



UNIVERSITY
OF WARSAW

University of Warsaw – Education

The University of Warsaw is the largest university in Poland when it comes to the number of students. In the 2023/2024 academic year, 34 600 undergraduate and graduate students, 1 700 doctoral candidates and 2 100 postgraduate students were educated here. The overall number of students and doctoral candidates at the University includes 3 700 international students, half of whom study on long-term programmes. The other half comprises participants in academic exchange programmes, such as Erasmus+. Most of our international students come from Ukraine (786), Belarus (367), China (211), Turkey (141), Azerbaijan (116), Uzbekistan (71) and India (66).

Study programmes are offered by 25 faculties, interdisciplinary units, academic and research centres. Doctoral candidates are educated at 4 doctoral schools. 4 100 staff, including 524 professors, teach our students. The wide range of study options covers programmes in humanities and social, exact and natural sciences. There are also individual interdisciplinary studies, 50 English-language programmes, 4 joint degree programmes, 12 programmes with elements of medical sciences, 9 programmes with elements of engineering and technical sciences, and 5 programmes leading to an engineering degree.

On 29th June 2022, following the Senate of the University of Warsaw's approval, Prof. Alojzy Z. Nowak, the UW Rector, signed the ordinance on establishing the Faculty of Medicine. This opened a new chapter in the history of the University, which draws on the University's more than 200-year tradition of medical education. On 1st October 2023, again, after a 75-year hiatus, students of medicine commenced their education.

Furthermore, the Open University, which makes courses available to everyone, is based at the University of Warsaw.

The University performs well in various academic rankings, both nationally and internationally. According to global rankings such as THE, QS and ARWU, the UW is among the top 3% of universities in the world. Seven scientific disciplines run by UW were ranked in the Shanghai's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2023, with Physics, and Mathematics in the lead (101–150). This was the best result for these disciplines among all Polish universities.

Graduates of the University of Warsaw are active in the labour market. Monitoring the careers of graduates indicates that over 90% of respondents find employment within a year of obtaining a degree.

The University works together with many international institutions, not only in terms of academic exchange programmes but also on joint didactic projects. In cooperation with Columbia University in New York, the UW has formulated a one-year programme of excellence for future teachers. The University, in collaboration with the University of Cambridge, runs also a programme which brings together Polish language, literature and culture at the British university.

The University belongs to the 4EU+ Alliance, selected by the European Commission for funding in the 'European Universities' call for proposals, launched as part of the 2019 Erasmus+ programme. The 4EU+ universities want to enhance cooperation in research, teaching and initiatives related to the social responsibilities of science. 4EU+ students take part in summer schools, workshops and seminars. 4EU+

plans to create programmes of study offering students and doctoral candidates new mobility opportunities. On 27th July 2022, a project of the 4EU+ Alliance One Comprehensive Research European University (1CORE) received funding in the next “European Universities” call of the European Commission. The project aims, e.g., to develop a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary educational offer, innovative research-based education, intensified physical and virtual mobility and a new common digital infrastructure. The members of the 4EU+ European University Alliance are Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), Heidelberg University (Germany), Paris-Panthéon-Assas University (France), Sorbonne University (France), the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), the University of Geneva (Switzerland), the University of Milan (Italy) and the University of Warsaw (Poland).

Approximately 230 student and doctoral candidate associations, both academic and artistic, exist at the University. The UW supports those students who want to develop their skills and gain experience while competing against students from other leading world universities. Representatives from the University perform well in international competitions, including the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest, the University Rover Challenge and the International Physicists Tournament.

Currently, the UW is implementing the Multiannual Programme of the University of Warsaw (2016–2027), which will provide students of humanities and social sciences with excellent study conditions. On 31st December 2023, the second large initiative, the Integrated Development Programme of the University of Warsaw (ZIP), whose aim was to upgrade the range of studies at UW to make them even more attractive, was completed. In 2019, following the competition of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education entitled “Initiative of Excellence – Research University”, the University of Warsaw was granted research university status for 2020–2026. Five priority research areas and 70 measures, specified in the application, aim to develop programmes supporting employees, doctoral candidates and students.

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