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IN KRAKÓW

BA in International Relations & Area Studies

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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 °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, Culture & International Relations and Area Studies. Choosing a specialization will give you a concentrated and in-depth study of the areas that interest you most.

Specializations



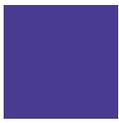
international security

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.



culture & international relations

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 Its Neighbourhood, 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.

Why IRAS? Why Krakow? Why the Jagiellonian University?

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.

*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.



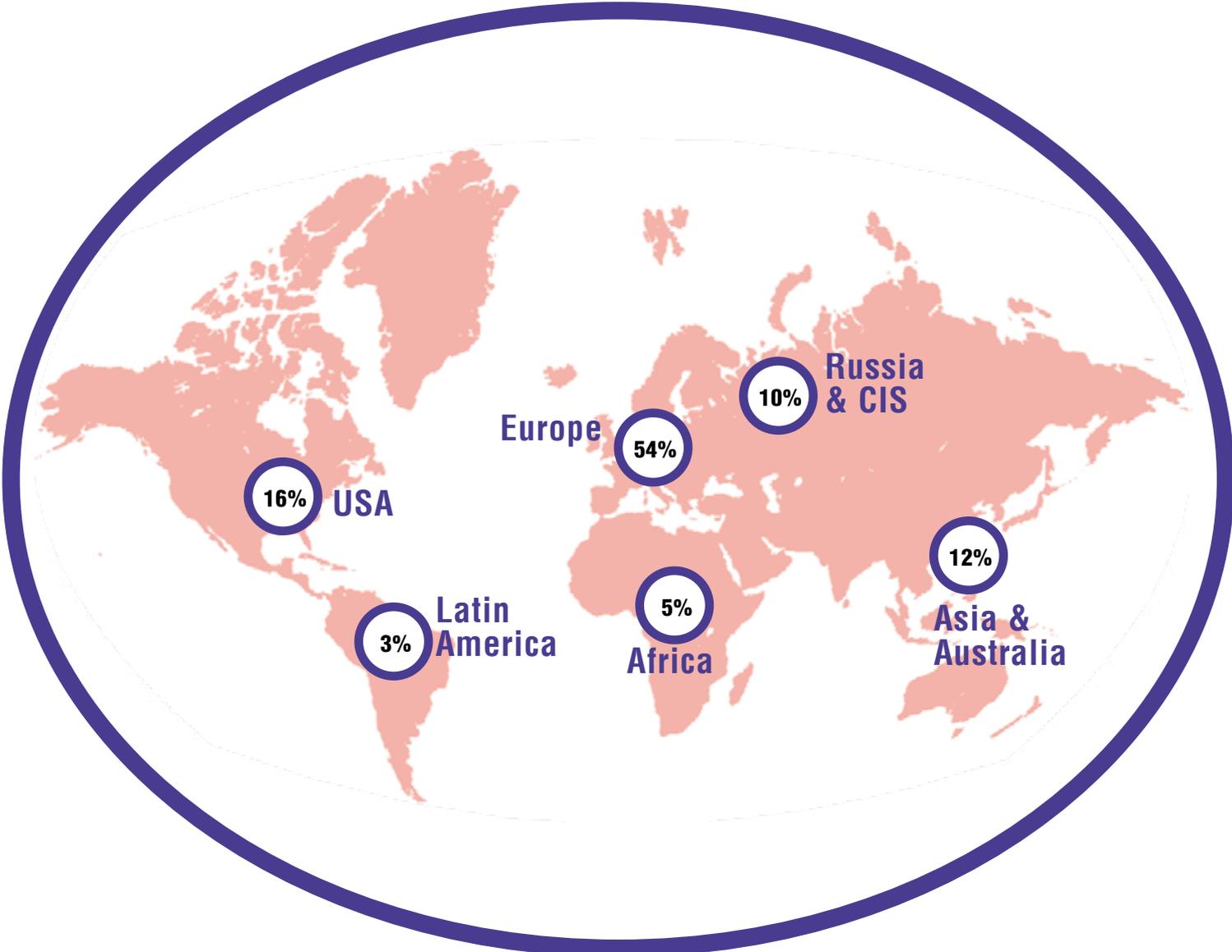
The cosmopolitan nature of the programme attracts students and scholars from virtually around the world, which allows them to experience diversity and to build lifelong connections and friendship. The aim of our programme is to combine intellectual rigour with an applied focus, providing students with 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.

