Have you been thinking about studying abroad? There are plenty of opportunities and the procedures required for studying abroad are getting simpler. The reasons for this include, among others, open borders between individual countries, but also growing foreign language proficiency. Obviously, there are many advantages of studying abroad. You probably know them. But why is it worth studying in Poland, in particular?

10 REASONS TO STUDY IN POLAND

Polish higher education schools offer a wide range of fields of study, meeting the requirements of the most demanding candidates or students.

The education gained in Poland is recognized in all European Union countries.

The Polish system of higher education is fully integrated with the European (Bologna) system of education.

Polish higher education schools offer comprehensive adaptation support for foreign students.

International cooperation of Polish higher education institutions with parallel foreign higher education schools enables students to gain the so-called “double” diploma of two prestigious higher education schools. This is usually perceived as an asset by employers and a key to a successful professional career.

There is a possibility of benefiting from many European programmes, including student exchange programme.

Poland also offers scholarships for non-EU students.

In comparison with other countries of the EU, tuition fees and costs of living in Poland are considerably lower.

Apart from an attractive educational offer, Poland also has interesting cultural, tourist and recreational values.

It gives an opportunity of getting to know the tradition, history and culture of Poland and Europe.

ATTENTION!

The rest of the advantages should be checked on your own so don’t hesitate and start your studies in Poland.

POLAND IN SHORT:

Official name: Republic of Poland /Rzeczpospolita Polska (short form: Poland/ Polska)

Government type: republic

Location: Central Europe

Language: Polish

Capital city: Warsaw

Population: 38,483,957 (2016)

Total area: 312,679 sq km

Border countries: Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast, 210 km), Lithuania (103 km), Belarus (416 km), Ukraine (529 km), Slovakia (541 km), Czech Republic (790 km), Germany (467 km)

Major cities: Kraków, Łódź, Poznań, Wrocław, Gdańsk

Climate: temperate with cold, cloudy, moderately severe winters with frequent precipitation; mild summers with frequent showers and thundershowers

Local time: GMT + 1 hr

Executive branch: head of state: President Andrzej Duda (since August 2015)

Member of the European Union: since 2004

Religions: Roman Catholic 89.8%, Eastern Orthodox 1.3%, Protestant 0.3%, other 0.3%, unspecified 8.3%

Monetary unit: zloty (PLN)

Actual exchange rates: www.nbp.pl
Heinrich Heine once said that ‘every epoch has its flaws, added to the flaws of earlier eras; this we call the heritage of mankind’. Have you been wondering what the heritage of Lodz is? Without a doubt, we appreciate not only its multicultural and unique history, its creative and entrepreneurial citizens, but also its distinctive architecture, rich filmmaking, textile manufacturing and fashion tradition, avant-garde and independent culture, its great research and development potential as well as attractiveness to domestic and foreign investors.

INITIATIVE INSPIRED BY HISTORY AND TRADITION

Lodz is not known for its long historical record, cannot boast much of ancient monuments or buildings from distant times, but it has a long tradition, which has been recently rediscovered, attracting a keen interest. What made the city so distinguished was a fascinating blend of incoming populations of different cultures, religions and nationalities. Equally important were the uniqueness of local tolerance and the desire to create an original city. Lodz was perceived and judged differently throughout the centuries. Some were trying to make it „the promised land”, some viewed it as the „evil city” while others claimed that it was the “city of hope”. Today, Lodz aspires to earn the name of “creative city”. The energy, that transformed Lodz from a small agricultural town into an industrial metropolis, constantly inspires new achievements in culture, business, tourism and education.

THE BLEND OF TRADITION AND MODERNITY

An unusual, multicultural character of Lodz, its post-industrial landscape, stimulating atmosphere and rich artistic tradition, facilitate activities in such creative areas as filmmaking, avant-garde art and fashion. What is unique and intriguing about Lodz is not only a blend of raw industrial architecture and creativity but also its industrial heritage and various fields of artistic exploration. This multidimensional city, which emerged out of four cultures, coexisting side by side, inspired by various influences, styles and ideas, blends nowadays tradition and new values, not only encouraging activity and creativity but also constantly pursuing even more ways of further development.

BUSINESS-ORIENTED

Lodz, called the „promised land”, has always been attracting entrepreneurs. Facilities, such as investment and construction opportunities, free construction materials, tax deductions, guarantees of transport and credits, lured the 19th century textile magnates to the city. Today, almost 200 years later, the city still tempts investors. Well educated young people, industrial atmosphere, its strategic geographical location in the heart of Europe are, among others, the key assets of Lodz.

Once the city of textile industry, today Lodz has evolved into the city focused on the development of service, trade, logistics, IT and BPO industry. Modern fields such as business process outsourcing, technology, biotechnology, electronics industry as well as the production of computer games and home appliances are the key to the economic development of Lodz. The consistency of all initiatives, taken along with the establishment of the Lodz Special Economic Zone, resulted in numerous investments, particularly in the key sectors. Multinational corporations, such as Fujitsu Technology Solution, Accenture, DHL Express, SouthWestern BPO, Nordea, Business Support Solution, ACS, Xerox Company, Dell, Procter & Gamble, Amcor, Hutchinson, Indesit, 8/5/7 or Barry Callebaut Manufacturing Polska, put trust in the city by establishing their branches here.
21ST CENTURY STYLE INVESTMENTS

The Lodz of today puts emphasis on creative industry, the development of fashion, design and art. New investments in progress, like new underground railway station and the New Centre of Lodz, involving cooperation with acclaimed architects can start a new era in the history of Lodz. In the ECT, a power station once, a modern museum of art and technology will soon be up and running. A new heart of the city is about to emerge just above the multilevel railway station with Special Art Zone and a square with four streets - Polish, Jewish, German and Russian, referring to the four cultures which once shaped the city’s exceptional character.

