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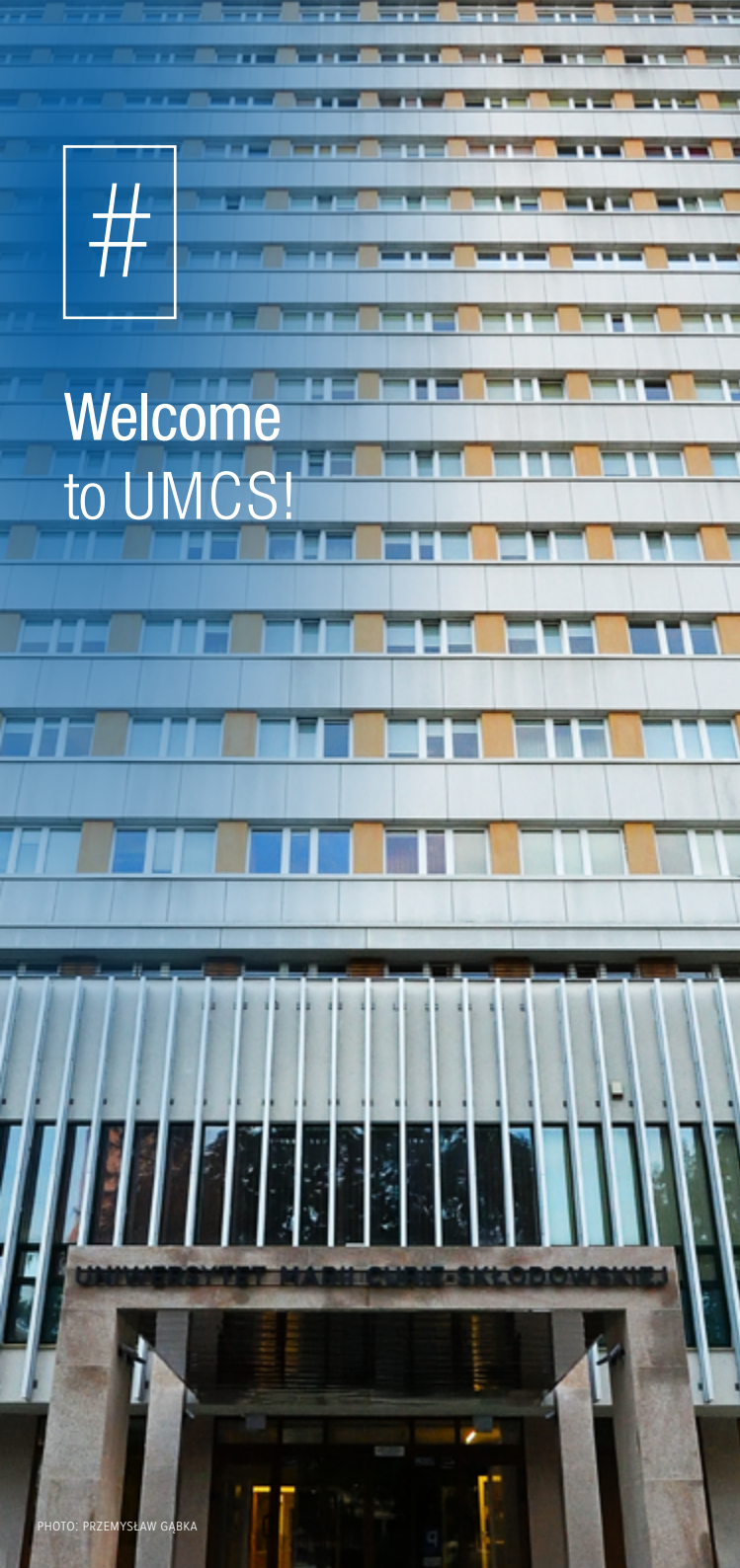
Guide for Foreign Academics

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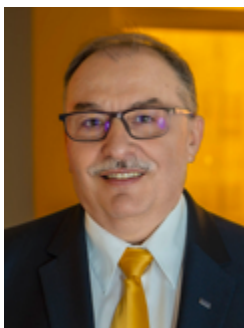


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Welcome
to UMCS!



MARIA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY IN LUBLIN, as the largest Polish public university on the eastern side of the Vistula River, attracts both Polish and international students, academics and researchers. The scientific and research potential

of UMCS is growing. Staff and students achieve success in academics, culture and sports on both the national and international levels. We have modern infrastructure and regularly invest in renovation of existing facilities.

We are a university that is open to everyone. In an effort to create the most welcoming educational environment for students and doctoral candidates and a friendly workplace for scholars, since 2017 the University has taken a number of steps to implement its HR Excellence in Research Strategy. We believe that with our efforts, students, doctoral candidates and researchers will be even more eager to choose UMCS.

Given how important it is to strengthen the University's international character in both education and science, we have developed the Strategic Programme for the Internationalisation of Research at UMCS. We aim to become more active in acquiring international research grants, strengthen the international character of our staff potential, disseminate research and artistic works more widely in foreign countries, and improve the image of UMCS abroad.

To meet the needs of people coming to our university, we have assembled a dedicated guide to help you plan your stay in Lublin. It provides information on the formalities that must be met before and after arrival in Poland, the most important facts about Poland, Lublin and our University, and a guide on where to spend your leisure time.

We want our University to be an academic community that is open and friendly to students, doctoral students and researchers of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds. We hope that your time at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin will be rich in academic success and provide you with opportunities to establish valuable relationships with members of our academic community.

Prof. Wiesław Gruszecki

Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation

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WELCOME CENTER FOR FOREIGN ACADEMICS



WELCOME
CENTER
UMCS

The Welcome Center for Foreign Academics was started at the International Cooperation Center to support international researchers and academic staff at UMCS in such areas as conducting scientific research, post-doctoral internship, teaching, etc. We provide help with formalities before their arrival in Poland, support them with respect to organisational matters after their arrival and all other issues related to their activities at the University.



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The Welcome Center for Foreign Academics at the International Cooperation Center

5 Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej Square, room 1207
(Rector's Office building, 12th floor), 20-031 Lublin
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[WELCOME CENTER FOR FOREIGN ACADEMICS](#)

At the Welcome Center, we help scholars from abroad with formalities that must be met before and after your arrival in Poland. We know that formal issues can be challenging, which is why we have prepared a checklist to help streamline all the required steps that must be completed by international visitors. The Welcome Center for Foreign Academics can provide support with respect to these matters.

Checklist

Before arrival

- set a specific date for your arrival and starting work at UMCS;
- ask your UMCS supervisor to prepare an official invitation stating the purpose of your visit, the planned duration of your stay at the University and confirmation that you have the financial means to cover the costs of your stay and your return journey;
- sign an agreement on foreigner admission for academic research and development with UMCS;

- if necessary, apply for a visa for yourself and your family members if they are coming with you (more on visas on page 13);
- acquire health insurance or travel medical insurance with a minimum coverage of EUR 30,000 for yourself and your family members (if they are coming with you);
- find accommodation. If you will be applying for a visa, you will need to show proof of accommodation in Poland. Check here how to use the accommodation available at UMCS: [UMCS DORMITORIES](#).

After arrival

- register at Lublin City Hall;
- sign a contract to rent a flat or a room in a UMCS dormitory (if you have not already done so);
- open a bank account in PLN (optional);
- sign an employment / civil law contract (if applicable);
- go to the academic unit you have come to (faculty, institute, sub-faculty, department, or meet with a specific UMCS researcher);
- ensure access to the necessary electronic means of communication (Eduroam network¹, USOS,² etc.);
- obtain information on potential tax liabilities, health contributions and pension rights that may arise from your employment status (if applicable).



Important documents

Non-EU nationals crossing the border must have:

- a valid travel document (passport or equivalent identity document) for themselves and any accompanying family members;
- a valid visa or other document authorising entry into and residence on the territory of Poland;

¹ The aim of Eduroam is to provide employees and students of educational and research institutions with access to secure communication within the scientific community. Any staff member or student registered at their home research institution participating in the Eduroam project can access the Internet at any participating institution worldwide. It uses the same credentials and access methods as the home institution.

² The University Student Support System (USOS) is a Dean's Office system that provides comprehensive support for the course of studies, students and doctoral candidates and the research and teaching staff.

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- proof of health insurance. You must have health insurance for the entire period of your stay in Poland. If you have not already secured long-term health insurance in your home country, purchase travel health insurance, which is valid until you have obtained Polish insurance;
- an official invitation from Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, a document that confirms the granting of a scholarship or an agreement for the admission of an international visitor;
- a proof of sufficient financial means to cover the costs of your stay and return journey to your country of origin/residence, or explanation regarding the way of securing the means for your stay in Poland (e.g. bank statement, scholarship, employment contract).



Other documents that may be useful

- certified true copies of the doctoral diploma or any other academic title (preferably also with a certified translation into Polish)³;

³ Nostrification of education diplomas is also required. The nostrification requirement applies to diplomas awarded in countries that have not signed a bilateral agreement with Poland on recognition of education obtained abroad as equivalent to education obtained in Poland.

- biometric⁴ passport photo, e.g. for a temporary residence permit, and possibly additional passport photos for various identity documents that will be needed during your stay. Photos can also be taken in Lublin;
- information on past or current illnesses and regularly taken medication;
- international driving licence (if you intend to drive in Poland);
- child's birth certificate (if you are travelling with children);
- marriage certificate (if you are travelling with your spouse).