Who is it for?

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.



Student body



Testimonials

Coming to IRAS and Krakow was the best choice I could have made! In only one semester, I feel like my understanding and comprehension of current global affairs has grown immensely! My wholly positive experience so far would not be limited to just the IRAS program; the opportunity and vibrancy that I have found in the city of Krakow has played a huge role as well. Overall, my first year at IRAS and in Krakow has been everything that I hoped for, and even more! I cannot wait to see what is yet to come!

Joanne Kanarek, Canada

The International Relations and Area Studies programme opened new perspectives for me as an international student. The variety of subjects allows students to choose the path that perfectly matches their interests. Professors are always open for discussions which I find very important for International Relations students.

Maria Klimova, Russia

I already finished my study more than one year in Japan when I started thinking about studying abroad. In other places it often takes at least four years in total to graduate but here you can get your Bachelor in 3 years! And of course you don't have to speak Polish to study here! All classes are in English and some students don't speak Polish even "hello" like me when they first arrived here. But don't worry, you can improve your Polish too by taking Polish classes or making Polish friends.

Yumi Yoshida, Japan

Testimonials

Choosing the Jagiellonian University in Krakow was one of my best decisions so far. Not only the academic content is international - our student community is as well! International Relations at UJ offers you the possibility to learn about a variety of aspects of global life - regional studies, security issues and culture. Also Krakow is perfect cultural location for students!

Ricarda Lindau, Germany



Our program and JU 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!

Andrea Tyminski, USA

Entry requirements

- 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.



Programme structure

Students choose at least one elective in the first and the second semester

**core
courses**



| | Core courses | Hours | ECTS |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| <i>first semester</i> | Introduction to Politics and Political Science | 30 | 5 |
| | International Political Economy (lectures and seminars) | 40 | 7 |
| | International Relations in the 20th Century (lectures and seminars) | 40 | 7 |
| | Political Philosophy and IR | 35 | 6 |
| | Academic English: Research and Presentation | 30 | 3 |
| | Tutorial | 20 | 2 |
| | Elective courses | | |
| | Regionalization and Globalization - the case of Europe | 20 | 3 |
| | World Civilizations | 20 | 3 |
| | Statistics | 20 | 3 |
| <i>second semester</i> | Core courses | | |
| | Globalization and Global Governance | 35 | 6 |
| | International Economic Relations | 20 | 4 |
| | Political and Economic Geography | 30 | 5 |
| | Theories of International Relations | 30 | 5 |
| | Key Issues in Contemporary International Politics (seminar) | 20 | 4 |
| Academic English: Writing Skills | 15 | 2 | |
| | Elective courses | | |
| | Liberalism, Multiculturalism and Citizenship | 20 | 3 |
| | Introduction to Strategic Studies | 20 | 3 |
| <i>third semester</i> | Core courses | | |
| | International Law | 35 | 6 |
| | Human Rights | 20 | 4 |
| | Ethics and International Affairs | 30 | 5 |
| | Introduction to International Development | 30 | 5 |
| | Foreign language (French, German, Russian, Spanish, Polish, Chinese or Arabic) | 60 | 4 |
| | Elective courses | | |
| | Introduction to Area Studies | 25 | 4 |
| | Economic Diplomacy | 25 | 4 |
| | Quantitative Methods of Research | 25 | 4 |

Programme structure

international security



| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | International Security: Concepts and Approaches | 30 | 5 |
| | Human Security | 25 | 4 |
| | War and Conflict | 35 | 6 |
| | Global Discourse | 25 | 4 |
| | Elective Courses (chosen among those offered by the other two specializations) | | 9 |
| | Foreign language (French, German, Russian, Polish, Spanish, Chinese or Arabic) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | International Security: Application and Analysis | 20 | 4 |
| | Transatlantic Relations since 1945 | 30 | 5 |
| | Terrorism and Counterterrorism | 30 | 5 |
| | Conflict Resolution and Peace Building | 25 | 4 |
| | Dissertation Seminar | 30 | 2 |
| | Elective courses | | 9 |
| | Foreign language | 60 | 4 |
| <i>sixth semester</i> | Military Operations and Technology | 30 | 5 |
| | Democracy Promotion | 25 | 4 |
| | Energy Security | 30 | 5 |
| | Dissertation Seminar | 30 | 8 |
| | Elective courses | | 5 |

