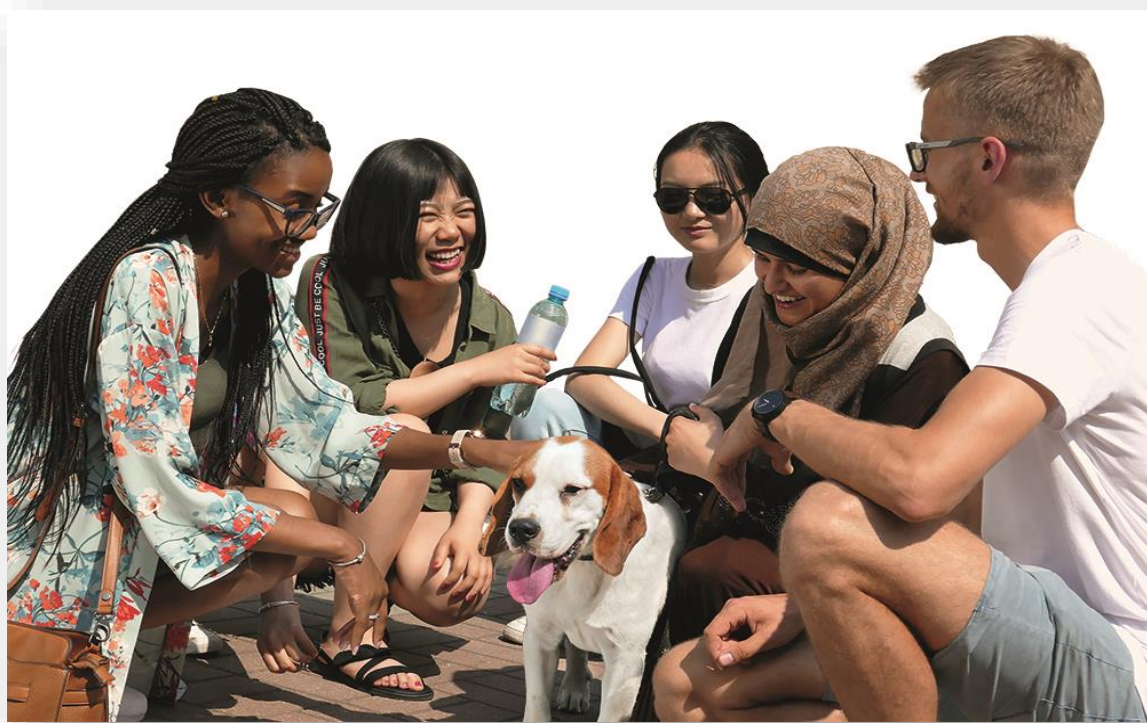




Veterinary Medicine – Welcome to UPWr!



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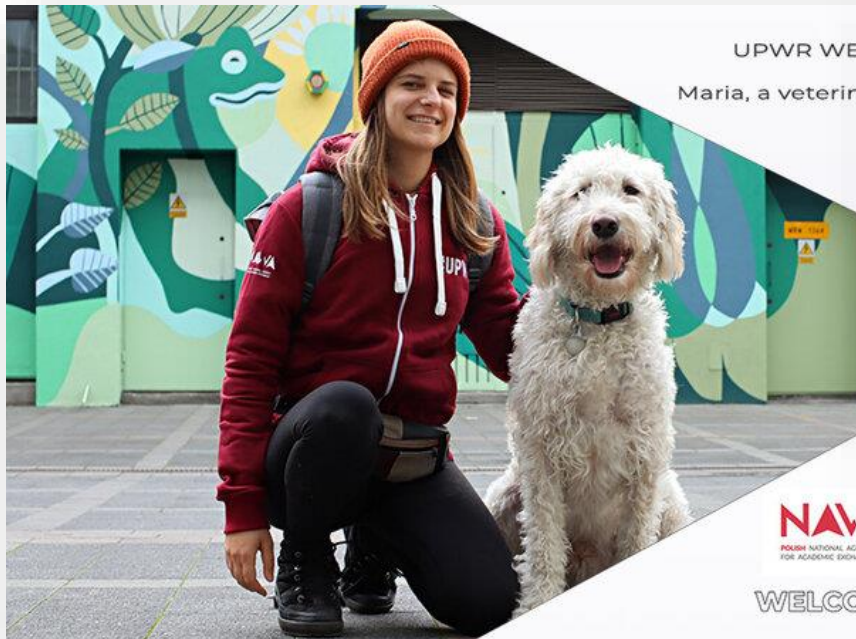
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- **70 years** of experience
- **Best university** focused on agricultural and life sciences in the most influential Polish rankings
- Around **8 000** students
- **44** student research associations, **10** clubs, organisations, and creative groups
- **20 different types of sports classes**, including aqua aerobics, nordic walking, fitness, chess
- International cooperation within Erasmus+, CEEPUS, Fullbright, DAAD, IVSA
- **Scholarships for achievements (academic, sports, art)**
- **Veterinary medicine approved by the EAEVE**



