

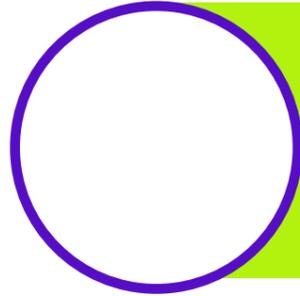


JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY
IN KRAKÓW

BA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND AREA STUDIES

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UNDERGRADUATE
prospectus



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WELCOME TO OUR UNIVERSITY AND OUR INTERNATIONAL BA PROGRAMME

The Jagiellonian University is one of the best and the most prestigious universities in Poland with a very rich tradition of academic excellence, which goes back to the fourteenth century. Based in Krakow, a city known worldwide for being a fantastic place to study and live, the University offers a vast range of opportunities to learn, develop your career and enjoy leisure time together with students from all over the world.

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**3 YEARS
182 ECTS**

**4,000 EUR
PER ANNUM**

**INTERNATIONAL
INTERDISCIPLINARY**

International Relations and Area Studies (IRAS) is an undergraduate interdisciplinary programme that offers a rigorous international and comparative perspective on the contemporary global system and different regions of the world. Its aim is to foster creative thinking about complex global problems and to equip students with the analytical tools, language expertise, and cross-cultural understanding to guide them in that process. Our degree provides a solid grounding in international issues together with an opportunity to specialise in a particular region or specific subject. You will learn how the international system has evolved, and engage with scholars in debates about dilemmas dominating contemporary international politics.

Our research and teaching spans the full spectrum of topics in International Relations and Area Studies, including international politics and economics, development, global governance, ethics of international affairs, conflict resolution and peace building, regional integration, cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue. Additionally, the programme offers an in-depth analysis of politics, economics, security, cultures, and societies in various regions of the world.

The second and third years of the programme allow you to focus on one of the three specializations: International Security, Area Studies or Politics and Culture. Choosing a specialization will give you a concentrated and in-depth study of the areas that interest you most.

international security

In order to ensure that you are able to master the complex challenges of the post-9/11 world, this specialization module views security from a broad theoretical and historical perspective, placing traditional security concerns in the context of such fields as development, economics and human rights. We will introduce you to the main concepts and approaches to the study of international relations and security and encourage you to analyse, interpret and evaluate world political events and issues. You will focus on a diverse range of topics, including strategy, global politics, foreign policy analysis, political economy, intelligence, homeland security, military analysis, regional security and conflict resolution.

politics & culture

To deepen your understanding of the modern, rapidly changing world and the processes that characterize it, it is crucial to focus on culture, identity, path dependencies and competences. As such, this specialization examines the nature of the political world as seen from the perspective of cultural identities and social mentalities. Topics explored include: global migration, human rights and democracy building, multiculturalism and the role of culture in international relations. As a graduate, you will have acquired critical and analytical skills in political science and international relations, intellectual versatility, multicultural competence and an ability to understand the complexity of contemporary international relations, which will shape the future global order.

area studies

This specialization will give you a solid grounding in politics, economic cooperation, linguistics, interstate relations, cultures and societies of various regions of the world. You can focus on two different regions chosen from: Europe, Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Americas, the Middle East and North Africa, or Far East and South Asia. This module is ideal for those who wish to explore and understand diverse states and regions, as well as their traditions and cultures. It is interdisciplinary and interactive, linking language study with other academic disciplines such as politics, history, economics, sociology, anthropology, literature and philosophy.

IRAS is a unique degree programme that combines the knowledge of different disciplines within social science and humanities (international relations, economics, political science, cultural and area studies, history, ethics, law and anthropology) to give students an understanding of the complexity of today's changing world.

As part of IRAS you will study in a small, yet growing international community, which facilitates familiarity and productive interaction between lecturers and students.

The cosmopolitan nature of the programme attracts students and scholars from virtually around the world, which allows them to experience diversity and to build lifelong connections and friendship.