At the end of your stay in Poland

Before planning to return to your country, there are a few things you should pay attention to:

- if you have registered for temporary residence at the Lublin City Hall, you will be automatically de-registered after the expiry of the registration period;
- remember to terminate your accommodation contract and comply with the formalities with regard to leaving your room, if you were accommodated in a UMCS dormitory;
- if you opened a bank account, go to the bank branch to close the account;
- make sure you obtain the documents you are obligated to submit to the institution financing your stay in Poland in order to settle it;
- notify the UMCS International Cooperation Center about your departure.

⁴ A biometric photograph facilitates verification of identity at checkpoints. The scanned document (e.g. at the airport) is checked by computer software which compares the image with the photo stored in the microchip. Identity verification is based on a precise comparison of biometric features, such as the size and shape of the nose and mouth, the spacing of the eyes or the position of the cheekbones. Confirmation of identity is possible even if the holder of the document changes his/her image, i.e. grows his/her hair or shaves his/her beard.



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COMING TO POLAND – STEP BY STEP

■ Visa

You may need a visa to enter Poland and, in the event of a longer stay, a residence permit and temporary residence registration.

- ① *Visas are issued to foreigners coming to Poland as Schengen visas or national visas by a Polish consul. To obtain a visa, you must apply to the appropriate Polish diplomatic or consular post.*

A Schengen visa (marked with the C symbol) – is issued when the planned stay in the territory of the Schengen Member States¹ does not exceed 90 days within each 180-day period.

A national visa (i.e. long-term visa – marked with the D symbol) – entitles its holder to enter the territory of the Republic of Poland and in a single continuous period in that territory or over several consecutive stays lasting more than 90 days in total; the period of validity of a national visa cannot exceed one year.

The addresses of Polish diplomatic and consular missions abroad are available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [POLAND'S MISSIONS ABROAD – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPUBLIC OF POLAND – GOV.PL WEBSITE \(GOV.PL\)](#).

We recommend consulting the website of the relevant consulate as a definitive source of information, as the rules related to the foreigner's visa application may vary from country to country.

More information about the visa issuing process can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPUBLIC OF POLAND – MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPUBLIC OF POLAND – GOV.PL WEBSITE \(GOV.PL\)](#).

¹ The Schengen Area is a territory with guaranteed freedom of movement of persons. The Schengen Area does not cover all the territory of the European Union. The Schengen Area includes: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, as well as Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Cyprus, Bulgaria, Ireland, Romania, the United Kingdom and Croatia are not members of the Schengen area.

Citizens of certain countries are entitled to stay under the visa-free regime. Check the website of the Office for Foreigners to see if your country is listed there: [DO I NEED A VISA | OFFICE FOR FOREIGNERS \(UDSC.GOV.PL\)](#).

If you have crossed the border under the visa-free regime and your stay in Lublin/Poland will exceed 3 months, you should go to the Lublin Voivodeship Office (4 Spokojna Street, 20-914 Lublin). The procedure to legalise your stay is simple and free of charge. The application must be submitted in person no later than one day after the expiry of the period of three months from the date of entry into Poland. The document confirming registration is a written declaration.

Registration obligation for foreigners in Poland

All foreigners are required to register their long-term residence in Poland. This obligation applies both to citizens of the Member States of the European Union and all other persons arriving from abroad.

Upon arrival in Lublin, register at the Lublin City Hall

- no later than 30 days from the day of your arrival in Poland if your stay in Poland is going to exceed 3 months and you are a citizen of a European Union (EU) member state, a citizen of a European Free Trade Association (EFTA) member state or his/her family member;
- no later than on the 4th day from the day of your arrival at your place of temporary residence in Poland if you will be staying in Poland for more than 30 days and you are not included in the above group.

The registration service is free of charge. A certificate of temporary residence is issued at the request of the foreigner and is subject to an administrative fee (PLN 17). Foreigners registering for temporary residence in Poland for the first time will also receive a PESEL (Personal ID) number.

Where to submit your registration documents in Lublin:

Residents Services Office (Biuro Obsługi Mieszkańców)

14 Wieniawska Street (1st floor, desks 17 and 18) | 20-071 Lublin

+48 81 466 10 41 +48 81 466 10 42

Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.



Practical tip: if you want to avoid queues at the office, try to go to the office on a Wednesday or Thursday. The busiest days are Monday and Friday.

Registration of residence for citizens of the European Union/EEA and Switzerland

EU citizens and their family members who are not EU citizens may stay in Poland for up to 3 months without fulfilling any residence conditions other than holding a valid travel document. A citizen of the EU may hold another valid document proving his/her identity and nationality.

In the event of a stay in the territory of the Republic of Poland for more than 3 months, an EU citizen and his/her family members holding EU citizenship are obligated to register their stay, and a family member who is not an EU citizen is obligated to obtain a residence card of the EU citizen's family member.

The obligation to register residence does not apply to an EU citizen who has the right of residence in order to seek work.

An application for registration of residence should be submitted in person to the Lublin Voivodship Office no later than on the day following the expiry of 3 months from the date of entry into the territory of Poland. The requirement to submit the application in person does not apply to a minor.

NOTE

The obligation to register the residence of an EU citizen is not the same as the obligation to register in Poland. The authority competent to register the residence of an EU citizen is the governor competent for the place of his/her residence. However, the competent authority with respect to the registration obligation is the relevant municipality authority (municipality administrator or mayor).

To register the residence of EU citizens (including their family members who are also EU citizens) and to obtain a residence card for an EU citizen's family member, EU citizens must fulfil the conditions of the right of residence exceeding 3 months.

EU citizens have the right of residence exceeding 3 months if they meet one of the following conditions:

- they are an employee or self-employed person in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- they have the sufficient financial means to support themselves and their family members on the territory of the Republic of Poland so as not to become a burden on social assistance, and have suitable health insurance;
- they are studying or undergoing vocational training in the Republic of Poland and: a) have the sufficient financial means to support themselves and their family members on the territory of the Republic of Poland so as not to become a burden on social assistance, and have suitable health insurance; b) are married to a Polish citizen.



Required documents

- a completed European Union citizen right of residence application form;
- a valid travel document or other valid proof of identity and citizenship (original to be presented for inspection);

NOTE

If the foreigner does not have any of the above-mentioned documents, they will be required to provide them within 7 days from the delivery of the summons or the application will not be considered further.

- a certificate of registration of residence of a European Union citizen issued to a citizen of the European Union with whom a family member resides in the territory of the Republic of Poland;

other required documents

- in the case of an employee – a written declaration of an employer or an entity authorised to employ the European

Union citizen on the intention to employ the individual or a certificate of employment;

- in the case of a self-employed person in the territory of Poland – a written declaration concerning the entry in the National Court Register or in the Central Register and Information on Business Activity, or other proof confirming that the European Union citizen is a self-employed person in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- in the case of students or persons undergoing vocational training:
 - a certificate from a state-owned or private higher education institution confirming enrolment at a university or referral to vocational training;
 - a document confirming coverage by general health insurance or entitlement to healthcare services based on regulations relating to the coordination of social security systems, or possession of private health insurance;
 - a written statement that confirms possession of sufficient financial resources to support oneself and family members in order not to be a burden on social assistance, or proof of possession of such resources;
- in the case of a spouse of a Polish citizen – a document confirming marriage to a Polish citizen;
- in other cases:
 - a document confirming coverage by statutory health insurance or entitlement to healthcare under the provisions on the coordination of social security schemes, or possession of private health insurance;
 - proof of possession of sufficient financial means to provide for oneself and family members so as not to become a burden on social assistance.

NOTE

Proof that you have the sufficient financial resources to support yourself and family members so as not to become a burden on social assistance may include, in particular:

a credit card proof of sufficient funds held at a bank or other financial institution, certified by the stamp and signature of an authorised officer of that bank or institution, issued not later than one month prior to submission of the application for registration of residence.

NOTE

If there is a need to clarify or specify the proof held by the authority with regard to the case during the proceedings, the foreigner may be called upon to provide additional documents or to give testimony confirming the circumstances referred to in the application.

Required fees

There is no charge for registering residence and issuing a certificate of registration of residence of an EU citizen. The administrative fee for submitting a declaration of power of attorney is PLN 17.

Processing time

Registration of residence and residence registration certificate of an EU citizen should be applied for without delay.

Information about the document to be issued

An EU citizen whose residence has been registered should be issued an EU citizen residence registration certificate. A valid travel document should be presented when collecting the EU citizen residence certificate, and if it collected by an applicant's proxy – the power of attorney for collecting the certificate should also be presented. EU citizens may present another valid document proving their identity and nationality.

Failure to comply with the obligation to register residence in the territory of the Republic of Poland is punishable by a fine.

Residence card

A residence card is a residence document issued to foreigners who have been granted in Poland:

- a temporary residence permit,
- a permanent residence permit,
- a long-term EU-resident permit,
- a residence permit for humanitarian reasons,
- international protection (refugee status or subsidiary protection granted in Poland).