Get to know our international students!



UPWR WELCOME TALKS
Maria, a veterinarian



UPWR WELCOME TALKS
Ciaran, Rosie and James
veterinary medicine students

[Find them on our YouTube channel](#) [or our website](#)



Welcome Point

What we do

Welcome Point staff can help you with the following issues:

- dealing with other departments of the university
- information about the city
- tips before coming to Poland
- understanding official procedures in Poland, including recognition of diplomas
- health insurance, immigration issues, legalising your stay in Poland
- options for learning the Polish language and culture in Wrocław

We're available Monday - Friday, 12.00 – 3.00 pm

Welcome Point UPWr

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Phone number: 71 320 10 45, 71 320 16 00

Email: welcome@upwr.edu.pl

[Our website](#)





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Classes, grades, academic matters





Basic information

- Winter semester: 1st October – 28th February
- Summer semester: 1st March – 30th September

[Academic calendar](#)

Attendance is **mandatory!** Check in with your teacher if you need to miss their class. [Your timetable is already on the website.](#)

You need to follow the [study regulations](#). Your lecturers and the [Dean's Office](#) will be the first points of contact in most situations related to your classes. Your class will also get a designated tutor.

You can track your final grades and classes in the [USOS system](#). You also have your official email address and you will be signed up for the [library](#).

You can find all syllabuses and reading lists here [here](#)

Basic study regulations

- You are awarded a given number of **ECTS credit points** for passing each subject.
- You need to collect enough ECTS points and pass the sequence subjects (prerequisites) in order to pass each semester.

Subjects can have different grading rules:

- **GRADED PASS:** the final grade depends on your performance throughout the class
- **EXAM:** your grade will be decided by a final exam, but you might still need satisfactory continuous performance in order to be allowed to sit the exam.
- Exams take place during the exam session at the end of each semester.
- You can retake each final exam at least once.

The grading scale:

- 5 – excellent
- 4,5 – very good
- 4 – good
- 3,5 – satisfactory
- 3 – sufficient
- 2 – fail





Practical rules and customs

- Be on time!
- Read the syllabus!
- Come prepared - do your homework and assigned reading
- Learn how to be independent – take notes, do your own reading, keep track of deadlines, get notes from your classmates. Ask your teachers for help when you need it but don't rely on them for everything.
- Don't eat or drink, don't chew gum, don't use your phone, don't talk to other students*
- Address your teachers with their titles, e.g. professor X, doctor Z*
- When writing emails to your teachers, remain formal and polite, don't use emojis or overly slangy language, DO use punctuation* - [a sample guide is available here](#)
- Don't expect an instant reply, wait a few days before you send another email



Where to go

- Missing a class, additional questions about the topic, a failed test -> your teacher
- Passes, credits, class retakes, progression from semester to semester, [formal requests to the Dean](#) -> the Dean's Office
- Certificate of attendance, payments for the next semester -> the Dean's Office
- Accommodation, scholarships, student societies - [Student Affairs Centre](#)
- Sports -> [Centre for Physical Education and Sports](#), [University Sports Association](#), student groups for specific sports
- Meeting other vet students, international opportunities, additional activities -> [International Student Society](#), [IVSA](#), [Vet Student Council](#)
- Research with other students, special interest in certain topics -> [Student Research Clubs](#)



Where to go

- Conflicts with other students or staff, bullying, discrimination -> your class tutor, the Dean's Office, [the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs](#)
- Accessibility, special needs -> Dean's Office, [Support and Accessibility Centre](#), Rector's proxy for the disabled
- Psychological support -> [Support and Accessibility Centre](#)

- Everyday problems, immigration problems, problems communicating with other departments, problems you're not sure where to go with, sensitive problems you don't really want to talk about, other issues not listed here – Welcome Point!