The aim of our programme is to combine intellectual rigour with an applied focus, providing students with significant analytical and practical skills, valuable for their future development and careers in governmental and non-governmental organizations, industry and the corporate sector, diplomacy, or other international organisations and local institutions.

***Krakow is a
fantastic city
to live and
study***

We are committed to excellence in teaching and research that guarantees the quality of our degree.

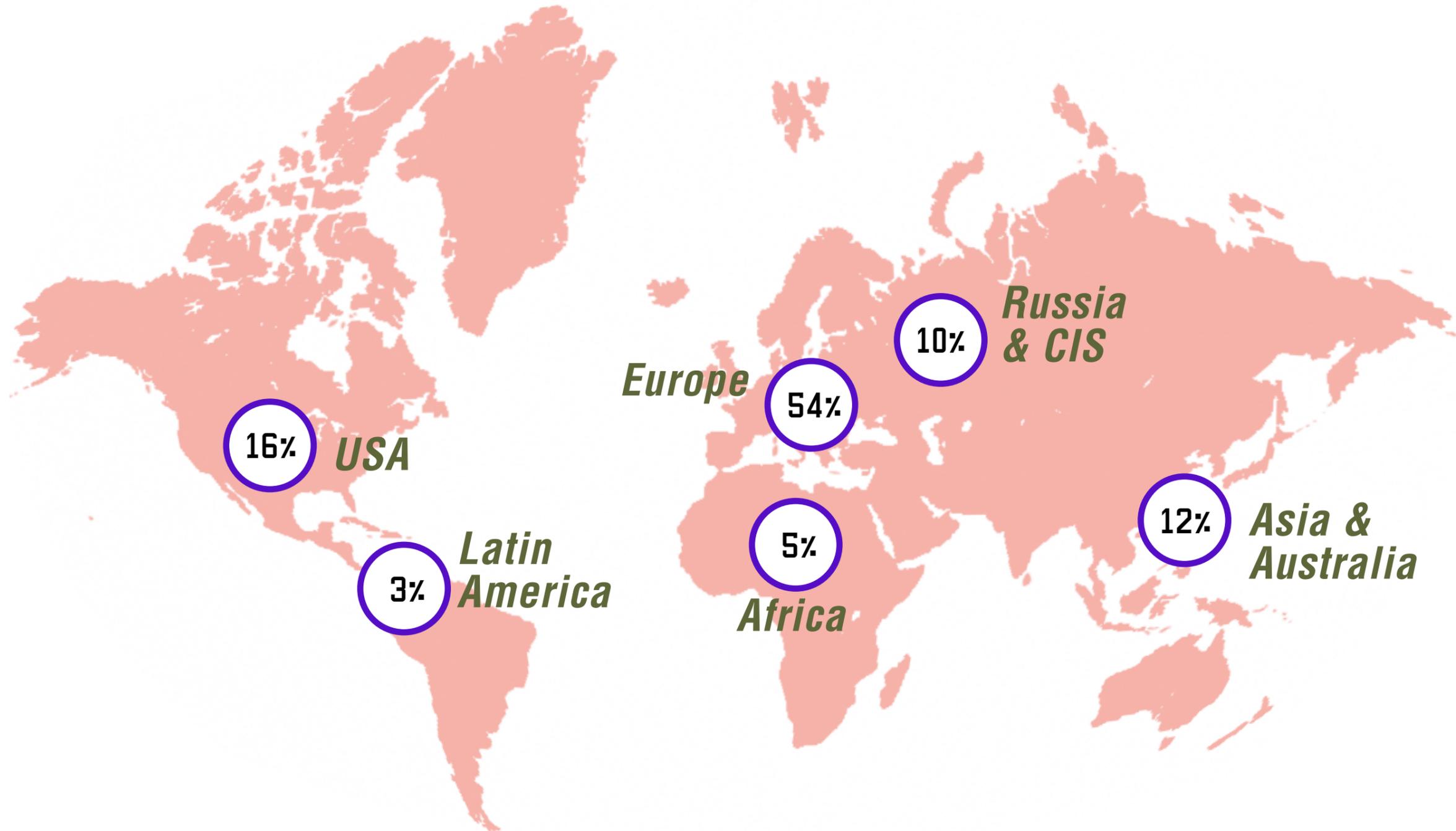
Our students can participate in the Erasmus+ exchange programme and apply for the Dean's Scholarship for outstanding students.

