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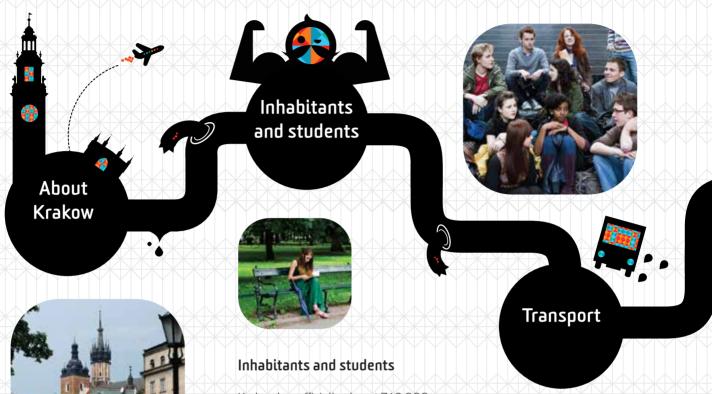
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Krakow

- our power is people!



About Krakow

Krakow is the second largest city in Poland, the capital of Małopolska and one of the most attractive places in Central and Eastern Europe. Its possibilities and potential have been appreciated both by investors and tourists for years. The advantages of Krakow considered by entrepreneurs as the most important include: its demographic and scientific potential, the availability of qualified employees, the special economic zone, the large regional outlet encompassing Małopolska and the nearby Upper Silesia, as well as good road, rail and air connections. And a few million tourists are attracted every year by the rich cultural and artistic offer of the city, the possibility of choosing various forms of leisure, the historic Old Town inscribed on the UNESCO list and many other attractions thanks to which Krakow is one of the most popular tourist destinations among European cities.

Krakow has officially almost 760,000 inhabitants, although the total number of people living here is actually much higher, if we take into account persons without registered places of residence and students. As a result of continuous migration to the city, the number of inhabitants is growing. Krakow is a city of young people - 23% of inhabitants are persons under 25 years of age. In addition, Krakow is inhabited temporarily by at least several thousand people, mainly students. The city is one of the most important academic centres in Poland and the seat of the National Science Centre. In 2013, over 200,000 students studied in 22 active schools of higher education, including over 59,000 in engineering fields, 7,500 in philological fields and almost 17,500 in economic and financial fields. Every year around 50,000 people graduate from institutions of higher education. Many of these graduates stay in Krakow and begin their professional careers here. What is also worth stressing is the dynamic development of communities situated near Krakow, with around 1.5 million people living in the suburban area and around 8.5 million people within a radius of 100 km of the city.



Transport

Krakow is situated 275 km south of Warsaw, near the A4 motorway, close to the intersection of transport routes connecting the Baltic Sea with the Balkans and Western Europe with Eastern Europe. The city is served by numerous railway lines and the International John Paul II Airport in Krakow-Balice, which is the biggest regional airport in Poland. In 2013, it served almost 3.65 million passengers. Krakow Airport is directly connected with 63 airports in Poland and Europe. The city has an efficient public transport network based on trams and buses.









Start-ups



Modern economy

The economic brand of Krakow - KRK2B - is based on such values as dynamics, creativity and innovativeness. Their development is supported by academic and scientific centres, which created research and development centres whose main focus lies on advanced technologies, excellence, technology transfer and clusters comprising companies, schools of higher education and research entities that co-operate, among others, in the performance of research and development works. These activities fit the Krakow Development Strategy, which lays emphasis on co-operation between the local self-government, science and business. The sector which has developed particularly dynamically in recent years in Krakow is the specialised services and high technology sector, which is confirmed by the Tholons international ranking of outsourcing locations, in which the capital of Malopolska was recognised as the capital of modern services in Central & Eastern Europe. The authors of the ranking appreciated the access to competent employees, the friendly business environment and the transparency of the Polish law and financial system.

The modern service sector generated further 5,000 jobs in Krakow, which means that 30,000 persons were employed in outsourcing in almost 80 companies at the end of 2013.

Start-ups

For a few years, the start-up environment has been developing dynamically in Krakow.

TEDxKrakow is a local version of the TED conference and a part of the TEDx program consisting of events organised by fans of TED around the world. TEDxKrakow is led by a group of volunteers, all of whom are connected with Krakow.

