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STUDY IN THE HEART OF EUROPE



Faculty of Political Science
and International Studies
University of Warsaw



Shape global policy at the centre of **Europe**

We educate future diplomats, analysts, policy experts and international leaders who are prepared to address tomorrow's global challenges.

Located at the historic main campus in the heart of Warsaw, our recently renovated Faculty combines academic excellence and international diversity with practical expertise.

As part of a university in the top 20% of international rankings, we offer an inspiring academic environment where knowledge meets real-world impact.

Study the forces shaping today's world in a capital at the heart of NATO and EU decision-making, learning from leading scholars and experienced practitioners.

**Join our truly
global community**

Study with us!



International Environment

- 600+ students studying in English-language programmes
- A multicultural academic community from more than 70 countries
- Exchange partners



Academic Excellence

Courses taught by leading scholars and practitioners.

Specialising in:

- International Security
- Diplomacy
- European Governance
- Public Policy
- Public Administration



Global Academic Network

We regularly host scholars and students from:

- University of Oxford
- Heidelberg University
- University of Chicago
- Fudan University
- Cornell University
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Australian National University



Prime Location

- The historic campus in the heart of Warsaw
- Modern faculty building and teaching facilities
- Study in one of Europe's most liveable cities

Degree structure

Undergraduate Programmes (BA Equivalent – “Licencjat”)

Duration:

3 years (6 semesters)

ECTS* :

180 Credits

Graduate Programmes (MA Equivalent – “Magister”)

Duration:

2 years (4 semesters)

ECTS* :

120 Credits



Graduates have the opportunity to continue on with doctoral studies.

Intake: October
(winter semester)

*ECTS = European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (the standardised system of study in the European Higher Education Area)

Undergraduate Programmes

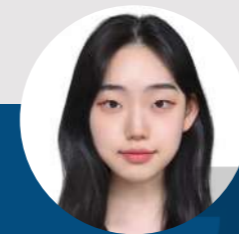


International Relations

Understand the complexities of global politics and how states and international actors interact. You will examine international negotiations, security issues, and the role of organisations while comparing different socio-economic systems.

Courses include:

- International Negotiations
- Global Security
- International Organisations
- Comparative Socio-Economic Systems



Miyeon Kwon
Undergraduate Programm
of International Relations,
3rd year
South Korea

The interdisciplinary programme allowed me to analyze global issues from political, legal, and economic perspectives, strengthening my logical and strategic thinking. Today, working at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, I use these skills daily to assess geopolitical and regulatory risks.



Political Science

Learn how power operates and how governments function, while discovering how political actors influence public debate. You will develop analytical skills to critically assess institutions, political behaviour, and decision-making at national and international levels.

Courses include:

- Political Marketing
- Public Administration
- Political Rhetoric
- Contemporary Political Systems



Maksim Beleziakou,
Undergraduate Programme
in Political Science (UPPS),
graduate,
Belarus

I'm deeply grateful to the University of Warsaw and WNPiSM for shaping my academic path in ways that proved invaluable to my time at Oxford. Professors were always kind and supportive. When I shared my aspiration to apply to Oxford, they were open, willing to help, and truly engaged – that made all the difference. Many similar opportunities are available to anyone who seeks them out.

Undergraduate Programmes



Xinlu Yu
Undergraduate Program
in Political Science (UPPS),
graduate,
China

Studying in the UPPS program at WNPiSM has truly helped me grow – both academically and personally. My curiosity, nurtured at WNPiSM, now leads me forward at Heidelberg University.



European Politics and Economics

Gain insight into the political and economic forces shaping Europe today. You will study integration processes, socio-economic development, and the institutional frameworks that influence policies and cooperation across the continent.

Courses include:

- Decision-Making Procedures in the European Union
- European Labour Market and Migration
- Programmes and Funds of the European Union
- Single Market in Goods: Liberalisation and Regulations of Markets



Social and Public Policy

Discover how public policies shape society and learn to evaluate their real-world impact. You will explore social, environmental, and migration challenges, while gaining research skills to design solutions that make a difference.

Courses include:

- Migration Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Project Implementation
- Research Methods

Graduate Programmes



International Relations

Take a deeper dive into global and regional political dynamics, exploring the strategies and influence of international actors.

You will develop advanced analytical skills to assess global conflicts, policy decisions, and development strategies in a complex, interconnected, and changing world.

Courses include:

- Global and Regional Studies
- Transnational Actors
- Comparative Politics
- Development Economics



Political Science

Advance your understanding of governance, law, and political communication at a professional and research level. You will analyse European law, global governance, and the psychological and sociological aspects of politics to develop informed strategies and solutions.