Krakow's central location in Europe gives IRAS students a unique chance to explore different regions and experience diverse cultures through study trips we provide.

The programme is designed for Polish and international students, wishing to develop their skills and career track within multiple fields of political analysis, strategy, security, economics or culture. We aim to provide knowledge and hand-on experience useful in future employment in either governmental or non-governmental organizations, international institutions, development agencies, the media and other international business and industry. Some students might wish to acquire further qualifications or to pursue post-graduate university studies in related academic disciplines. The degree is aimed at students with a general interest in foreign policy and international relations, providing them with sound grasp of international affairs. Finally, the programme is also suitable for students wishing to pursue the 'Study Abroad' option, for the duration of one year or semester.

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STUDENT BODY





Our program and the Jagiellonian University have surpassed my expectations. *It opened my eyes to see the world like never before, and as an international program I think it does the job. **Krakow is just magical and for international students it is the ideal destination to do their studies.** Polish roots brought me to Poland and Krakow. Now a love for the city and the university are keeping me here. IRAS is growing and there are so many great things you can do at JU and Krakow. **Choosing IRAS was one of the best decisions I made.***

Andrea Tyminski, USA

... IRAS has a very interesting and flexible program!

... you can attend classes from different specializations.

*... you can **get your Bachelor in 3 years!***

... you don't have to speak Polish to study here!

All classes are in English

*... There are no difficulties to **make friends from all over the world** since we have many exchange students as well as local students here.*

I believe these three years in Krakow will make my life more interesting and meaningful!

Come and join us, your next three years will be definitely interesting and full of surprises!!

Yumi Yoshida, Japan

- A good Polish maturity certificate (Matura) or another certificate equivalent to a Polish maturity certificate (eg. a high school diploma, a GCE A Levels, International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate etc.). We require a higher level school certificate of good quality that qualifies the candidate to study at university level
- No entrance examination. We take into consideration the candidate's secondary/high school final grades
- Documented command of the English language at the level of at least B2 (preferably higher). We accept a number of recognized language certificates

Admission deadline: ongoing until September

For further details see our website.

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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The courses and modules we have structured are divided into two major categories: obligatory (core) courses taught in the first, second and third semesters; specialization courses taught in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth semesters.

Apart from these, there are a number of electives and optional courses offered every year, which are subject to change depending on staff availability and demand. In your third year, you will also take the Dissertation Seminar worth 10 credits (ECTS).

We offer an intense language course in one of the following languages: French, German, Spanish, Russian, Chinese or Arabic (other language courses might also be offered).

Additionally, you can obtain credits in other subjects of interest to develop your career-related skills or just widen your intellectual horizons.

Full-time undergraduate students need to complete modules worth a total of at least 60 credits (ECTS) each year and 182 ECTS in total.

CORE COURSES

*first
semester*

Course title	Teaching Hours	Credits (ECTS*)
Introduction to Politics and Political Science	30	5
International Political Economy	30	6
History of International Relations in the 20 th Century	40	7
Political Philosophy and IR	30	6
Academic English	45	5
Elective course **	20	2

*second
semester*

Course title	Hours	ECTS
Introduction to International Relations	30	5
Globalization and Global Governance	40	7
International Economic Relations	30	6
Political and Economic Geography	30	5
Theories of International Relations	30	5
Elective course**	20	2

*third
semester*

Course title	Hours	ECTS
International Law	40	7
Human Rights	20	3
Ethics and International Affairs	30	5
Introduction to International Development	30	5