During the period of its validity, a residence card confirms the identity of the foreigner during their stay in the territory of Poland and, together with the travel document, entitles them to cross the border multiple times without the need to obtain a visa. Furthermore, a residence card is a residence document which, aside from a valid Polish visa, entitles its holder to travel within the Schengen Area for a period not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period if the foreigner:

- holds a valid travel document,
- can justify the purpose and conditions of the planned stay,
- has sufficient means of support or is able to obtain such in a lawful manner,
- is not deemed to be a threat to public order, internal security, public health or the international relations of any of the Member States, and in particular no alert for refusal of entry has been issued in Member States' national databases on this basis, and the foreigner's particulars are not listed on the national list of alerts for refusal of entry of the Member State concerned.

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POLAND – KEY INFORMATION AND FIGURES

Warsaw Capital city

Polish Official language

38 million Population (approx.)

GMT +01:00 Time zone (Central European Time)

(+48) Country code

Polish zloty (PLN) Currency

Public holidays

- **1 JANUARY**
New Year
- **6 JANUARY**
the Epiphany
- Easter Sunday
- Easter Monday
- **1 MAY**
Public Holiday
- **3 MAY**
Third of May Constitution Day
- **PENTECOST**
May or June, depending on the date of Easter
- **CORPUS CHRISTI**
May or June, depending on the date of Easter
- **15 AUGUST**
Assumption of Mary
- **1 NOVEMBER**
All Saints Day
- **11 NOVEMBER**
National Independence Day
- **25 DECEMBER**
Christmas Day
- **26 DECEMBER**
Boxing Day

Social welfare

The Ministry of Family and Social Policy is responsible for nationwide social policy in Poland. The Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) is responsible for collecting contributions and paying benefits to those who are entitled to receive them.

🌐 More information on social care in Poland can be found at:

[SOCIAL SECURITY | EURAXESS POLAND](#)

Tax system

The Polish tax system includes several forms of taxation. It is important to remember to make timely payments and submit tax returns, since the government authorities impose penalties for tax evasion.

🌐 A list of taxes most relevant to researchers can be found at:

[TAXATION | EURAXESS POLAND](#)

Health insurance

If you are insured in EU/EFTA Member States

If your stay is temporary, you can only receive necessary medical care. You will receive the following benefits on the same basis as persons insured in Poland:

- guaranteed health services,
- supply of orthopaedic appliances and aids,
- reimbursable drugs.

The National Health Fund (NFZ) will cover the cost of your treatment if you present:

- A European Health Insurance Card¹ or
- A certificate temporarily replacing the European Health Insurance Card – if you cannot ask your insurer to send you the Certificate, the service provider (e.g. a doctor or a clinic) may contact the regional branch of the NFZ. This

¹ The EHIC application procedure is regulated by the laws of each country.

branch will act as an intermediary in obtaining this document from the institution where you have health insurance.

NOTE

If you do not have a European Health Insurance Card or a Certificate, your doctor may bill you for your treatment. You can then seek reimbursement from the institution where you have health insurance.

Which healthcare services you are entitled to depends on the nature of your stay in Poland.

If you are insured in Poland

You have the same access to medical care as insured Polish citizens.

If you are a citizen of a country that has signed a treaty or a bilateral agreement with Poland

You can receive the necessary medical care if you are in Poland legally and:

- you suddenly fall ill,
- you have an accident.

In such a situation, the Ministry of Health will cover the costs of treatment.

Countries that have signed a treaty or a bilateral agreement with Poland:

- Albania,
- Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- Montenegro,
- Russian Federation,
- Republic of Macedonia,
- Serbia,
- Tunisia.

NOTE

If you are not insured in Poland or another EU/EFTA country and you are not a citizen of a country that has signed a bilateral agreement with Poland, you can pay for medical care. If you have a suitable medical insurance policy, e.g. required for a Schengen entry visa or a national visa, the provider (e.g. a doctor or clinic) will settle the costs of medical care with your insurance company.

■ Safety

Poland is a safe country and friendly to foreigners. The terrorist threat level is low. Nonetheless, you should be familiar with the emergency numbers.



112

European emergency number

(toll-free number throughout the European Union from both landlines and mobile phones.

The 112 emergency number can be dialled from a phone without a SIM card).

999

Emergency Medical Services

998

Fire Service

997

Police





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LUBLIN – A CITY OF INSPIRATIONS

Lublin is often referred to as the Gateway to the East. The city is the capital of Lublin Voivodeship, one of sixteen administrative regions in Poland.

Every year, the city hosts international art events, theatre festivals, music festivals and contemporary art festivals. These concerts, exhibitions and festivals, especially in summer, fill the city streets with crowds of art lovers. The most popular cultural events include: Carnival Sztukmistrzów, Different Sounds Festival, Night of Culture, the Jagiellonian Fair, Neighbours – Central European Theatre Festival, Theatre Confrontations International Festival and the European Festival of Taste.

Lublin also stands out as a prominent academic centre. With its wide range of fields of study and highly qualified academic staff, it attracts both Polish and international students. More than 60,000 students study at public universities (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, the University of Life Sciences, the Medical University, the Lublin University of Technology) and private universities, with more than 6,700 foreign students from over 100 countries.

Since 2004 (when Poland joined the European Union), Lublin has made intensive use of EU funds, completing numerous public development projects. As a result, it is developing as a centre for science, culture, tourism, sport and recreation, as well as services and industry. It is also becoming a key transport hub: it has an expressway and an airport.

It is here that at the end of the 1970s, the first fibre optic cable in Poland was designed and created by the employees of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University. The Lublin fibre optics factory (also the first in Poland) was established in 1983.

It is also home to Lublin Science and Technology Park, a science and research centre that serves as a meeting place for scientific institutions and businesses. All of Lublin's universities, as well as the city and local government have been involved in the project. The aim of the meetings is joint investment in innovative technologies.

With the support of EU funds, the Lublin IT Highland project was also created. The project, implemented by the Lublin City Hall, is an initiative to highlight the potential and create a favourable environment for the development of the IT industry in Lublin, which is currently the most rapidly growing branch of the local economy. The concept of the Lublin IT Highland is based on the "triple helix" principle, consisting of the cooperation of public authorities, academic circles and businesses in order to increase the competitiveness of each entity. The project's priority is to support the local IT base in Lublin by developing mutual links in the scientific and business communities related to IT and ICT technology.

🌐 More information about Lublin can be found at:

LUBLIN.EU/EN.

How to get to Lublin?

Lublin is approximately 170 km from Warsaw, 180 km from Rzeszow and approximately 100 km from the Ukrainian border. There are railway stations, including the Central Railway Station, and the Central Bus Station. The Lublin Airport in Świdnik operates scheduled and charter flights to the UK, the Netherlands and Norway.

 **THE LUBLIN AIRPORT** in Świdnik can be reached from the city in several ways:

- POLREGIO trains, route: Lublin Airport – Lublin Główny,
- public transport bus no. 5, route: Mełgiew – Lublin Airport – Lublin Brama Krakowska,
- rental car: [PANEK CARSHARING](#),
- taxi, Bolt, Uber, FREE NOW.



International researchers arriving in Poland most often land in one of the airports in the Warsaw area.

There are several ways to get from Warsaw to Lublin, depending on which airport you use.

Chopin Airport **CHOPIN AIRPORT**

 **AIR** From Chopin Airport you can reach Lublin Airport in Świdnik in just 45 minutes.

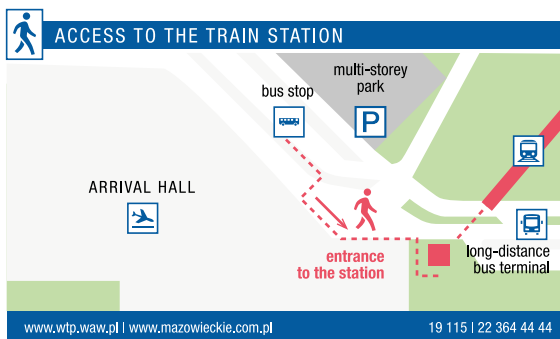
 **RAIL** Train services from the airport to Warsaw are operated by three rail operators: Szybka Kolej Miejska, Koleje Mazowieckie and Intercity: [LOTNISKO-CHOPINA.PL/EN/TRAIN.HTML](https://lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/train.html).

Trains from the airport arrive at the main railway stations in Warsaw. The stations: Warszawa Centralna, Warszawa Wschodnia, Warszawa Zachodnia, and Warszawa Śródmieście, allow convenient transfers to many destinations throughout Poland.

To get to Lublin by train, the most convenient way is to go to either the Warszawa Centralna or Warszawa Wschodnia railway station. To find the best train connection for you, use the search engine at: [KOLEO.PL/EN/](https://koleo.pl/en/) and [ROZKLAD.PKP.PL/EN](https://rozklad.pkp.pl/en); you can also buy tickets there. Train tickets can also be purchased at ticket offices at railway stations and the airport.

