



## Veterinary Medicine – Welcome to UPWr!



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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)**
- Two leading faculties with the highest **rating A+** (veterinary medicine and biotechnology & food science)
- **Veterinary medicine approved by the EAEVE**





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### Get to know our international students!

Would you like to hear what our students have to say about the university and student life in Wrocław?



[Find them on our YouTube channel!](#)



## 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
- sworn translations of your documents
- 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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[Our website](#)



# Welcome to UPWr – finding your way around

[Interactive map](#)

[Building addresses](#)

[Staff members with  
contact info](#)

[All units of the university](#)



## Basic information

### Academic calendar:

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

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 our [study regulations.](#) Your lecturers and the [Dean's Office](#) will be the first points of contact in most situations related to your classes.

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.](#)

Accommodation, scholarships, and student activity are governed by the [Student Affairs Centre.](#)





## 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. You can also request just the PESEL if you cannot register your address. More information [in Dream Apply](#)

### Temporary residence permit

Not connected to the above and only applicable to some students. 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 some form of support in English. You will need your passport, 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.



## Everyday life

### 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 is 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 on bigger bus stops, or using the Urbancard app (may not work with international phone numbers).

[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
- **17 April** – Easter Sunday
- **18 April** – Easter Monday
- **1 May** – Labor Day
- **3 May** – 3 May Constitution Day
- **5 June** - Pentecost
- **16 June** – Corpus Christi
- **15 August** – Armed Forces Day, Assumption
- **1 November** – All Saints
- **11 November** – Independence Day
- **24 December** – Christmas Eve, businesses can close early
- **25 December** - Christmas
- **26 December** - Christmas



## Wroclaw – the meeting place



**Wrocław is the 4th biggest city in all of Poland and the biggest one in the western part. It's the capital of the province of Lower Silesia.**

In the city there are **12 islands** and over **100 bridges**, hence its nickname „Venice of the North.” The main river is the Oder.

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

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. When you need more peace and quiet, there are dozens of parks and forests within the city limits.



## 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](mailto:bartlomiej.ciazynski@rada.wroc.pl)

Until the end of October the Voivodship Office offers **non-EU students** in Wrocław **additional support**. They will help you with your applications for the temporary residence permit and offer advice regarding other formalities and documents, e.g. car registrations, renting apartments, disputes with your employer etc., they also offer free sworn translations of documents. Consultations are **free of charge** and can be held in English.

Portals about the city

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

<https://visitwroclaw.eu/>

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

<http://www.wroclaw.info-migrator.pl/>

<https://wroclawuncut.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 can have 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.





## Q&A

