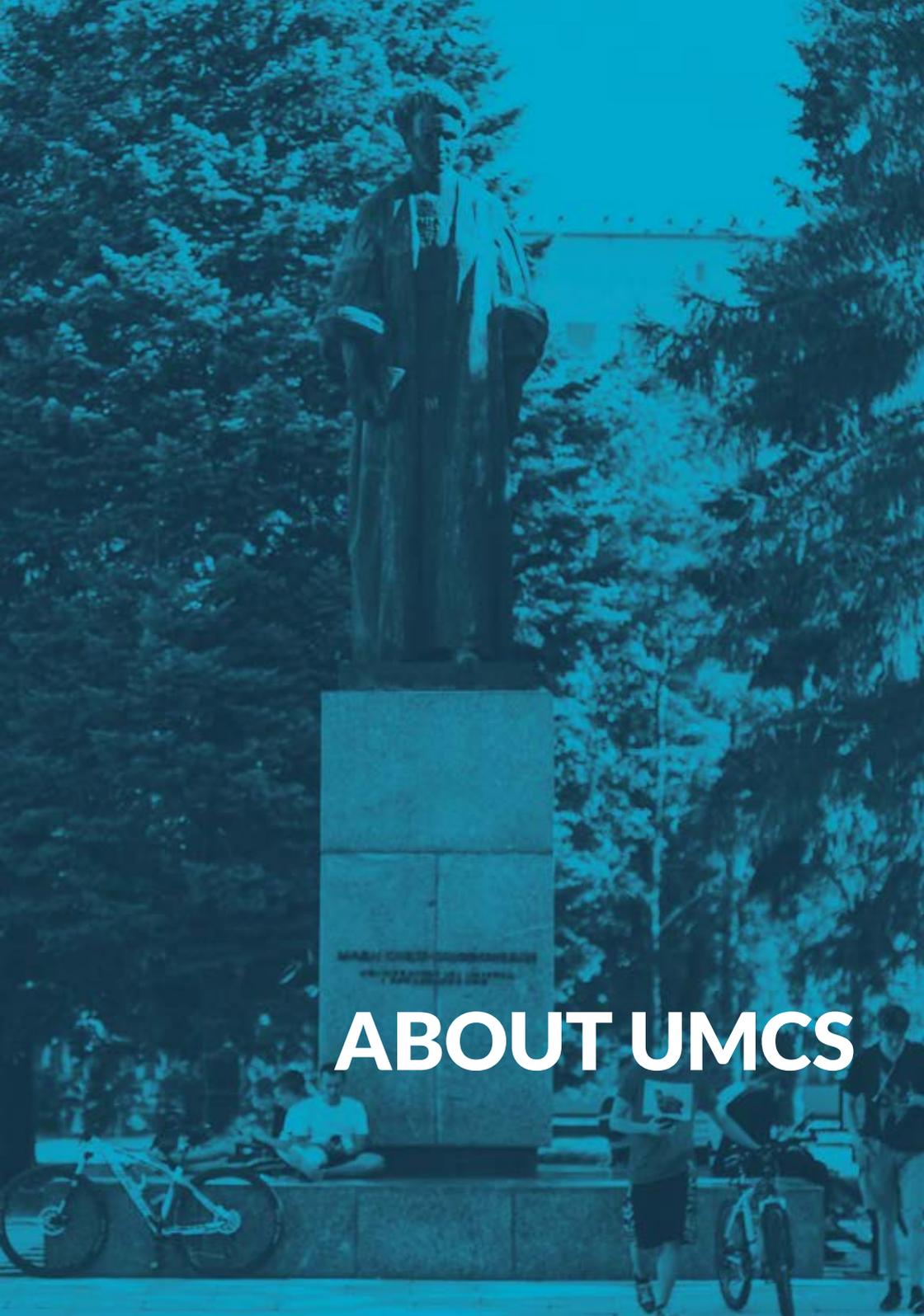
The City of Lublin is the capital city of the Lubelskie Voivodeship (Lublin Voivodeship – Województwo Lubelskie). Lublin is the largest Polish city on the east side of the Vistula river. In terms of population it is the **ninth largest city in Poland** with **340 000 residents**. A large group of the population of Lublin constitute students whose numbers are estimated at **65,000**. Its rich history that made the city a multi-cultural melting pot defines its character and unique values.

They have been particularly well reflected in its architecture, topography and social and cultural development of the city. Not too many cities in Poland have such picturesque old towns as the one in Lublin. Its original, medieval layout of richly decorated tenement houses and narrow lanes makes it a charming place, where architectural monuments from various epochs can be admired.

Lublin enchants with its rich history that spans **seven centuries**. The proud history and traditions of the city are to this day hidden among the old walls and alleys. Authentic historic buildings create an incomparable and magic atmosphere of the city, where cultures and religions of many nations have inextricably intertwined over centuries. All these qualities add to the unique local diversity of the city and make it exceptionally attractive not only to tourists, but also to filmmakers who find here a rich source of inspiration. Its geographical location on the eastern border of the EU makes it an important centre of cooperation between Eastern and Western Europe.

📌 *Lublin is a city where the past mingles with the present, with the city's rich history affecting everyday life of its citizens.*





ABOUT UMCS



WHY UMCS?

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University was established in 1944 and today is the biggest public university in eastern Poland. The university is situated in Lublin – an academic city of different cultures and traditions. The unique character of UMCS's educational offer is achieved through its versatility manifested by 12 faculties at which we provide education. UMCS has an established position in teaching science: natural sciences, mathematics or information technology have been enjoying wide interest for years. Nevertheless, liberal arts, modern languages and journalism are also strong at UMCS, making it stand out not only in Lublin, but also on the national level. We are educating as varied professions as lawyers, economists, and artists.

Student life is centred around the Academic Culture Centre "Chatka Żaka", offering different

kinds of events like performances, exhibitions, concerts. The university runs its own radio station – Akademickie Radio Centrum. Students who prefer physical exercises are welcome in the facilities of Physical Education Centre, including a modern full-size swimming pool, weight lifting rooms, gymnasiums, sports fields, and tennis courts.

An undisputed strength of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University is its campus – a nationally unique complex of educational buildings, student dormitories, clubs, and cultural and sports facilities located in the city centre and surrounded by greenery. Education at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University gives you the benefit of a particularly rich offer from an organisation that is one of the biggest public universities in Poland.

FACTS AND FIGURES



International **exchange students** coming for up to one year may propose their individual programmes of studies constructed from a selection of English-taught courses of up to 30 credit points (ECTS) per semester.



The Polish Language and Culture Centre for Polish People from Abroad and Foreigners offers a number of **courses of Polish** language and culture for foreigners including:

- ▣ One-year preparatory course for foreigners who wish to study in Poland,
- ▣ Summer courses,
- ▣ Intensive courses of Polish language.



UMCS Main Library is home to almost **1 million books, 400 000 journals and 300 special collection items** stored as traditional printed volumes.



UMCS offers **2600 housing options in 9 on-campus dormitories** to suit a variety of budgets and needs. The University campus is located in the centre of the city so all university buildings, municipal offices and entertainments are located within a walking distance.



Bikers can use **97 rental stations** of Lublin City Bike spread across Lublin and Świdnik. Several of them are located in a close proximity to UMCS campus.



Students can engage in various **sports activities** offered by the Academic Sports Association of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (AZS UMCS Lublin).



Student can choose from among numerous **student organisations** and science clubs with full access to modern learning facilities, the multimedia centre of art and culture including the University Radio Centrum.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



The University runs a two-semester system. Erasmus students can study at UMCS for one semester or for a full academic year.

The 1st semester **starts at the beginning of October and finishes by the end of January**. There is a Christmas break in December. The examination session takes place at the end of January and lasts two weeks.

The 2nd semester **starts in the middle of February and finishes in June** with a break for Easter. The examination session starts in June and lasts about three weeks.

There are also resit examination periods (in Polish: sesje poprawkowe) for those who did not pass

their exams. A student who fails an exam during the first examination period after the winter semester has an opportunity to resit it in March (at the beginning of the second semester), but a student who did not pass an exam after the second semester may not retake it until September. Your teachers will inform you about the form of examinations at the beginning of the courses. Be prepared to pass oral or written examinations. You should know that sometimes some teachers enable volunteer students to take an exam earlier than it is planned within an examination period. In Polish, it is called **zerówka** and is held before the official examination period begins.



Important!

You will need to have all the courses credited and exams passed in order to successfully complete the academic year. If you failed a course or did not pass an exam, you will have to retake it during the exam resits session.