SPECIALIZATION INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

*third
semester*

	Hours	ECTS
International Security 1: Concepts and Approaches	30	5
Key Issues in Contemporary International Politics Part 1	20	3
Foreign language	60	4

*fourth
semester*

War and Conflict	30	5
International Security 2: Application and Analysis	20	4
Key Issues in Contemporary International Politics Part 2	20	3
Transatlantic Relations since 1945	20	4
Foreign language	60	4
Elective courses	80	8

*fifth
semester*

Terrorism and Counterterrorism	20	4
Military Operations and Technology	30	5
Democracy Promotion	20	4
Diploma Thesis Seminar	30	2
Foreign language	60	6
Elective courses	90	11

*sixth
semester*

Introduction to Energy Security	30	5
Conflict Resolution and Peace Building	30	6
Diploma Thesis Seminar	30	8
Elective courses	70	9
<i>Total semesters 1-6</i>		<i>182</i>

SPECIALIZATION AREA STUDIES *

Module
Europe

semesters
3-6

	Hours	ECTS
History and Politics of Modern Europe	65	10
The European Union	55	8
Economic Development and Cooperation in Europe	30	4
Cultures and Civilization of Europe	50	7
Society in European Countries	50	7
Elective course	30	2
Foreign Language (German or French)	180	14

Module
**Middle East &
North Africa**

semesters
3-6

	Hours	ECTS
History and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	40	6
Cultures and Civilizations of MENA	45	7
The State and Society in the Middle East	40	6
International Relations in MENA	60	8
The State and Society in North Africa	35	5
Economic development in MENA	30	4
Elective course	30	2
Foreign Language (Arabic)	180	14

*** Students choose 2 modules**

SPECIALIZATION AREA STUDIES

***Module
The Americas***

*semesters
3-6*

	Hours	ECTS
History and Politics of the US and Canada	50	7
Cultures and Societies of the US and Canada	40	6
Latin America: History, Politics, Culture	70	10
International Relations in the Americas	60	8
Economic Development and Cooperation in the Americas	30	5
Elective course	20	2
Foreign Language (Spanish)	180	14

***Module
Asia Pacific/
East & South Asia***

*semesters
3-6*

	Hours	ECTS
History and Politics of East and South Asia	60	9
International Relations in the Asia-Pacific	50	8
Security Issues in East and South Asia	30	4
Cultures and Societies of East and South Asia	45	7
Economic Development and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific	30	4
China in World Politics	30	4
Foreign Language (Chinese)	180	14
Elective course	20	2

SPECIALIZATION AREA STUDIES

***Module
Russia &
other countries of
the Commonwealth
of Independent
States***

*semesters
3-6*

	Hours	ECTS
History and Politics of Russia and the CIS	65	9
Cultures and Civilizations of Russia and the CIS	55	8
Society in Russia and the CIS	55	8
International Relations of Russia and the CIS	45	7
Economic development and cooperation in Russia and the CIS	30	4
Elective course	20	2
Foreign Language (Russian)	180	14

TOTAL (core courses and two modules): 182 ECTS

SPECIALIZATION POLITICS AND CULTURE

		Hours	ECTS
<i>third semester</i>	Understanding Cultures	40	7
	Foreign language	60	4
<i>fourth semester</i>	Theory and Industry of Culture	40	7
	The Role of Culture in International Relations	30	5
	Politics in the Ethnocultural Context	30	6
	Elective courses	60	7
	Foreign language	60	4
<i>fifth semester</i>	Cultural Dimensions of Human Rights	40	7
	Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue	40	7
	Dissertation Seminar	10	2
	Elective courses	65	10
	Foreign language	60	6
<i>sixth semester</i>	Global Migrations and their Consequences	30	5
	The Concept and Politics of Multiculturalism	20	4
	Dissertation Seminar	30	8
	Elective courses	90	11
	<i>Total semesters 1-6</i>		182

ACCOMMODATION

Krakow is a wonderful place to study and housing is generally more affordable than in the United States or Western Europe. Student housing is generally inexpensive. A month's rent for a flat, including utility fees (electricity, gas, water etc.) will generally come to anywhere between U.S. \$150 (110 euro) to \$500 (380 euro) and for a room at a JU hall of residence you will pay around 360 PLN (about \$100) a month. Please note that the tuition fee paid to the Jagiellonian University does not cover accommodation or board.

