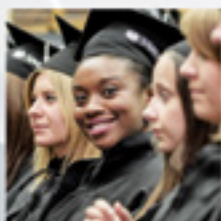




UMCS

FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



International Relations

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin



Facts about UMCS

- over 21.000 students
- over 216.000 graduates
- 2600 vacancies in 9 dormitories
- 1.100 international students
- 500 students who pursue sports at University Sport Clubs
- 96 agreements of cooperation with institutions around the world
- 23 current scientific research projects valued at c. PLN 116 million we are still working on
- the University's Main Library holdings include about one million books, 400.000 journals, and 300.000 items in specialized collections
- about 5.000 books in Digital Library of UMCS
- 98,2 FM – on that wave our University Radio Centrum broadcasts

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University is the largest public academic institution in Eastern Poland, located in Lublin, an academic city of various cultures and traditions. The offer of the University is outstanding and unique thanks to its versatility. The University was founded in 1944 and currently has a student population of nearly 22.000 students (including 1.100 international students). We provide education at twelve Faculties:

- **Faculty of Arts**
- **Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology**
- **Faculty of Chemistry**
- **Faculty of Economics**
- **Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology**
- **Faculty of Humanities**
- **Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science**
- **Faculty of Earth Science and Land Management**
- **Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology**
- **Faculty of Political Science**
- **Faculty of Law and Administration**
- **Campus in Puławy**

Our university offers undergraduate (BA and BSc), graduate (MA or MSc), and 5-year Master programmes delivered on a full-time, part-time and extramural basis. We also offer postgraduate and doctoral (third-cycle) programmes.

UMCS offers:

- One-Year Preparatory Course for Foreigners Who Wish to Study in Poland
- Summer School of Polish Language and Culture
- Postgraduate Programme in Humanities for Foreign Students
- BA, MA and PhD Degree Programmes
- 200 professional specializations

Foreign students are provided with:

- numerous benefits resulting from studying at UMCS
- diplomas issued by a state university recognized in the European education market
- high-standard dormitories (student's formal application is required)
- professional guidance provided by the International Student Office (speaking: English, Ukrainian, German, Spanish and Russian)
- scholarship opportunities
- multicultural environment (over 1.100 international students)
- high quality teaching based on European standards



Why are International Relations worth studying?

International Relations is a subject for those who wish to combine a thirst for knowledge with personal development while also creating opportunities for attractive future employment. We offer interdisciplinary study aimed especially at people interested in the world around them and the processes shaping it. International relations are activities, processes, and events of a transborder nature, which means they are not contained within states' boundaries. Nowadays, globalization and integration processes require that anyone involved in politics, business, culture, or social life be familiar with international relations. Therefore, the demand for academic knowledge of the subject is increasing, which translates into good prospects for **attractive employment**. Among the numerous work possibilities available for our graduates are diplomacy, international trade, international projects, and international organizations.

In order to meet the growing demand for specialists in international relations, the Faculty of Political Science at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University will for the first time in the 2015-16 academic year enroll students in a **2-year full-time English-language MA programme in International Relations**. Due to the fact that the entire programme will be conducted in English, students will be able to master their language skills and enrich their vocabulary with specialist terminology while expanding their knowledge of international relations. The programme is designed **for both Polish and foreign students** who wish to probe the problem of international relations, especially in the context of Central and Eastern European relations.

Our development is in line with students' expectations – we are open to students' and graduates' suggestions. Answering students' needs, we are planning to expand our programme by introducing language courses in Central and Eastern Europe languages.

The programme has a **unique content**. The syllabus combines study of general issues in modern international relations with detailed studies of Central and Eastern Europe that include both historical background and contemporary social, political, economic, and cultural issues. This region has witnessed profound socio-economic changes and is rapidly gaining importance in modern international relations.

We do care about our graduates' future. We have started cooperation with partner universities. We are striving to provide our students with prestige **diplomas from two universities**.

MA International Relations Graduate Profile

The students who have completed a second degree in International Relations will have acquired an education at an advanced level, including both specialist knowledge and general intellectual skills that equip them for employment, citizenship and personal development.

We expect our graduate to have the following attributes:

- to have expanded – in comparison with the first degree – interdisciplinary knowledge in the area of international relations, especially in the fields of international economic, social, political and legal issues;
- to understand complex transnational issues;
- to understand specific aspects of central and eastern Europe – history, political systems, culture and security challenges;
- to know the theory and practice of international relations as well as the theory and practice of political and economic decision-making processes;
- to have the necessary methodological and analytical skills to take up employment in positions requiring rational and accurate assessments, and to have instilled habits of personal responsibility;
- to be prepared for work in, among other areas, diplomacy, international organizations and institutions, government entities involved in foreign and economic policy, think tanks and research centres, dealing with international relations, companies related to international trade, as well as in the media - press, radio and television;
- to have instilled habits of lifelong learning and professional development, and to be prepared for study for the third degree (doctoral studies).