 **BUS** There is a coach terminal at Chopin Airport for long-distance and tour buses. The terminal is located at the level of the south pier (arrivals level), close to the exit of the railway station. The following carriers have buses that serve Lublin:

- Flixbus [FLIXBUS.CO.UK](https://www.flixbus.co.uk)
- Contbus (website in Polish only) [BILETY.CONTBUS.PL/KUPBILET.ASPX](https://bilety.contbus.pl/kupbile.aspx)



Map illustrating the railway station and bus stop at Chopin Airport

Modlin Airport [EN.MODLINAIRPORT.PL](https://en.modlinairport.pl)

 **RAIL** Special airport buses of Koleje Mazowieckie run every 20–30 minutes between the Modlin railway station and the terminal of the Warsaw/Modlin Airport. They can seat up to 70 passengers, with air-conditioning and are accessible for people with disabilities. Tickets can be purchased from the driver at carrier's rates. The bus timetable is aligned with train arrivals/departures. More information can be found at the carrier's website: [MAZOWIECKIE.COM.PL/EN](https://mazowieckie.com.pl/en). There are trains from the Modlin railway station to Lublin via Warsaw. A detailed train timetable can be found at the carrier's website: [PKP.PL/EN](https://pkp.pl/en). Buses of the following carriers travel to Lublin:



- Flixbus [FLIXBUS.CO.UK](https://www.flixbus.co.uk)
- Contbus (website in Polish only) [BILETY.CONTBUS.PL/KUPBILET.ASPX](https://bilety.contbus.pl/kupbile.aspx)

Transport in Lublin

BUSES AND TROLLEYBUSES

Public transport in Lublin provides service throughout the city and the metropolitan area. It consists of buses and trolleybuses (called “trajtek” by the locals), which are rarely seen in Polish cities. The municipal transport company operates several dozen daytime lines and 3 night-time lines.

- The current public transport timetable can be found at: ZTM.LUBLIN.EU/?SF_CULTURE=EN.
- Tickets can be purchased at a newsagent, ticket machine at the bus stop or on the bus, or via the app: Lubika, [MOBILET](#), [MPAY](#), [SKYCASH](#), [ZBILETEM.PL](#) i [GOPAY](#).
- Lublin City Bike (LRM)
- The Lublin City Bike network consists of 91 stations in Lublin and Świdnik, 891 bikes, 20 bikes for children and 5 tandems. The system operates from spring to autumn (depending on weather conditions). The operator of the urban bicycle in Lublin is [NEXTBIKE](#). To rent a bike, you need to:
 - register using the Nextbike mobile app,
 - call the 24-hour hotline at 81 464 66 00,
 - visit the Customer Service Office at 1–3 Jezuicka Street.

More information can be found at the LRM website:

🌐 LUBELSKIROWER.PL/EN

ELECTRIC SCOOTER

Electric scooters not only serve as a means of transport, but are also great fun. Scooter parking areas are located in the city and there is an automatic speed limit in designated zones. The electric scooters in Lublin are operated by [BOLT](#). Using the scooters requires the installation of a mobile app available via [GOOGLE PLAY](#) or [APPSTORE](#).

TAXI/BOLT/UBER/FREE NOW

Lublin residents and tourists have several taxi companies they can choose from. Taxi ranks are located in the most important communication points of the city – at [CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION](#), [MAIN BUS STATION](#) or the [LUBLIN AIRPORT](#).

A few phone numbers:

- EKO TAXI: phone: 81 744 22 22
- RADIO TAXI: phone: +81 444 44 44
- ALE TAXI: phone: +81 111 11 11

A list of taxi companies can be found at: [LUBLININFO.COM/EN/HOW-TO-GET-AROUND-THE-CITY](https://lublininfo.com/en/how-to-get-around-the-city). Also, you can use the services of Bolt, Uber, FREE NOW in the city. The carrier's services can be used via a mobile app available via [GOOGLE PLAY](#) or [APPSTORE](#).

CAR RENTAL

In Lubin, short-term rentals are provided by [PANEK CARSHARING](#). Customers can choose from electric, gas/diesel and hybrid cars. To rent a car, use the mobile app available via [GOOGLE PLAY](#) or [APPSTORE](#). The charge is based on the duration of the car rental and the number of kilometres travelled. More information can be found at: [PANEKCS.PL/EN](https://panekcs.pl/en). If you are interested in a long-term car rental, use one of the available search engines, such as [RENTCARS.PL/EN](https://rentcars.pl/en)

PAID PARKING ZONE

There are 4 paid parking zones in the centre of Lublin: A, B, C, D. A parking ticket can be purchased at parking meters, with payment by card, cash or using a mobile app such as City Park App [CITY PARK APP](#) (you need to print an ID from the operator's website and place it in the car in a place visible to the controller).

 Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Current map of parking zones is available at:

 [ZDM.LUBLIN.EU](https://zdm.lublin.eu)

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS IN LUBLIN

- parking [GLOBUS LUBLIN](#), 8 Kazimierza Wielkiego Street,
- car park [AQUA LUBLIN](#), 4 Zygmuntowskie Alley,
- parking [IKEA / SKENDE SHOPPING](#), 86 Spółdzielczości Pracy Alley (exit road to the S19 expressway in the direction of Białystok),
- car park [GALERIA VIVO!](#) Lublin, 2 Unii Lubelskiej Street,
- car park [GALERIA FELICITY](#), 32 Wincentego Witosa Alley (exit road to the S12 expressway in the direction of Dorohusk).

Healthcare in Lublin

In Lublin, insured persons can obtain healthcare services in public hospitals and health clinics.

HOSPITALS

Samodzielny Publiczny Szpital Kliniczny no. 1 in Lublin

 16 Stanisława Staszica Street, 20-081 Lublin

 [SPSK1.LUBLIN.PL](https://spsk1.lublin.pl)

Samodzielny Publiczny Szpital Kliniczny no. 4 in Lublin

 8 Kazimierza Jaczewskiego Street, 20-954 Lublin

 [SPSK4.LUBLIN.PL](https://spsk4.lublin.pl)

1 Wojskowy Szpital Kliniczny z Polikliniką SPZOZ in Lublin

 23 Racławickie Alley, 20-049 Lublin

 [1WSZK.PL](https://1wszk.pl)

Wojewódzki Szpital Specjalistyczny im. Stefana Kardynała Wyszyńskiego in Lublin

 100 Kraśnicka Alley, 20-718 Lublin

 [SZPITAL.LUBLIN.PL](https://szpital.lublin.pl)

Samodzielny Publiczny Szpital Wojewódzki im. Jana Bożego in Lublin

 9 Mieczysława Biernackiego Street, 20-089 Lublin

 [JANBOZY.PL](https://janbozy.pl)

Szpital Neuropsychiatryczny im. prof. Mieczysława Kaczyńskiego in Lublin

 2 Abramowicka Street, 20-442 Lublin

 [SNZOZ.LUBLIN.PL](https://snzoz.lublin.pl)

Uniwersytecki Szpital Dziecięcy in Lublin

 6 Prof. Antoniego Gębali Street, 20-093 Lublin

 [USZD.LUBLIN.PL](https://uszd.lublin.pl)

Centrum Onkologii Ziemi Lubelskiej im. Św. Jana z Dukli

 7 Kazimierza Jaczewskiego Street, 20-090 Lublin

 [COZL.EU/PACJENT/INFO-GB](https://cozl.eu/pacjent/info-gb)

PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS (PRIMARY HEALTHCARE)

There is a Primary Healthcare Outpatient Clinic located on the campus of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (6a Mariana Langiewiczza Street). The most frequent users are students and scholars at UMCS. Insured persons can use the services of the clinic free of charge.

COMMERCIAL CLINICS PROVIDING SERVICES TO INTERNATIONAL PATIENTS

In Lublin, you can also use paid health services offered by private health clinics:

Żagiel Med [ZAGIELMED.PL/OFERTA/EN](https://zagielmed.pl/oferta/en)

- 📍 21 Tetmajera Street, 20-362 Lublin;
- 📍 2 Onyksowa Street, 20-582 Lublin

Luxmed Lublin [EN.LUXMEDLUBLIN.PL](https://en.luxmedlublin.pl)

- 📍 5 Radziwiłłowska Street, 20-080 Lublin;
- 📍 11 Królewska Street, 20-109 Lublin;
- 📍 6A Zwycięska Street, 20-555 Lublin;
- 📍 4D Koncertowa Street, 20-866 Lublin;
- 📍 7 Orkana Street, 20-504 Lublin

Sanitas [CMSANITAS.PL/INFO-ENGLISH](https://cmsanitas.pl/info-english)

- 📍 3 Okopowa Street, 20-022 Lublin

Top Medical [TOPMEDICAL.PL/EN](https://topmedical.pl/en)

- 📍 29 Zana Street, 20-601 Lublin;
- 📍 6 Szeligowskiego Street, 20-883 Lublin

Night and holiday healthcare

Night and holiday healthcare is primary healthcare provided outside the normal opening hours of outpatient clinics – Monday to Friday between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. the following day, and 24 hours a day at weekends and other public holidays. In the event of a sudden illness or a sudden deterioration in health, a patient can go to any night and holiday healthcare centre for help, regardless of where they live.

THE DOCTOR ON DUTY GIVES ADVICE

- in an outpatient setting,
- in the patient's home (in medically justified cases),
- by phone.

You can use the services of the doctors and nurses at night and on holidays in the event of:

- sudden illness;
- a sudden deterioration of your health, when there are no symptoms suggesting an imminent threat to your life or a significant deterioration of your health, and where home remedies or over-the-counter medication have not provided the expected improvement;
- in the event that waiting for a clinic to open could significantly adversely affect your health.

NIGHT AND HOLIDAY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN LUBLIN

Wojewódzki Szpital Specjalistyczny im. Stefana Kardynała Wyszyńskiego in Lublin

 100 Kraśnicka Alley, 20-718 Lublin

 81 537 40 27, 519 058 752, 519 058 953

Samodzielny Publiczny Szpital Wojewódzki im. Jana Bożego in Lublin

 9 Mieczysława Biernackiego Street, 20-089 Lublin,

 81 760 43 43, 572 774 773, 515 752 750.