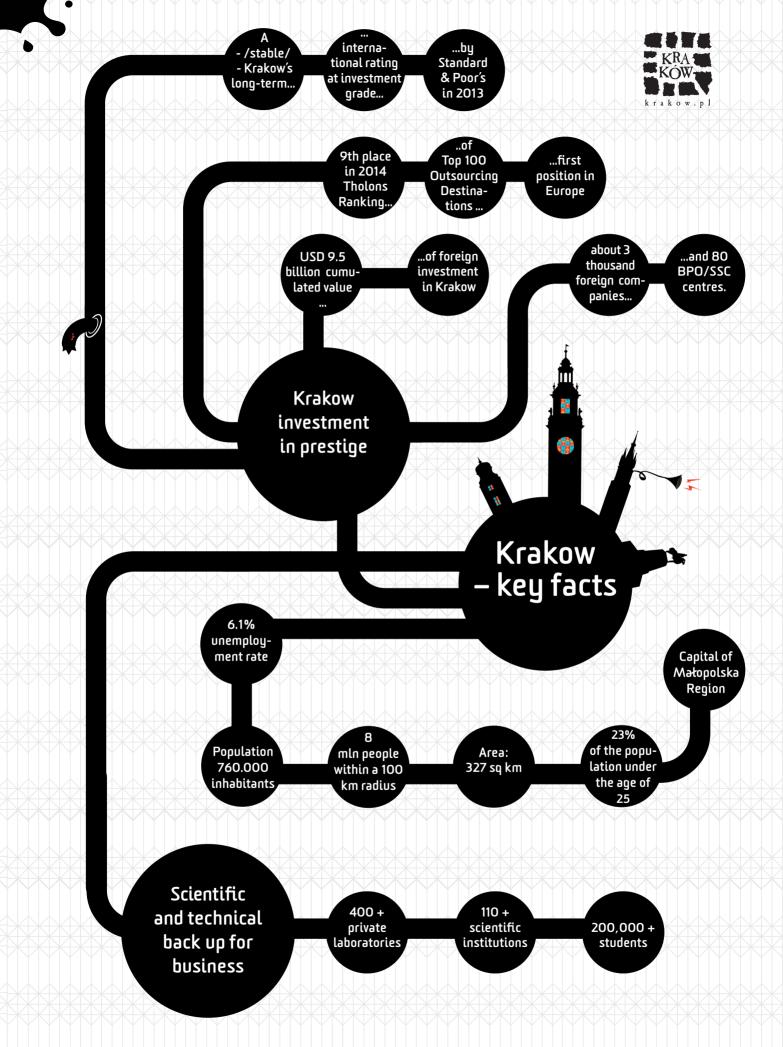
Hive53 is a series of meetings for entrepreneurs, who meet and exchange inspirations and experiences connected with new technologies, marketing, fundraising and sales.

Bitspiration is an extraordinary event focusing on the future of development of the Internet and new technologies, and which has absolutely nothing to do with a standard conference.

Colab is a co-working office in the heart of the Kazimierz district of Krakow and a place to exchange knowledge and experience. In Colab there are 3D printers (Materialination) and excellent engineers (Estimote), and investors from Innovations Nest or Satus VC are frequent guests there. It is a place where the personnel of Notatka, Vocabli, Duckie Deck or Chance works as well.

Cultural potential

Krakow is not only an important economic centre, but also a cultural hub. In 1978, the Old Town, including Wawel, Kazimierz and Stradom, was entered on the UNESCO World Heritage List. In 2000 Krakow held the prestigious title of a European City of Culture, and in 2013 the capital of Małopolska was awarded the title of a UNESCO City of Literature. Every year dozens of festivals are organised in the city at local and international levels, attracting many tourists from home and abroad. Krakow is one of the most visited cities in Poland and Europe, regularly occupying the top positions in the rankings of tourist attractiveness. In 2013 it was visited by more than 9 million people. For 2014, the plans include the opening of the ICE Congress Centre - a state-of-the-art facility which will host congresses, conferences, concerts, theatrical performances, exhibitions and other prestigious cultural and social events. The ICE centre will provide a response to the growing interest in the city as a destination for business tourism.



Students' point of view



The major reason why I want to be an exchange student is that I would like to live at a place with a culture that is completely different from that one I grew up in, a place where I can learn new things that will be useful for me through the rest of my life. I want to live in a completely new place, make new friendships, study at university where I can learn new things.

When I was looking for university courses, I had a lot of booklets - I really liked the offer of courses of Cracow University of Technology. CUT really caught my attention with the programme they have for exchange students. Also, I have read about Krakow, its tourist attractions, iconic buildings and constructions.