Jagiellonian University halls of residence in the centre or close to the centre include: Zaczek, Piast, and Nawojka and our international students usually choose one of them. Zaczek is the most popular. Rooms are usually shared by two people. Additional information can be found at: **<http://www.bosz.uj.edu.pl/en/zakwaterowanie>**

If you want to apply for the accommodation at University halls of residence, please fill in the Housing Application Form and send it to our office: **iras@uj.edu.pl**

You might also want to rent a room or a private apartment. Krakow is a student city, and thus offers many options for private accommodation and student rental agencies are the best choice for getting additional information about available housing. Private real estate agencies are also helpful, but with additional charges.

Once you have arrived in Krakow, you will find that the process is not as difficult as it may seem. Thousands of foreign students live here and find housing within a few days of their arrival. We do, however, advise that you arrive in advance of your course of studies to give yourself time to secure a flat. We will provide you with any support you might need in finding accommodation in a dormitory or residence.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All foreign citizens, however short their stay in Poland are obliged to hold valid medical insurance. If they fail to provide proof of insurance in case of need of medical aid, they will have to cover the costs of the medical services.

Citizen of member states of the EU, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland and Switzerland who hold a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) can get free medical aid in surgeries and hospitals marked with a National Health Fund symbol (Narodowy Fundusz Zdrowia). EHIC is issued in the country of origin of a foreigner. More information can be found on the [National Health Fund website](#) and on [European Committee websites](#).

Citizens of countries other than a member state of the European Union, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland or Switzerland who study in Poland need to provide the consul with proof of medical insurance upon submitting their visa application. After they arrive in Poland, they benefit from an insurance policy obtained in their country, if the policy allows it. If not, they can sign an agreement with the National Health Fund or with a Polish insurance company.

Citizens of countries from outside the EU who are of Polish descent can apply to their university for medical insurance coverage. First they should sign an agreement with the [National Health Fund](#) (passport, proof of residence and university admission certificate will be necessary), then contact the [JU Office for Student Affairs](#) (website in Polish only).

More information about signing an agreement with the [National Health Fund](#) can be found on its website (in Polish only).

NATIONAL VISA

Visa applications of Non-EU candidates are submitted to the Polish consulate in the country of residence of the candidate. You will need to include additional documents in your visa application, such as your passport photo, documents justifying the purpose of your visit or confirming that you have enough resources to support yourself during your stay. More information can be found on the [Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs website](#).

After admission you should apply for a long-stay Polish national visa (marked with a D symbol). Such visas are issued for a period no longer than a year.

STUDENT CARD

The student card is a document confirming student status (it entitles to discounts on public transport). It includes basic personal details and a photograph. As every student card is valid for one semester, all card holders are required to renew the document every semester.

Expiry date

In order to make sure that the student card is valid, you should look at its reverse and check the date on the hologram. With subsequent renewals, your student card will obtain new holograms.

Smart card

The student cards is electronic – which means that apart from information printed on the card's surface, it also contains information imprinted electronically which can be read out with the help of a special card reader. If you have a computer with a card reader you can check the data inscribed on your card. All you need is to download free software from <https://www.usosweb.uj.edu.pl/els/> and to insert your student card into the reader.