PAID NIGHT HEALTHCARE

Luxmed Lublin

 7 Orkana Street

 more information can be found at: [EN.LUXMEDLUBLIN.PL](https://en.luxmedlublin.pl)

EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE

Przychodnia Specjalistyczna Hipoteczna 4 Sp. z o.o.

 4 Hipoteczna Street, 20-027 Lublin

 [HIPOTECZNA4.LUBLIN.PL](https://hipoteczna4.lublin.pl)

In the event of urgent dental problems you can go there every day from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am and round the clock on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

SOURCE: ADOBE STOCK



Schools in Lublin

In Poland, compulsory education starts at the beginning of the school year in the calendar year in which a child turns 7 and lasts until the end of primary school or until the child turns 18. Education starts in an eight-grade primary school. Afterwards, pupils can choose to continue their education in a 4-year general secondary school, a 5-year technical secondary school or a 3-year vocational secondary school.

BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

- Europejczyk Bilingual Primary School: [DSP.EDU.PL](https://dsp.edu.pl)
- Jan Kochanowski Primary School No. 57 in Lublin: [SP57.LUBLIN.EU](https://sp57.lublin.eu)
- Teachers of the Underground Memorial Secondary School No. 23: [23LO.LUBLIN.PL](https://23lo.lublin.pl)
- Paderewski International Secondary School in Lublin: [PADEREWSKI.LUBLIN.PL/EN](https://paderewski.lublin.pl/en)



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ECONOMY

Lublin is the largest and most rapidly developing city in Eastern Poland and one of the most significant economic and cultural centres on the eastern border of the European Union. The city serves as an investment centre and administrative capital of the region. All the key institutions from a business perspective are located here. The urban agglomeration is home to over 600,000 people, who together build the local economy and a highly receptive market.

Hard economic data confirms the tremendous economic growth Lublin has experienced during the last decade. Conscious management of the city ensures that the growth trend is maintained, as evidenced by further projects of large international companies and awards from industry experts, proving that the city is a model of effective initiatives to support direct international investment.

A special feature of Lublin's labour market is the high share of employees with professional experience in the city's priority industries. These include logistics, transport and warehousing; ICT and BPO/SSC; medical services; automotive and engineering; biotechnology and pharmaceuticals; food and beverage; leisure and industries related to academics. An additional benefit for potential investors are attractive labour and employment costs compared to other Central and Eastern European cities.

SOURCE: UMCS



Free time

We recommend going to the tourist information centres after arriving in Lublin. They are a great source of information about the city, where you can also buy guidebooks and souvenirs. Here are some of them:

Tourist Inspiration Centre

📍 1-3 Jezuicka Street
☎ +48 533 391 569
✉ email: INFO@LOTML.ORG
🌐 LUBLININFO.COM

Lublin Tourist and Cultural Information Centre

📍 6 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street
☎ +48 81 532 44 12
✉ INFO@LOITIK.EU
🌐 LUBLINTRAVEL.PL

PTTK Tourist Services Office in Lublin

📍 78 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street
☎ +48 81 532 87 04
✉ BIURO@BORTPTTKLUBLIN.PL
🌐 BORTPTTKLUBLIN.PL

Lublin Tourist and Cultural Information Centre – Lublin Airport SA

📍 1 Króla Jana III Sobieskiego Street, 21-040 Świdnik
✉ INFO@LOITIK.EU
🌐 LUBLINTRAVEL.PL

Major attractions in Lublin



SOURCE: ADOBE STOCK | TOMASZ WARSZEWSKI

LUBLIN CASTLE

The Lublin Castle is one of the architectural symbols of Lublin. Its history dates back to the 12th century. It has been rebuilt many times over the centuries. During the Second World War, it served as a Gestapo detention centre. From 1944–1954, the castle housed an NKVD and Department of Security prison. Today it houses the National Museum in Lublin. Its mission is to protect the historical and artistic values of Polish and world culture, including in particular the heritage of the Eastern territories of the former Republic of Poland. You can buy tickets to see three attractions available at the Castle:

- museum exhibition (National Museum in Lublin),
- chapel of the Holy Trinity,
- castle tower with an view over the city.



The castle courtyard is open to visitors free of charge.

📍 9 Zamkowa Street, 20-117 Lublin

🌐 [ZAMEK-LUBLIN.PL/EN](https://zamek-lublin.pl/en)

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ARCHCATHEDRAL OF LUBLIN

The Church of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist was built in 1586–1604. The church was designed by Brother Giovanni Maria Bernardoni. In the 18th century Joseph Meyer decorated the interior of the church with paintings depicting scenes taken from the Bible. The church was made a cathedral in 1805. Destroyed during World War II, it was rebuilt in after the war. The Lublin Archcathedral is a gem of Baroque art in the Lublin region.

The church can be visited daily outside of times when services are being held.

📍 10 Królewska Street, 20-109 Lublin

🌐 ARCHIKATEDRA.KURIA.LUBLIN.PL



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LUBLIN OPEN AIR VILLAGE MUSEUM

The Lublin Open Air Village Museum, picturesquely situated in the valley of the Czechówka River, is one of the largest open-air museums in Poland. It can be visited all year round. Apart from the permanent exhibition, the open-air museum also welcomes visitors to temporary exhibitions, events connected with the farming and ritual year of the country, historical reconstructions, educational activities and other cultural events.

📍 96 Warszawska Alley, 20-824 Lublin

🌐 [SKANSEN.LUBLIN.PL/EN](https://skansen.lublin.pl/en)

SOURCE: MAX PIXEL



SOURCE: PIXABAY



STATE MUSEUM AT MAJDANEK

State Museum at Majdanek. The German Nazi Concentration and Death Camp (1941–1944) was established in November 1944 in the location of the former German Nazi concentration camp KL Lublin, which operated on the outskirts of Lublin from October 1941 to July 1944. The symbol of the site is the monument dedicated to the memory of the victims of Nazism.

📍 67 Droga Męczenników Majdanka Street, 20-325 Lublin

🌐 [MAJDANEK.EU/EN](https://www.majdanek.eu/en)



SOURCE: PIXABAY

OLD TOWN

Lublin's Old Town is a unique place on the map of Europe and Poland, included on the list of Polish of Historic Heritage sites. More than 70% of the buildings are original and the oldest buildings date back to the 13th century. Remarkably, the buildings have been preserved in their historic form, and there are 110 listed buildings in an area of almost 1 km². Without a doubt, every visitor will find something interesting there. The most noteworthy points on the map of the Old Town include: Krakowska and Grodzka Gates, Gothic towers, the Crown Tribunal, the Archcathedral of Lublin, the Trinity Tower, the Dominican Basilica, the Old Theatre, Po Farze Square, the Lublin Castle with the Chapel of the Holy Trinity and the Castle Tower.



SOURCE: UMCS

UMCS BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Botanical Garden is situated in the valley of the Czechówka River. The terrain is characterised by loess hills crossed by ravines descending into ponds. On an area of 21.25 hectares, almost 7,000 species and varieties of plants from all over the world have been collected and are used for educational, teaching and scientific-research purposes by students and staff of Lublin's universities. From spring to autumn, open-air cyclical and one-off events are organised here. It is also one of the favourite places for individual recreation of Lubliners and tourists. The peculiarity of the garden is the historic Kosciuszko Manor House.

🌐 The garden is open to individual visitors and organised groups. [GARDEN.UMCS.PL](https://garden.umcs.pl)

Tourist attractions in the vicinity of Lublin



SOURCE: ADOBE STOCK

KAZIMIERZ DOLNY

Kazimierz Dolny is one of the most frequently visited places in the Lublin region. The town is distinguished by its listed sites, artistic atmosphere and picturesque location on the banks of the Vistula River. Apart from the Market Square, tourists like to visit the castle ruins, the tower, the Three Crosses Hill, the boulevard on the Vistula River and the loess ravines on the outskirts of the town. Especially in summer, many cultural events are organised which attract audiences from all over Poland, such as the Kazimiernikejszyn or the Two Shores Festival.

🌐 Information about the city and current events can be found at:

KAZIMIERZDOLNY.EU

SOURCE: PIXABAY | FROLICSOMEPL



NAŁĘCZÓW

Nałęczów is a well-known spa town in Lublin Voivodeship. The beginnings of the spa date back to the 18th century. Nałęczów is the only spa in Poland devoted exclusively to cardiological treatment. The local microclimate is conducive to a natural reduction of blood pressure and heart problems.