CULTURE IS THE KEY

Lodz is one of the most important cultural centres in Poland with its museums, galleries, theatres, cinemas and a philharmonic hall. You can also select from a wide range of international festivals taking place in the city on a regular basis, just to mention the Festival of Four Cultures, FashionPhilosophy Fashion Week Poland, Lodz Ballet Meetings, Forum of European Cinema Cinergia Lodz, International Festival of Comics and Games, International Triennial of Tapestry, Explorers Festival, Lodz Design Festival and the International Festival of Photography. Lodz is a welcoming, creative and dynamic city, not only constantly undergoing sustainable development and offering competitive conditions to live, work and invest, but also exploiting its rich historical, infrastructural and creative potential.

EDUCATION MATTERS

Knowledge is a fundamental element of creative industry. Contributing as a member of the Lodz academic community, you will shape the identity of our city and become a representative of the community which holds an important voice. Primarily, you will have an opportunity to study at the institutions of higher education which can boast highly acclaimed professors, increasingly improving educational resources and high positions in university rankings. Initiatives taken by the city focus on the development of Lodz as an innovative centre open to new technologies, based on knowledge which create an attractive place to live and work for young and talented people.

ATTR ACTIONS IN LODZ

Revitalised tenement houses and residences of industrialists – the pearls of Art Nouveau and Eclecticism architectural styles, as well as interesting museums, entice an increasing number of tourists to visit Lodz. The unquestionable attraction of the city remains its artery, Piotrkowska Street – a representative promenade, continuously modernised. It's the longest commercial and entertainment street in Europe, a home to the abundance of pubs, clubs and restaurants, able to please every taste. OFF Piotrkowska, the trendiest place on the cultural map of Lodz, offers original clubs, cafes, fashion designer boutiques, concerts and exhibitions. Within an old factory walls, OFF Piotrkowska inspires the development of art, culture and creative business.

Fancy visiting any tourist attractions in Lodz? You should definitely see a unique on a European scale industrial and residential complexes, like the residence of a factory owner - Karol Scheibler, located in the “Priest’s Mill” [Księży Młyn] urban complex. The symbol of Lodz, the Palace of Israel K. Poznanski, nowadays housing the Museum of the City of Lodz, will surely attract your attention, along with a vibrant commercial and cultural shopping-entertainment centre - Manufaktura. Modern art lovers should visit ms², the museum holding the oldest in Europe art collection of avant-garde masterpieces. To get acquainted with filmmaking tradition of Lodz, feel welcome not only to visit one of the best film schools in Europe, Lodz Film School, Se-ma-for Museum of Animation and the only one in Poland - Film Museum but also to take a stroll along the Walk of Fame on Piotrkowska Street.

LET’S MEET IN LODZ!
The Young in Lodz
In other words, Lodz can give you much more!

Have you been thinking about studying? We have at least seven good reasons for studying in Lodz!

FIRST - THE YOUNG IN LODZ DISCOUNT CARD
This card offers each and every student in Lodz many advantages, namely discounts to cinemas, theatres, restaurants, fitness clubs, language schools and a number of other places in Lodz.

SECOND - TRAINEESHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS
Gaining practical experience from the beginning of your studies, will give you a competitive advantage while entering the labour market after graduation. We make this even easier for you by placing hundreds of offers on the Traineeships and Internships Portal (www.praktyki.lodz.pl). What’s more, we offer paid holiday internships, organised by the best companies in Lodz within the “Gain Practice in Lodz!” programme.

THIRD - SCHOLARSHIPS
Extra cash is good for every student. “The Young in Lodz” programme includes scholarships of the City, dedicated not only to the students of the first year, being the winners or finalists of Polish nationwide science contests, but also to the students of doctoral studies, as well as scholarships funded by employers and dedicated to the students of the last years of selected fields of studies. Within the scholarship programme, you can also get a full refund of accommodation costs in a student dorm or participation in a language course.

FORTH - TRAININGS
Thanks to our free of charge trainings - “Your Career in Your Hands”, you can extend your knowledge and improve your skills, such as communication, self-presentation, project management, team work, and many other skills, highly valued by employees.

FIFTH - YOUR OWN COMPANY
If you have a vision of your own career, and in the future you want to be your own boss, the best you can do is to take part in the contest for the best business plan - “The Young in Lodz - I Have an Idea for a Business”. We will help you to make your dreams come true. We will advise you on how to start and develop a business. We will provide you with financial support and the tools you need to run a company.