Public Holidays in Poland

1 st January	New Year's Day
6 th January	Epiphany
Easter Sunday and Easter Monday	March or April
1 st May	Labour Day
3 rd May	Constitution Day
A Thursday in June	movable Corpus Christi
1 st November	All Saints' Day
11 th November	Independence Day
25 th December	Christmas
26 th December	Boxing Day

EDUCATION SYSTEM

After having implemented the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and the Diploma Supplement according to the principles of the Bologna Process, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University offers education in a three-cycle system:

FIRST-CYCLE STUDIES (BACHELOR'S DEGREE)

of 3-year duration, having completed this type of studies students receive the title of *licencjat* (the Bachelor's degree) and can continue their education at master's degree studies

SECOND-CYCLE STUDIES (MASTER'S DEGREE)

last from 1,5 to 2 years and are available for graduates of first-cycle studies; having completed this type of studies students receive the title of *magister* (the Master's degree) and can continue their education at doctoral studies

LONG-CYCLE STUDIES (UNIFORM MASTER'S DEGREE STUDIES)

of 5 to 6-year duration; having completed this type of studies students receive the title of *magister* (the Master's degree) and can continue their education at doctoral studies

THIRD-CYCLE STUDIES (DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES)

usually last from 3 to 4 years and are available for graduates of Master's degree studies; having completed this type of studies, students receive the title of *doktor* (the PhD degree)

 Some faculties also run a number of postgraduate programmes (non-degree programmes), whose students receive postgraduate certificates after completion.

ASSESSMENT



Maria Curie-Skłodowska University uses the standard grading system for Polish higher education institutions. The grading scale is from 5, being the highest, to 2, being the lowest, failing grade. The lowest passing grade is 3. Often the marks “+” and “-” are added to the principal grades.

The courses have various forms: lectures, practical classes, tutorials, seminars, laboratory classes and practical placements. Depending on the study programme and type of course you will meet various assessment methods. You will probably be given marks for presentations, essays, dissertations, project works, active involvement and participation in classes during the semester as well as for the examinations at the end of the semester or academic year. Some courses, especially those which do not end with examinations, but which require compulsory attendance and a certain number of completed exercises and tasks, may be graded as pass (in Polish: *zaliczony*) or fail (in Polish: *niedzaliczony*).



Local grade	Grade description in Polish	Grade description in English
5	<i>bardzo dobry</i>	very good
4+	<i>dobry plus</i>	good plus
4	<i>dobry</i>	good
3+	<i>dostateczny plus</i>	satisfactory plus
3	<i>dostateczny</i>	satisfactory
2	<i>niedostateczny</i>	fail

FACULTIES AND OTHER UNIVERSITY UNITS

Presently UMCS has 12 faculties offering study programmes in diverse academic disciplines. The faculties run about 80 study programmes and over 250 specializations. We enlarge our offer each year by introducing new programmes to meet the educational market demands better. We deliver full-time, extramural, evening and external courses. Among them, the full-time courses are most popular. UMCS offers also full-time study programmes with all individual courses and classes held in English. For details, please visit:

www.umcs.pl/en/applicant.htm

FACULTIES

Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology

Faculty of Chemistry

Faculty of Economics

Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology

Faculty of Humanities

Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science

Faculty of Earth Sciences And Spatial Management

Faculty of Law and Administration

Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology

Faculty of Political Science

UMCS Branch in Puławy

 *All applicants with disabilities interested in coming to our University are advised to inform about their type of disability as soon as possible, preferably when sending their application forms.*

Apart from the above-mentioned faculties, within the University's structure there are specialized centres of education and other units supporting them in cultural, scientific and teaching activities, such as:

Polish Language and Culture Centre for Polish People from Abroad and Foreigners
www.umcs.pl/en/cjkp-en.htm

Foreign Languages Teaching and Certification Centre
www.cnicjo.umcs.pl (available in Polish)

British Centre
<http://cbr.centrum-brytyjskie.lublin.pl>

Camões Institute Portuguese Language Centre
www.camoes.umcs.lublin.pl (available in Polish and Portuguese)

Russian Language and Culture Centre
www.cjkr.umcs.lublin.pl (available in Polish)

Academic Cultural Centre "Chatka Żaka"
www.ack.lublin.pl (available in Polish)

Physical Education Centre
www.ckf.umcs.pl (available in Polish)

Botanical Garden
www.garden.umcs.pl (available in Polish)

UMCS also has **the Disabled Students Support Team**
(in Polish: *Zespół ds. Obsługi Osób Niepełnosprawnych*).

BABILON dormitory
ul. Radziszewskiego 17, rooms 9-10
20-036 Lublin

Monday-Friday 9.00-17.00
tel. +48 (81) 537 58 90
e-mail: punkt@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl

Its goal is to provide information and assistance for students who have special learning needs or who require support as a result of injury or illness. It is located in Babilon dormitory.

DEAN'S OFFICES AT THE FACULTIES



FACULTY OF ARTS

Al. Kraśnicka 2 b
20-718 Lublin
Room: 107
www.art.umcs.pl



FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

Pl. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej 5
20-031 Lublin
Rektorat building, 2nd floor rooms:
315-319
www.ekonomia.umcs.pl



FACULTY OF BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

ul. Akademicka 19
20-033 Lublin
Rooms: 57 B
www.biolbiot.umcs.pl



FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY

Pl. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej 4
20-031 Lublin
Rooms: 30, 32
www.wfjs.umcs.pl



FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY

Pl. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej 2
20-031 Lublin
Mała Chemia building, ground floor
room: 4
www.chemia.umcs.pl



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Pl. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej 4A
20-031 Lublin
New Humanities building, basement
level rooms: 028, 030, 031, 035,
037, 038
www.humanistyczny.umcs.pl





**FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS,
PHYSICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

ul. Radziszewskiego 10
20-031 Lublin
Faculty of Physics (old building): 6, 6 A, 7
www.mfi.umcs.pl



**FACULTY OF EARTH SCIENCES
AND SPATIAL MANAGEMENT**

Al. Kraśnicka 2 cd
20-718 Lublin
Rooms: 6, 8
www.geografia.umcs.pl



**FACULTY OF LAW AND
ADMINISTRATION**

Pl. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej 5
20-031 Lublin
Rooms: 206, 207, 209, 210, 212,
216, 217
www.prawo.umcs.pl



**FACULTY OF PEDAGOGY AND
PSYCHOLOGY**

ul. Narutowicza 12
20-004 Lublin
Rooms: 60 A, 62
www.pip.umcs.pl



FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Pl. Litewski 3
20-080 Lublin
Rooms: 027, 028
www.politologia.umcs.pl



UMCS branch campus in Puławy

Collegium Novum building
ul. 4-go Pułku Piechoty WP 18
24-100 Puławy
Room: 05
www.pulawy.umcs.pl

 Please note that dean's offices have the reception hours from Monday to Thursday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. On Fridays dean's offices are closed for students.



CAMPUS

Most of the faculty buildings and other university units such as the Main University building (Rektorat) building, the Main Library, Academic Cultural Centre "Chatka Żaka", Polish Language and Culture Centre for Polish People from Abroad and Foreigners as well as the student dormitories and Physical Culture Centre are located on the main university campus, around or near Maria Curie-Skłodowska Square.

The Faculty of Political Science, its dean's office and the Institute of Psychology are situated in the heart of Lublin – they are adjacent to Litewski Square, which is the main city square.

The building of the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, or more exactly its dean's office and the Institute of Pedagogy, is located at ul. Narutowicza 12, also in the centre of the city.

There is another small university campus in the western part of the city at Al. Kraśnicka. It is home to the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Earth Sciences and Spatial Management.

■ *Our University has also a branch college in the city of Puławy (Collegium Novum ul. 4-go Pułku Piechoty WP 18, 24-100 Puławy).*



A man and a woman in business attire are shown from the chest up, holding a large folder together. The man is on the left, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie, looking slightly to the right. The woman is on the right, wearing a dark top, smiling at the camera. The background is a light-colored wall with horizontal lines. The entire image is overlaid with a teal color and contains white text at the bottom.

**INTERNATIONAL
CANDIDATES FOR
FULL-TIME STUDY
PROGRAMMES**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

When to apply?



1. There is only one intake per year



2. The admission period starts in May for the academic year commencing in October.



3. The Online Application System (IRK) opens in May



4. The application deadline for programmes taught in English is September, unless otherwise specified.



5. The academic year starts on 1st October



Step-by-step application procedure

1 Register in our Online Application System (IRK): www.irk.umcs.pl

2 Provide the required information (personal data, contact data, educational qualifications);

3 Choose your study programme (it is possible to choose more than one but the highest priority should be set to the preferred one);

4 Upload scanned copies of your application documents to your Online Application (IRK) profile.

 *Note: documents issued abroad have to be translated into Polish by a sworn translator entered into the list of sworn translators kept by the Polish Ministry of Justice.*

Database of sworn translators maintained by the Polish Ministry of Justice:

<http://ms.gov.pl/en/translators/>

5 Deliver the originals of all the necessary documents to UMCS International Student Office;

6 Make a payment for the first semester by the 30th of September. Please check current fees for each academic year under “Fees” section on our website.

List of application documents

-  Candidate's application form.
-  Personal questionnaire generated from the Online Registration System (IRK).
-  Confirmation that the applicant has a fluent command of English language.
-  Original/duplicate of certificate of secondary education (applicants for bachelor's degree studies) or original/duplicate of bachelor diploma (applicants for master's degree studies) as well as a recognition certificate issued by a Board of Education in Lublin or any other board of education adequate for the place of residence of the person applying for the recognition certificate.

