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GUIDE FOR ERASMUS+ STUDENTS 2023/2024

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Welcome to KUL!

It is a real pleasure for us to welcome you to our university. We hope that your stay in Lublin will be memorable and fruitful.

This brochure is addressed to Erasmus+ students intending to study at KUL for a semester or a full academic year.

When arriving at a new university, you may have all kinds of questions concerning registration procedure, study programmes, preparatory language courses, accommodation, etc. This brochure answers most of these questions. Should you have any problems or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Lublin!

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1. City of Lublin

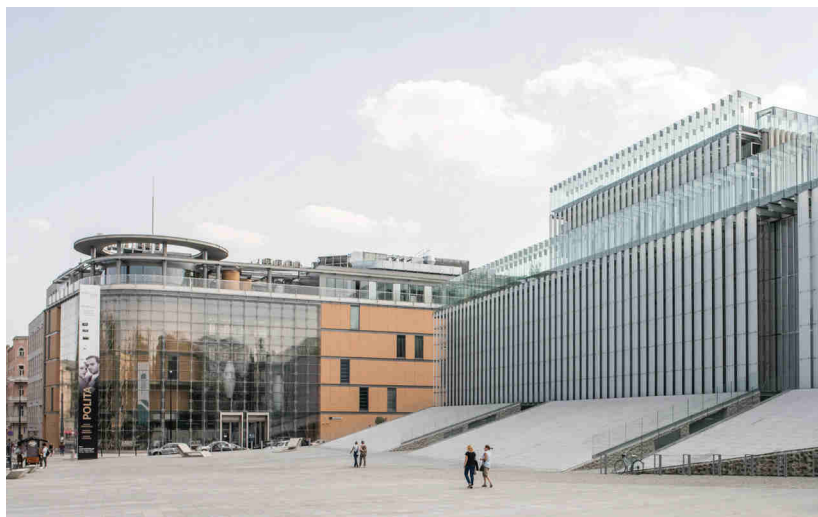
Lublin has always been one of Poland's most important cities. Due to its geographical location and history, Lublin has often played the role of a bridge between East and West. Interestingly, it also often took the lead at crucial historical moments when Poland's fate hung in balance. In 1569 the so-called Lublin Union was signed here, uniting Crown of the Kingdom of Poland and Grand Duchy of Lithuania into a single political entity, thus creating the largest European state of the time. In the final days of World War I, Poland's first independent government (which soon ceded power to Józef Piłsudski) was founded in Lublin. It was here again that the provisional communist government was installed by the Soviets in July 1944, during the last stages of World War II. Lublin is also considered by some to be the cradle of Solidarity; the avalanche of strikes that spread throughout Poland in 1980 and eventually led to the Gdańsk agreements began in Lublin.

Today Lublin is the largest and most important industrial, commercial and educational centre in eastern Poland. It is no exaggeration to call Lublin a city of universities. At present, Lublin has 4 universities and a few colleges with the total of almost 65,000 students, while the population of Lublin is approximately 340,000. If one adds the rich and thriving cultural life that imparts a unique artistic flavour to the atmosphere of Lublin, our city appears to be an ideal place in which to spend part of your colourful student life.

For further information about the city of Lublin, please consult the city's official website:

lublin.eu/en

Come and enjoy Lublin!





2. The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, founded in 1918, is one of the oldest and most renowned universities in Eastern Europe and is the only one possessing full state and Church rights in Poland. At present, KUL enrolls approximately 8,300 students, including nearly 800 foreign students in its various programmes. The university has a reputation for high standards of education and research, the profile of which is determined by humanistic tradition of the university as well as openness to the needs of a contemporary man.

The University has seven faculties organized into institutes and departments with over fifty degree programmes. There is a branch of KUL located in Stalowa Wola.

Due to Lublin's geographical location and its history, KUL has strong ties both with the East and the West. It is only a stone's throw from Lublin to such marvellous and thriving cities as Warsaw or Cracow.

You are more than welcome to explore Poland! You will find plenty of ideas on the website of Polish Tourism Organisation: <https://www.poland.travel/en>

The graduates and the faculty of KUL hold many important positions in social, cultural, ecclesiastical and political life. Among them was the Pope John Paul II, who had held the Chair of Ethics in KUL's Faculty of Philosophy for many years.

Top reasons why to study at KUL:

- ➔ one of the most important universities in the Eastern Europe with a broad academic offer
- ➔ Applied Anthropology, Biotechnology, European Studies, Informatics, Journalism and Social Communication, Philosophy and Theological Studies degree programmes in English
- ➔ a wide range of elective courses in English within other degree programmes
- ➔ multicultural atmosphere and thriving student life
- ➔ Polish language course free of charge for Erasmus+ students
- ➔ university facilities adjusted to the special needs of the disabled

2.1 Faculties

The University offers a rich range of Bachelor's and Master's programmes in the following faculties:



→ Faculty of Humanities



→ Faculty of Social Sciences



→ Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration



→ Faculty of Theology



→ Faculty of Philosophy



→ Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences



→ Faculty of Medicine

→ Branch in Stalowa Wola

KUL Doctoral School offers PhD programmes in the following disciplines: Philosophy, History, Linguistics, Literary Studies, Art Studies, Law, Theological Studies, Social Sciences, Pedagogy, Canon Law, Psychology.

Erasmus+ students are allowed to choose courses from the whole offer presented in the Course Catalogue, from different fields of study and levels of study.

The list of courses offered in English in 2023/2024 will be available on our website in June 2023: www.kul.pl/erasmus.eng

2.2 Academic calendar

The academic year consists of two semesters: winter semester (October to the end of January) and summer semester (February to mid-June).

There are several holiday breaks: Christmas break in December, a break between winter and summer semester in February and a spring break that falls at the time of Easter (March/April).

The detailed academic calendar 2023/2024 will be available on our website in May 2023.

Orientation Days for Erasmus+ students are organised a few days before the beginning of each semester.