Enrollment

Prospective students register and file all necessary documents on the online registration system www.irk.umcs.pl. Registration continues until all available places are filled. For further information please contact: international.relations@umcs.pl or visit our website www.umcs.pl



Dates of Enrollment

EU citizens and foreigners who possess the Polish Charter – free of charge:

- **31st March – 9th September 2015** – online registration, completion of any missing files or details, payment of enrollment fees
- **10th September 2015** – display of lists of enrolled students
- **11th–15th September** – filing of documents by the admitted students
- **16th September 2015** – display of the second list of enrolled students for any remaining places
- **17th–18th September 2015** – filing of documents by students admitted in the second phase

NON- EU citizens:

Completed application form must be submitted to the International Student Office by **September 10** through the application system www.irk.umcs.pl and presented directly to the International Student Office. For more information, please contact: international.relations@umcs.pl

University fees

Polish citizens as well as foreigners who possess the Polish Charter study free of charge. Foreigners without the Polish Card are charged **a fee of 1250 euros** per year. Registration fee for EU citizens is 85 PLN, for NON-EU citizens it is 200 EUR.

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Meet Our Professors



Prof. Marek Pietraś, Director of International Relations Department, Faculty of Political Science, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin

In the academic year 2015-16, in order to meet not only the expectations of students, but also the needs of the labour market, we have launched a new English-language MA programme – International Relations. The programme will give particular emphasis to the importance of international relations for the people of Central and Eastern Europe. This MA

programme is intended for ambitious students, and we believe that the study of international relations is an investment that is destined to pay off in the future.

Dr David Jervis, International Relations Department, Faculty of Political Science, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin

Contemporary events in Ukraine and the NATO and European Union reaction to those events show the linkages between Eastern and Central Europe. Recognizing this and taking advantage of its location in eastern Poland, the International Relations Department at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University is initiating an English-language M.A. program on Central and Eastern Europe in October 2015. The program will combine foundation courses in international relations, including international relations theory, international security, and international economics with courses that focus specifically on Central and Eastern Europe, for example, the region's political systems, economic systems, and relations with the European Union.



Prof. Michael Sutton, Professor Emeritus, Modern History and International Relations, Aston University

This MA program is well designed and should be of particular interest to those wishing to acquire expertise in the international relations of central and eastern Europe. Such expertise has become even more valuable of late. Lublin, at the heart of east-central Europe, certainly makes for a good vantage point. The International Relations Department at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, moreover, provides top-quality teaching and a welcoming environment.

Our Ambassadors



Krzysztof Nakonieczny, (#knakonieczny), reporter for Telewizja Polska (the Polish public television service), and regular interviewer of top Polish politicians, graduate in International Relations at the Faculty of Political Science at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

Let's talk about energy. One might say that energy decides the future of international relations. Moreover, who makes energy, controls the power. Undoubtedly Poland is full of energy and I am absolutely positive that

it characterizes the Poles. I studied International Relations at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin (UMCS) and believe that to have been a good choice. Distinguished professors, a high standard of education, a strong impact on decision-making and enjoyable studies – these are features I associate with the Faculty of Political Science. I want to emphasize that the Faculty gives students the chance of realising their dreams. I am convinced that the Polish heritage of a high standard of education, the creativity of modern Poland, the growing economy, and the energy of Poles are among the advantages of studying in Lublin. E-books and e-libraries afford new opportunities. The Faculty of Political Science at UMCS in Lublin provides the student with new challenges. As I have found, its strong reputation enhances employment prospects. As a reporter in a leading news programme of the biggest television group in Poland (TVP-Telewizja Polska), I know how much I owe to UMCS. I found there knowledge, good friends and plenty of positive energy and optimism.

Karol Kumalski, First Secretary (Political Affairs) at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Baku Azerbaijan, graduate in International Relations at the Faculty of Political Science at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

International Relations at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin is a programme for people with passion, who want to understand the mechanisms, conditions and multidimensionality of the processes that affect our daily reality. This MA programme provides not only professional knowledge about the modern world, but also specific knowledge about the culture, political systems and history of Central and Eastern Europe. The study of International Relations shapes the values and personality of its students, and teaches creativity, problem solving and effective openness to other cultures – skills that I use every day as an employee of the Polish diplomatic service. I am convinced that the choice of “Lublin School of International Relations” will ensure that you will receive a solid foundation in this subject, which will assist your future professional involvement in many aspects of international issues, to the advantage both of Poland, and of your own career development.