SIXTH - FOREIGN LANGUAGES
To be successful on the labour market, it is no longer sufficient to know English. What really counts, are above-average skills. In our programme, within the frame of “The Young in Lodz - the Language-Captivated” contest, you can be granted funding of two semesters of learning one of the nine foreign languages valued most by employers in Lodz, including Swedish, Finnish, Dutch, Czech or Portuguese.

SEVENTH - EMPLOYERS IN LODZ
Presentations of the companies operating in Lodz are available at www.mlodziwlodzi.pl. Additionally, thanks to the “Get to Know Employers in Lodz” initiative, including an Open Days program in various companies, you will have a chance to see for yourself how it is to work in our city.

You have read all this and thought: “Is that all...?” No! In addition, we offer Academic and University Job Fairs, meetings of “The Young in Lodz” programme fans, concerts, events and many other activities taking place within “The Young in Lodz” programme! No other city can offer you so much!

DO YOU WANT TO GET TO KNOW US CLOSER?
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The University of Lodz, home to innovative new media ideas such as the SmartUni App, is the place where every student feels comfortable and important. With over 70 years of history, the UL is one of the leading public institutions of higher education in Poland. 12 faculties warmly welcome international students, providing programs in 90 fields of study and 160 specializations. In addition, it offers PhD studies and more than 50 postgraduate curricula. About 10,000 students complete their courses at the University of Lodz every year. International students, together with those studying in Lodz within Erasmus+ and other exchange programmes, come from about 80 different countries (there are about 1700 international students each year). In this truly international atmosphere everyone can experience the cultural diversity of both the city and the institution.

COMMUNITY

Students choose the University of Lodz because of its high quality of education as well as modern programmes of study taught in Polish and English, aligned with the evolving demands of the labour market. Every member of our community is committed to pursuit of excellence in teaching and research. It is our strongly held belief that education has a transformative capacity and our role as a university is to equip and train the next generation of students with necessary mindsets and skills to achieve success in a changing world. The 38,000 students attend classes that are taught by 2,221 academic teachers, 604 of whom bear the highest academic rank.

STUDY PROGRAMS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

- BA in Business Management
- BA in Management and Finance
- BA in Computer Science
- BA in Climatology

SmartUni

Our students can benefit from the best mobile application in Europe! Our SmartUni app was awarded as the most innovative mobile application by the 2015 EUPRIO Conference in Italy. It is designed for foreign students of the University of Lodz, as well as foreign candidates. The SmartUni App is an innovative, interactive guide for the newcomers and it gives insight into all main areas of student life at the UL, including classes, staff, exchange programmes, and university events.

LEARNING POLISH

The University of Lodz boasts the oldest and most recognized School of Polish for Foreign Students that has educated over 23,000 students since 1952. The School runs 1-month, 5-month, and 9-month courses preparing foreign students for future studying in Poland. It offers basic courses of Polish as well as thematic Polish language courses in History, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Philosophy with a view to giving prospective students the knowledge needed in Polish institutions of higher education.

EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES

The University of Lodz strives to ensure high quality mobility activities with maximum impact on students. The University understands international cooperation as a way to foster its development and takes part in many international research and exchange projects such as Erasmus+, Credit Mobility, Erasmus Mundus, as well as bilateral exchange agreements, Campus Europe or Mizuta Scholarship. Our staff promotes mobilities and open doors to international career opportunities by providing students with scholarships in numerous partner universities abroad.
• BA in Economics
• BA in Geography
• BA in International Cultural Studies, specialization:
  - Intercultural Communication
• BA in International Relations specializations:
  - Asian Studies
  - International Marketing
  - American Studies
  - Latin American Studies (in English and Spanish)
• Bachelor Degree in English Studies (Polish on B1)
• MA in Nanotechnology
• MA in Computer Science
• MA in Economics and International Business
• MA in Geohydrology
• MA in Geography
• MA in International Relations, specializations:
  - American Studies and Mass Media
  - International Marketing
  - Asian Studies
  - European Studies
  - Cultura-Sociedad-Política (in Spanish)
• MA in Business Management
• MA in Political Studies specialization:
  - Political Management

Postgraduate Studies:
• The Executive MBA Programme in Business Management
• International Marketing Management

ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

Halls of Residence/Dormitories are offered to all first year full-time students. The cost of double room varies from EUR 87 to 100 per month. The International Students Office issues an acceptance letter for visa purposes to candidates who pass the requirements to enter the studies. Each accepted student needs to make sure that he/she follows all the Polish Embassy’s requirements to receive a visa. The visa to Poland gives a student the right to enter other European countries, as Poland is in the European Union and within the Schengen Area. While studying, students can obtain a residence card that allows them to take up part time jobs. After getting the diploma, graduates can legally work in Poland. The University of Lodz is fully accredited and its diplomas are recognized worldwide.

STUDENT’S OPINION

Studying at the University of Lodz is an opportunity to meet people representing the variety of cultures from all over the world. It is also receptive to international students so I feel comfortable here. The University of Lodz gives me a chance to get education on a high quality level. Now I’m convinced that I’ve made a perfect decision.

Tawanda Chikoore, Zimbabwe, Computer Science BA

www.iso.uni.lodz.pl, www.smart.uni.lodz.pl
The university is well known for its world-class engineering, innovation and technical skills. Whether you’re studying in Poland or internationally, taking classes here is a smart move.