ATTENTION: Consulate of the Republic of Poland residing in a country in which the candidate's certificate of secondary education was issued must legalise the documents in order to make their recognition in Poland possible. If the candidate's certificate of secondary education or a bachelor's diploma was issued in a country which is a member of the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961, the legalisation process is performed in a form of apostille located on or enclosed to the document. According to a proper international treaty, if a foreign certificate of secondary education may be accepted as equivalent to Polish certificate of secondary education, the recognition is not required. In this case, it is sufficient to provide the certificate with apostille affixed thereto. International Baccalaureate Diplomas (IB) as

well as European Baccalaureate Diplomas (EB) are equivalent to Polish certificate of secondary education. In this case, the recognition process is not required.

-  Insurance policy, European Health Insurance Card or the candidate's obligation to join a health insurance in National Health Fund, immediately after starting education at UMCS. According to repatriation regulations, a foreigner of Polish origin can be insured by UMCS.
-  Medical certificate (clean bill of health) establishing that there are no contraindications for the candidate to start education on the chosen faculty.
-  A copy of a passport (the page with a photograph and a serial number), visa or temporary residence card or other document qualifying the candidate for staying within the territory of the Republic of Poland.
-  Two current ID card-style 35x45 mm photographs.

 *Note: Educational documents have to be translated into Polish by a sworn translator entered into the list of sworn translators kept by the Polish Ministry of Justice (for documents, certificates, diplomas obtained abroad only).*

The aforementioned documents should be submitted to the International Students Office (in Polish: *Biuro ds. Obsługi Studiów i Studentów Zagranicznych*) residing at the following address:

UMCS International Students Office
Grześ Residence Hall (dormitory)
ul. Langiewicza 24, ground floor, rooms 10-11
20-035 Lublin
Poland

In the event when the application documents are to be delivered by a third party, he or she should possess an authorisation form to act on your behalf. The aforementioned form can be downloaded from the main page of our Online Application System (IRK): www.irk.umcs.pl

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English language requirements

In order to be admitted to study programmes taught in English, candidates from every nationality are required to prove their English language competence.

We accept the following forms of proof of your English language skills:

- documents (certificates of secondary education, diplomas and other relevant documents)

confirming graduation from a high school or a university in which English was a main medium of instruction;

- a valid English language certificate. A full list of accepted documents can be accessed under "Language requirements" section on our website.

Polish language requirements

International candidates may undertake studies taught in Polish, if they:

- complete a one-year preparatory course of Polish language in the institutions authorized by the minister of higher education, i.e.: the Polish Language and Culture Centre for Polish

People from Abroad and Foreigners in Lublin;

- hold a certificate of proficiency issued by the Polish National Commission for Certifying the Knowledge of Polish as a Foreign Language;
- pass a qualifying exam in Polish organized by UMCS.

VISA

Citizens from countries other than the European Union member states are obliged to obtain a national visa before their arrival to Poland. The visa application should be submitted to the Polish Consulate or Polish Embassy in the candidate's country.

- Upon successful completion of application procedure and after submitting application documents (according to the list specified in entry requirements), you will receive an official Decision on Admission issued by UMCS.*



Important!

Be aware that you may be required to pay the tuition fee (at least for the first semester) in order to be admitted and receive a visa.

ACCOMMODATION

UMCS offers accommodation in nine dormitories located in close proximity to the city centre (2600 vacancies in total) and of different standard levels. Students are housed in double or triple-occupancy rooms. **There is only a limited number of single rooms and they are reserved for students with disabilities or single parents.** Each dormitory has a club room, a TV room, a laundry and “quiet study” rooms.



Each year students and new entrants may file applications for University-provided housing for the new academic year. Dormitory places are assigned on a first come, first served basis until all available places have been filled.

Selected examples of available dormitory options

FEMINA | ul. Langiewicza 20, 20-035 Lublin

TYPE OF A ROOM	DESCRIPTION	INTERNET ACCESS	PRICE PER MONTH (as of 2018)
Double	In segments containing two rooms, a kitchen (equipped with an electric cooker with oven, a refrigerator, a sink) and a bathroom (equipped with a shower, a washbasin, an automatic washing machine), a toilet.	Cable connection, PLN 25 per person per month.	PLN 455 per person.

JOWISZ | ul. Langiewicza 5, 20-035 Lublin

TYPE OF A ROOM	DESCRIPTION	INTERNET ACCESS	PRICE PER MONTH (as of 2018)
Double	In segments containing two rooms, a kitchen (equipped with an electric cooker with oven, a refrigerator, a sink) and a bathroom (equipped with a shower, a washbasin, a toilet).	Cable connection, PLN 25 per person per month.	PLN 430 per person.

HELIOS and IKAR | ul. Czwartaków 13 & 15, 20-045 Lublin

TYPE OF A ROOM	DESCRIPTION	INTERNET ACCESS	PRICE PER MONTH (as of 2018)
Double	In segments containing two rooms, a bathroom (equipped with a shower, a washbasin, a toilet). There is a shared kitchen on every floor.	Cable connection, PLN 25 per person per month.	Smaller room: PLN 370 per person; Larger room: PLN 385 per person.

 Note: the Internet access is provided via cable connection, there is no Wi-Fi in the dormitories.

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ACADEMIC LIFE

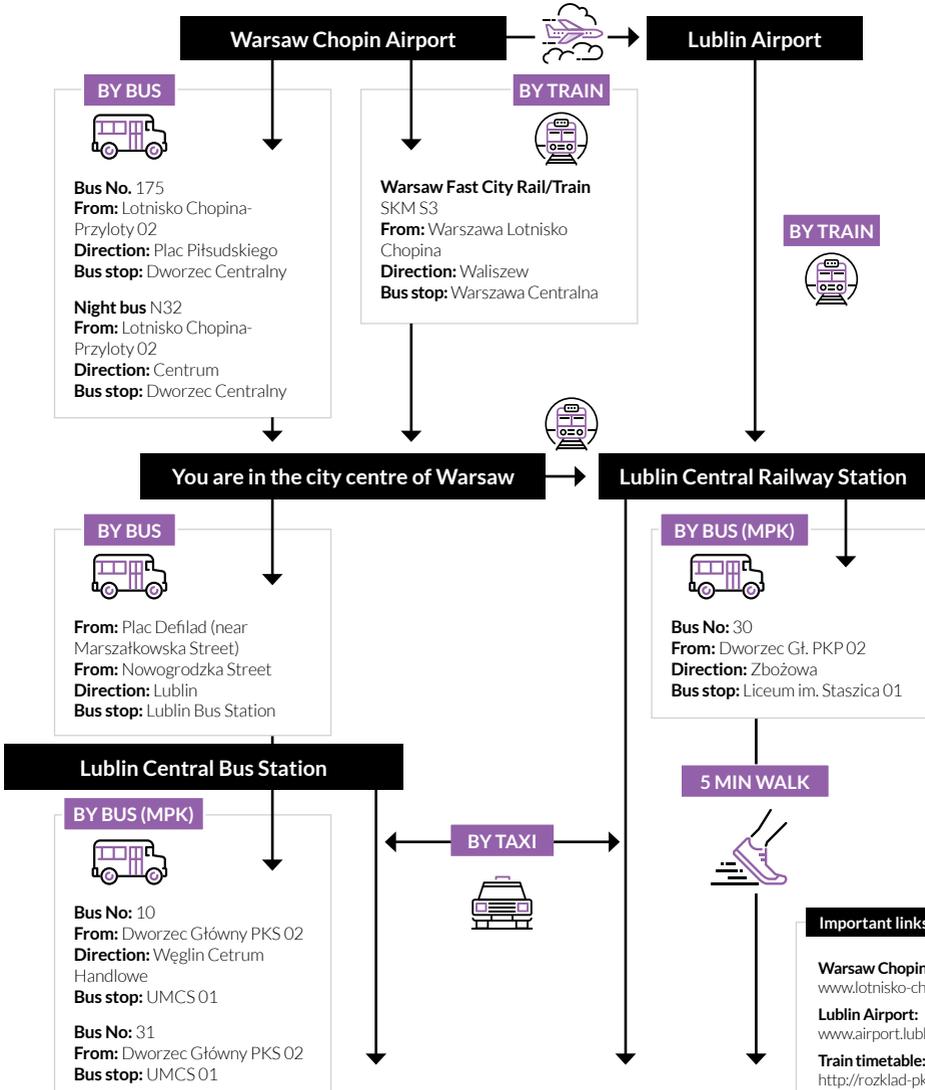
GETTING TO LUBLIN



Lublin can be easily reached by train, bus and car or plane.

Lublin has its own airport in Świdnik. There is a direct connection from the airport to Lublin city centre (Lublin Central Railway Station) by a light train. The drive takes about 15 minutes. For more information, please visit www.airport.lublin.pl/en.