I think that architecture students should go for exchange to get to know how architecture is composed

and how it works in different parts of the world. Every architect should open their mind by looking and appreciating how different cities work. I think that getting out of your comfort zone is a real challenge and a great life experience that help you grow not only as a professional but as a person as well.

I'm sure that the opportunity to study abroad will really help me reinforce my abilities. I will take advantage of every day, because I think that every day you should learn something new.

Adrian – Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico, incoming student at CUT



No art can survive without its roots.

Academy of Music in Kraków

Academy of Music in Kraków educates musician-humanists in accordance with the motto:per academiam ad astra.

Since 1888 the Academy of Music in Krakow has been combining tradition with modernity; Its mission consist in:

- artistic work (composers)
- performance (conductors, instrumetal ists, vocalists, choristers)
- reflection on music in a broad cultural context (music theoreticians)
- musical education

... It has been my dream since my youngest years not to look for laurels abroad but to stir hearts in my homeland...

Władysław Żeleński

The Academy of Music in Krakow has its origins in the Conservatory of the Music Society in Krakow, which was founded on

1st February 1888 by an eminent Polish composer Władysław Żeleński. The very first years of the Conservatory made evident the need for the existence of a musical school in Krakow's milieu. The mission of the Academy of Music in Krakow – from the very beginning, that is, for 126 years – has been the education of musicians-humanists in a broad context of musical culture and art.

Let us look at a tree. It teaches us that a work of art has to be rooted both in heaven and on earth. No art can survive without its roots.

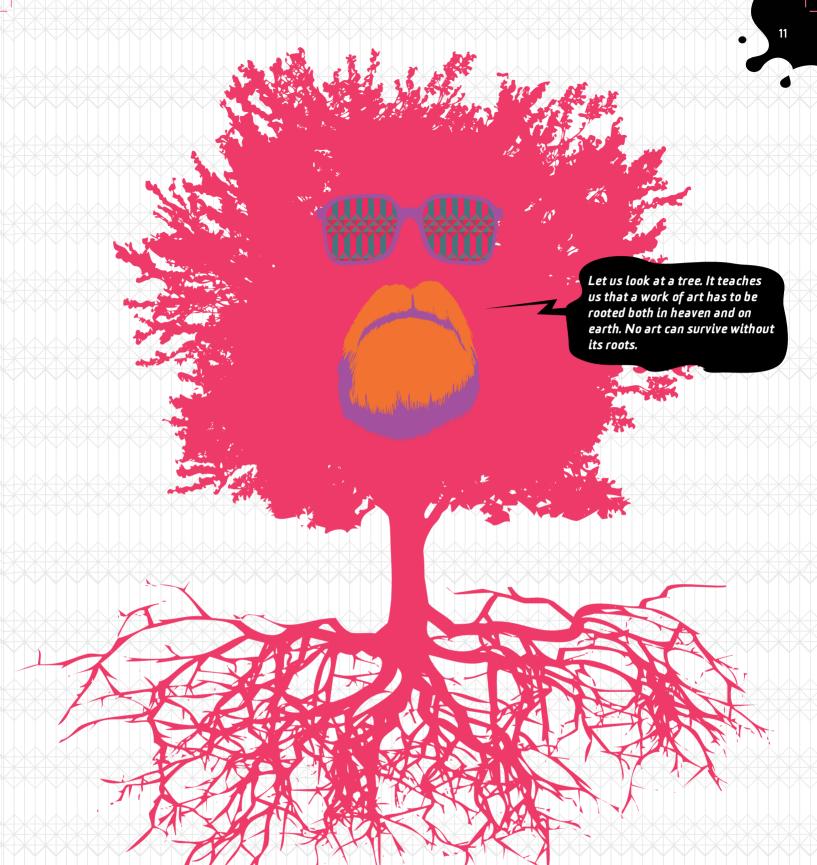
Krzysztof Penderecki

These words by a composer, one of the most outstanding alumni of the Academy, and at the same time its Professor and Doctor honoris causa can be regarded as the Academy's motto. These double roots determine the multiple contexts of the Academy's operation at the turn of centuries and millennia, in this place on earth, in the heart of Europe, in Krakow. It is vital that on the one hand one builds on the strong foundations of tradition, both national

and universal – European; and on the other hand, that one reaches for higher values and thinks ahead of time.