Lodz University of Technology came into existence in 1945 and is situated in the third biggest city of Poland. It is a dynamically evolving University with a well-developed structure. Education and research are provided at nine faculties but there are many complimentary units functioning within the university. Nowadays, TUL is one of the biggest and the best state universities in Poland. There are over 18 500 students at the University.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• Lodz University of Technology was awarded both the ECTS Label and the Diploma Supplement Label, which proves that the level of excellence in education is already very high and it continues to grow.
• Lodz University of Technology has been the fourth most frequently chosen university by candidates as well as the fourth best technical university in Poland in 2015 according to the ranking carried out by Study in Poland.
• TUL has been listed on the prestigious 2013 Forbes Diamond’s list as the only University among many businesses.
• TUL has ranked in the lead in the number of patent applications filed and granted per employee, according to the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland. It is the only Polish university in the European Consortium of Innovative Universities.

EDUCATION

The university has a strong tradition of engineering education and is well known all over the world for its achievements in research, science, education and international cooperation. TUL aims at being an innovative university of local and international importance.

Programmes of study in English and other foreign languages:

• BSc in Gestion et Technologie (French)
• BSc in Architecture Engineering
• BSc in Biomedical Engineering
• BSc in Biotechnology
• BSc in Business and Technology
• BSc in Computer Science
• BSc in Information Technology
• BSc in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Computer Science
• BSc in Science and Technology
• BSc in Telecommunications and Computer Science
• MSc in Computer Science and Information Technology
• MSc in Biotechnology
• MSc in Management
• MSc in Management and Production Engineering
• MSc in Advanced Mechanical Engineering
• MSc in Telecommunication and Computer Science

International Faculty of Engineering. TUL is the only university in Poland with so many well organised study programs taught in foreign languages. IFE is the unit of TUL offering programs taught in English and in French, perfectly suited for students from abroad. The main objective of the Faculty is to educate professional engineers and managers, fluent in foreign languages, able to demonstrate their knowledge in science, engineering, technology, management and business. At present, there are over 1200 students from Poland and abroad at the Faculty.
STUDENT LIFE

Being a student does not require 24/7 studying. What you do after your lectures is equally important. Lodz University of Technology welcomes active people and supports students’ initiatives. Our students enjoy relaxing in the world of arts and culture. The students’ radio station Żak, which broadcasts around the clock at 88.8 MHz, is over 50 years old! This is the place where many now successful Polish journalists began their careers.

The TUL’s Choir has indulged its fans for a slightly shorter time. Nevertheless, 40 years of continual stage presence are rather impressive. It is the best amateur choir in Poland. TUL’s Academic Orchestra is the University’s youngest musical child. Established in 2005, the Orchestra performs classical and popular music as well as film scores.

Annual Juwenalia is the biggest student event. A few days of unforgettable fun. A special event during the Juwenalia is Miss of Lodz University of Technology beauty pageant.

Those with high doses of energy can vent it out by joining any of the 31 sports sections of the Academic Sport Association of TUL. Swimming, track and field sports, martial arts, bridge and chess – whatever suits you best. Team games, paragliding and rock climbing sections are among the most popular. For those who want to travel the world, are curious about other cultures, want to make international contacts and gain precious experience, international student organizations and associations are the perfect place. The following organizations operate at TUL: the Board of European Students of Technology BEST, Erasmus Students Network, European Exchange Lodz ESN EYE, International Student Association of Economy and Trade – AIESEC, the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience – IAESTE.

There are almost 75 student circles at TUL. They are perfect places for students who have a passion for science and want to enrich their knowledge and understanding of an area of science.

Nine halls of residence provide accommodation and free Internet access for 3000 students. The student village also houses student organization offices, sports facilities, canteen, corner stores, port office, health care centre, as well as a modern performance hall.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The academic staff of TUL puts a great deal of emphasis on internationalization of education and improving its quality. The cooperation of TUL with foreign universities, research centres and industry began with the establishment of the University. Nowadays, University cooperates with over 500 academic centers from 61 countries.

STUDENT’S OPINION

Only positive impressions... I came to Poland to study for my Master’s degree in Computer Science at Lodz University of Technology. During my studies, I had the opportunity to complete an internship at one of the big companies in the city. Recently, I took the decision to stay in Lodz and to continue my studies here. The students in my Department have the opportunity to conduct their research on process tomography at one of the most modern laboratories in the world. I noticed that the professors are very open to share their knowledge and try to encourage students to do more practical projects, e.g. in various programming courses. As the campus is located very close to the centre of the city and the classrooms are within a walking distance from the student dormitories, I have enough time to rest and relax after my daily classes. Since I arrived at the campus, the Unit for Internationalization of Education of the University has been readily available and helped me a lot by accommodating my needs. Studying in Lodz, Poland, is fairly cheap when compared with the quality of education provided and it is a great opportunity to meet other foreign international students like me.

Selam Waktola, Ethiopia

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The Medical University of Lodz
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Internet website: www.studymed.umed.pl

We would like to present our educational offer which is being gradually and consistently widened; it meets with great interest among both international and Polish students. The Medical University of Lodz is one of the largest state-owned medical universities and one of the leading research centres in Poland. It has over 70 years of medical tradition and there are more than 8,000 students attending different courses at MUL.