If there is no direct connection to Lublin, the best way is to travel to Chopin Airport in Warsaw, the nearest international airport to Lublin. Information in English on the Warsaw Chopin Airport can be found on the following website: www.lotnisko-chopina.pl



Important links

- Warsaw Chopin Airport:** www.lotnisko-chopina.pl
- Lublin Airport:** www.airport.lublin.pl/en/
- Train timetable:** <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en>
- Lublin's public transport:** <http://mpk.lublin.pl/en/>
- Warsaw's public transport:** www.ztm.waw.pl/

You have reached your destination!
Maria Curie-Skłodowska University and Campus

ORIENTATION DAYS

The Orientation Days take place at the beginning of the academic year and are designed to help new international students go through the formalities and settle into living in Lublin. Participation in this event is recommended for all newcomers. The program of Orientation Days aims to make the incoming students' start at the University easier

and to familiarize them with new surroundings. Participants are introduced to such issues as health insurance, applying for a residence permit, registration, etc. The Orientation Days program also includes a Lublin city tour to acquaint students with the city's most prominent sights.

STUDENT ID CARD

Student ID cards are issued by the faculty administration (in Polish: Dziekanat – the Dean's office) where all student records are kept. To register for a student ID card, log in to your profile in our Online Application System (IRK) and select "Order a student ID card" from the Catalogue tab. Remember to upload a current ID-style photograph into your account. The administrative fee for a student ID card is 17 PLN. You can

generate the payment form in the main page of your profile in our Online Application System ("My payments"). At the beginning of the academic year, you can collect your card at the Dean's office at your faculty.

 *The Student ID card entitles students to discounts on fares in public transport in the city of Lublin, and it should be shown on request at inspections.*



STUDY PROCESS

You will experience a variety of learning and teaching methods – depending on your field of study. At UMCS it is common for students to have a combination of lectures, classes, tutorials, seminars, lab sessions, as well as online learning materials. Teaching may take place in small groups (tutorials and seminars), as well as in large groups (lectures). Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions, follow lectures, write essays and interact socially with other

students. That is why international candidates MUST have an adequate Polish/English language proficiency in order to commence their studies.

 *Students who do not have an adequate command of English/Polish (at least at the B2 level) will experience great difficulty in understanding lectures, producing written work and sitting examinations, as well as integrating into the life of Lublin.*

KEY WORDS FOR EVERY STUDENT

Lecture (*Wykład*) – A lecture is a talk or presentation delivered by a teacher on a chosen subject for a larger group of students. Lectures are the starting point for your studies and it is important that you attend as seminars and tutorials will build on the material covered in the lectures.

Class (*Ćwiczenia*) – Classes are usually complementary to the lectures. They are held in medium-sized groups and typically focus on training and practical implementation of knowledge.

Tutorial (*Konwersatorium*) – Tutorials are held in medium-sized groups and usually involve about 15 students. At tutorials students are encouraged to discuss the lecture content, interact with other students or prepare presentations related to the course of study.

Seminar (*Seminarium*) – Seminars are classes involving a supervisor and medium-sized groups of students (about 20) which focus on the process of writing a Bachelor's or Master's thesis. Students are guided through the process of planning their research and preparing a thesis on a chosen subject.

ATTENDANCE

Students should attend all their classes. **Typically, two unexcused absences are allowed per semester without a need for justification.** If you have exceeded the number of unexcused absences or in the case of longer absences students are required to present a justification (e.g. a sick-note form a doctor confirming that you were unable to participate in the classes) or inform the faculty why they are unable to attend.

 *Note: Remember to consult every lecturer about the exact number of allowed absences per semester and the general rules for a given class! inspections.*



UMCS MAIN LIBRARY

www.bg.umcs.pl

ul. Idziego Radziszewskiego 11
20-031 Lublin



Lending Department Open Access Area / Reading Room 1

(ground floor of the Main Building)

Main Reading Room

(1st floor of the Main Building)

Monday	11.00–20.00
Tuesday–Friday	08.00–20.00
Saturday	08.00–15.00

Orders in reading rooms are possible between 08.00 and 19.00.

Open Access Area – Information Science Room

(1st floor of the New Building)

Monday	11.00–19.00
Tuesday–Friday	08.00–19.00
Saturday	08.00–15.00



Library resources

The Main Library is home to a wide range of subject areas, related to all the disciplines present at the University. Faculty libraries and libraries at the institutes present collections directly related to the academic sections.

Library collection consists of:

- non-periodic publications (books)
- published after year 1800,
- continuous publications (periodicals, series and composite works),
- digital collections and electronic databases.



How to use the library?

- 1 You need to **create an account** using your student card, you can do this on the library website, but will need to activate in person at the main Library Lending Desk.
- 2 You will get a **unique code** that enables you to access.
- 3 Remember to **activate your account** at the beginning of every academic year.
- 4 Please note that your student ID card works as your **library card**.
- 5 Your library **account number** is the same as the student ID card number. First **password** to the reader's account is the PESEL number given on the card.



SEE THE MOVIE
ABOUT OUR LIBRARY!

Searching & borrowing

Borrowing books for use outside the library is available to all **registered users with a valid library account** through the lending room.

Journals and magazines are used at the library in one of our open access rooms. These areas are accessible to anyone with a valid identity document.

The library uses an up to date remote access system, which allows you to borrow books and check availability of resources, this is open to users with a valid account.

Follow the link below for full access and instructions. **Search in the online catalogue** to locate the items you need: www.primo.umcs.pl

SPORTS

Physical Education Centre (in Polish: *Akademicki Ośrodek Sportowy*, AOS) complex includes three gymnasiums, a swimming pool, two weight lifting rooms, a fitness room, a climbing wall, and a spinning room. Outside, there is a multifunctional sports field with synthetic surface and lighting, and two sand courts for beach volleyball. At Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, students can participate in activities of over 40 sports units,

which makes it the widest offer among the in the region.

Physical Education Centre

(in Polish: *Centrum Kultury Fizycznej*)

ul. Langiewicza 22

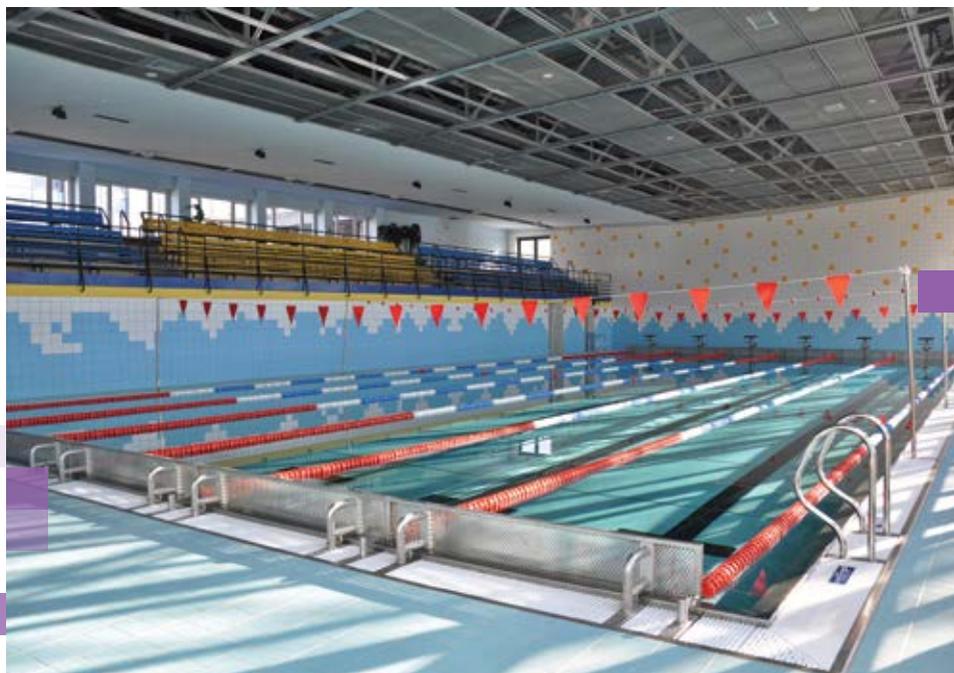
20-032 Lublin

tel.: +48 81 533 71 99

University sports club

AZS UMCS university sports club has enjoyed a proud, 70-year long, history of supporting and developing academic sport in Lublin. Today there are 1000 member athletes and 50 instructors in 40 university sports sections, 13 competitive sports sections and 9 league teams representing

UMCS at numerous sports events. Most recently, UMCS Athletics Team won the gold medal at the Academic Summer Championships of Poland!



13 competitive sections run by AZS UMCS include: athletics, women's basketball, table tennis, men's futsal, women's handball, men's handball, men's basketball, women's volleyball, powerlifting, weightlifting, bobsleigh and skeleton, foot orienteering and swimming.

Recent major highlights:

- ❏ Women's Basketball Polish Cup winners (2016),
- ❏ Women's and Men's basketball teams won gold medals at the Polish University Championships (May 2016),

- ❏ In the last Olympics at Rio de Janeiro, UMCS saw its students, Kinga Kołosińska, Monika Brzostek (beach volleyball) and Rafał Fedaczyński (race walking) represent Poland.
- ❏ In the 2017 IAAF World Athletics Championships Malwina Kopron won a bronze medal in the women's hammer throw competition.
- ❏ At the 2018 European Athletic Championships in Berlin Paulia Guba won the gold medal in the women's shot put. Guba made history becoming first-ever European women's shot put champion for Poland.