Total: 182 ECTS

Programme structure

culture & international relations



| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | Understanding Cultures | 30 | 5 |
| | Politics in the Context of Culture | 30 | 5 |
| | Global Discourse | 25 | 4 |
| | Religion and Politics | 30 | 5 |
| | Foreign language (French, German, Russian, Spanish, Polish, Chinese or Arabic) | 60 | 4 |
| | Elective courses | | 9 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | Cultural Dimensions of Human Rights | 25 | 4 |
| | The Role of Culture in International Relations | 20 | 4 |
| | Industry of Culture | 30 | 5 |
| | The Concept and Politics of Multiculturalism | 30 | 5 |
| | Dissertation Seminar | 30 | 2 |
| | Foreign language | 60 | 4 |
| | Elective courses | | 10 |
| <i>sixth semester</i> | Global Migrations and Their Consequences | 30 | 5 |
| | Cultural Diplomacy | 25 | 4 |
| | Dissertation Seminar | 30 | 8 |
| | Elective courses | | 10 |

Total: 182 ECTS

Programme structure

area
studies



Students choose two modules.

Module Europe

| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | History, Memory and the Making of Modern Europe | 35 | 6 |
| | European Integration | 25 | 4 |
| | Twentieth Century European Thought and Culture | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (French, German or Polish) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | EU Law and Policy-Making | 30 | 5 |
| | The Monetary and Economic Union | 30 | 5 |
| | Transatlantic Relations since 1945 | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (French, German or Polish) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>sixth semester</i> | Europe and Global Politics since World War Two | 30 | 5 |
| | Central and Eastern Europe after 1989 | 25 | 4 |

Module The Americas

| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | USA and Canada in the Twentieth Century | 35 | 6 |
| | American Government and Politics | 25 | 4 |
| | Twentieth Century American Culture | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Spanish) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | Latin America in the Twentieth Century | 30 | 5 |
| | Introduction to Latin American Cultures and Societies | 30 | 5 |
| | International Relations of the Americas | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Spanish) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>sixth semester</i> | US Foreign Policy after the End of Cold War | 30 | 5 |
| | Economic Cooperation & Integration in the Americas | 25 | 4 |

TOTAL (core courses and two modules): 182 ECTS

Programme structure

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Students choose two modules.

Module the Middle East & North Africa

| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | The Middle East and North Africa in the 20th Century | 35 | 6 |
| | The State & Society in the Middle East & North Africa | 25 | 4 |
| | Introduction to Arabic Culture | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Arabic) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | International Relations in MENA: the Politics of Oil | 30 | 5 |
| | Islam, Tradition and Modernity | 30 | 5 |
| | Conflict and Terrorism in MENA | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Arabic) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>sixth semester</i> | Trajectory of Economic Development of MENA | 30 | 5 |
| | Arab Spring and Its Impact on the Arab World | 25 | 4 |

Module Asia-Pacific / East & South Asia

| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | East and South Asia in the 20th Century | 30 | 5 |
| | Cultures and Societies of East and South Asia | 30 | 5 |
| | International Relations in Asia-Pacific | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Chinese) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | International Relation in South Asia | 30 | 5 |
| | Regional Integration and Economic Relations in Asia-Pacific | 30 | 5 |
| | Security Issues in East and South Asia | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Chinese) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>sixth semester</i> | Japan since Meiji | 25 | 4 |
| | China in World Politics | 30 | 5 |

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Programme structure

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Students choose two modules.

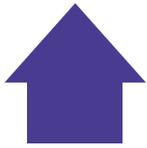
Module Russia & its Neighbourhood

| | Course | Hours | ECTS |
|----------------------------|--|---|-------------|
| <i>fourth semester</i> | Modern Russian History | 35 | 6 |
| | Russia's Political System and Domestic Policies | 25 | 4 |
| | Russian Culture and Society | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Russian) | 60 | 4 |
| <i>fifth semester</i> | Politics and Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus Since the End of USSR | 30 | 5 |
| | Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Since the End of the USSR | 30 | 5 |
| | Economic Transition in Russia and Its Neighborhood | 30 | 5 |
| | Optional: Foreign language (Russian) | 60 | 4 |
| | <i>sixth semester</i> | Post-Soviet Area in International Relations | 30 |
| Russian Security Policy | | 25 | 4 |

TOTAL (core courses and two modules): 182 ECTS

Practical information

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).