2.3 Assessment and grading system

The semestral system requires 15 weeks of classes followed by a two or three-week examination period. There are two ordinary examination periods per academic year. The first is held in the end of January and the first half of February. The second is held in the second half of June. There are three forms of assessment: **E - Exam**, **Z - Credit with grade**, **Zbo - Credit without grade**, **(Pass/Fail)**.

Students who do not pass their exams during the first exam session may retake them during the make-up exam session (mid-February and July). It applies to courses that end with exam (E) and to language courses / lectures / tutorials that end with Credit with grade (Z).

Each student has to attend classes regularly and comply with the teacher's requirements in order to pass a given course.

Local grade	ECTS grade	Local definition
5	A	very good
4+	B	better than good
4	C	good
3+	D	better than satisfactory
3	E	satisfactory
2	FX/F	unsatisfactory (fail)



2.4 Library

The KUL University Library is a single library system with a network of libraries in the institutes, research centres, and faculties of the university. Students may use a whole range of libraries within the university, that is departmental and institute libraries as well as reading rooms. Materials are also available through interlibrary loan. Moreover, readers can gain information at the Library about other libraries' collections through the Internet. Students can make use of the Library's on-line databases as well (the use of some of them may be restricted only to the computers at KUL or at certain faculties).

Address:

Chopina Street 27, 20-023 Lublin

Office: +48 81 445 31 49, + 48 786 935 530

www.bu.kul.pl

sekbibl@kul.lublin.pl

Opening hours:

Monday 11.00 – 19.00

Tuesday – Friday 9.00 – 19.00

2.5 Internet access

Erasmus+ students have access to wireless Internet at the university. They may also use stationary computers in the main halls of the university buildings. In order to log in students need their e-kul logins and passwords, which are given to them within the first few days of their stay at KUL.

E-kul is a university platform where students may find schedule of their classes and contact lecturers.





2.6 University Buildings

The number of KUL's buildings is increasing. While looking at your class schedule, you'll see several abbreviations:

GG – The main building

(Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Philosophy),
Aleje Racławickie 14



John Paul II Collegium (C), (Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Theology)

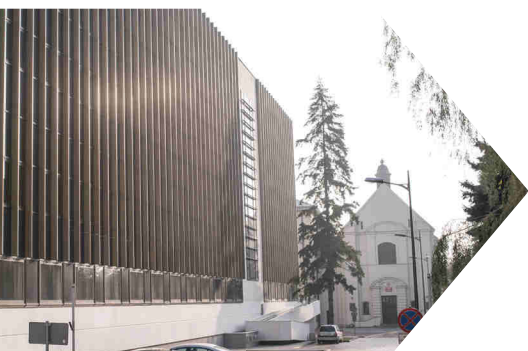
next to the main building,
Aleje Racławickie 14



THESE TWO ARE CONNECTED BY:

Collegium Norvidianum (CN),

(Faculty of Humanities)
Aleje Racławickie 14



Centre for the Transfer of Knowledge

(CTW), *Aleje Racławickie 14*

Within walking distance there is:

Collegium Iuridicum (CI),
(Faculty of Law, Canon Law and
Administration – EU Law, European Studies,
Administration)
Spokojna Street,
approx. 10 minutes from GG



AND BEYOND THE CITY CENTRE:

Sports Centre (HS),
Konstantynów 1G Street



The buildings of the **Faculty of Natural and
Technical Sciences** (B/WMP/CH), (Landscape
Architecture, Mathematics, Informatics,
Biotechnology),
Konstantynów 1 H Street

Faculty of Medicine
Konstantynów 1 H Street



Erasmus+ Office is located in:
Konwikt building, room 78





3. Erasmus+ at KUL

John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin has participated in the Erasmus+ Programme since 1999/2000. We have Erasmus+ bilateral agreements with around 190 partner universities. To check our partner universities and fields of study, please consult the website: www.kul.pl/erasmus-partner-universities

Erasmus+ students coming to study at KUL are offered:

- ➔ assistance from the Erasmus+ Office and from Erasmus+ coordinators in particular degree programmes
- ➔ Orientation Days with integration events at the beginning of each semester
- ➔ assistance from KUL students within the Guardian Angel programme
- ➔ free of charge Polish language course (4 ECTS)
- ➔ opportunities to participate in trips, integration meetings and cultural events organized by the Erasmus+ Office

3.1. Application Procedure

Each applicant must be a student of a university with which The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin has an Erasmus+ bilateral agreement signed in a given field of study. If you are nominated by your home university to study at KUL, complete our application form and send it to us with all the required documents.

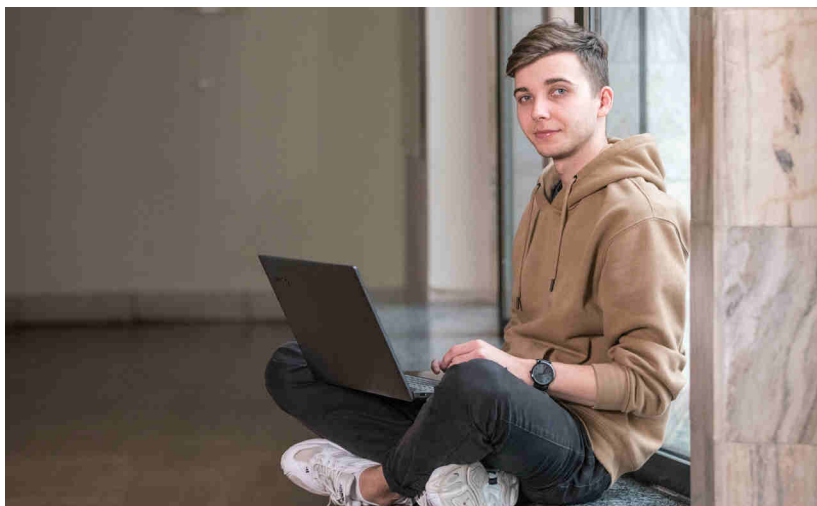
All the required documents should be sent to the Erasmus+ Office of The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin no later than until the 15th July (for winter semester or the whole academic year) or until the 30th November (for summer semester).