EATING ON CAMPUS

On the campus there are several canteens where you can have a meal in a friendly atmosphere. There are the following student canteens on the campus:

BAZYLIA

OPEN: Mon. – Sat.: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sun.: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

- ❏ *basement level of the Faculty of Humanities*
- ❏ *basement level of the Faculty of Law and Administration*

There are many other lunch bars located at different university places. The prices of a set lunch oscillate between EUR 2.5 and EUR 4:

DOBRE SMAKI U JADZI lunch bar

OPEN: Mon. – Fri.: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sat: 10.00 am – 04.00 pm

ul. Godebskiego 10
Lublin

PLACKARNIA lunches and pizza

OPEN: Mon. – Sun.: 10.00 am – 12.00 midnight
ul. Radziszewskiego 8
Lublin

MENSA ACADEMICA lunches

OPEN: Mon. – Fri.: 8.00 – 17.00,
Sat.: 8.00 – 16.00, Sun.: 10.00 – 16.00
Al. Ractawickie 14
Lublin



LIVING IN LUBLIN

LEGALIZATION OF STAY



EU/EEA citizens

Citizens of EU/EEA countries or Switzerland do not need to apply for a visa to enter Poland. They may cross the border on the basis of a valid travel document: an ID card or a passport. If they are going to stay less than three months, they do not need to register their stay as foreigners but they

do have to do it if their stay exceeds three months.

Students from non-EU/EEA member countries should apply for a visa for educational purposes through the Polish consulate or embassy in their home country.

Step 1 | EU/EEA citizens: register your stay in Poland

Citizens of the European Union (EU), of the European Economic Area (EEA) countries or from Switzerland planning to study and **stay in Poland for a period exceeding 3 months** must register their stay within the first three months of their stay in Poland.

Where to register?

Lubelskie Province Governor's Office in Lublin
Department for Foreigners
(in Polish: *Lubelski Urząd Wojewódzki, Wydział Spraw Obywatelskich i Cudzoziemców, Oddział ds. Cudzoziemców*)

20-914 Lublin
ul. Spokojna 4
tel.: 81 7424559

Office hours:
Monday–Friday: 8:00 am – 14:30 pm

Documents required to register the stay

- 1 Application for registering the residence completed in Polish (1 original + 3 photocopies),
- 2 Student status statement (issued by the Dean's office at your faculty),
- 3 Proof of medical insurance (e.g. European Health Insurance Card – EHIC or other),

4 Proof of sufficient financial funds to live in Poland (it may be a certification from the university of origin about the Erasmus grant or a bank statement),

5 Photocopy of a valid travel document (e.g. an ID card or a passport) + original document to show for verification).

Fees: free of charge

All documents submitted in foreign languages should be translated into Polish by a sworn translator. You may access the list of Polish sworn translators at:

<https://www.ms.gov.pl/en/translators/>

After the registration the EU/EEA citizens will be given a certificate of registration of residence.

Step 2 | EU/EEA citizens: register your residence

Citizens of EU/EEA and Switzerland are required to register their new place of residence in Lublin within **30 days**.

Where to register?

Residents' Service Centre

(in Polish: *Biuro Obsługi Mieszkańców*)

20-071 Lublin

ul. Wieniawska 17 (1st floor, desks No 15, 16, 17)

tel.: 81 466 10 02 (or 81 466 35 00; 81 466 35 62; 81 466 35 41)

Office hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays: 7:45 am – 4:45 pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 7:45 am – 3:15 pm

You may receive information in Polish, English and Ukrainian

Documents required

- 1 Registration Form** (it should be completed and signed by the student and then by the dormitory manager. If a room or a flat is rented instead, the rental agreement is required as well),
- 2 valid ID card or passport,**
- 3 Registration of residence** of a European Union citizen from the Department for Foreigners (see Step 1).

Sometimes a student may be asked for other additional documents (a certificate of the student status at UMCS or a birth certificate).

Fees: free of charge

After registration, you will receive a certificate confirming registration as a resident in Lublin.



NON-EU/EEA nationals

Step 1 | Non-EU/EEA nationals: register your residence in Lublin

Within **4 days** of entry to Poland and moving into a place of residence in Lublin (it could be a dormitory or a private flat) foreign students have to register at the City Office (Residents' Service Centre).

Where to register?

Residents' Service Centre

(in Polish: *Biuro Obsługi Mieszkańców*)

20-071 Lublin

ul. Wieniawska 17 (1st floor, desks No 15, 16, 17)

tel.: +48 81 466 10 02 (or +48 81 466 35 00; +48 81 466 35 62; +48 81 466 35 41)

Office hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays: 7:45 am – 4:45 pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 7:45 am – 3:15 pm

You may receive information in Polish, English and Ukrainian

Documents required

- 1 Registration Form** (it should be completed and signed by the student and then by the dormitory manager. If a room or a flat is rented instead, the rental agreement is required as well),
- 2 valid ID card or passport,**
- 3 document authorizing you to legally stay in Poland** (a visa, a residence permit card, a decision of residence permit for a specified period of time).

 Sometimes a student may be asked for other additional documents (such as a certificate of the student status at UMCS or a birth certificate).

Step 2 | Non EU/EEA nationals: applying for a temporary residence

Citizens of non-EU/EEA countries must submit an application for a residence card no later than on the last day of their legal stay (BEFORE the expiration of their present visa/residence permit).

How to book an appointment?

In order to submit an application for a temporary residence permit you are **first required to make an appointment by phone: (+48) 81-74-24-599, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

For more information, please visit:

www.wsoic.lublin.uw.gov.pl/en/content/attention

You are NOT required to make an appointment by phone if you wish to: register an invitation, collect your residence card, apply for a replacement of your residence card or if you are a citizen of the EU and would like to register your stay.

Documents required

- 1 Application Form (completed in Polish, CAPITAL LETTERS),
- 2 Photocopy of a valid travel document (e.g. a passport) + original document to show for verification),
- 3 4 current ID-style colour photographs sized 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm,
- 4 Student status statement (issued by the Dean's office at your faculty),
- 5 Confirmation of payment of the tuition fee,
- 6 Proof of sufficient financial funds to cover the costs of living and studying in Poland and return to the country of origin (e.g. a bank statement confirming financial resources of about PLN 12 000, issued no later than one month before submitting the application),

7 Health insurance policy valid in the territory of Poland.

8 Original receipt of the payment of PLN 340 for granting a residence permit and then after being granted a residence permit you will be obligated to pay PLN 25 for a residence card.

Fees:

PLN 340 stamp duty – payable when submitting the application,

PLN 25 for the issuance of a residence card – payable after you have received a positive decision regarding your application.

All documents submitted in foreign languages *should be translated into Polish by a sworn translator*. You may access the list of Polish sworn translators at:

<https://ms.gov.pl/en/translators/>

After being granted a residence permit you will be issued a residence card. You should keep the residence card with you at all times.



COST OF LIVING IN LUBLIN

Foreign students who plan their budget for their stay in Lublin may need a general idea on the average cost of living. The information given below should be helpful. Although, be aware that it is only an estimate and the **real expenses depend on your lifestyle, personal needs and especially the type of accommodation you choose, so they can be lower or higher than those specified below.**



Accommodation	150 EUR
Food	150 EUR
Entertainment	50 EUR
Books	30 EUR
Clothing	50 EUR
Other expenses	20 EUR
Total:	340 EUR

Sample prices (on average, as of 2018)

Lunch at a snack bar	20 PLN	5 EUR
A loaf of bread	2-3 PLN	0.4-0.7 EUR
A litre of milk	2.50 PLN	0.60 EUR
A burger	5-15 PLN	1-3.5 EUR
A cup of coffee	5-15 PLN	1-3.5 EUR
A 500 ml bottle of cola	3 PLN	0.7 EUR

STAYING IN TOUCH

Major mobile phone operators in Poland include: Orange, Play, Plus and T-Mobile.

After you arrival in Poland you may want to **buy a new SIM card**. There are two different ways to purchase a SIM card: pay-as-you-go or a contract.

The pay-as-you-go option is considered cheaper and more flexible. **You can buy a starter pack in official stores of mobile phone providers or at the post office.** With prepaid option it is easy to keep track of how much you spend on calls.

You can buy credit **to top up your phone** in supermarkets, newsagents or petrol stations. Most SIMs need to be topped up at least once a year not to be suspended. Credit validity varies between providers and often depends on the top-up amount.

Remember to register your new SIM card.



Your new **SIM card need to be registered** by a mobile phone provider in order to be activated.

 *Note: It is recommended to buy a starter pack in one of the official sale points of the chosen network and register your SIM card on the spot. You will be required to show your valid passport to register.*

It is sometimes still possible to buy a pay-as-you-go starter pack in a supermarket or a newsagents. Bear in mind that you will not be able to register your SIM card there. In order to do it, you will still need to visit the official store of a mobile phone provider or the nearest post office, which offers such service.



