

Welcome to Cracow (Kraków), Poland







Please find below your WSEI Erasmus guide.

We are very happy to welcome you in Krakow. You will soon start your classes on WSEI college. To make your start easier we've prepared the following guide for you:)

About College:

The main building is situated in the city centre, 800 meters from Main Market Squere.

It is only a 10 minutes walk to beautiful part of old town of Krakow.

Full legal name of institution: Wyższa Szkoła Ekonomii I Informatyki w Krakowie

Abbreviation: WSEI

English name: College of Economics and Computer Science

Erasmus + code: PLKRAKOW18

Address:

ul. Św. Filipa 17 Kraków, Poland

Website: https://en.wsei.edu.pl/

International Cooperation Office:

Erasmus Program Coordination:

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WSEI is open: Tuesday-Saturday.

College administration:

https://en.wsei.edu.pl/administracja-uczelni

College authorities:

https://en.wsei.edu.pl/wladze-uczelni

We have below facilities and places on college to support your learning process on WSEI:

- Library, please find opening hours in below table;
- •Co-working zone pleasent place created in order to encourge students to collaborate with each other or simply spend time together Opening hours are the same as library.
- •Technology park, more information can be found here: https://parktechnologiczny.wsei.edu.pl/homepage/

LIBRARY Opening hours		
Monday	closed	
Tuesday	9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	
Thursday	9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	
Friday	8:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.	
Saturday	8:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.	
Sunday	closed	

Schedule:

Currently schedule is being created, as the course enrollment is in progress. You will be given a schedule by coordinator when it's ready.

WI-FI wireless connection:

WSEI_STUDENT – free wi-fi connection dedicated to students.

Weather:

Poland lies in a moderate zone with mixed continental and oceanic climate influences.

Weather in Poland is unpredictable and varied. The summertime can be really hot, usually temperatures are around 20-30 °C. Winters can be really cold, with the chance of snow from November till March. From year to year you never know when the snow will fall and how long it will lie, except in the mountains where it usually covers the slopes all winter, so skiing conditions are generally good, especially December to February. During the autumn and spring the weather is often changeable – you are likely to enjoy moderately warm temperatures from April to June and from September to October, but it is also possible to see snow in April or people wearing short-sleeves in October. Anyway, many people consider the spring and autumn to be the most beautiful seasons to visit Poland. They are good for travelling as it is less tiring and so more enjoyable travel when you can avoid hard frost or sweltering heat.

Transport from Balice Airport:

Please find our Krakow airport webpage below: http://www.krakowairport.pl/en/passenger,c70/transport,c313/How to get to the city centre from airport?

"We encourage all passengers to make use of the possibility of traveling to/from our airport by train. The new Kraków Airport train station is located near the passenger terminal, at the rear of the multi-storey car park. The connection is operated by Koleje Małopolskie (regional railways company operating in Małopolska Region). Trains are equipped with air conditioning, power outlets, Wi-Fi and ticket machines. All trains also have spaces for disabled passengers and persons with reduced mobility (PRM)."

Tickets and fares:

- Kraków Airport Kraków Main Train Station: PLN 9,00
- Kraków Airport Wieliczka Salt Mine: PLN 12,50
- luggage: free of charge
- dogs: PLN 3,00

Where to buy a ticket:

- ticket machine in passenger terminal, level 0 (cash payment or payment with credit/debit card)
- ticket machine at train station (cash payment or payment with credit/debit card)
- train conductor on board (cash payment only).



Tram/Bus:

Nearest tram and bus stop is on ,Długa' street: the name of the stop is: ,Pędzichów'

English version of bus and tram timetable can be found here:

http://rozklady.mpk.krakow.pl/?akcja=index&rozklad=20180903&lang=EN

Information abouttickets can be found here:

http://www.mpk.krakow.pl/en/prices-of-tickets/

Bus and railway station is situated 290 metres from WSEI.