🌐 More information can be found at:

UZDROWISKO-NALECZOW.PL



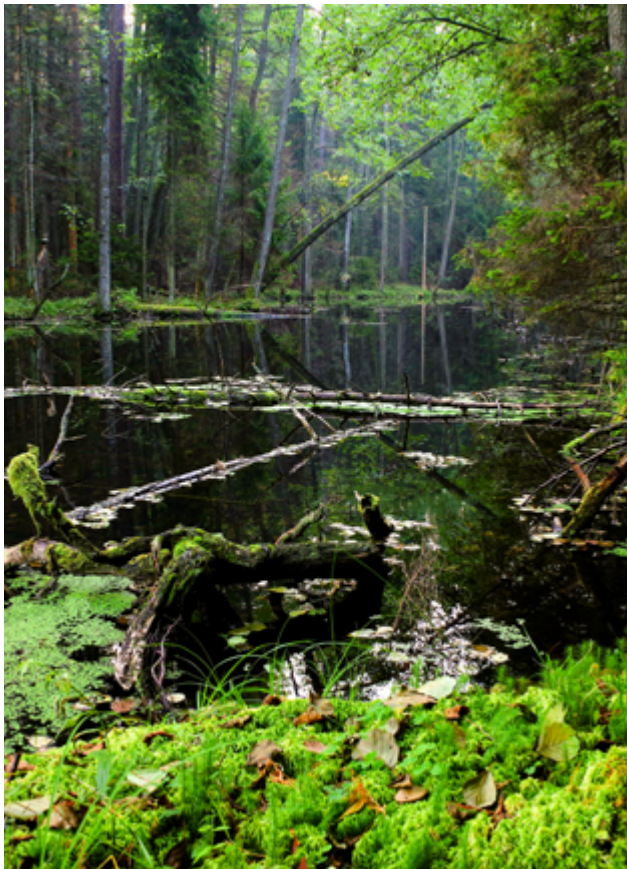
SOURCE: WWW.ZOOWOJCIECHOW.PL

WOJCIECHÓW ZOO

Wojciechów is a picturesque village situated on the route from Lublin to Nałęczów and Kazimierz Dolny. It is a perfect place for families to spend their free time. Several dozen species of exotic animals (including lions, kangaroos, donkeys, alpacas, various species of sheep and goats, monkeys, pumas, camels, wapiti deer, antelopes and zebras) have been gathered on an area of 4 hectares. A spacious playground can also be found here, as well as catering and educational facilities.

🌐 Information on ticket prices and opening times can be found on the Zoo website ZOOWOJCIECHOW.PL

SOURCE: PIXABAY | JOZEFBABLIJ



ROZTOCZE

Roztocze is an area stretching from Kraśnik to Lwów. Its extraordinary natural diversity provides visitors with multiple opportunities for leisure activities. Interestingly, due to the fact that Roztocze is the sunniest area in Poland, iodine concentrations here are comparable to those at the Baltic Sea.

Roztocze is famous for the Roztocze National Park and the charming town of Zwierzyniec. Every year in August, the popular Summer Film Academy is held here. Roztocze is a popular destination for lovers of various activities in nature, such as canoeing, hiking, cycling and horse riding.

🌐 The Roztocze Landscape Park website:

[ROZTOCZANSKI.PN.PL/EN](https://roztozczanski.pn.pl/en)



SOURCE: PIXABAY

ZAMOŚĆ

The town of Zamość is called a pearl of the Renaissance. The city plan drawn by Bernard Morand refers to an anthropomorphic concept and resembles a human silhouette. The palace is the head, the main street connecting the mansion to Bastion VII is the spine, the academy and cathedral are the heart and lungs. The transverse artery with three markets is the belly, while the bastions used for defensive purposes are the arms and legs. The Old Town of Zamość was added in 1992 to the World Heritage List by UNESCO, recognising it as one of the world's finest urban complexes. In addition to the monuments of the Old Town, there is a large zoo, a beautiful park, a modern cinema and the oldest symphony orchestra in Poland. Zamość is also an ideal base for trips to the Roztocze and Lviv.

🌐 [TURYSTYKA.ZAMOSC.PL/EN](https://turystryka.zamosc.pl/en)



A bronze statue of Maria Curie-Skłodowska stands on a grey pedestal in a lush green park. She is depicted in a long, flowing dress, holding a book. In the background, a multi-story university building with many windows is visible through the trees. The scene is bright and sunny.

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MARIA CURIE- -SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY IN LUBLIN

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin is the largest public university in Poland east of the Vistula River. We are an institution that is deeply rooted in the region. We have performed a cultural and opinion-making role since 1944 and make an important contribution to building a knowledge-based economy. To date, nearly 260,000 graduates have received their education at our Alma Mater. The university provides institutions in the region with qualified staff.

In 2017, UMCS received the HR Excellence in Research award from the European Commission. It confirms that we provide the best possible working conditions for researchers and ensure transparent rules for recruitment and appropriate space for scientific development, in line with European standards.

There are nearly 18,000 students in total, including about 1,800 international students (i.e. 10% of all those studying at the university) from 45 countries.

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University has signed several hundred cooperation agreements with universities all over the world.

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University stands apart from other universities – not only in the region but also in the whole of Poland – by its unique student campus located in the city centre, consisting of educational buildings, clubs, sports and cultural facilities. We have 9 dormitories with over 2,500 high standard beds available.

■ Faculties

UMCS provides education at 12 faculties in Lublin and at the Branch Campus in Puławy, in 80 fields of study and nearly 250 specialties. Every year, we offer new educational programmes to candidates and improve those already available with unique and practical specialisations. UMCS has numerous scientific clubs and university-wide organisations that bring together active young people who carry out interesting initiatives.

FACULTIES OF UMCS

- FACULTY OF ARTS
- FACULTY OF BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
- FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY
- FACULTY OF ECONOMICS
- FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY
- FACULTY OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES
- DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
- FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
- FACULTY OF EARTH SCIENCES AND SPATIAL MANAGEMENT
- FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY
- FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND JOURNALISM
- FACULTY OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION
- BRANCH CAMPUS IN PUŁAWY



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Research institutes

UMCS conducts research activities at 23 Institutes with advanced research infrastructure, comprising 1577 academic teachers, including 1267 researchers carrying out research in 23 different scientific disciplines.

- Institute of Music
- Institute of Fine Arts
- Institute of Biological Sciences
- Institute of Chemical Sciences
- Institute of Economics and Finance
- Institute of Management and Quality Sciences
- Institute of Modern Languages and Literatures
- Institute of Polish Philology
- Institute of Cultural Studies
- Institute of Philosophy
- Institute of Sociology
- Institute of Archaeology
- Institute of History
- Institute of Mathematics
- Institute of Physics
- Institute of Computer Science
- Institute of the Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management
- Institute of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Institute of Pedagogy
- Institute of Psychology
- Institute of Political Sciences and Administration
- Institute of Social Communication and Media Sciences
- Institute of Legal Sciences



SOURCE: UMCS

Doctoral schools

Based on the Act of the 20th day of July 2018, Law on tertiary education and science, on April 24, 2019, the Rector of UMCS established three doctoral schools: Doctoral School of Humanities, Doctoral School of Social Sciences, and Doctoral School of Quantitative and Natural Sciences.

The School of Doctoral Sciences of Quantitative and Natural Sciences is run jointly with the Institute of Agrophysics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Lublin, the Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation in Pulawy, and Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry Polish Academy of Sciences.

 **DOCTORAL SCHOOLS**



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University-wide units

THE UMCS BURSARY OFFICE is responsible for receiving and checking financial documents for formal and accounting compliance; processing payments and generating transfer receipts; settlement of expenses for trips abroad; providing financial services for research projects (location: Rector's Office building, 8th floor);

THE UMCS HR AND PAYROLL CENTRE provides comprehensive services for employees working at the University. This is where our employment contracts are signed (location: Rector's office building, 9th floor);

THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES is responsible for supervising and coordinating the process of education first and second-cycle courses, long-cycle studies, doctoral studies / doctoral and postgraduate schools, and continuing education courses (location: Rector's office building, 10th floor);

THE CENTRE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER supports entrepreneurs in establishing cooperation with researchers from the University; it develops individually designed proposals for cooperation between entrepreneurs and the University, coordinating the implementation of commissioned studies, research and development projects for the energy, IT, medical, biotechnological, food, construction, fuel and other industries; it also looks after the protection of intellectual property, carrying out research result, patent and copyright commercialisation procedures (location: Rector's Office building, 12th floor);

THE LEGAL AND ORGANISATIONAL CENTRE is responsible for organising and coordinating work in the field of internal legislation and cooperating with subject-related units in this respect, preparing and publishing interpretations and analyses of internal regulatory acts and providing information on the interpretation of generally applicable legislation; recording, collecting and publishing legal acts issued by the Senate, the Rector, Vice-Rectors and the Chancellor (location: Rector's Office building, 13th floor);



PHOTO: PRZEMYSŁAW GABKA

**International Cooperation Center**

location: Rector's Office building, 12th floor

The International Cooperation Center is a specialised unit of UMCS administration supporting international scientific cooperation at our University.

We help in finding appropriate sources of funding for research conducted in collaboration with partners in other countries, provide consultation on applications and support the implementation of international research projects.

Furthermore, we implement activities related to the broadly understood internationalisation of the university, including our own international projects, and coordinate the process of concluding international agreements.

The Centre's Foreign Visits Team handles foreign business trips of university employees, students and doctoral students, as well as arrivals of international guests.

We represent UMCS at the IROS Forum, an organisation which brings together units responsible for international cooperation at universities in Poland, and in the EUniverCities network, which brings together universities and city halls from all over Europe working in tandem.

UMCS collaborates with international universities within the framework of international agreements: [INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS](#) and within international networks:

Athena
European University



European School of Sustainability
Science and Research



EUniverCities
Network



European Consortium
for Political Research



European University
Association



Central European Exchange
Program for University Studies



International
Political Science Association



International Relations
Offices Forum



ASTP
Proton



The Baltic
University





SOURCE: UMCS

■ Accommodation

Maria Curie Skłodowska University provides international researchers with accommodation in UMCS dormitories. Most dormitories are located on the university campus in the city centre.