Medical teaching in English was initiated at MUL in 2003/2004. Presently, 600 foreign students from all over the world attend medical and dental programs taught entirely in English.

ACHIEVEMENTS

University’s activity covers all areas of medicine, including clinical studies carried out in four university-owned teaching hospitals and numerous departments within other hospitals. In 2012, a brand new Teaching Centre, one of the most modern clinical centres in Europe, was opened with new classrooms and lecture halls, equipped with computer-compatible projectors and PA systems, as well as clinical rooms equipped with the most modern dental units and phantom rooms with working stations. The University is considered a leader in the number of scientific publications and citations among medical schools in Poland. MUL’s scientists conduct extensive basic and translational research, accumulating unique knowledge, benefiting from the clinical trials. The Medical University of Lodz has reached the leading position in the research areas such as immunology, molecular biology, genetics of homeostasis disorders, oncology, hypertension and endocrinology. In response to population ageing and demographic decline in Europe, the Healthy Ageing Research Centre (HARC) was founded in 2011. The Centre conducts interdisciplinary research on various aspects of healthy ageing. MUL has been consequently investing in the development of young researchers. The University supports internal initiatives helping young scientists to develop their career paths, allowing access to the most effective research teams, providing funds for publications, grants, as well as protection and promotion of intellectual property. Within the last two years, young researchers from our University were considered leaders in areas such as cardiology, oncology, immunology and dermatology.

EDUCATION

You are welcome to apply for one of our English programmes; you can choose from:

- 6-year MD programme (requires high school certificate),
- 5-year DMD programme (requires high school certificate),
- 4-year MD programme (completion of pre-medical program minimum at the level of BSc degree),
- 3-year B.Sc. Nursing programme (requires high school certificate),
- 4-year PhD programme (requires an MD or MSc diploma).

If you plan to move around Europe during your studies, we are happy to inform you that our programmes are comprehensive enough to be accepted internationally. Thanks to the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System), you can be fully mobile and continue your education in other countries. MUL diploma is recognized by Medical Council in Canada, by the US Department of Education and ECFMG as well as European Union countries. The NBME exams will help you in preparation for the USMLE exams in the USA.

ACCOMMODATION

If you decide to study at MUL - there are plenty of accommodation options available. You can choose one of our Students’ Halls of Residence. Here you will feel at home serviced by a helpful English-speaking staff and surrounded by your fellow students who will help you in the orientation process. The dorms represent various levels of housing conditions which are reflected in the rent. If you choose
to rent an apartment, you will definitely find something nice and affordable nearby our Campus. Lodz is a student city so there is a large housing base with reasonable rental prices.

STUDENT LIFE

Your studies at MUL will surely occupy most of your time, but you should remember that keeping the proper balance between work and leisure is vital. This is where our extra-curricular activities come in handy. In cooperation with the Student Government, we organize many interesting and entertaining cultural events, sightseeing trips in Poland, sports activities (basketball, football, swimming). In Lodz, you can’t get bored, it’s a splendid city. It has an interesting history - at the beginning of the 20th Century, Lodz was influenced by four cultures. The Polish, Jewish, German, and Russian inhabitants contributed to the rich and diverse cultural background. Every year, dozens of cultural events are held in Lodz: concerts, film, music and theatre festivals.

STUDENTS’ OPINION

I’ve chosen MUL because of the good quality of studying. The University itself is dynamic with excellent professors and doctors, and offers various study methods.

Sanel Zajnelagic, Norway

There are a variety of dorms to choose from. Each one has its advantages, so you can’t go wrong! Whether you choose to live in Hallera, Mazowiecka, or Lumumby, you’ll meet new friends, go to your fair share of BBQs, and of course make some unbelievable memories!

Alexandra Hul, USA
The Polish National Film, Television and Theatre School in Lodz

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The Polish National Film, Television and Theatre School in Lodz was established in 1948 and is considered as one of the oldest and most prestigious film schools in the world. Each year the Lodz Film School is ranked amongst the top best schools according to “The Hollywood Reporter”. Its mission is to educate directors and cinematographers of both live-action and animated films, lighting designers, still photographers, editors, screenwriters, producers and actors. Students achieve practical and theoretical knowledge, and shoot their own projects on film or digital under artistic guidance of acclaimed Polish and international filmmakers. The school takes great pride in its unique master-apprentice relationship, which resulted in an amazing array of projects made by its alumni. At present the number of students has nearly reached 750 including 50 international students. Our students and graduates are prize winners at the most important Polish and international film festivals in: Gdynia, Krakow, Berlin, Cannes, Sundance, Los Angeles, Locarno, Clermont-Ferrand and many others places.

DEAR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT!

At the Lodz Film School we put great emphasis on the practical aspect of film education and provide professional assistance of professors when you work on your film projects. We are convinced that until you get onto a real film set that you should learn the profession, gain experience and independence. We will provide you with the latest generation sound and lighting equipment including digital cameras.

SPECIALIZATIONS

At the Lodz Film School you can study:
- film & television direction
- screenwriting
- cinematography
- acting
- animation & special effects
- film editing
- photography
- film production management

However, the offer for international students comprises only such specializations as film direction, editing, cinematography, photography and animation.