Today, the Academy is a modern school of higher education, bustling with activity and abundant in creative initiatives of both professors and students – a school which achieves many spectacular successes reflecting the collaboration of the people who create it. In line with its statute, the Academy focuses its activity on three main fields: art (composition and performance), science and research (theory of music and musical education) and teaching.

Openness is one of the Academy's greatest assets. It has over ninety bilateral agreements signed with leading European Academies of Music as part of the Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme. Many Academy students study abroad, and in turn, European students come to study at the Academy. There are master classes conducted by visiting professors, and conversely, members of the Academy teaching staff give lectures abroad.



For the past twenty years, the Academy has carried out high profile projects, such as the International Bach Academy conducted by Prof. Dr. hc Helmuth Rilling, the International Beethoven Symposium, the International Flute Competition, the International Cello Competition, Bach's Days, Summer Academy, and "Sources and Inspirations" International Percussion Festival. These

are some of the most spectacular international endeavours organised by the Academy, which are deeply ingrained in the musical life of Krakow and Poland.

In the academic year 2014/2015 we will host the following prominent artists, who will conduct our symphonic orchestra:

- Tadeusz Wojciechowski (17/11/2014)
- Yan Pascal Tortelier (8/12/2014)
- Alexander Liebreich (18/01/2015)
- **Neville Marriner** (1/03/2015)
- Rafał Jacek Delekta (29/03/2015)





It is a place of ideas, successes and friendships for life.

AGH University of Science and Technology

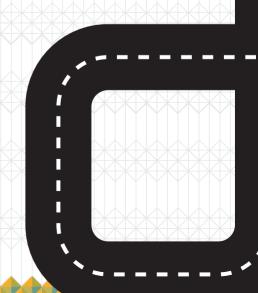
AGH University of Science and Technology is one of the best and most renowned modern Polish universities. For many years it has been ranked at the top of the list of institutions of higher education.

AGH UST is a leading Polish university in modern technologies, and belongs to a group of prestigious international educational centres. Our long and rich traditions - the university is 100 years old – also influence our popularity. Throughout the years, the university has educated engineers needed by the Polish industry. Our school has other advantages, too, namely, an ideal location in the most beautiful Polish city - Krakow, its own campus with excellent facilities for 9000 students, conveniently located for the university buildings, modern research base with laboratories and the latest equipment, collaboration with other universities in Poland and abroad, facilities for people with disabilities, and an excellent atmosphere of study, which cannot be found anywhere else. Students

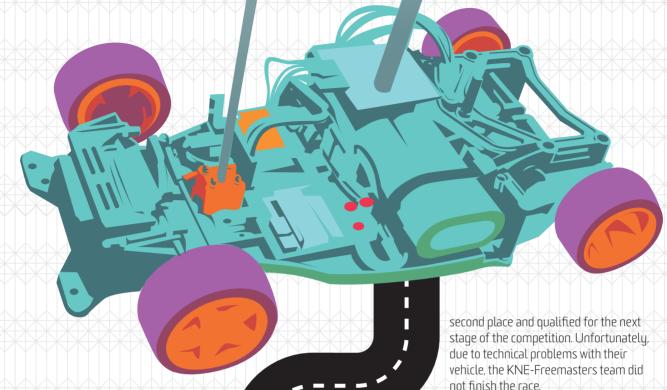
receive education in 57 disciplines and more than 200 specialisations.

The variety of disciplines offered is worth noticing. Apart from the traditional faculties, closely connected with mining and metallurgy, there are faculties dealing with computer science, telecommunications, automatics, robotics, new materials, technical physics, applied mathematics, as well as management and social sciences. New disciplines include Culture Studies, Geophysics, Oil and Gas Engineering, Medical Physics, Acoustic Engineering. New specialisations are offered within the domain of traditional disciplines, for example, Mathematics for Finance at the Faculty of Applied Mathematics. Presently, the university employs more than 2000 research workers, of whom about 550 have the status of independent researchers. More than 2200 research projects (both domestic and foreign) are currently being conducted. AGH UST also participates in many educational projects. We have signed 250 general agreements with foreign partners in Europe, both

Americas, and Asia. Every year, 1400 foreign educational trips take place. At home, we have signed collaboration agreements with about 300 industrial companies, including large multinational corporations. The agreements concern scientific, research and educational collaboration. Our diploma really opens the doors to the best firms and companies, both in Poland and abroad. Our graduates fully deserve the good opinion of their employers.