Courses include:

- European law
- Governance and globalisation
- Political communication
- Sociology and psychology of politics

Double degree opportunities

The Faculty offers double degree programmes with partner universities, allowing students to complete part of their studies abroad and earn two diplomas.

Partner Institutions and Eligible Programmes

Kyungpook National University (Republic of Korea)

- Undergraduate level
- Eligible fields of study:
International Relations or Political Science

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong, China)

- Undergraduate level
- Eligible field of study:
Social and Public Policy

Thammasat University (Thailand)

- Graduate level
- Eligible field of study:
International Relations

National Chung Hsing University (Taiwan)

- Graduate level
- Eligible field of study:
International Relations

Graduate with two diplomas and gain a unique international academic experience

Global mobility is part of your education

The Faculty maintains **212 Erasmus+ exchange agreements with universities across the EU and EFTA countries**, allowing students to spend a semester or a year at leading European institutions. Our Erasmus+ partners include Sciences Po, Sorbonne University, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Dublin City University, Università degli Studi di Padova, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, the University of York, and Université de Genève.



Students participating in Erasmus+ exchanges receive **scholarships of up to €600 per month** through the Erasmus+ programme.

Beyond Europe, the Faculty also maintains **40 bilateral agreements worldwide**, including partners from North America, East Asia, South Asia, Latin-America, Australasia, providing additional opportunities for global academic cooperation.

Students can take part in study exchanges or international internships, gaining valuable academic and intercultural experience.

Highlights of studying abroad:

- Study at prestigious universities across Europe and around the world
- Gain hands-on experience through international internships and research projects
- Participate in workshops, conferences, and summer schools
- Build a global network of peers, academics, and professionals
- Choose from a wide range of courses and shape your

For more details on Erasmus+ exchange opportunities, see the available places and guidelines



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Career paths

Our graduates often pursue careers in:

- Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- European institutions
- EU and NATO-related bodies
- International organisations
- Think tanks
- NGOs
- Global corporations

Typical positions include:

- Diplomat
- Policy Advisor
- Security Analyst
- EU Affairs Specialist
- Public Policy Expert
- International Business Consultant

We combine academic knowledge with practical skills that **prepare you for leadership roles in international environments**

Tuition & scholarships

Tuition fees

The annual tuition fee for all programmes offered by the Faculty is **€4,300 per academic year**.

The fee is the same for all programmes and is indicated for the 2026 academic year.

Tuition fees for future academic years may be subject to change.

What does the tuition fee include?

- Participation in lectures, seminars, and classes
- Access to university libraries and online academic resources
- Use of campus facilities and study spaces
- Academic supervision and student support services



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Scholarships

The University of Warsaw offers several scholarships to support top-performing international students, including:

- **Rector's Scholarship** – for students with outstanding academic achievements
- **Scholarship to Start** – for top-performing first-year students
- **Merit-based Scholarships** – for students maintaining excellent results during their studies
- **Special Scholarships & Grants** – e.g., NAWA scholarships, Visegrad Fund grants, or support for students from specific countries or under-represented regions
- **Other support** – partial tuition waivers or grants for research projects, internships, or competitions

For detailed information and eligibility criteria, visit the Welcome Point Scholarships page.

Costs of Living – Warsaw (Student Budget)

	PLN	EUR	USD
Housing			
Room in shared apartment	1,000 - 1,800	220-400	240-430
Studio apartment	2,700 - 3,900	620 - 900	2,700 - 3,900
Dormitory	480 - 1,100	110 - 250	120 - 265

	PLN	EUR	USD
Milk (1 L)	4	0,9	1.00
Bread (loaf)	5-6	1,10 - 1,30	1,20 - 1,35
Apples (1kg)	4,5	1	1,1
Groceries			

Note: Monthly living costs (excluding rent) typically range from 2,000 to 3,000 PLN (~€450–670 / \$500–735), with utilities and internet usually costing 200–700 PLN/month unless included in the rent. Prices are indicative for early 2026 and may change.



	PLN	EUR	USD
Meals			
Budget lunch (student bar)	25	5,5	6
Casual restaurant meal	120	27	29
Dinner in mid-range restaurant	20	4,5	5

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Coffee (café)	12	2,7	3
Beer (bar)	15	3,3	3,6
Cocktail	25	5,5	6
Drinks			

	PLN	EUR	USD
Public Transport			
Single ticket	4,5	1	1,1
Monthly student pass	55	12	13
Semester pass	150	33	36

Applications to the University of Warsaw are submitted online through the **Internet Recruitment of Candidates (IRK)** system.

Intake: October

Applications open: February



Typical required documents

- Secondary school certificate or Bachelor's degree diploma
- Transcript of records
- Proof of English-language proficiency
- Copy of passport
- Passport-style photo

Additional documents may be required depending on the programme.