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ACCOMMODATION AND STUDENT LIFE

The Lodz Film School student dormitory available to our students is situated right in the city centre at 189 Piotrkowska St. within a walking distance from the school campus. The rooms in the dormitory are mostly for two or three students. On the campus there is a student canteen and a coffee bar.

LODZ FILM SCHOOL MEANS

• Over 65 years of tradition, prestige and world-known reputation.
• Festival organizer: student film presentation & competition „Łodzią po Wiśle” organized annually in Warsaw, and Drama Schools’ Festival organized annually in Lodz with participation of all Polish drama schools.
• Famous graduates, amongst them directors: Andrzej Munk, Andrzej Wajda, Janusz Morgentern, Roman Polanski, Jerzy Skolimowski, Krzysztof Kieslowski, Filip Bajon, Jan Jakub Kołki, Mariusz Grzegorzek, Małgorzata Szumowska, cinematographers: Witold Sobocinski, Slawomir Idziak, Ryszard Lenczewski, Zbigniew Rybczynski, Pawel Edelman, Krzysztof Płak, Jolanta Dylewska; actors: Jan Machulski, Janusz Gajos, Zbigniew Zamachowski, and many others...

STUDENT’S OPINION

Before I came to study in Poland I had travelled and had many jobs. During this travels I have met many Poles. I found them very hospitable and generous. Soon I fell in love with the Polish language which sounds to me pleasant. I realized that I wanted to learn the language and I thought the best way to do it would be studying in Poland. When I came to Poland I immediately felt like home. I made many life-long friendships. The studies at the Lodz Film School developed me not only as a film-maker but also as a person.

Martin Rath, Germany, Lodz Film School direction student

www.filmschool.lodz.pl
Established in 1945, the Strzemiński Academy of Fine Arts in Lodz is a higher education institution for all those who would like to enter a profession in the field of fine arts and design. The attractive educational offer, distinguished academic teachers and well-equipped studios give students a guarantee of a successful career in an increasingly competitive labour market.

EDUCATION
The Academy’s five faculties offer 7 courses and 15 art and design majors, including nationwide unique programmes in fashion design, jewellery design as well as theatre, film and television techniques. Our educational offer includes a wide variety of postgraduate courses and PhD studies. The Interdisciplinary PhD Studies, also available in English, enable students to gain advanced knowledge in two artistic disciplines: fine arts and design arts (majors in graphic art, painting, textile and fashion, industrial design, interior design; specialisations in printmaking, graphic design, multimedia, easel painting, drawing, fashion design jewellery design, textile design, printed textile design, product design and visual system design). Our students win numerous competitions while their projects are highly valued by industry and business professionals.

ACCOMMODATION
In 2013, the Academy opened two new facilities - the Fashion Promotion Centre and the Centre of Science and Art. Owing to the generous support of the City of Lodz Office, a new unit - the Academic Design Centre will soon be up and running. It aims to become the platform for cooperation between the faculties of industrial design at all academies of fine arts in Poland.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
For many years, the Academy has encouraged student and staff mobility within the framework of the Erasmus Programme. We cooperate with over sixty institutions of higher education throughout Europe. Students can apply for scholarships and internships in European art academies, art related enterprises and culture centres. Students and teachers participate not only in exhibitions, workshops and symposia organized all over the world, but also in prestigious international fairs and festivals. Moreover, the Academy is an organizer of a number of international events. In 2013, we held for the first time the Young Textile Art Triennial competition. Since 2013, the Academy has also organized the International Summer Courses of Printmaking and Textile Art - PATA.

ACCOMMODATION AND STUDENT LIFE
Students can find accommodation in double and triple rooms in the conveniently located Student Hall of Residence. Cafeteria, located on the fourth floor of the Academy’s main building, offers a selection of sandwiches, salads, snacks and warm meals. Convenient public transport infrastructure easily connecting the campus and the city centre allow for quick travelling around the city. The Student Council, elected once a year, is the co-organiser of various student exhibitions and parties. Every year, the authorities of each of the five faculties in cooperation with the Department of Promotion prepare numerous student exhibitions, workshops, competitions and lectures while the International Office organizes exhibitions for the Erasmus+ Programme participants, language meetings and presentations of partner institutions.

STUDENT’S OPINION
Well, about my stay in Lodz... What can I say except for that I loved every bit of it? Which is why I stayed for a second semester. The Polish people I met were very nice, warm and helpful. The Academy was very inspiring and I really appreciated all the technical possibilities it offered. The professors were great to work with and they really helped me a lot with my projects. And as for the city itself... Well, you have to get to know Lodz to really appreciate it. It has quite a few great places and a charm of its own.

Alexandra, Romania
The Grażyna and Kiejstut Bacewicz Academy of Music in Lodz
32 Gdańska St., 90-716 Lodz, Poland
Internet website: www.amuz.lodz.pl

We warmly welcome you to study in the unique and exciting atmosphere of our Academy: in a monumental Neo-Renaissance palace as well as in two modern buildings with concert halls and plenty of lecture and practice rooms. Here you can learn in classes run by the most distinguished professors and artists. Our students achieve numerous successes at international competitions and festivals. Studies at the Academy of Music in Lodz mean also an intensive artistic activity: concerts in the academic orchestra, the choir, chamber ensembles, the jazz big band and student opera productions. Studying with us means great satisfaction and opportunities for your future career.