Important notice: In order to receive assistance in booking a room in university dormitories, students coming for the 1st semester or the whole academic year should contact our Erasmus+ Office as soon as possible.

Required documents – students from universities located in the EU and Turkey

Please bear in mind that you should send all the application documents by e-mail to incoming@kul.pl.

1. Application form www.kul.pl/erasmus.eng – typed, printed and signed by you and your Erasmus+ coordinator (handwritten forms will not be accepted)
2. Photocopy of the applicant's passport or ID
3. Photocopy of health insurance which will cover all medical expenses during your stay in Poland
4. Photocopy of accident insurance (it is recommended that accident insurance policy should cover death and permanent disability)
5. Certificate of the English language level confirmed by the International Relations Office/ Erasmus+ Office (at least B1 level; for English Studies/Philology programme at least B2)
6. Provisional Learning Agreement with the courses you wish to follow at KUL signed by the coordinator from your home university - please bear in mind that in 2023/2024 you need to fill out an Online Learning Agreement (OLA) – for more information please contact the Erasmus+ Office at your home university.
7. Digital colour photograph sent by e-mail (300x300 pixels). Please note that your photograph must be of good quality, full face and a plain white or off-white background, otherwise you will need to have a new one taken after your arrival, which means you will wait longer for your student ID.



Required documents – Applicants from non-EU Universities

Please bear in mind that you should send all the application documents by e-mail to incoming@kul.pl. You are required to bring the hard copies of the application form and your Learning Agreement when you arrive at KUL.

1. Application form www.kul.pl/Erasmus_non_eu – typed, printed and signed by you and your Erasmus+ coordinator (handwritten forms will not be accepted)
2. Photocopy of the applicant's passport
3. Photocopy of health insurance which will cover all medical expenses during your stay in Poland
4. Photocopy of accident insurance (it is recommended that accident insurance policy should cover death and permanent disability)
5. Provisional Learning Agreement with the courses you wish to follow at KUL signed by the coordinator from your home university
6. Certificate of the English language level confirmed by the International Relations Office / Erasmus+ Office (at least B1 level; for English Studies/Philology programme at least B2). Students from countries where English is an official language (e.g. the USA) are not required to provide such a certificate
7. Digital colour photograph sent by e-mail (300x300 pixels). Please note that your photograph must be of good quality, full face and a plain white or off-white background, otherwise you will need to have a new one taken after your arrival, which means you will wait longer for your student ID.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

You are required to send a complete set of application documents to be accepted. Once you have been accepted as an Erasmus+ student, you will receive an official Letter of Acceptance along with information materials. Information about degree programmes for students from universities located in the EU and Turkey is available at www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng and for students from universities located in non-EU countries at www.kul.pl/Erasmus_non_eu.

Should you have any questions or doubts, you are strongly advised to contact us:

Erasmus+ Office
The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
Aleje Racławickie 14, 20-950 Lublin
Konwikt Building, room 78, ground floor
Tel. +48 81 445 42 05, +48 81 445 40 24

e-mail: incoming@kul.pl

Visa for non-EU students

Students from non-EU countries will need a visa to enter Poland (D-Type national visa). You will find relevant information on the website of the Polish embassy in your country.

You will need a Letter of Acceptance to apply for a visa. It will be sent by e-mail and by post to you or your university as soon as we receive your application form along with all the required documents.

Early visa application is very important. Please bear in mind that the wait time to receive a visa differs depending on an embassy. It is recommended that you apply for a visa approx. two months in advance.

General information about visa requirements:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas>





3.2 Courses in English

The regular language of instruction is Polish. However, the university offers a good range of courses in English: www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng. Please check our website for the updated list of courses.

The university also offers the following degree programmes in English:

- ➔ Applied Anthropology
- ➔ Biotechnology
- ➔ European Studies
- ➔ Informatics
- ➔ Journalism and Social Communication
- ➔ Philosophy
- ➔ Theological Studies

For further information concerning courses for Erasmus+ students, consult the website: www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng

Important notice: Please be aware of the fact that your level of English must be good (**at least B1; for English Studies/Philology programme - at least B2**) - you must be able to understand, speak and write both general and academic English. If your English is of a poor level, you will not succeed in most courses.

Knowledge of Polish is not required (except for Polish Studies/Philology programme).



3.3 Erasmus+ Degree Programme Coordinators

To organize and facilitate the running of the Erasmus+ programme, KUL designated an Erasmus+ Coordinator in every field of study. The list of Erasmus+ Degree Programme Coordinators is available at www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng. They are responsible for academic issues (e.g. signing your Learning Agreement).

In case you have questions concerning courses or your study programme at KUL, please contact the coordinator in a particular degree programme directly. You will find the e-mail list on the website above.

3.4 School of Polish Language and Culture

KUL boasts the School of Polish Language and Culture, which runs highly popular summer and one-year courses for foreigners from all over the world.