Support for international students

The University of **Warsaw Welcome Point** assists international students with visa procedures, accommodation, and administrative formalities to help you settle in Warsaw.

Start your application: scan the QR code or visit the University recruitment website.

How to enrol?

Application in 4 steps

Register online

Create an account in the IRK system and select your programme.



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Submit your application

Complete the form and upload the required documents.

Pay the application fee

The standard application fee is **85 PLN per programme** (100 PLN if an entrance exam or interview is required).

Receive your admission decision

Results are published in your IRK account. Admitted candidates then submit final documents to complete enrolment.

Why the University of Warsaw?

The University of Warsaw offers:

- Over 200 years of academic tradition (established in 1816)
- 25 faculties and over 30 research units covering humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and technology
- More than 36,000 students and over 1,700 doctoral candidates
- Around 3,600 international students from more than 100 countries
- Over 1,600 research projects funded by national and international programmes
- Cooperation with more than 1,000 partner institutions worldwide, including 350+ universities in 76 countries

Rankings:

The top-ranked university in Poland
 QS World University Rankings 2026:
 ranked 201–250 worldwide
 in politics-related disciplines
 ranked 271st overall out of 1,500+
 universities worldwide

Students can also study over 40 foreign languages as part of the tuition.



Elizabeth Raczka
 Undergraduate Programme of
 International Relations,
 2nd year (final semester)
 United States

My favorite place on the UW campus is the green space in front of the old library. On sunny days students sit on the grass, laugh, study, and enjoy the warm light. I value my programme for its diverse community and experienced professors who connect theory with real global issues and debate openly.



Noah Sheasley
 Undergraduate Program
 in Political Science,
 2nd year
 United States

What I value most about my study programme is the intelligence and humor of many of my professors, who have made studies here often genuinely pleasant and intriguing, which has encouraged me only more to be engaged with different perspectives in political studies

What surprised me about Poland was the hospitality in which many people here have provided me, which has made my time here that much more enjoyable outside university as well.



Student life

Life at our Faculty is vibrant and international.

- **Academic & Policy Events**
Join conferences, policy debates, and interactive workshops that connect classroom learning with real-world challenges.
- **Cultural & Integration Activities**
Celebrate diverse traditions, participate in international events, and connect with students from all over the world.
- **Networking & Personal Growth**
Build friendships and professional contacts, share experiences, and develop skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

Dormitories

7 locations across Warsaw

Close to public transport & campus buildings

What you get:

- Shared or single rooms (usually double occupancy)
- Communal study & lounge areas
- Laundry facilities

Affordability

Monthly fees approx. PLN 480 - 1,100 (€110 - €250) – significantly lower than private rentals

Eligibility & Support

- Priority for enrolled UW students (Bachelor's, Master's, exchange)
- Adapted rooms available for students with disabilities
- Guidance and support are provided by the Welcome Point and the International Relations Office during the dormitory application process.



Why Warsaw?



Warsaw is one of Europe's fastest-developing capitals, offering one of the safest, most vibrant, and affordable places for students. With a population of around 2 million and 250,000 students, the city is very welcoming and attracts 20 million visitors each year, making it a truly international

Culture

Immerse yourself in Warsaw's rich cultural life:

- 49 theatres
- 31 cinemas
- 91 museums
- World-class concerts featuring international artists such as **Ed Sheeran, Coldplay, Dua Lipa, Imagine Dragons, and Billie Eilish** regularly take place in Warsaw and across Poland, giving you the chance to enjoy unforgettable live performances.

Transport

Getting around the city and beyond is easy:

- **Modern public transport system** including metro, trams, buses, and trains
- Travel from the outskirts to the city centre takes less than half an hour
- **Two airports:** Warsaw Chopin Airport and Warsaw Modlin Airport, connect you with destinations across Europe and the world, making it simple to travel home or explore during breaks
- Warsaw bicycle rentals (first 20 minutes free), electric scooters and more.