STAFF
The Academy offers you the highest quality education due to: high rank specialists who teach master classes of instruments, composition, eurhythmics, choreography and music therapy, experienced teachers who deliver lectures and offer classes on the theory of music. The programme of studies is often enriched with extra master courses, seminars, workshops or lectures (many of them run by visiting professors from renowned institutions from all over the world). Additionally, during the holiday period, the Academy organizes Summer Music Academy for pupils, students and graduates of secondary schools and music academies from Poland and abroad. Development of this idea is Youth Music Academy, within the frames of which young people can develop their skills under the direction of the Academy’s tutors.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
The Academy of Music in Lodz puts its emphasis on internalization of education and improving its quality. Therefore an important point of the institutional strategy is to extend its international relations. Our Academy is an active participant in Erasmus Programme exchanging its students and teaching staff with nearly fifty institutions from Europe. Apart from the Erasmus scholarship exchange programme, our students often participate in various workshops, competitions and masterclasses abroad. Within the frames of individual agreements our institution cooperates also with Chinese conservatories in Chengdu, Sichuan and Tianjin.

HISTORY AND PATRONS
The history of the Academy of Music in Lodz goes back to the early years of the 20th century. At this time Helena Kijeńska-Dobkiewiczowa founded a Music Conservatory. After WW II, the school was reactivated, first as the State Music Conservatory and then as the State Higher School of Music. In 1982 the Higher School of Music changed into the Academy of Music and in 1999 it adopted the name of Grażyna and Kiejstut Bacewicz. The patrons are two distinguished artists born in Lodz: Grażyna Bacewicz, an excellent composer and violinist, and Kiejstut Bacewicz, her brother, a wonderful chamber musician, pianist and pedagogue.

FACILITIES
The Academy of Music is located in a historic palace which adds a timeless charm and creates a unique atmosphere to study and perform. At the same time, the Academy modernizes and develops its infrastructure for better comfort of present and future students. In October 2013 there was an official opening of a newly built Concert Hall with great acoustics, superior recording and sound system equipment, a professional recording studio and a large didactic base. At the beginning of the academic year 2014/2015, in a close proximity of the palace, was opened a modern building of the Regional Centre for Culture, Education and Music Documentation which will significantly broaden educational and cultural offer of the institution. On four floors of the new building one may find: a chamber hall for 200 people, a library and recording library, a recording studio, a sound laboratory, numerous exercise rooms and lecture halls.
DORMITORY

Academic dormitory at 2a Żubardzka St., offers 2- and 3-person rooms. On every second floor of the four-storey building there are two high-standard bathrooms for both gents and ladies. Every room is equipped with a telephone. The phone net enables a free-of-charge calls between all the academic buildings. Students have access to the Internet. The occupants may exercise in twelve study rooms equipped with a mirror, chair, desk and partly with pianos. The interior of the building is handicapped-friendly (no doorsteps).

FIELDS OF STUDIES AND MAJORS
(conducted in English)

FACULTY OF PIANO, ORGAN, HARPSCICHORD AND EARLY INSTRUMENTS
field of studies: instrumental studies
first cycle fulltime studies (3 years)
majors: piano, harpsichord, organ and early instruments: Baroque violin, Baroque viola, Baroque cello, viola da gamba, traverse flute, recorder, Baroque oboe, lute

INSTRUMENTAL FACULTY
field of studies: instrumental studies
first cycle fulltime studies (3 years)
majors: violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, horn, tuba, trombone, trumpet, percussion, harp, guitar, accordion

FACULTY OF VOCAL AND ACTING PERFORMANCE
field of studies: vocal studies
first cycle fulltime studies (4 years)
majors: vocal and acting performance

Each of these faculties offers full-time three-year third cycle (doctoral) studies in selected majors.

STUDENT’S OPINION

First of all I want to say I liked Polish people very much because they are very kind and helpful, friendship with them is very fun. You can feel relaxed in Lodz. There’s a very nice concert hall where I would like to play again. Education is good, you can ask teachers everything. I was glad to be there...

Elif Candas, Ankara, Turkey
2nd year of 2nd cycle studies, piano; Faculty of Piano, Organ, Harpsichord and Early Instruments

www.amuz.lodz.pl
We are the oldest school of this kind in Poland, specializing in teaching Polish to foreign students. We have existed for more than 60 years. Eighty percent of all foreign students studying in Poland are our graduates. We employ fully experienced and highly qualified lecturers. Our methods of teaching are proven and effective.

5-month course (450 hours)
starting in October and March. Fee - EUR 1,700

9-month course (600 hours)
starting in October. Fee - EUR 2,200

2-semester course (900 hours)
starting in October. Fee - EUR 3,200

one-month summer course (about 120 hours)
in August. Fee - EUR 480

We are also able to organize programmes at your convenience provided there are at least 10 candidates. We offer programmes for beginners as well as advanced students, including conversational courses and special courses focusing on economic, medical, business, trade and technical vocabulary. We also offer courses in Polish literature and culture. All our programmes include sightseeing tours, excursions and theatre visits.

Participating in our courses, you have a chance to meet interesting Polish people representing the world of science, culture and business.