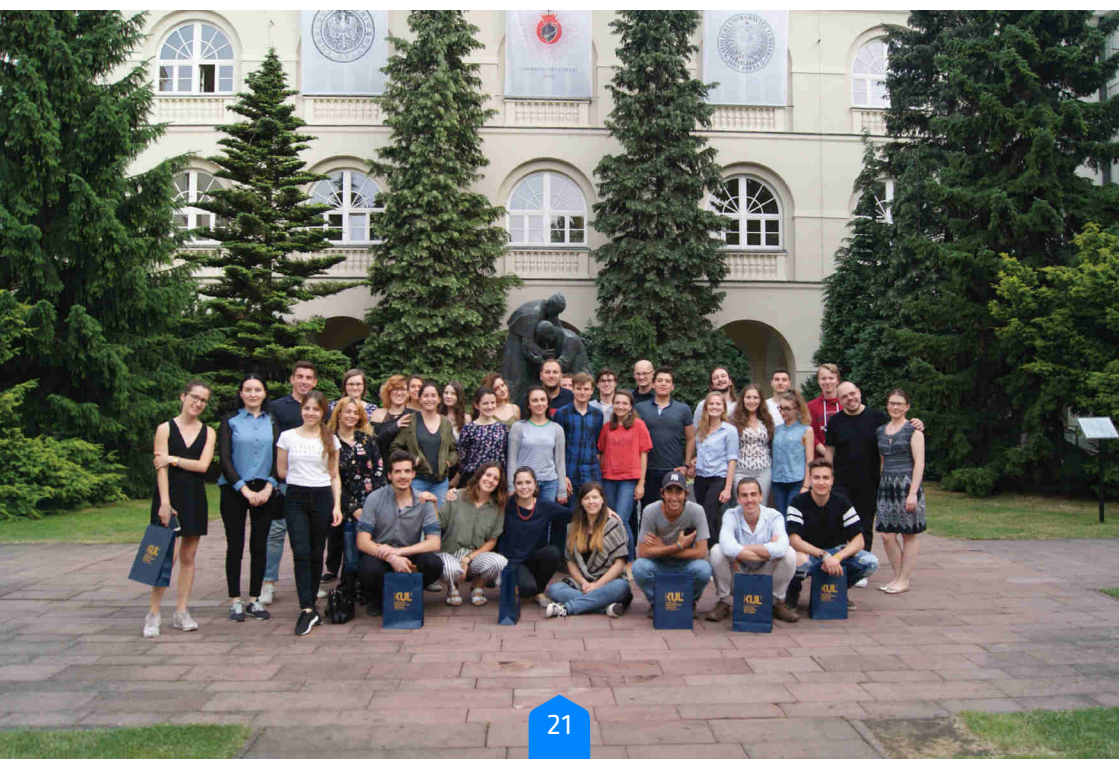
All Erasmus+ students are invited to take part in an intensive Polish language course (free of charge, 4 ECTS) organized each semester by the School of Polish Language and Culture. The course consists of 60 hours (4 hours per week, classes twice a week) throughout each semester and is divided into at least two levels: beginner and intermediate.

To find out more about the School of Polish Language and Culture, please consult the webpage: <http://www.kul.pl/the-school-of-polish-language-and-culture,21594.html>



3.5 Guardian Angels (buddy students)

Every foreign Erasmus+ student has their personal Guardian Angel – a KUL student (often ex-Erasmus) who is assigned to help them solve any practical problems before arrival and during their stay in Lublin. Moreover, Guardian Angels help Erasmus+ students to integrate into the new environment.





3.6 Orientation Days

Orientation Days are organized by the Erasmus+ Office at the beginning of each semester. It is desirable that all Erasmus+ students be present at Orientation Days, during which they will obtain all the necessary information concerning the study period in Lublin. Orientation Days are usually followed by other events and trips. They allow foreign students to integrate at the beginning of their Erasmus+ period.

Information about the date of Orientation Days will be sent to you by e-mail before your arrival.

Checklist

Before arrival at KUL make sure that:

you sent the application form with all the required documents and photos to incoming@kul.pl

- ➔ you received the Letter of Acceptance
- ➔ you checked the list of courses on our website
- ➔ you contacted Erasmus+ Degree Programme Coordinator
- ➔ you asked for help with accommodation (university dormitories)
- ➔ you are in contact with your Guardian Angel
- ➔ you received information about Orientation Days





4. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

4.1. Accommodation

There are three accommodation options to choose from and you will find them listed below. In order to receive assistance in booking a room in university dormitories, students coming for the 1st semester or the whole academic year should contact our Erasmus+ Office as soon as possible.

Private dormitories

There are several options available. You will find them listed below:

- ➔ private dormitory *Burżuj* at 26 Langiewicza Str.: <http://burzujlublin.pl>
(e-mail: biuro@burzujlublin.pl or contact form here: <http://burzujlublin.pl/kontakt>
phone: +48 607 278 753);
- ➔ private dormitory *Duet* at 13 Chodźki Str.: <https://studentdepot.pl/en/akademik-duet-lublin> (e-mail: duet@studentdepot.pl phone: + 48 783 568 679);
- ➔ private dormitory *Dom Studenta TBV* at 72A Nadbystrzycka Str.:
<http://www.akademiki.tbv.pl/dom-studencki-przy-ul-nabystrzyckiej/>
(e-mail: akademik@tbv.pl phone: + 48 81 538 28 28)

In order to book a room, you should contact the chosen dormitory as soon as possible (by e-mail / phone).

University dormitories

- ➔ double or triple rooms
- ➔ Internet connection in the room available
- ➔ the code of conduct is rather strict (e.g. the entrance is closed at 11.00 p.m., no overnight visits are allowed)
- ➔ location:
 - The female dormitory is located around 15 minutes by bus from the city centre, near the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences and KUL's Sports Centre.
 - There are two male dormitories. One of them is located at Niecała street, around 15 minutes on foot from the university main campus and the other is located around 15 minutes by bus from the city centre, near the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Natural and Technical Sciences and KUL's Sports Centre.

→ price:

The female dormitory – PLN 390 – 460* per month (in a double room).

The male dormitory – PLN 520–570* per month (in a double room).

*Prices depend on the standard of rooms.

→ the number of places is limited; please contact the Erasmus+ Office as soon as possible for more details

Private flats

- there is also a possibility of renting a room or a flat in different parts of the city; the prices range from PLN 500 to PLN 1200 for a single room depending on the standard, location and distance from the university
- if you want to find a private room/flat, your Guardian Angel will help you look for it

Some links with rooms/flats for rent:

- <http://erasmusu.com/en/erasmus-lublin/room-for-rent-student>
- <https://rentberry.com/pl/apartments/s/lublin-poland>

Useful tips:

Arrive some time in advance in order to find a suitable place as there are more and more students every year in Lublin.

If you need temporary accommodation, contact the Erasmus+ Office and you will receive addresses of cheap hostels and hotels.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

- Please remember to get to know all the conditions and fees.
- You are also responsible for keeping your place in order.
- If you want to organize a party, please keep in mind that your neighbours may not like it! In Poland there are quiet hours from 22:00 (10.00 p.m.) till 6:00 (6.00 a.m.) – no loud music or noises are allowed then.
- If you damage something, you will have to repair it or buy a new one.
- Our university will not bear any responsibility for any problems that may occur during your stay at a private dormitory / private flat.