SHOPPING

In the main campus area, there are a few small stationery and grocery stores. There are also bakeries and post offices. Grocery stores are open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, whereas supermarkets are usually open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Monday through Friday, while on Saturday until 8:00 pm. Since March 2018 Sunday trading ban has been gradually introduced in Poland. Shops are open on the first and last Sundays of each month, while remain close on the intervening Sundays. There are only a few exceptions to the rule, namely pharmacies, petrol stations, kiosks, bakeries, open-air markets and souvenir shops. There are many supermarkets and shopping centres in Lublin that offer a wide variety of goods at competitive prices. The most

popular are Real, Auchan, E.Leclerc, Media Markt, Tesco, Galeria Orkana, Galeria Olimp, Felicity Shopping Mall and CHR Lublin Plaza. The nearest ones to the main campus of UMCS are CHR Lublin Plaza and E.Leclerc, where you can buy virtually everything. There are several discount store chains in Lublin: Biedronka, Stokrotka, Aldik, Lidl.

 *If you are interested in purchasing souvenirs, you should go to the Old Town district or to ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście where you can find plenty of small souvenir shops.*

Below you can find the addresses of some of Lublin's supermarkets, shopping malls, and other larger stores.

SUPERMARKETS

Tesco

ul. Orkana 4

bus lines: 10, 26, 28, 45, 57

trolleybus lines: 151, 153, 157

E.Leclerc

ul. Tomasza Zana 19

bus lines: 11, 14, 19, 28, 37, 39, 42, 54, 78

trolleybus lines: 152, 155, 158

Auchan

ul. Doktora Witolda Chodźki 14

Auchan (Felicity)

aleja Wincentego Witosa 21a

SHOPPING MALLS

Lublin Plaza

ul. Lipowa 13

bus lines: 8, 15, 20, 32, 40, 44

trolleybus lines: 150, 151, 155, 158

Tarasy Zamkowe

aleja Unii Lubelskiej 2

bus lines: 31, 10

Galeria Orkana

ul. Orkana 6

bus lines: 10, 26, 28, 45, 57

trolleybus lines: 151, 153, 157

Galeria Olimp

Aleja Spółdzielczości Pracy 34

bus lines: 17, 18, 24, 31

Felicity Shopping Mall

aleja Wincentego Witosa 32

Bus lines: 1, 7, 14, 36, 55

trolleybus lines: 153

OTHER STORES

Decathlon – sports clothes and equipment

Aleja Spółdzielczości Pracy 28

bus lines: 17, 18, 24, 31

Media Markt – electronic equipment

ul. Tomasza Zana 31

bus lines: 14, 19, 28, 37, 39, 42

trolleybus lines: 150, 152, 155, 158

IKEA – home equipment

Aleja Spółdzielczości Pracy 86

bus lines: 4, 23, 42



HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

 **Students from EU/EFTA member countries** who have valid national health insurance in their home countries are required to bring with them the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). With this card, they can get free of charge basic medical help in state medical clinics which have contracts with the National Health Fund (NHF).

In Poland, everyone has the right to choose their primary healthcare physician. Accordingly, with EHIC you can register for an appointment with a doctor of your choice at any health centre which signed a contract with the National Health Fund.

 **Students from non-EU/EFTA member countries** are obliged to purchase a private health care and accident insurance in their home countries

a private health care and accident insurance including coverage against hospital treatment for the period of their stay in Poland. Alternatively, you can buy a Polish health insurance at the National Health Fund (details below).

 *You should be aware that in the case of illness or immediate medical assistance, the lack of health insurance may result in high costs of your treatment.*

In most cases, the students from non-EU/EFTA countries first have to cover the cost of all medical services and medicines themselves, and only later they are entitled to apply for a reimbursement from their insurance company after having presented the bills.

National Health Fund (NFZ) – Voluntary health insurance

1 Who can conclude an agreement for voluntary health insurance?

- non-EU/EFTA international students and participants in PhD programmes studying and living in the Republic of Poland.

 *Students from EU/EFTA member countries who have valid national health insurance in their home countries are required to bring with them the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).*

2 How to sign for voluntary health insurance in the National Health Fund?

In order to conclude an agreement for voluntary health insurance, you have to visit the relevant Health Fund Branch competent for the place of residence, where you file an “application for voluntary health insurance coverage by the National Health Fund” as well as a declaration on your insurance status.

Address:

National Health Fund (NHF)
(in Polish: Narodowy Fundusz Zdrowia, NFZ)
ul. Koryznowej 2d, 20-137 Lublin
<http://www.nfz-lublin.pl/>
Info line: 19488
tel.: +48 81 53-10-598 or
e-mail: info@nfz-lublin.pl

3 List of documents necessary to conclude the agreement:

Students and participants in PhD studies, who are not citizens of EU/EFTA member states:

-  an identity document (passport, residence card),
-  PESEL [National Identification Number] (if any),
-  a university certificate confirming studies,
-  a document confirming residence in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

4 **The obligations of the insured person arising from signing the agreement:**

- registering for a health insurance policy in the Social Security Agency (ZUS) with a ZUS ZZA form within 7 days from signing the agreement,
- paying the insurance contribution up to the 15th of the next month for the previous one,
- paying the contribution rate according to the base for voluntary contribution (which may be subject to change).

5 **Rights of the insured person arising from the agreement:** A person who has signed a voluntary insurance is entitled to health benefits from the date specified in the agreement; this right expires on the date of agreement termination or upon failure to pay the contributions for a given month(s).

6 **Documents necessary to be presented in order to benefit from healthcare services:**

The agreement, together with proof of paid contribution for the previous month, constitute the evidence of insurance for the person with voluntary health insurance. Please note that application form (ZUS ZZA) submitted to ZUS constitutes an integral part of the agreement.

Please keep one copy of the agreement.

7 **The contribution rate for a voluntary health insurance in 2018.**

Monthly contribution rate for foreign students - **PLN 46.80**

The nearest health centre is situated in the university campus:

State Academic Medical Centre

(in Polish: *Samodzielny Publiczny Akademicki Zakład Opieki Zdrowotnej*)

ul. Langiewicza 6 a, 20-032 Lublin, tel.: +48 81 524 78 20

<http://www.zozakademicki.woi.lublin.pl/>

open: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Please, bear in mind that the centres of primary healthcare are usually open from Monday to Friday between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. During nights, Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays you should go directly to a point of night and holiday healthcare or to a local hospital. The information on the locations of such points, as well as on services available for EHC holders within the state healthcare scheme, is available:

- in Primary Health Centres,
- directly in the NHF head office,
- on the NHF website.

National Health Fund (NHF)

(in Polish: *Narodowy Fundusz Zdrowia, NFZ*)

ul. Koryznowej 2d, 20-137 Lublin

<http://www.nfz-lublin.pl/>

Infoline: 19488

tel.: +48 81 53-10-598

e-mail: info@nfz-lublin.pl

Medical appointments

If you need to make an appointment with a specialist physician, to undergo a medical examination or to go to a hospital for regular treatment, you should ask your primary health care physician for issuing a referral. There are a few specialists who do not require a referral: dentists, gynaecologists, oncologists, psychiatrists. Remember that in the event of an accident, injury, sudden illness or life-threatening sudden deterioration of health condition, you will

be provided with rescue services and ambulance transportation without a referral. In such cases, please either call the emergency number 112, the ambulance service 999, or go directly to the hospital.

There is a great number of private health centres in Poland where medical services are payable. The cost of a standard visit is about EUR 25 (PLN 100).

Medications

In Poland, most medicines are sold in pharmacies, though some of them only on the basis of a prescription issued by a doctor. Certain medicines can be bought with a discount and for others you will have to pay their full price. It is also worth noting that you have limited time to purchase pharmaceuticals on prescription. It is usually **30 days** counting from the day when the prescription is issued, but in the case of a prescription for antibiotics and for medicines of immediate assistance it is valid only for **7 days** from the issue date.

 *There are plenty of pharmacies in Lublin. They are open on weekdays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm; longer in the city centre. On the door of each pharmacy there is a notice with the name and address of the nearest pharmacy which is open in urgent cases. You can also get a list of pharmacies on duty from NHF or find it in a local newspaper.*

Pharmacies

Pharmacies open 24/7 (as of 2018): ul. Wallenroda 2 E, ul. Obywatelska 4, ul. Zana 27 (next to the E.Leclerc supermarket), ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 23.

 *If a student requires either special medication or a prescription, we strongly recommend them to bring it altogether with medical instructions from their doctor in the home country.*





TRANSPORT IN LUBLIN

The city transport system relies on trolleybuses and buses.