Food:

There is a place where you can have snacks and lunch in the collage building. There is also a bistro just on the other side of the street called ,Handelek' that offers delicious breakfast, sandwiches and snacks'. If you are a vegetarian there is a restaurant nearby called 'Glonojad' just 300 metres from college (plac Jana Matejki 2, 31-157 Kraków).

Shopping:

There are small grocery stores all around the city. The nearest is situated on the same street as WSEI - Św.Filipa 1 and it is called ', Żabka'. For bigger grocery shopping we have Lidl, Carrefour, Tesco stores or Biedronka. Surely you will find one in the area where you stay. The nearest shopping mall is situated 350 meters away from WSEI, it is called ', Galeria Krakowska'



Hospital:

The nearest hospital with emergency department is situated on Mikołaja Kopernika street, no.50.

IMPORTANT: Remember about - European Health Insurance Card. You can find more information here:

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559. We also reccommend buying insurance for the period of your Erasmus exchange programme.Please send it to WSEI coordinator before your arrival.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist information is on Grodzka Street no.22-2 (15 minutes walk from WSEI)

Copy shops: You can make photo copies without leaving the college district- there is a copy shop in WSEI building.

Pharmacy: Nearest pharmacy is situated only 40 metres from our collage, across the street.

Phone: You can get pre-paid card for your phone at newsagent's or at offices/stores such as T-mobile/Play/Plus etc.



Where to stay?

Wsei does not have its own dormitory. Please find below information about alternatives.

Dormitory:

https://unibase.pl/en/kontakt/

Rooms and flats for rent: See the below links:

https://erasmusu.com/en/erasmus-krakow/university-dorm

http://www.myerasmus.pl/krakow/flats

https://www.gumtree.pl/s-krakow/room+to+rent/v1l3200208q0p1

Useful information:

From time to time we have non-working Sundays when stores are closed, although some small grocery stores might be open, you can always ask staff in your store about it. Information about particular dates of non-working Sundays in 2019 can be found here:

https://www.radiozet.pl/Co-gdzie-kiedy-jak/Niedziele-handlowe-2019-KALENDARZ-kiedy-sklepy-beda-czynne-w-niedziele-TERMINARZ?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpPHoBRC3ARIsALfx_luMk3CtwpmYVk7sjL11DUpbsKQ4WMGKLZe3zpx1k8acBjEntWWF-AaAt-VEALw_wcB Dates in red circle are the non-working Sundays.

Polish currency is PLN – Polish zloty, the average rate is: 4,30/1 EUR. There are many exchange desk/bureau de change around the city. Polish name for the exchange desk is 'Kantor'.

In Krakow we have a really good quality tap water - it is safe to drink it \Box

https://en.wsei.edu.pl/campus-life/safety-healthcare/

Emergency numer:112.

Medical Aid:999 Fire brigade:998

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Upcoming Bank holidays in Poland in 2019/2020:

1st November All Saints' Day 11th November Independence day 25th December Christmas 26th December 2nd Day of Christmas

Public holidays in 2020: 1st January New Year's Day 6th January Epiphany

If you are interested in **cultural events** taking place in Krakow please check the below link: http://www.krakow.pl/english



Below you can find basic words in Polish (pronunciation in brackets):

Dzień dobry - goodmorning / goodafternoon(jane DOH-brih)

Dobry wieczór - goodevening (DOH-brih VYEH-choor)

Dobranoc - goodnight (doh-BRAH-notes)

Cześć - hi (cheshch)

Do widzenia - good bye (doh vee-DZEN-ya)

Proszę - please / here you are (PROH-sheh)

Dziękuję-thank you (jen-KOO-yeh)

Dzięki - thanks (informal) (JEN-kee)

Przepraszam - I'm sorry / excuse me (psheh-PRAH-shahm)

Tak - yes (tahk)

Nie - no / not (nyeh)

Nie wiem - I don't know (nyeh vyem)

Jak się masz? - How are you? (informal) (yahk shay mahsh)

Nie mówię po polsku. - I don'tspeak Polish(nyeh MOO-vyehpoh pohl-skoo)

Nie rozumiem - I don't understand (nyeh roh-ZOO-myem)



GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY YOUR STAY!