4.2. Residence permit regulations

If you are an EU citizen you can enter Poland with your ID document (a valid travel document e.g. passport, or another document certifying your identity and citizenship). Non-EU citizens will need a visa and a passport.

Foreign students who stay in Poland are obliged to register within fourteen days after arrival at:

Information Desk for Foreigners

20-071 Lublin

14 Wieniawska St., (1st floor)

Telephone: +48 81 466 10 09

E-mail: foreigners@lublin.eu



EU citizens who stay in Poland for more than three months continually (without leaving Poland during that period; each time you leave Poland, your stay is counted from the beginning upon your return) are obliged to register their stay and apply for a temporary residence permit in the Department of Civil Affairs and Foreigners at Lublin Voivodship Office (15 Czechowska Street in Lublin). You will find more information on the website of Lublin Voivodship Office: <https://www.cudzoziemcy.lublin.uw.gov.pl>

You may also contact Lublin Voivodship Office:

- phone number: +48 81 74 24 549
- e-mail: wsoc@lublin.uw.gov.pl

4.3 Arrival

There are several options to travel to Lublin depending on the country where you come from.

Plane

If you decide to travel by plane, you should choose one of the following airports:

- Lublin Airport www.airport.lublin.pl/en
- Warsaw Okęcie www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/index.html
- Warsaw Modlin en.modlinairport.pl
- Rzeszów Jasionka www.rzeszowairport.pl/en
- Kraków Balice www.krakowairport.pl/en/

In order to get to Lublin from one of these airports, you will have to take a bus or train.

Train

All trains coming to Lublin stop at the Lublin Main Railway Station (Lublin Główny). The Railway Station is located in Dworcowy Square (Plac Dworcowy) and you will have to take the bus (no. 13, 30) or a taxi to get to the city centre.

Other railway stations in Poland:

- Warsaw (WARSZAWA CENTRALNA)
A journey from Warsaw to Lublin by train takes approx. 2,5 hours.
- Cracow (KRAKÓW GŁÓWNY)
A journey from Cracow to Lublin by train takes approx. 4,5 hours.
- Rzeszów (RZESZÓW GŁÓWNY)
A journey from Rzeszów to Lublin by train takes approx. 3 hours.

For further information and timetables consult the website: rozklad-pkp.pl/en

Bus

There is also a good network of buses from Warsaw, Rzeszów and Cracow to Lublin. Please consult the websites for further information:

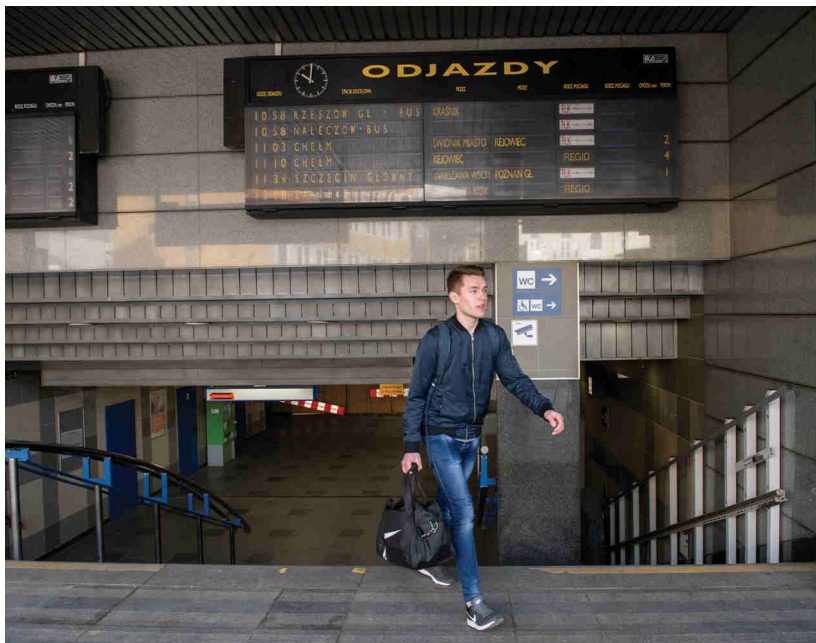
→ en.e-podroznik.pl

→ global.flixbus.com

There is a direct bus Lublin <-> Warsaw Okęcie Airport operated by CONTBUS: www.contbus.pl/

Please contact your Guardian Angel and ask if she or he is available to pick you up from the bus or railway station in Lublin. If so, you have to inform your GA in advance about the exact time of arrival.

Remember that you can always ask your Guardian Angel for help if you have any problems or doubts :)



4.4 Weather

Poland has a moderate climate with chilly winters and pleasant, mild summers. July is the warmest month with average temperature 20°C . During the winter the average temperature is about – 3°C . You should be prepared that winter in Poland can be really freezing, with temperatures occasionally dropping even to – 20°C and a lot of snow.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average temperatures in °C	-3°	1°	5°	11°	15°	18°	20°	19°	14°	10°	5°	1°

4.5 Board

Students can have a meal in one of places situated within the main campus. NOLogo Café offers different kinds of tea and coffee, sandwiches (you can choose from the variants on offer or compose your own), salads, muesli with yoghurt and cakes. The KUL canteen located in Konwikt building offers delicious home-made lunches with discounts for students.



4.6 Local transport

Lublin has a good network of buses and trolleybuses which connects the city centre (where the KUL's main building is situated) with all parts of the city. Tickets are available at newsagents, on buses or in ticket machines. As a student, you will have discounts for short-term and long-term tickets, providing you have a valid Student Identity Card. It will be issued within the first few weeks of your stay at KUL. Keep in mind that if you don't have a validated ticket with a Student Identity Card, you will be punished with a fine. Before you get a Student Identity Card (Legitymacja studencka), it is recommended to buy tickets without a discount.