Proximity card

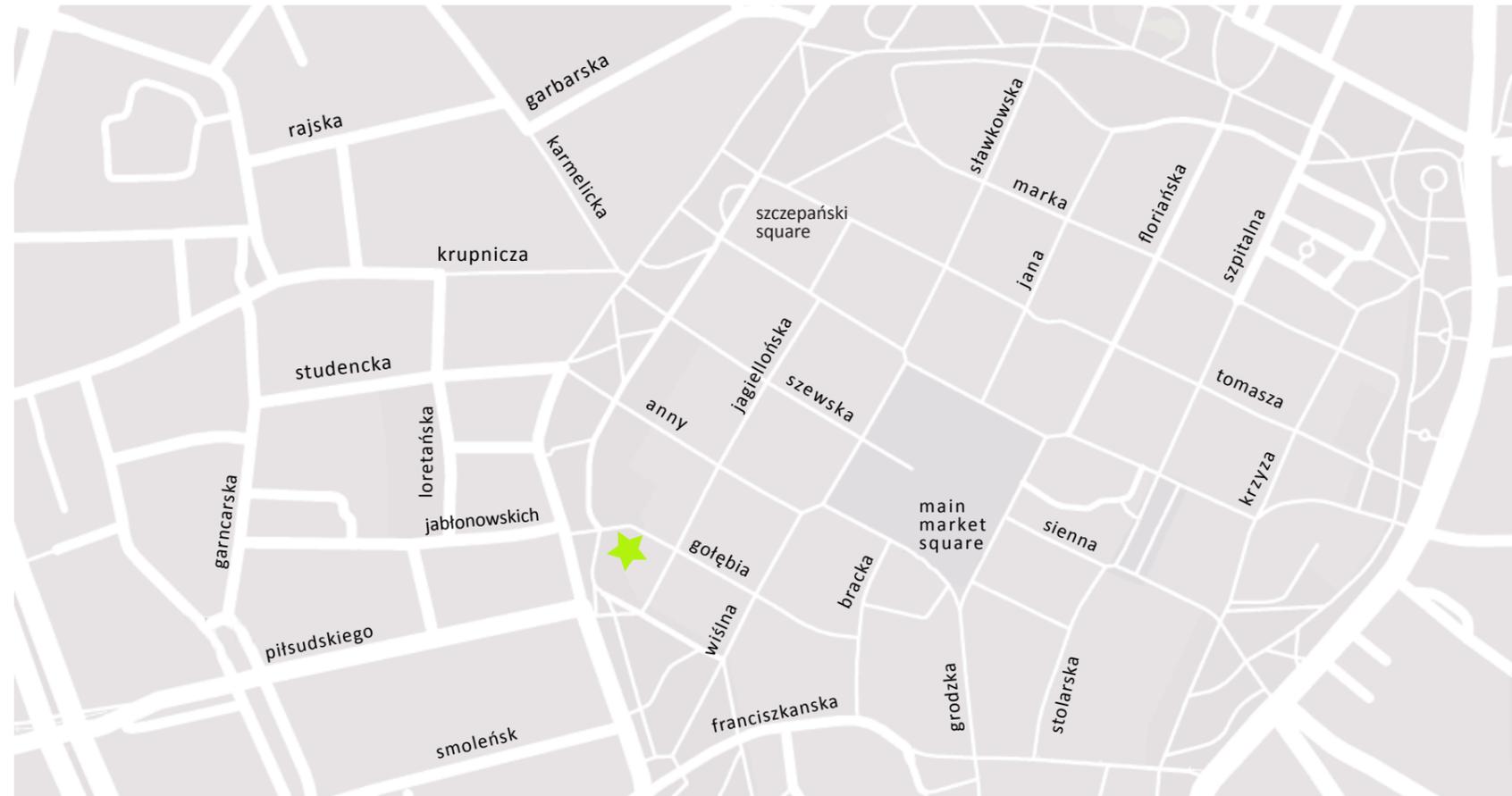
The student card is also a proximity card which means that special devices can retrieve data from the card even without direct contact, but from a close distance.

Front office

Issuing and renewing the student card lies within the responsibility of the front office of your department. This is also the place where all issues and problems related to the student card should be reported to.

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