AGH UST students success at Freescale Cup championship EMEA 2014



During the Freescale Cup EMEA international championships, Wacław Czernecki, Piotr Ryba and Wojciech Sojka - members of the Student Special Interest Group of Electronic Engineers beat over 22 best teams from universities in Europe, Middle East and Africa. They won the third place and the prize for the most innovative vehicle. The Freescale Cup EMEA was held between 29th and 30th April 2014 at the Fraunhofer Institute IIS in Erlangen, Germany.

rules of the tournament are modified slightly between each season. During the championship season of 2014. AGH UST was represented by the Student Special Interest Group of Electronic Engineers with two teams:

KNE-Freemasters: Piotr Kosycarz Jakub Zbydniewski KNE-Fideltronik: Wacław Czernecki Piotr Ruba Wojciech Sojka.

Łukasz Krzak, the supervisor of the Student Special Interest Group of Electronic Engineers was appointed the coordinator of both teams.

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The teams took part in the regional qualifications, entered by 18 squads from Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. The KNE-Fideltronik team won the

not finish the race.

The next stage was the EMEA finals, competed in by 22 best teams from European, Middle-Eastern and African universities. The event took place between 29th and 30th April 2014 at the Fraunhofer Institute in Erlangen, Germanu.

According to the competition rules, each team has a maximum of three attempts to complete the route. At the third attempt the KNE-Fideltronik vehicle completed the track with the best result of 19.6 seconds. The next team consisted of Italian participants, who beat the AGH UST students' score by only 0.1 seconds. In the final medal table, the KNE-Fideltronik team came in third, losing 0.4 seconds to the winning team from Slovakia.

The championships jury, made up of the scientists and researchers of the Fraunhofer Institute, decided to award KNE-Fideltronik an additional first prize for the most innovative car in the competition. A high degree of component integration and the elegance of the electronic solution were especially appreciated.

The Freescale Cup Competition EMEA (Europe, Middle-East, Africa) is a tournament of vehicles powered by electric motors. It has been organised on a regular basis for several years. Teams of students representing universities from around the world compete against each other in order to develop the fastest vehicle that can follow a particular route. The exact



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Cracow University of Economics



Cracow University of Economics (CUE) was established in 1925 as the Higher Trade School. During these 89 years of tradition and experience, the name and the profile of the university changed frequently but one thing remained unchanged – the quality of education, which has always been confirmed by national rankings and indexes.

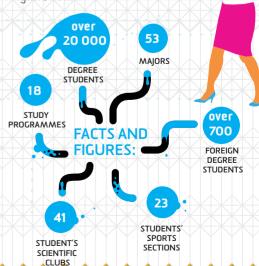
Nowadays, CUE ranks among Poland's leading universities, being a significant educational and research centre. It consists of four faculties: Economics and International Relations, Finance, Commodity Science and Management. Apart from study programmes in Polish, CUE also offers study programmes in English, such as short-term study opportunities and degree programmes leading to Bachelor's, Master's or the PhD degree:
Applied Informatics (BSc)

- Corporate Finance and Accounting (BSc, MSc)
- International Business (BSc, MSc)

- International Finance and Accounting (MSc)
- Product Manager (BSc)
- Studies in Economics, Finance and Management (PhD).

Cracow University of Economics maintains close contacts and cooperation with over 200 foreign universities as well as many international organizations and institutions, including companies. The University is actively engaged in international student exchange programmes (Erasmus, CEEPUS, FSS, STEP, Double Diploma and bilateral agreements) which enable its students to complete a part of their studies in partner institutions abroad, while international students from those institutions join study programmes in Krakow. CUE is a member of prestigious international networks and organizations such as NIBES, EBC, EUA and EMBS.

CUE offers a wide range of Polish language courses: classes for exchange students at all levels: from basic to advanced (incl. a specially tailored programme for students from Slavic countries) and the "Polish Path" - an intensive one year language course. During the 2014-2015 academic year the University has launched first Preparatory English and Polish Language courses. The courses have been designed to give students a solid foundation of the English/Polish language and vocabulary used in economics before taking up BSc or MSc regular studies. Students can choose the full programme that includes more than 700 teaching hours (general English/Polish, business English/Polish, Polish/English, mathematics) or the basic programme which includes only general English/Polish.





Erasmus Student Network @ Cracow University of Economics – more than a study

Cracow University of Economics is a great place to start your Erasmus adventure. Reasons? The campus located in the city centre, experienced lecturers and above all – the people.