A list of dormitories with information on the amenities can be found at: [UMCS DORMITORIES](#).

JOWISZ Student Dormitory
FEMINA Student Dormitory
BABILON Student Dormitory
ZANA Student Dormitory
GRZEŚ Student Dormitory

You can also rent a flat. There are several real estate agencies in Lublin that act as intermediaries in renting flats:

[LUBLIN.NIERUCHOMOSCI-ONLINE.PL/BIURA-NIERUCHOMOSCI](https://lublin.nieruchomosci-online.pl/biura-nieruchomosci).

You can also search for accommodation using popular Polish services, such as:

🌐 [OLX.PL](https://www.olx.pl) | [OTODOM.PL](https://www.otodom.pl)

It is recommended that you start looking for accommodation about 3 months before your planned arrival in Poland in order to find a place that best suits your individual preferences. Please note that when applying for a visa, a certificate of accommodation in Poland is usually required upon arrival.

IT services at UMCS

Eduroam network

The Eduroam network at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University can be used by all staff, students and doctoral candidates of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, as well as by staff and students of other institutions participating in the project. Instructions for the staff and students of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University on how to access the Eduroam network can be found at:

🌐 [UMCS.PL/PL/EDUROAM-PRACOWNICY.HTM](https://umcs.pl/pl/eduroam-pracownicy.htm).

USOS

USOS is the University Student Support System. The portal is used to manage the course of studies across the University. Here, students can find information about class enrolment and their grades. Through USOS you can send a message to the class instructor. There is also a mobile version – Mobile USOS UMCS – that you can use on your mobile device:

🌐 [OFFICE 365 / TEAMS – MAIN PAGE \(UMCS.PL\)](https://umcs.pl).

Virtual Campus

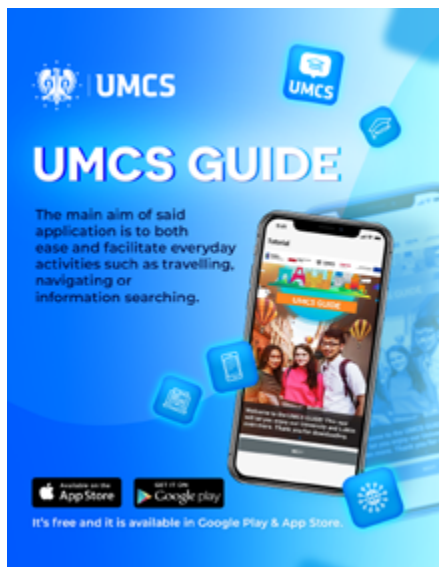
UMCS Virtual Campus is an e-learning platform used to support traditional teaching at the University through the use of information and communication technologies. On this platform, classes may be conducted using remote learning methods and techniques, ensuring synchronous and asynchronous interaction between students and instructors. There is no procedure for setting up and activating accounts on the Virtual Campus. To log in to the Campus, you need to use “Login Point,” a service that provides logins to many of ICU’s online applications:

🌐 [KAMPUS.UMCS.PL/?LANG=EN](https://kampus.umcs.pl/?lang=en)

MS Teams and Office 365

Microsoft Teams is a cloud-based web service containing a set of tools and services for team collaboration. Teams is a part of Office 365. On your account, which you must activate, you will also receive access to the online versions of Word, Excel and Power Point. More information can be found at:

🌐 [OFFICE 365 / TEAMS – MAIN PAGE \(UMCS.PL\)](https://umcs.pl)



UMCS Guide

UMCS Guide is an application designed for international students and staff of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University and people from abroad staying in Lublin.

It provides a modern response to the basic needs for information of international visitors. Its main objective is to facilitate daily functioning and movement around the city and university campus. UMCS Guide contains basic information about the university and Lublin.

Users will find information on safety, health and psychological care, timetables and a list of popular restaurants. Using this app, they can learn about the city's most interesting attractions, places of culture, entertainment and recreational activities. They also receive notifications about current events at the university, in the city and in the country. People from abroad also have access to current exchange rates and the weather forecast. Another interesting and useful feature are Polish "words of the day" notifications.

 [DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

SOURCE: UMCS



University canteens

Of all the canteens operating at the University, Trójka is the most popular.

The site refers to the famous Canteen No. 3, which has served the UMCS academic community since the 1970s. University alumni still remember this architecturally distinctive building with great affection.

While reactivating the academic canteen in 2019, the university authorities listened to the students, who in a special survey voted in favour of restoring this landmark on the university campus. The building has undergone a complete renovation, both inside and out. It is a completely new space where graduate and PhD students, university employees as well as Lublin residents can eat delicious and healthy meals.

In addition to the catering area, the new space also offers a special area for students to study freely, work individually or together and relax.

Other UMCS facilities also have places where you can have a good meal, a snack or a cup of tea or coffee, such as Chatka Café in Chatka Żaka.

📍 16 Mariana Langiewiczza Street (University Campus)



SOURCE: UMCS

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Centre for Physical Culture

The UMCS Centre for Physical Culture in Lublin conducts physical education and training classes. As part of their health-promoting activities, the staff of the Centre for Physical Culture organise corrective and therapeutic gymnastics classes for students with musculoskeletal dysfunctions, as well as sports classes for UMCS employees, such as water aerobics, weight training, or spinning. You can use the indoor swimming pool, hire sports halls and use tennis courts.

💡 22 Mariana Langiewiczza Street, 20-032 Lublin

🌐 [UMCS.PL/EN/CENTRE-FOR-PHYSICAL-CULTURE-UMCS,15418.HTM](https://umcs.pl/en/centre-for-physical-culture-umcs,15418.htm)

PHOTO: PRZEMYSŁAW GĄBKA



The Polish Language and Culture Centre for Polish People from Abroad and Foreigners

The Polish Language and Culture Centre for Polish People from Abroad and Foreigners provides education in Polish language and culture, organises state certificate examinations in Polish as a foreign language and trains teachers of Polish as a foreign language. It offers, among other things:

- One-year preparatory course for studies in Polish,
- Postgraduate studies in teaching Polish as a foreign language,
- Workshops for teachers of Polish as a foreign language,
- One-year Polish language course,
- Summer courses in Polish language and culture,
- Semester courses of the Polish language.

📍 18 Weteranów Street, 20-038 Lublin

🌐 [UMCS.PL/EN/CJKE-EN.HTM](https://umcs.pl/en/cjke-en.htm)

Erasmus Programme Office

The Erasmus Programme Office coordinates the management of the Erasmus Programme at UMCS, in particular bilateral agreements, students' mobility for placements, students' mobility for educational purposes, and employees' mobility for teaching or training purposes.

GRZEŚ Student Dormitory

📍 24 Langiewicza Street, room 27, 20-035 Lublin

✉️ ERASMUS@UMCS.PL



SOURCE: ADOBE STOCK

MALUCH.NET University Daycare

There is a university daycare centre, [MALUCH.NET](https://maluch.net), on the campus of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, which was established to provide care for children of parents working or studying at the university.

The daycare centre is run by passionate people. Honesty, responsibility and commitment are the values by which they gain parents' trust. The daycare centre provides day care for children aged 5 months to 3 years.

📍 16 Mariana Langiewicza Street, 20-032 Lublin

🌐 [ZLOBEK.MALUCH.NET](https://zlobek.maluch.net)

In addition to the university daycare centre, there are private and public daycare centres and kindergartens in Lublin. You can check the list on the official website of the Lublin City Hall: [LUBLIN.EU/MIESZKANCY/EDUKACJA/SZKOLY-I-PLACOWKI/PRZEDSZKOLA](https://lublin.eu/mieszkancy/edukacja/szkoly-i-placowki/przedszkola)

ENGLISH-SPEAKING KINDERGARTENS IN LUBLIN INCLUDE:

- 🌐 Mały Europejczyk Bilingual Kindergarten

MALYEURPEJCZYK.EDU.PL

- 🌐 ABC Bilingual Kindergarten

PRZEDSZKOLEABC.LUBLIN.PL

- 🌐 Gadu-Gadu Kindergarten

PRZEDSZKOLE-LUBLIN-GADU-GADU.PL

- 🌐 Motylek Bilingual Kindergarten

PRZEDSZKOLE-MOTYLEK.LUBLIN.PL

- 🌐 Kraina Marzeń Non-Public Kindergarten

KRAINAMARZEN.EDU.PL

SOURCE: ADOBE STOCK



Children's University

The UMCS Children's University has been organising classes for children since 2012, led by university lecturers and enthusiasts in various fields of science. Every year, it teaches around 7,000 young students in Lublin and in branches in smaller towns.

The UMCS Children's University programme familiarises children with many fields of science and culture, develops their innate curiosity and inspires them to explore and shape their own interests, abilities and talents. Educational activities for children are conducted in Polish in the form of lectures, workshops, scientific and educational trips, events and other activities aimed to popularise science.