If you are going to use public transportation quite often we advise you to download Lubika app (available in Google Play and App Store). Thanks to this application you can buy single tickets, but also monthly and quarterly ones. More information under these links: <http://mpk.lublin.pl/en/> and https://lublin.eu/en/travel-information/getting-around-the-city/#id_1

You can pick up a taxi either from a taxi rank or by calling a taxi service (e.g. (+48)814444444, (+48)815111111, (+48)817442222, (+48)815240000, (+48)815333333). Of course, tariffs vary but it can amount up to approx. PLN 20 ~ 30 within the city.

Companies such as Uber, Bolt and Free Now operate in Lublin. You need to download a mobile application from Google Play or App Store in order to be able to use their services.



4.7 Health and insurance

Each student is required to have a health insurance policy and an accident insurance for the entire duration of their stay in Poland. Please visit our website for more information:

www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng.

More information about health service in Poland can be found under the following link:

<http://www.nfz.gov.pl/> - in Polish

Disabled students may contact KUL CAN Centre for Inclusion of Students with Special Needs :

KUL CAN – Office

Room CTW 43. Accessible entry next to the university chapel.

Tel: (+48) 81 445 3203,

e-mail: bpsn@kul.pl

Office opening hours:
Monday - Friday, 10:00–13:00



4.8 Cost of living

It is difficult to give a precise estimate of how much money you will need, partly because much depends on your own circumstances and lifestyle.

More information is available here:

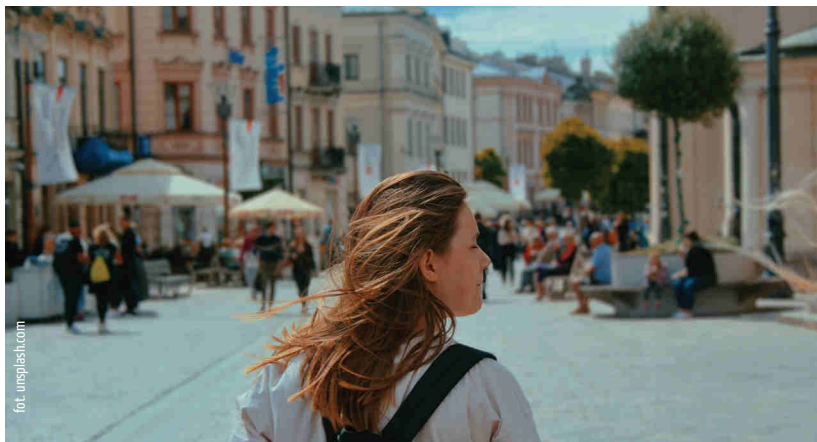
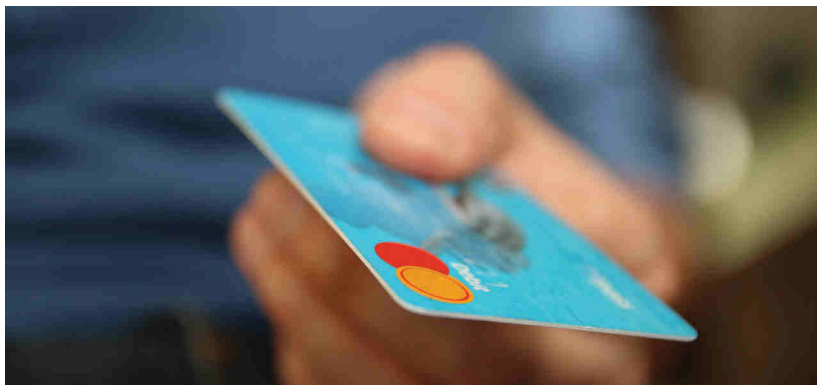
<https://lublin.eu/en/travel-information/cost-of-living-in-lublin/>

4.9 Banks and money

In order to open a bank account you will need a passport and a Student Identity Card. Most banks are open from approximately **9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday**.

You can change money in banks or exchange offices (kantory). Changing money in exchange offices might be more advantageous to you as all banks charge commission.

Another option is to open a bank account in your home country and use your credit card for withdrawing money in Poland as cash dispensers (ATMs) are at your disposal all around the city. Remember that your local bank may charge fees for use of cash dispensers in other countries.





5. After hours in Lublin

5.1 Student Cultural Days

Each year in May, Student Governments from all Lublin universities in cooperation with other student organizations organize one of the most famous events in the Lublin Region - **Student Cultural Days (Juwenalia)**. They last a few weeks and during that time the university and city venues are full of theatre performances, concerts, film marathons, panel discussions, dance performances, martial arts performances, etc.

5.2 Culture

Lublin has a bewildering array of options as regards entertainment and cultural life. You can choose among theatres, cultural centres, philharmonic hall, musical theatres and many, many more. All the options and current cultural events can be found at <https://lublin.eu/en/what-to-see-do/attractions-sights/monuments/>, <http://www.spotkaniakultur.com/en> or <https://lublininfo.com/en/#glowna>.

Cinemas

- ➔ **Cinema City**, Plaza Shopping Centre, Lipowa Street 13; Felicity Shopping Centre, Al. Wincentego Witosa 32, https://www.cinema-city.pl/?lang=en_GB/
- ➔ **Multikino**, Olimp Shopping Centre, Al. Spółdzielczości Pracy 34, <http://multikino.pl/pl/w-kinie>
- ➔ **Bajka**, Radziszewskiego Street 8, <https://kinobajka.nazwa.pl/>

Theatre and Philharmonic Hall

- ➔ **Juliusz Osterwa Theatre** (Narutowicza Street 17, www.teatrosterwy.pl/index.php - only in Polish), featuring a wide range of classical and modern plays.
- ➔ **Teatr Stary w Lublinie** at Jezuicka Street 18 (<http://www.teatrstary.eu/>)
- ➔ **Filharmonia Lubelska** (Lublin Philharmonic Hall) at Skłodowska Street 5 (<http://filharmonialubelska.pl/> - only in Polish)

Pubs, clubs, discos

We recommend taking a walk around the city centre and the Old Town because each cafeteria, pub, club or disco has its own, particular flavour and offer.