If you are going to study in Poland, we offer you 9-month preparatory course (starting in October, 800-900 hours. Fee: EUR 3,000, EUR 2,100 - students of Polish origin):

a. for applicants pursuing university studies in Poland (an applicant may choose one specialization - humanities, medical sciences, technical sciences, economy or agriculture).

b. for applicants pursuing postgraduate and doctoral studies (permission of the Polish Ministry of Education is required).

Students who complete the preparatory course are accepted at all Polish Universities. Experience has shown that our students are able to successfully complete their studies in Polish.

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for applicants pursuing university studies in Poland (an applicant may choose one specialization - humanities, medical sciences, technical sciences, economy or agriculture);

for applicants pursuing postgraduate and doctoral studies (permission of the Polish Ministry of Education is required).

This year I have come back to Lodz, because when I was here one year ago I spent a great time here. It was the best summer of my life. Classes were held in a friendly atmosphere. The culture trips were fantastic. I have learned a lot about Lodz and I would like to know more about this lovely city. I met a lot of people, I visited a lot of places and I missed them when I returned home. All year, I dreamed about coming back to Polish Language School for Foreign Students in Lodz and to this unforgettable atmosphere.

Ivanka Terljuk, Nowy Sad, Serbia

www.sjpdc.uni.lodz.pl
**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**WHAT DO I NEED TO ENROLL?**

To qualify, all international applicants must first meet the minimum requirements for entry into higher education in their own country, have a matriculation certificate or equivalent document, command of English (at least at an intermediate level) is also required. Some departments of arts, physical education, as well as medical and technical universities may organize additional aptitude tests. Since Poland ratified the Lisbon Convention on Recognition of Degrees in 2004, the recognition of Polish diplomas has become easier internationally. For information on diploma recognition, please visit [www.studyinpoland.pl](http://www.studyinpoland.pl).

**HOW DO I FIND ACCOMMODATION?**

Most universities provide accommodation for international students in their own dormitories, but the number of rooms is limited. The host university should help students in finding appropriate accommodation.

**HOW MUCH MONEY DO I NEED FOR LIVING IN POLAND?**

Depending on your personal situation, lifestyle and habits you may have different needs. In practice, you will need at least PLN $1,200-2,500 per month. This amount should cover the costs of rent, food, clothing, personal hygiene, local transport, study materials, telephone and other expenses – not the tuition fee, however.

**DO I NEED A VISA? IF SO, HOW DO I APPLY FOR ONE?**

EU/EEA students do not need any Polish visa, however, upon arrival in Poland they should apply for a temporary residence permit if they stay in the country longer than 90 days. Non EU/EEA students need to arrive in Poland with a student’s visa obtained at a Polish Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence. Please remember that visas are granted for a maximum of three months. In order to extend the stay in Poland, it is necessary to apply for a residence permit for a specified period of time in a Voivodeship Office, 45 days before the visa expiration date. For further assistance, students are strongly urged to contact the International Relations Office of their university.

More practical information about coming to Poland, legalizing your stay, medical care and insurance, driving license, addresses of diplomatic missions in Poland is available at [www.msz.gov.pl](http://www.msz.gov.pl).

**DO I NEED TO SPEAK FLUENT POLISH?**

You do not need to know Polish or any other language. Nevertheless, you may learn Polish either for private everyday use for the time you stay in Poland or for joining a university course in Polish.

Information on Polish language certificates is provided by the State Commission for Certification of Command of Polish as a Foreign Language ([www.bwiewm.edu.pl](http://www.bwiewm.edu.pl)).

Source: [www.studyinpoland.pl](http://www.studyinpoland.pl)

**NON-PUBLIC HIGHER SCHOOLS IN LODZ**

**AKADEMIA HUMANISTYCZNO-EKONOMICZNA**

[University of Humanities and Economics]

28 Stefanowskiego St.

90-212 Lodz

[www.ahs.lodz.pl](http://www.ahs.lodz.pl)

**SPOŁECZNA AKADEMIA NAUK**

9 Sienkiewicza St.

90-312 Lodz

[www.lodz.san.edu.pl](http://www.lodz.san.edu.pl)

**SZKOŁA WYŻSZA EKONOMII I Zarządzania**

86 Narutowicza St.

90-139 Lodz

[www.sweila.lodz.pl](http://www.sweila.lodz.pl)

**WYŻSZA SZKOŁA BIZNESU I NAUK O ZDROWIU**

[Academy of Business and Health Sciences]

278 Piotrkowska St.

90-381 Lodz

[www.medyk.edu.pl](http://www.medyk.edu.pl)

**WYŻSZA SZKOŁA COSinus**

81 Wilkomierska St.

90-515 Lodz

[www.wsc.cosinus.pl](http://www.wsc.cosinus.pl)

**WYŻSZA SZKOŁA ZAWODOWA LODZKIEJ KORPORACJI OSWIATOWEJ**

95 Wilczecka St.

90-515 Lodz

[www.wzko.edu.pl](http://www.wzko.edu.pl)

**WYŻSZA SZKOŁA EDUKACJI ZDROWOTNEJ I NAUK SPOŁECZNYCH**

21 Karakóckiego St.

90-229 Lodz

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