UMCS Children's University Office

UMCS Library

💡 11/11 Radziszewskiego Street, 20-036 Lublin
(new wing of the building, ground floor)

🌐 [UNIWERSYTET DZIECIĘCY UMCS](http://UNIWERSYTET.DZIECIĘCY.UMCS)



SOURCE: UMCS

Chatka Żaka – UMCS Academic Cultural and Media Centre

The Chatka Żaka Academic Cultural and Media Centre has been supporting and popularising student culture for almost 60 years. Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin is one of the few universities in Poland that has its own cultural institution – a unique place with a rich tradition that ensures excellent conditions for students to participate in academic culture – both through by being an active recipient and having an actual impact. The Chatka Żaka Academic Cultural and Media Centre holds many cultural events, concerts, interviews with artists, and film and theatre reviews.

Chatka Żaka also gives students a chance to gain their first experience in journalism, which often serves as a gateway to employment in the media industry nationwide. The students will learn the secrets of the profession at Radio Centrum and TV UMCS. The “Pismo Folkowe” – a monthly magazine devoted to folk music with a nationwide reach – is also published here.

📍 16 Idziego Radziszewskiego Street, 20-031 Lublin

🌐 ACK.LUBLIN.PL

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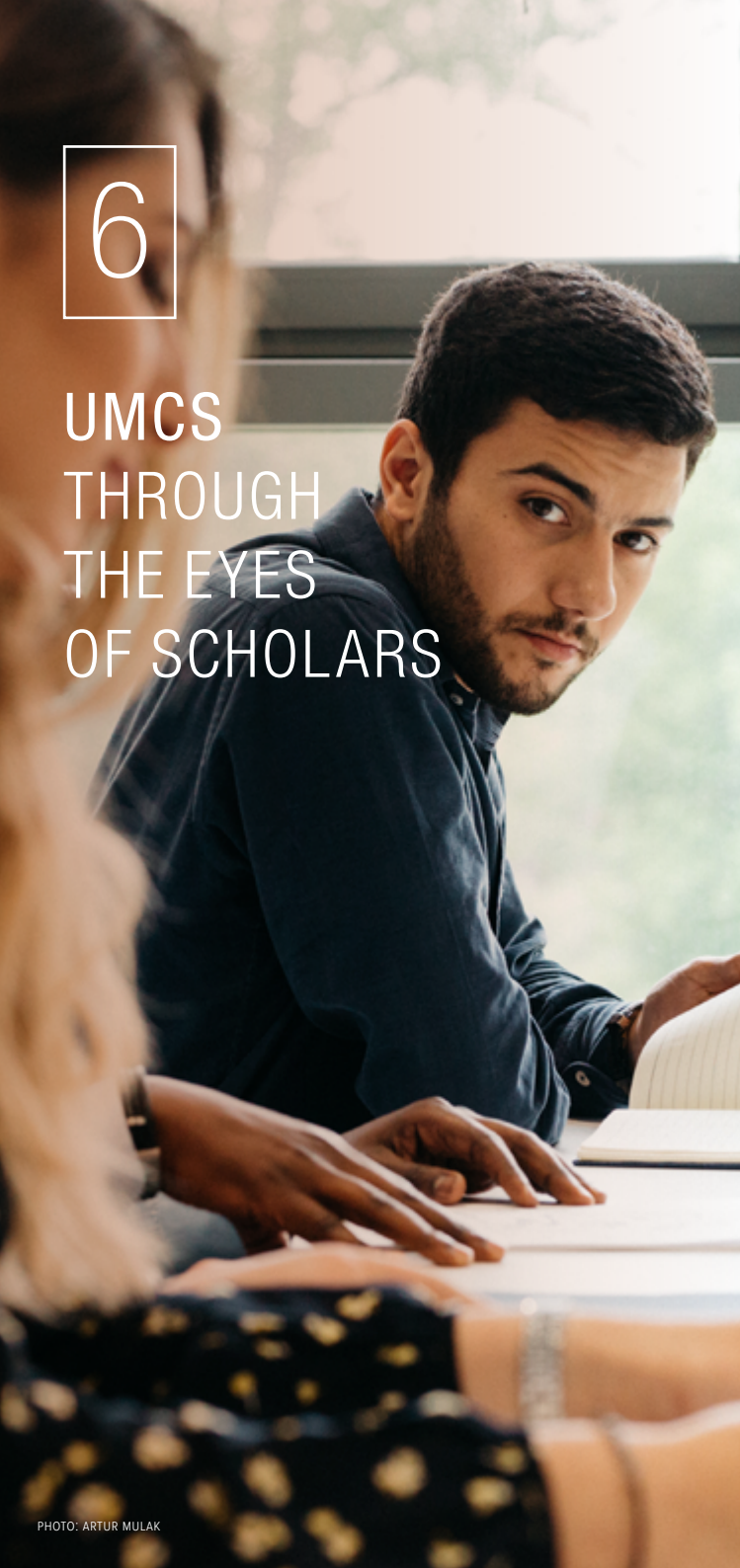
The Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Library is a centre for education, information and culture that offers its services to students and scholars and all those who interested in improving their qualifications and expanding their knowledge. The Main Library of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, with 16 specialist libraries, forms the University's library and information system.

At present, the Library's holdings are universal in nature and include traditional collections: books, periodicals, rare books and manuscripts, cartographic, graphic and musical collections. A very important part of the library are books and electronic journals available through licensed database resources and the Digital Library of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University. Users can use the Primo multi-search engine, which searches the electronic resources of international publishers, the resources of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Digital Library and the catalogue of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Library.

The Main Library building complex is situated in the centre of the University Campus, of which it is an integral part. The library is easily accessible to users, including those with disabilities.

📍 11 Idziego Radziszewskiego Street, 20-031 Lublin

🌐 [UMCS.PL/EN/UMCS-LIBRARY,13271.HTM](https://umcs.pl/en/umcs-library,13271.htm)



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UMCS THROUGH THE EYES OF SCHOLARS



I came to Lublin, to UMCS for a year as a researcher under the “Solidarity with Scholars” project. During the few months of my stay, I visited different regions of Poland. I’ve had time to see if there is any discrimination on any basis in Lublin and in Poland in general. I must admit that I have never encountered this problem. I don’t speak Polish very well, people I’ve been speaking with sometimes had trouble understanding me, but they always tried their best showed nothing but kindness towards me. As a woman, I have seen nothing but respect and a willingness to help, and the same applies to my disability.

I can always count on the help of my colleagues at UMCS. I am very grateful to all my colleagues, friends, acquaintances: thanks to them, I feel comfortable and safe in Lublin. Apart from a purely human approach, I see that a lot is being done in Poland to avoid discrimination at regional and national levels.

PROF. ALENA RUDENKA,
Belarusian State University
Scholarship holder of the “Solidarity with Scholars”
programme funded by the National Agency
for Academic Exchange

I was warmly welcomed by the people at UMCS and supported throughout my stay in Poland in various manners. The support I received was not just limited to my research, but extended to many aspects of life in Poland such as finding accommodation. I did not experience any discrimination at UMCS. I have nothing but good memories at UMCS. Thus, without any hesitancy, I highly recommend UMCS to any foreign researcher.

DR SACHINDRA DHANAPALA ARACHCHIGE
Japan (NAWA ULAM Research Fellow)

My attendance at Maria Curie University (UMCS) was full of pure scientific and social experiences. On this occasion, I became acquainted with prominent scientific figures and was able to work directly with chemical analysis devices. All the staff, faculty and students treated me very well and they did their best to meet my needs. I also met people of different nationalities at Maria Curie University and was able to learn a lot about different cultures. In general, while I was at UMCS, there is a lot of trust between us and there is a deep sense of friendship between us. Although I have come to realize that the world medias plays a destructive role in the relations between different cultures and has shown a false image of Iran to others, nevertheless most of the people I met were aware of this issue and so they are very friendly with me. Finally, I can say that I found the Polish people very kind, calm, cultured and noble, and living in this country makes good sense to me.

DR SAJJAD ABBASI
Siraz University, Iran (NAWA ULAM Research Fellow)

I have had the honour of carrying out research projects at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin for several years now. So far, I have successfully completed two research projects (under: Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program Polish National Commission for UNESCO), and I am carrying out a third project as part of a grant from the Visegrad Fund. The projects are carried out at the Faculty of Earth Sciences and Spatial Management.

I would like to thank the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University for the opportunity to work together with outstanding researchers and scholars. My special thanks go to Dr hab. Bogusława Baran-Zgłobicka, who has been my scientific supervisor during the current and previous projects. Her openness, commitment, intellectual support and coordination of activities at every stage of the research have helped me to successfully complete my projects. A heartfelt thank you to each and every professor at UMCS who has shared their experience and ideas. For me as a young researcher, this is particularly important.

During my internship at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, I had the opportunity to meet interesting people – not only in my field of science. It was a very rewarding time, which allowed me to acquire new knowledge, broaden my skills and competences, and gain invaluable experience.

I recommend Maria Curie-Skłodowska University to anyone who really wants to develop academically and professionally. It is a place that provides not only theoretical knowledge, but also a lot of practical experience, opportunities for comprehensive development of your interests and passions.

Thank you for the opportunity to spend valuable time with interesting people and friends!

DR IRYNA KOSTETSKA
National University of Life
and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine

I'm very glad to have the opportunity to study and work in Poland, especially at UMCS for scientific research. Almost everybody here is very gentle and friendly, trying their best to help me overcome the language-caused problems or other issues. It's also appreciated that the colleagues possess a broad horizon to inspire more advanced proposals; an open mind to accept, develop, realize the ideas; the kindness to life, health and emotions.

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