5.3 City sights

There are so many choices and interesting sights in Lublin that it would be difficult to recommend just a few. However, there are some places that are an absolute must for all visitors:

Old Town

One of the most beautiful in Poland. Its uniqueness lies in its preservation of the original medieval town plan within the confines of its defensive walls. All the old townhouses are distinguished by rich artwork that still preserves its Gothic and Renaissance character. Apart from great sightseeing value, tourists are attracted by the abundance of stylish cafes, pubs and restaurants.



The Cracow Gate

One of the most well-known landmarks of Lublin – it can be found in hundreds of photographs and drawings. Built in half of the 14th century in the Gothic style, it was rebuilt in the 16th century in Renaissance style with a baroque copula. Today, the Gate houses the Historical Museum of Lublin.



The Castle complex

One of the grandest sights in Lublin. The oldest parts of the castle date back to the middle of the 13th century. The castle served as a prison until 1954. During the Nazi occupation there were over 80,000 people interned here. Today, the castle houses the extensive National Museum in Lublin, with over 100,000 artefacts in various permanent exhibitions.



The Holy Trinity Chapel

A unique building in Poland and an exceptionally rare monument in Europe, famous for its unique Russo-Byzantine frescoes from the early 15th century combined with the Gothic style of the Chapel. It is the only example in Poland of this kind of art that has been preserved almost untouched.

The Cathedral

The former Jesuit church dating from the end of the 16th century; it is particularly interesting because of its acoustic vestry as well as grand and stylish interior with baroque wall paintings.



The Museum in Majdanek

A preserved section of the infamous concentration camp organized by the Nazis in 1941-42. Majdanek was the second largest death camp (after Oświęcim-Brzezinka) in the countries of occupied Europe. It operated till liberation in July 1944, and during that period approximately 360,000 people, representing 51 nationalities from 26 countries, were exterminated. The permanent camp exposition consists of the post-camp objects: prison fields surrounded with the barbed wire, guard towers, prisoners' barracks, gas chambers and the crematorium with the tomb of those murdered in the camp. You can also see documentaries shown in a small cinema.



Going outside Lublin

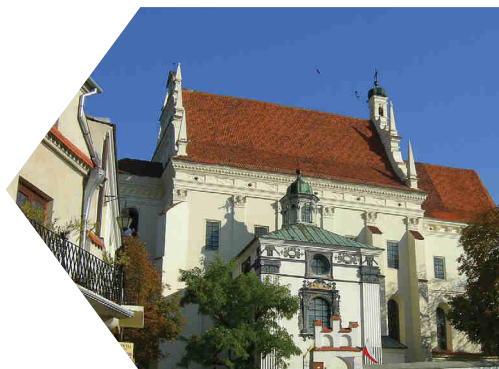
The city is also an excellent base if you want to travel further and visit other beautiful spots in the Lublin Region, including:

Kazimierz Dolny – an architectural and cultural pearl of the region

Kozłówka – with the beautiful Zamoyski Palace Complex housing, a unique gallery featuring socialist-realist “art”

Nałęczów – a well-known, beautifully situated spa the 18th-century baroque-classicist Małachowski Palace

Zamość – its Old Town is included on the UNESCO World Heritage list



5.4 Sport activities

Among university facilities is also a very modern and well-equipped sports centre. From among a great variety of sport sections you can choose team sports (basketball, volleyball, handball, etc.), badminton, rowing, aerobics, tennis, swimming, gym, athletics, climbing, chess, judo, karate and others.

If you want to participate in one of these sport sections, you should go directly to the coach. However, we would advise you to ask your Guardian Angel for help. You should be aware of the fact that probably you will have to pay some fees (e.g. insurance, etc.).

There are also regular physical education classes – check the programme for the 1st year in your degree programme.

KUL SPORTS CENTRE, Konstantynów Street 1.

<https://www.kul.pl/o-nas,11421.html>

The addresses of some other sports centres (gyms, fitness clubs, swimming pools) in Lublin:

STREFA FITNESS& WELLNESS

E. Leclerc Shopping Centre
Tomasza Zana Street 19

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

CITY FIT

Plaza Shopping Centre
Lipowa Street 15

<https://cityfit.pl/aktualnosci/lublin-plaza/>

AQUA LUBLIN

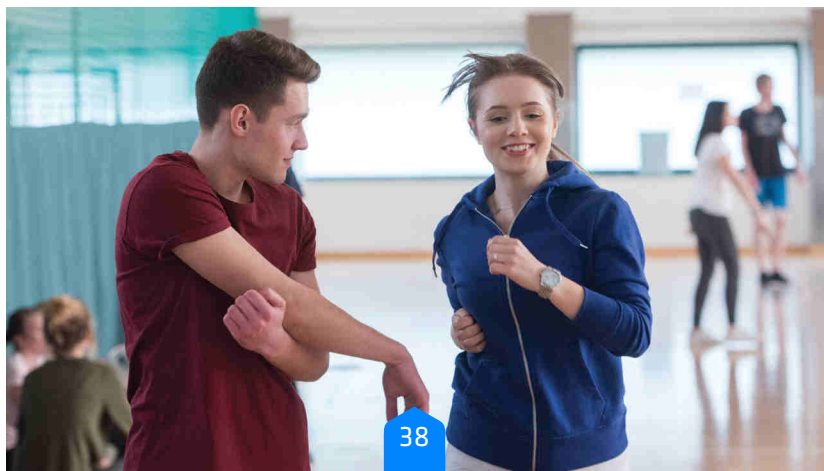
Al. Zyguntowskie 4

<http://www.mosir.lublin.pl/obiekty/aqua-lublin>

AKADEMOS

Symfoniczna Street 1A

<https://akademos.pl/>



Useful links and addresses:

- Lublin official website
lublin.eu/en/lublin/news/
- Cultural events in Lublin
lublin.eu/en/what-to-see-do/attractions-sights/monuments/
- Lublin City Office – Information Desk for Foreigners
lublin.eu/en/urzed-miasta/
- Lublin Tourist Information Centre
www.lublintravel.pl/index.php?lang=en
- Lublin – Events & Festivals
lublin.eu/en/what-to-see-do/events-festivals/
- Multimedia - movies, photos
www.lublin.eu/kultura/multimedia/galerie/
- Lublin live
www.lublin.eu/lublin/o-miescie/lublin-na-zywo/
- Discover Lublin
lublin.eu/en/lublin/about-the-city/
- Lublin TripAdvisor
www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g274818-Lublin_Lublin_Province_Eastern_Poland-Vacations.html
- Study in Lublin
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English – Polish dictionary