The Campus

The UMCS campus is a complex of buildings situated in the immediate vicinity of the University's teaching buildings. It comprises the UMCS dormitories, private dormitories offering rooms for students, and the UMCS Academic Sports Centre, which consists of three sports halls, an indoor swimming pool, two bodybuilding gyms, an aerobics room and a remedial gymnastics room. The centre also has a new multifunction field with artificial turf and lighting and two beach volleyball courts as well as two tennis courts. Join us at: www.azs.umcs.pl and feel the pleasure of winning! There are also a number of pubs, discos, eating places, shops, and photocopy places on the campus. To the south of the campus is the university-owned Academic Park.

Dormitories

UMCS currently has nine dormitories located in close proximity to the city centre (a total of 2600 beds). We offer various types of rooms: two-room segments with a kitchen and a bathroom (independent flats), 1-4 room segments with one bathroom, 3-person rooms with common bathrooms in the corridor. We offer single, double (majority of rooms), and 3-person rooms. Each dormitory has an entertainment room, a TV room, laundry, and "quiet study rooms". Each room has access to Internet. Moreover, the university also has rooms for part-time and extramural students coming to Lublin for a few nights a month. Dormitories also provide hospitality services and offer rooms to people interested in accommodation in Lublin. For more information please visit: www.umcs.pl

International Student Office

The Office is responsible for servicing foreign students at UMCS. It advises and assists students first of all in matters pertaining to:

- Polish Government Scholarships
- Organization of studies at UMCS
- Tuition and fees



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Lublin

*Lublin is a dynamically developing city,
a place for young and active people.*

City of Lublin

Why Lublin?

First, we can boast of a long-standing tradition and substantial experience in teaching International Relations. Our staff is composed of **highly-specialised teachers** in such areas as international relations, socio-economical, cultural, and political life in Central and Eastern Europe. Included among **our professors are native speakers of English.**

Second, Lublin is an **an exceptional city in which to study international relations** with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe. The city has a 700-year-long history of being a contact point for cultures and religions in Central and Eastern Europe. It is here that the Polish-Lithuanian Union was signed in 1569; this had durable cultural results that outlasted the political consequences and laid the ideological foundations for today's European Union. Therefore, Lublin played an important role in the history of Europe in the period between the two unions.

Third, Lublin is well known for its great **academic traditions**. With 80,000 students, the city provides a **conductive atmosphere for studying**. The Faculty of Political Science hosts the greatest number of foreign students of all faculties of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, and naturally provides the experience of multi-cultural society.

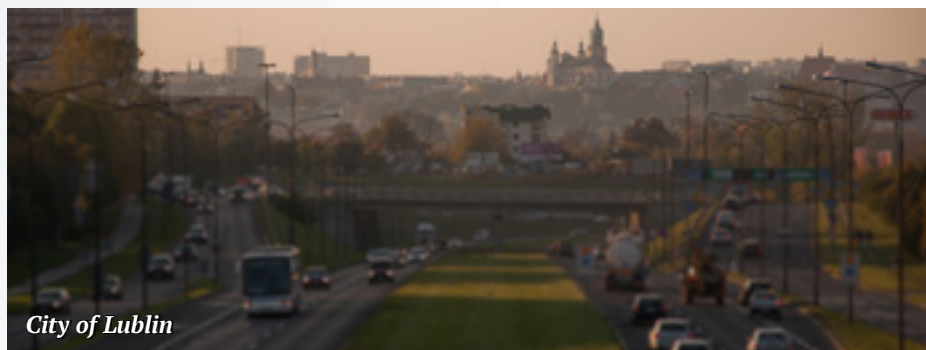
Last but not least, Lublin is **easily accessible**. The city is constantly developing; it has an airport and the road infrastructure is being improved. At the same time Lublin is a comparatively affordable place to live, offering numerous flats and university campuses, as well as places of recreation.



Cost of living in Lublin

Lublin, despite being a large university center, is characterized by a low cost of living as compared with cities in Central and Western Poland. Fees for accommodation in a UMCS dormitory range from PLN 270 to PLN 550 per month. The monthly cost of living in a private dormitory (in close proximity to the teaching buildings) or renting a room in a student flat is PLN 550 on average.

The city's public transport (buses and trolleybuses) is not expensive as students pay reduced fares – PLN 1.40. Food prices in Lublin are also lower than in the largest cities in Poland. The cheapest places to shop are supermarkets and discount stores, while small stores are more expensive.





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