Practical information

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.



Practical information

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.

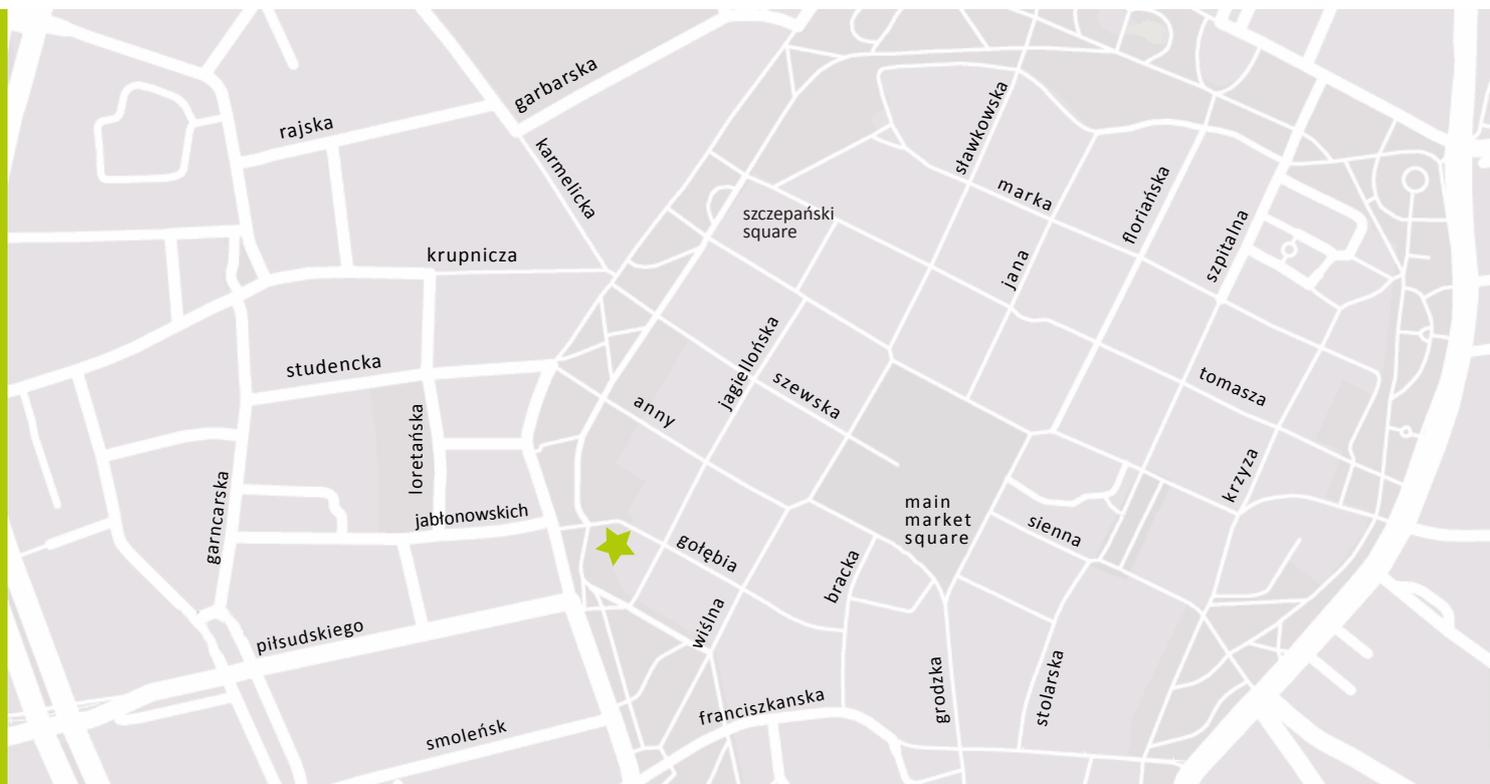
Proximity card

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.

Contact



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