- ▣ Tickets are sold in street Kiosks or newsagent's stands, ticket machines or directly from a driver (only if there is no ticket machine on board or the machine is out of order),
- ▣ Remember that not all ticket machines are equipped with payment card readers or with slots for banknotes (with coins being the only payment option),
- ▣ Bear in mind that you can only buy single-ride tickets from the driver and they are more expensive than the most common 30-minute tickets,
- ▣ Try and have the correct amount of money, drivers often will not accept large banknotes. Season tickets (bus passes) are also available

and student discounts apply. Season E-Tickets for the public transport in Lublin can be coded on Student electronic ID card

You may also check **timetables** at:

<http://mpk.lublin.pl/en/>

A journey planner that makes travelling around the city easier. You can use this planner to quickly find a connection between your starting point and a selected point of destination: <https://jakdojade.pl/lublin/trasa/>

Ticket fares, e-ticket, timetables:

www.ztm.lublin.eu/en



TYPES OF TICKETS (selected examples)	STANDARD PRICE (as of September 2018)	DISCOUNT PRICE (WITH A VALID UMCS STUDENT ID CARD) (as of September 2018)
Single-ride ticket – entitles to a journey on one public transport vehicle with no option to change to another vehicle. Single-ride tickets are available for purchase from the driver only.	PLN 4.00	PLN 2.00
30-minute ticket – valid for 30 minutes from validation with an option to change to other public transport vehicles, or valid for a journey on one public transport vehicle on the whole route, i.e. till the final stop, irrespective of the time of the journey.	PLN 3.20	PLN 1.60
A 30-day ticket for all lines – valid for 30 subsequent days.	PLN 92.00	PLN 46.00
A 90-day ticket for all lines – valid for 90 subsequent days.	PLN 240	PLN 120

LUBLIN CITY BIKE

Lublin City Bike (Lubelski Rower Miejski) is a bicycle-sharing system which provides a fast and eco-friendly alternative for getting around Lublin. 951 bikes are currently available at 97 stations across Lublin and Świdnik, catering to locals and tourists. For more information visit <https://lubelskirower.pl/en/lrm/> or contact customer service at **81 464 66 00**.



CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT



CULTURAL CENTRES



“Chatka Żaka” Academic Cultural Centre

UMCS boasts its own Academic Cultural Centre “Chatka Żaka”, located at the campus.

Academic Cultural Centre “Chatka Żaka”

(in Polish: *Akademickie Centrum Kultury „Chatka Żaka”* – ACK)

ul. Radziszewskiego 16

20-031 Lublin

www.ack.lublin.pl

www.facebook.com/ack.umcs.chatkazaka

“Chatka Żaka” plays an essential role in creating and promoting student culture, not only in student environment, but also among all Lublin inhabitants. It houses many cultural organizations and groups, for example: *Artistic Workshops, University’s Academic Choir, Studio Cinema, Młode Djembe drum band, St. Nicholas Orchestra, Art Gallery, Academic Theatre Group altogether with UMCS TV, the Academic Radio “Centrum”, Media and Arts Incubator, “Impetus” Ballroom Dance Group, UMCS Folk Dance Group*. During the year, the Centre runs multiple cultural and artistic initiatives, such as:

- “Wschody” Art Song Festival,
- “Mikołajki Folkowe” International Folk Music Festival,
- Chatka Blues Festival,
- “Bakcynalia” Student Song Festival,
- “Kontestacje” National Student Theatre Festival,
- Student Film Festival,
- Lublin Days of Photography,
- PlakatON Poster Competition.

Throughout the year Chatka Żaka houses many other events such as: exhibitions, performances, lectures, talks, workshops, entertainment shows. Visit the KIOSKart Cultural Information Centre to keep track of upcoming artistic events.

Centre for the Meeting of Cultures in Lublin (abbrev. CSK)

(in Polish: *Centrum Spotkania Kultur w Lublinie*)

Plac Teatralny 1

20-029 Lublin

www.spotkaniakultur.com

Located in the heart of the city, it is one of Lublin’s most spectacular venues. CSK is a performing arts centre which hosts contemporary and classical music concerts, theatre performances, film screenings and art exhibitions. The centre also houses a multimedia library, conference and seminar rooms, as well as a restaurant.

The Centre for Culture in Lublin (abbrev. CK)

(in Polish: *Centrum Kultury w Lublinie*)

ul. Peowiaków 12

www.ck.lublin.pl

The Centre for Culture is located in a former monastery, within close proximity of the city centre. It is a vibrant cultural and educational institution which offers a diverse programme of exhibitions, concerts, film screenings, theatre performances and much more. In the summer, the area surrounding the Centre is one of the liveliest spots in the city, with open-air workshops available including: street dance, rollerblading, skateboarding, Parkour or slackline.

MUSEUMS



There are many museums in and around the city of Lublin, among which at least a couple are worth mentioning:

State Museum at Majdanek

(the former Nazi concentration camp)
(in Polish: *Państwowe Muzeum na Majdanku*)
ul. Droga Męczenników Majdanka 67
www.majdanek.eu
bus lines: 23
trolleybus lines: 156, 158, 161

The Lublin Province Museum with the Holy Trinity Chapel

(in Polish: *Muzeum Lubelskie z Kaplicą św. Trójcy*)
ul. Zamkowa 9 (city centre)
www.muzeumlubelskie.pl

The Archdiocesan Museum of Religious Art in Lublin – The Trynitsarska Tower

Cathedral Square (city centre)

Lublin Open Air Village Museum

Another wonderful place to explore on foot is the Open Air Village Museum in Lublin which protects and presents the cultural and folklore heritage of the traditional villages of the region. Its total area is divided into seven sectors which reflect geographic regions of the former Lublin Voivodeship. The museum holds permanent exhibitions of little rural buildings, old households and agricultural tools among the natural green landscape. The museum also offers presentations arranged throughout the year which are connected with village farming and ritual events (haymaking, harvesting, potato picking), patriotic events, displays of disappearing crafts, educational workshops (baking bread, pottery, weaving, basketry, blacksmithing) and many other cultural activities.

Open Air Village Museum in Lublin

(in Polish: *Muzeum Wsi Lubelskiej – Skansen*)
Al. Warszawska 96
20-824 Lublin
www.skansen.lublin.pl/en
bus lines: 18, 20, 30, 37



THEATRES



For students who are keen on watching dramas and dance or on listening to classical music and opera Lublin offers its theatres and the philharmonic, e.g.:

Juliusz Osterwa Theatre

ul. Narutowicza 17 (city centre)
www.teatrosterwy.pl/

Henryk Wieniawski Lublin Philharmonic

ul. Skłodowskiej 5 (city centre)
www.filharmonialubelska.pl

Musical Theatre in Lublin

ul. Skłodowskiej 5 (city centre)
www.teatrmuzyczny.eu

CINEMAS



And those who prefer watching movies can go to one of the following cinemas:

Cinema City

ul. Lipowa 13 (CHR Plaza)
aleja Wincentego Witosa 32 (Felicity)
www.cinema.city.pl

Multikino

Aleja Spółdzielczości Pracy 34
www.multikino.pl/kino/lublin/repertuar



FESTIVALS

Student Culture Days

Apart from the very broad activity of the Academic Cultural Centre there are many other student organizations acting at the level of each faculty and at the general level of the university. It is necessary to mention the UMCS Students' Union, which, in cooperation with similar institutions at

H. Ch. Andersen Theatre (theatre of actors and puppets)

(Centre For the Meeting Of Cultures in Lublin)
www.teatrandersena.pl

The "Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre" Centre

ul. Grodzka 21 (old town)
www.teatrn.pl/en

Teatr Stary in Lublin

ul. Jezuicka 18

Bajka

ul. Radziszewskiego 8
www.kinobajka.nazwa.pl

Student Cinema "Chatka Żaka"

ul. Radziszewskiego 16

 *The average ticket to the cinema costs about PLN 15-20 (EUR 4-5) with a discount for students. Current cinema programmes can be found in all local newspapers or on the webpages of the cinemas.*

other Lublin Universities organizes the "Student Culture Days" held each May. UMCS prepares its part called "Kozienalia".

For further information on cultural events visit the portal: www.student.lublin.eu (also available in English and Ukrainian), administered by the Lublin City Office.

Night of Culture

This event is a celebration of culture organised annually in June by the Centre for Culture in Lublin. In a single evening Lublin offers a multitude of cultural events spread across the city. Thousands of residents and tourists take to the streets to enjoy an evening of exploration, with plentiful institutions, artists and performers taking part.

www.en.nockultury.pl

Different Sounds Art'n'Music Festival

Different Sounds Art'n'Music Festival aims at presenting the most original flavours in international music. Bringing together artists and musicians from across the globe, each year the festival celebrates the diversity of world music. Over the past years the festival has welcomed representatives of such genres as new wave, afro-jazz, electronic music or Avant-rock.

www.en.innebrzmienia.eu

Circus Artists Carnaval (In Polish: *Carnaval Sztuk-Mistrzów*)

For a week in July the city centre becomes a stage for street performers and circus artists from the four corners of the world. Streets are occupied by jugglers, mime artists, stand-up comedians and clowns. Squares turn into open-air theatres, and the heart of the city beats to the rhythm of street buskers. Look up into the sky and you'll see highliners carefully taking their steps on a slack line. Every year the carnival displays some truly unique acts that will linger in memory for a long time.