Recreation & Lifestyle

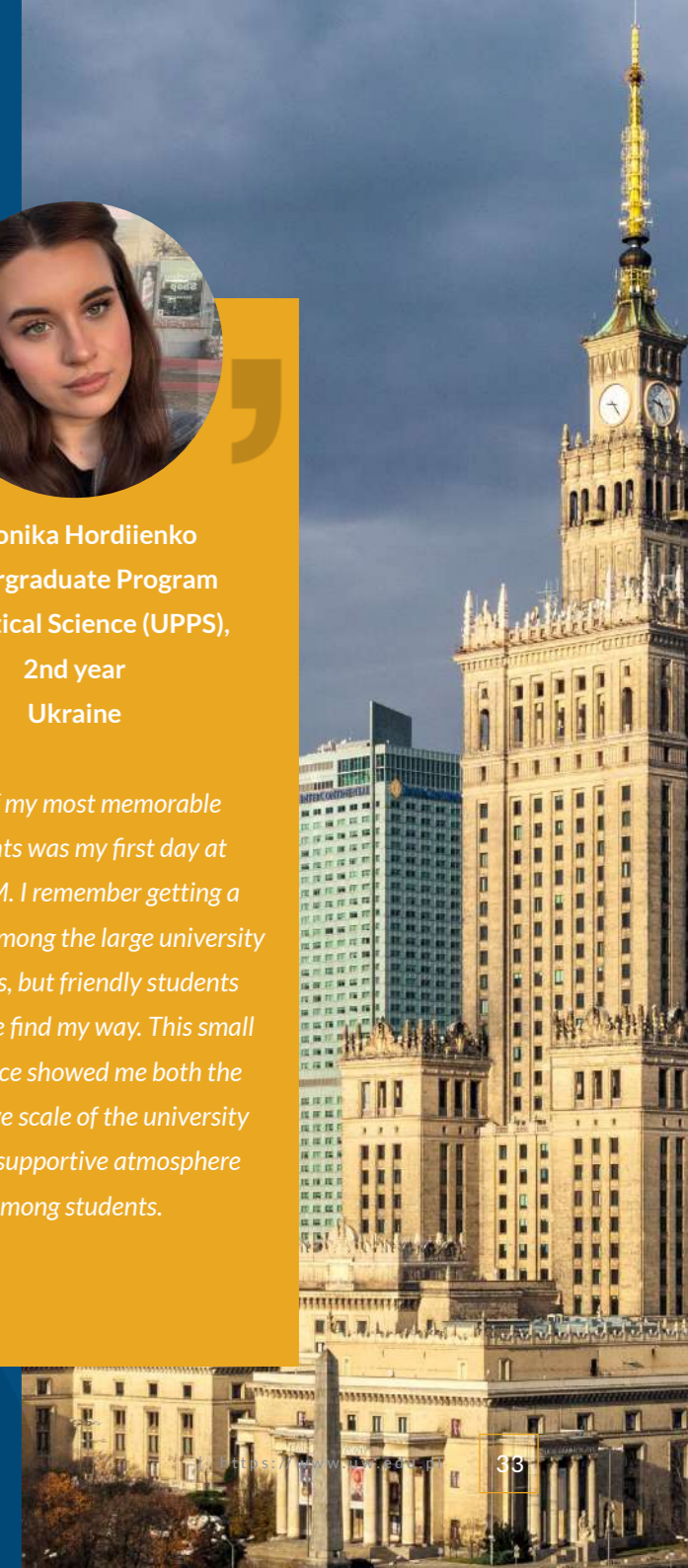
Enjoy active and relaxing moments across the city:

- Over 80 parks and green spaces
- 450 km of cycling paths
- Numerous sports facilities, gyms, and fitness clubs available citywide
- Vibrant nightlife, including student-friendly bars, late-open cafés, and live music venues
- Cultural events and festivals throughout the year, from film and music festivals to open-air concerts
- Opportunities to join sports clubs, student teams, and hobby groups, making it easy to meet people and stay active



Veronika Hordienko
Undergraduate Program
in Political Science (UPPS),
2nd year
Ukraine

One of my most memorable moments was my first day at WNPiSM. I remember getting a little lost among the large university buildings, but friendly students helped me find my way. This small experience showed me both the impressive scale of the university and the supportive atmosphere among students.



Why Poland?

Poland offers an exciting, safe, and affordable environment for international students. Studying here gives you access to:

- A thriving economy – over 1 trillion USD, with growing opportunities in business, research, and government.
- EU and NATO membership – Poland is a strategic hub in Europe.
- Safe and stable environment – modern infrastructure, efficient transport, high-quality healthcare, and strong personal safety.
- A vibrant international student community – over 250,000 students from around the world.
- Touristic & Recreational Attractions – plenty to explore:
 - Historic cities: Kraków, Wrocław, Gdańsk, Toruń – ideal for student life and cultural immersion
 - Natural landscapes: Baltic coast, Tatras, Sudetes, Carpathians, and lakes in Mazury & Kaszuby
 - Castles, museums, festivals, outdoor activities
- Easy European travel across Europe – Warsaw's airports and trains connect you to major capitals in hours.
- Dynamic capital city – Warsaw blends modernity, history, nightlife, parks, and culture – ideal for students.



In Poland, you will experience **history, culture, stunning landscapes, and modern life**, making your time here both academically rewarding and personally memorable.

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