Practical information





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Welcome to UPWr – finding your way around

[Interactive map](#)

[Building addresses](#)

[Staff members with
contact info](#)

[All units of the university](#)



Formalities

Temporary residence registration

You need to register your presence in Poland (within 4 days of arrival for non EU students). Upon doing so, you will automatically receive a **PESEL** number. More information [in Dream Apply](#)

Temporary residence permit

Before your visa expires, you can choose to return home and apply for another visa, or apply for the residence permit in Poland. More information available [here](#)

Health insurance with the National Health Fund (NFZ) for international students is 55,80 PLN per month and gives you access to all public healthcare in Poland. Instructions are available [in Dream Apply](#). European students need the European Health Insurance Card. You can also purchase private insurance.

Opening a bank account

Most bigger banks offer support in English. You will need your passport, sometimes also your student ID, and your parents' consent if you're underage. Exact information can be obtained from the specific bank.

Looking for a job

As a student you can work part- or full time with no additional permits.



Transport

You can get an [Urbancard](#) to hold your digital tickets or activate your student ID to do the same. Each city has different tickets so they will only work in Wrocław, but your ID will get you a student discount on transport all over Poland as long as it's valid. You can apply [online to activate the ID](#) and then until 15th November you can complete the last step in person in one of our buildings (pl. Grunwaldzki 24, next to the building of the Admissions Office).

You can buy tickets using your credit card on the tram/bus (touchscreen machines), in machines at bigger bus stops, or using the Urbancard app (may not work with international phone numbers). [Here is a manual](#)

[Jakdojade.pl](#) works great for planning your journey by public transport in any bigger city in Poland.

You can also rent [bikes](#) and **electric scooters** to compliment buses and trams.



Holidays

Most institutions in Poland work Monday-Friday. Most shops are closed on Sundays. Additionally, even businesses that are normally open may be closed on holidays listed below.

- **1 January** – New Year
- **6 January** - Epiphany
- **9 April** – Easter Sunday
- **10 April** – Easter Monday
- **1 May** – Labor Day
- **3 May** – 3 May Constitution Day
- **28 May** - Pentecost
- **8 June** – Corpus Christi
- **15 August** – Armed Forces Day, Assumption
- **1 November** – All Saints
- **11 November** – Independence Day
- **24 December** – Christmas Eve
- **25 December** - Christmas
- **26 December** - Christmas





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Poland and Wrocław





Wroclaw – the meeting place



- **4th biggest city in all of Poland, the biggest one in the western part. It's the capital of the province of Lower Silesia.**
- **12 islands** and over **100 bridges**, hence its nickname „Venice of the North.” The main river is the Oder.
- There are 200 bars, clubs and restaurants just around the market square area, the city also hosts numerous [events and festivals](#) that cater to every taste.

Wrocław is known as „the Meeting Place,” young, dynamic, diverse, where everyone can feel welcome. The city is home to over 100 000 students.



Support for international students

- [WroMigrant guide](#) and [info points](#)
- Bartłomiej Ciążyński, Advisor to the Mayor of Wrocław for Tolerance and Counteracting Xenophobia bartlomiej.ciazynski@rada.wroc.pl
- Your embassy, consulate, or honorary consulate: Germany, India, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden all have them in Wrocław

Additional info

<https://www.wroclaw.pl/>

<https://visitwroclaw.eu/en>

<https://study-in-wroclaw.pl/en>

<https://seewroclaw.com/>





Polish language and culture

[The University of Wroclaw](#)

[The Wroclaw University of Science and Technology](#)

On-line courses

Language exchange

[More info on WroMigrant](#)

[Foundation Ukraine](#) - integration and information support, not only for Ukrainians!

- [Useful apps and websites in Poland](#)
- [Psychological aspects of migration](#)

Every country has different social norms, customs, and manners, and it's normal to feel confused about them at first. If you try to understand them, settling in will be much easier.



**Time
for
questions**