Organized by the Sztukmistrze Foundation, Workshops of Culture and Mayor's Office – Marketing Department of The City of Lublin. The events are held in the Old Town and near the Lublin Castle.

www.en.sztukmistrze.eu

Jagiellonian Fair

The Jagiellonian Fair carries on the old medieval tradition of fairs, international trade events which were famous across Europe in 15th and 16th centuries. It is a trip back in time, where you can walk around the city centre bustling with folk music and art performances, full of merchants occupying the streets with their stalls selling an amazing range of arts, handicrafts and traditional delicacies.

Organized annually in August by Workshops of Culture in the Old Town.

www.jarmarkjagiellonski.pl

Tourist Information Centre In Lublin

For more information about interesting places in Lublin, as well as culture, artistic and entertainment events, please visit the Tourist Information Centre in Lublin or the institution's webpage.

Tourist Information Centre in Lublin

(in Polish: *Lubelski Ośrodek Informacji Turystycznej i Kulturalnej – LOiTiK*)

ul. Jezuicka 1/3

tel.: +48 81 532 44 12

www.lublintravel.pl (switch language into English)



OPEN-AIR SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS

Cycling around Lublin

Lublin has an extensive network of bicycle paths. The most frequented are those leading to and going around Zemborzycki lake (in Polish: Zalew Zemborzycki). It is an artificial lake situated in the southern outskirts of Lublin. Those who like cycling and active forms of relaxation can rent bicycles for a short time near the Zemborzycki lake or from the Tourist Information Centre (in the Old Town of Lublin).

Zemborzycki lake

Zalew lake (in Polish: Zalew Zemborzycki) itself is also a place worthy of recommendation. In spring, summer and autumn, you can go there fishing, sailing, kayaking, jogging, as well as water-skiing. In winter, Zalew Zemborzycki is a perfect venue for skiing or walking. Beside a bike, you can easily get there by bus (15, 25, 40).

UMCS Botanical Garden

If you like walking and spending your free time outdoors you should really visit the UMCS Botanical Garden or the Open Air Village Museum

in Lublin. When purchasing the entrance tickets to these places, students should present the ID card, which entitles them to a discount.

Being both the base for teachers and researchers of the University and other regional institutions as well as one of the favourite places to walk, the Botanical Garden truly enchants its visitors. In a 21.25 ha area of its beautiful gardens and greenhouses you can discover about 6,700 plant species from all over the world.

Botanical Garden UMCS
(in Polish: *Ogród Botaniczny UMCS*)
ul. Sławinkowska 3
20-810 Lublin
www.garden.umcs.lublin.pl
bus lines: 5, 18



SPORT



UMCS sports facilities

Regardless what discipline you want to train, you can find numerous possibilities within the student sports section. Beach volleyball, football, basketball, tennis and many more. Look no further when Interested in joining one of the professional sports sections at our university or you just want to stretch your body a little bit.

Centrum Kultury Fizycznej UMCS (UMCS Academic Sports Centre)
ul. Langiewicza 22
20-032 Lublin

Arena Lublin

Arena Lublin is a main football stadium in the city and the home of Motor Lublin F.C. It is a multipurpose venue hosting multiple types of sporting and cultural events.

Arena Lublin
Stadionowa 1
ul. 20-001 Lublin

Aqua Lublin

Aqua Lublin is the largest swimming complex in Eastern Poland. It houses an Olympic-size swimming pool (50 meters) and offers a range of watery attractions (Jacuzzis, wild rivers, water slides, water playgrounds). The venue also features a wellness centre with modern gym and fitness facilities.

Aqua Lublin
Aleje Zyguntowskie 4
20-101 Lublin

VOLUNTEERING



If you are looking for some extracurricular activities why not try some voluntary organizations:

Homo Faber <https://www.hf.org/>

Our vision is Lublin as a good place to live. A place in which everybody feels free and safe. A place where people fully exercise their rights without regard to their gender, the level of ability or disability, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political opinion, property, age or any other feature.

The activity of our organisation is divided into three programmes:

- Anti-discrimination
- Integration
- Film

Homo Faber is a group of people specialising in many different fields who try to make use of their potential during their work for human rights. The

main rule of our team is a democratic decision making, respect for the individualism of the members and constant self-development.

Omnes Gentes

We are an organization that provides comprehensive voluntary service. In our actions we are mainly focused on coordinating the work of our volunteers, forming, promoting as well as inspiring local communities and chaplaincies to form volunteer clubs, offices and centres.

The Volunteer Centre runs its own volunteer programmes, within the framework of which the volunteers provide assistance for sick, homeless, prisoners, refugees, neglected children and orphans. We pay particular attention to the quality of our volunteers' commitment. Therefore, we offer them workshops and meetings so that they can constantly develop their skills and competences.

LUBLIN REGION

The Lubelskie Region is a region of clean, unpolluted nature, vivid country traditions and crafts, delicious regional cuisine as well as magnificent monuments of the past, not to be found elsewhere. Below you can find short information about the most interesting places to visit in the Lubelskie Region.

Kazimierz Dolny

Kazimierz Dolny, located within a 50 km distance from Lublin, is a town beloved both by artists and tourists. Known for its unique harmony of landscapes, nature and valuable architecture, the town is one of the pearls of the Polish Renaissance. The historic urban layout of the town includes a tower, a castle, a parish church, main and small market squares, tenement houses, and granaries on the bank of Vistula. Tourist attractions range from Vistula river cruises, through a ferry crossing to Janowiec, to a network of tourist routes and trails.

Kozłówka

Situated 30 km from Lublin, Kozłówka boasts one the most magnificent aristocratic residences in Poland. It is a baroque-classical palace with particularly well preserved stylish interior furnishings, surrounded by a set of outhouses, a chapel and a teatralnia building. The palace complex is hidden in the middle of a spacious park designed in French and English style.

Zamość

The city of Zamość is called the Padova of the North due to its exceptional architectural features. Zamość is a perfect embodiment of the Renaissance concept of an ideal city. This unique urban design, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was created in the 16th century by an Italian architect Bernardo Morando commissioned by Jan Zamoyski, Grand Hetman and Chancellor of the Crown.



Zamość

Nałęczów

Nałęczów is a health resort located in a tranquil valley of the Bystra river among loess hills and ravines. It is a green and quiet oasis of favourable microclimate. Nałęczów houses a vast palace-spa park and the Małachowskich palace. Near the park, there are historic wooden villas in Swiss style and a wooden chapel in highland style.

Roztocze National Park

Something for nature lovers. It is a national park in eastern Poland, in Lublin Voivodeship. It protects the most valuable natural areas of the middle part of the Roztocze range. Its current size is 84.83 km² (32.75 sq mi), of which forests occupy 81.02 km², and strictly protected areas 8.06 km². There are more than 400 so-called "nature monument" trees and the park's firs are among

the largest in Poland (up to 50 meters high). There have been registered around 190 species of birds, including eagles, storks, and woodpeckers. Reptiles are represented by lizards, common European adders, and grass snakes as well as the endangered European pond terrapin. Insect fauna is interesting, with more than 2000 species.



Nałęczów



USEFUL INFORMATION

BASIC POLISH VOCABULARY

Good morning/Good day – **Dzień dobry**

Hello, Hi – **Cześć**

How's it going? – **Jak leci?**

I'm doing well – **Dobrze**

It's bad – **Źle**

So, so – **Tak sobie**

Good evening – **Dobry wieczór**

Good bye/Bye – **Do widzenia/Cześć**

Good night – **Dobranoc**

See you later – **Do zobaczenia później**

I'm sorry – **Przepraszam**

Thank you – **Dziękuję**

Pardon? – **Słucham?**

What? – **Co?**

I understand – **Rozumiem**

I don't understand – **Nie rozumiem**

I would like... – **Chcę...**

How much/How many...? – **Ile...?**

How much does it cost? – **Ile to kosztuje?**

Dormitory – **Akademik, dom studencki**

Faculty – **Wydział**

Dean's Office – **Dziekanat**

Student ID – **Legitymacja studencka**

Library – **Biblioteka**

Book – **Książka**

Ticket – **Bilet**

Newsagent's – **Kiosk**

Post Office – **Poczta**

Exchange office – **Kantor**

ATM/Cash dispenser – **Bankomat**

Money – **Pieniądze**

USEFUL WEBSITES IN ENGLISH

About Poland

www.poland.pl

About Lublin

www.lublin.eu/en

About the Lubelskie Region

www.lubelskie.pl/

About cultural events in Lublin

www.kultura.lublin.eu

About places to see in Poland

www.en.poland.gov.pl

www.poland.travel/en

www.staypoland.com

About Erasmus Student Network

www.esn.pl

(section: *for foreign students*)

General information for all Erasmus incoming students

www.erasmus.org.pl

(section: *Information for foreign students*)

Information for students interested in full-time degree programmes (outside of the Erasmus+ programme)

www.studyinpoland.pl

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

International Student Office

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University
GRZEŚ dormitory
ul. Langiewicza 24
20-035 Lublin, Poland
phone: + 48 (81) 537 29 26
fax: +48 (81) 537 54 10
studyinenglish@umcs.pl
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Admissions Office

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20-031 Lublin, Poland
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