The basic vocabulary and phrases:

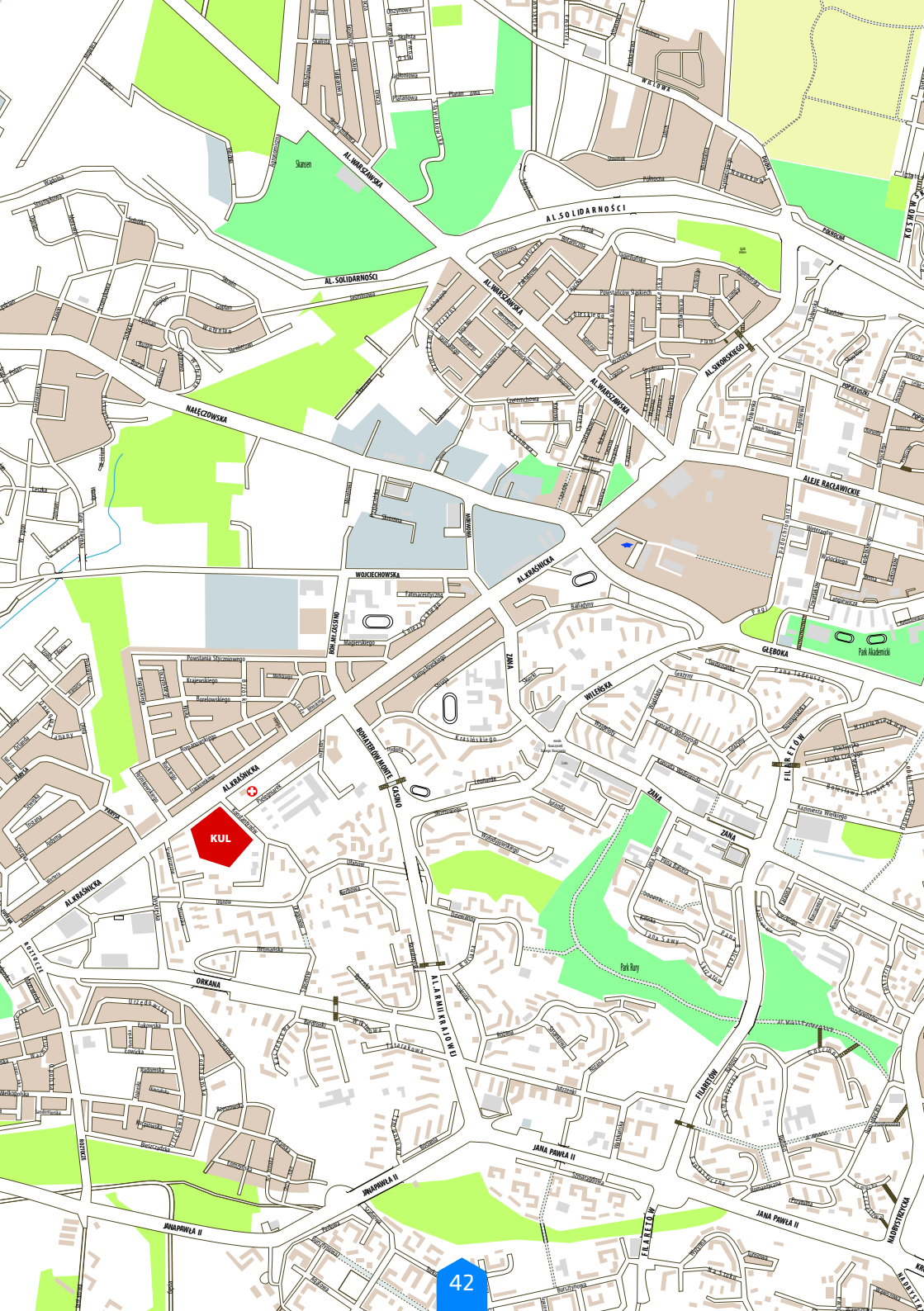
Hello	Cześć/ Hej
Good morning/afternoon	Dzień dobry
Good evening	Dobry wieczór
Good night	Dobranoc
Goodbye/Bye	Do widzenia
Thank you	Dziękuję
Please/you're welcome	Proszę
Not at all	Nie ma za co
Yes	Tak
No	Nie
I do not know	Nie wiem
Maybe	Może
I am sorry/Pardon?	Przepraszam
I do not understand	Nie rozumiem
I need help	Potrzebuję pomocy
What is your name?	Jak się nazywasz?
My name is...	Nazywam się...
Nice to meet you	Miło cię poznać
I am from../I come from..	Jestem z...
I like...	Lubię...
I don't like	Nie lubię



I study...	Studiuję...
How do I get to...	Jak dostanę się do/ jak dojść do...
Where is.../Where do I find...	Gdzie jest..
How much does ... cost?	Ile kosztuje ... ?
Railway station	Dworzec PKP/ Dworzec Kolejowy
Train	Pociąg
Trolleybus	Trolejbus
Bus station	Dworzec PKS/ Dworzec autobusowy
Bus	Autobus
Chemist's/Pharmacy	Apteka
Hospital	Szpital
Monday	Poniedziałek
Tuesday	Wtorek
Wednesday	Środa
Thursday	Czwartek
Friday	Piątek
Saturday	Sobota
Sunday	Niedziela
Do you study...?	Czy studiujesz...?
Do you have classes on ...?	Czy masz zajęcia w ...?
Can we meet on ... ?	Czy możemy się spotkać w ... ?

More information, useful tips and fun facts about the Polish language can be found here:

<https://culture.pl/en/article/the-polish-language-a-cheatsheet-for-beginners>







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