Thanks to the International Programmes Office, every foreigner will find their way in the academic environment and get a solid assistance.

But man does not live by studying alone. And here is where the students' organisation steps into action – the Erasmus Student Network at the Cracow University of Economics (ESN UEK), which is going hand in glove with International Programmes Office.

Many of you may have already heard of this organisation. ESN UEK is a local section of the Erasmus Student Network which operates in 37 European countries. The ESN motto, "students helping students", perfectly describes its objectives.

What makes ESN UEK so unique? This section received the STARlight award for the best section in the entire ESN network for the year 2013. It was chosen from among the 453 sections from all over Europe. The ESN UEK's uniqueness was confirmed by ESN Poland which recog-

nised ESN UEK as the best section in the country in the passing academic year. ESN UEK handles the organisation of exchange students' free time. Everything begins even before the academic year inaugurates. ESN UEK supervises the Mentor project, which aims at helping incoming Erasmus students to acclimatise in Poland. The goal of this project is to assign a mentor (buddy) to each exchange student. A buddy helps in finding accommodation and provides basic information about studying in Krakow. An event that shouldn't be missed is undoubtedly the Orientation Week. During the last week before the start of the academic year, ESN members organise an intensive period of activities during which exchange students get to know Krakow, the Polish people and culture as well as one another. Every Orientation Week has its great final touch - the so-called Integration Camp. The trip always takes place during the last weekend before the academic year, after the Orientation Week, from Friday until Sunday. Those three days are all about integration, games, and fun in an international environment in beautiful Polish mountain landscape.

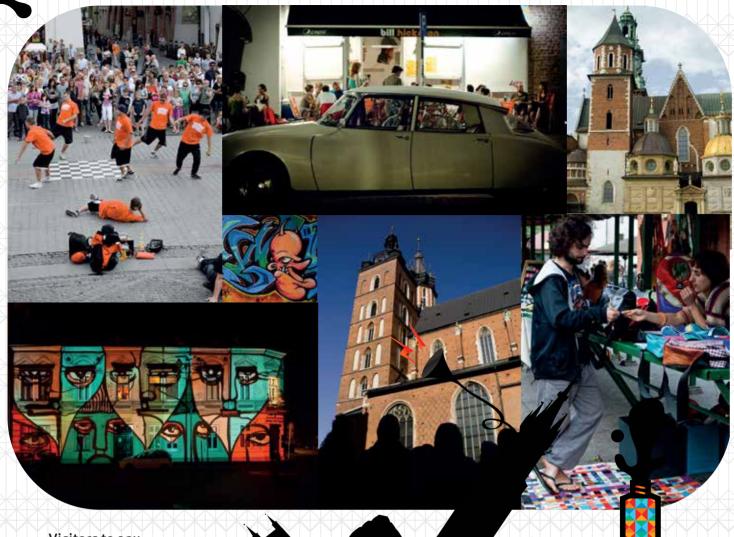
There is no time to rest for ESN UEK during the academic year. Weekly TANDEM meetings where you can learn foreign languages with native speakers, sports classes, football, hockey or

volleyball matches, karaoke, theme parties – all these attractions wait for everyone who decides to study at the Cracow University of Economics.

For those who enjoy helping others, ESN UEK organises social activities. Every single exchange student has an opportunity to become a teacher in a Polish school thanks to Erasmus in Schools, contribute to the increasing oxygen production by planting trees during Erasmus Forest and give children happiness by supporting the Noble Box.

Additionally, in cooperation with International Programmes Office, ESN UEK organises an annual event called the International Open Day. This day is being organised especially for students who would like to study abroad and get some information about the offer of partner universities, the recruitment process and rules of international exchange. This is also the time when exchange students present their countries, universities, traditions and regional cuisine.

Erasmus Student Network at the Cracow University of Economics does its best to make your stay in Krakow an unforgettable and unique experience. If you want to see it yourself, come and enjoy your stay in Krakow with ESN UEK!



Visitors to any city renowned for its tourist sites normally spend their time enjoying OBVIOUS REASONS
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OF YOUR LIFE! the landmark attractions for which the particular destination is famous. There is nothing wrong with exploring the places which are invariably on every visitor's agenda and are understandably swarming with throngs of awed tourists. As far as Krakow is concerned, when planning a few-day trip to this charming and vibrant international metropolis you will most likely be informed by the travel agent that the itinerary should include the Royal Wawel Castle, Main Market Square with St Mary's Church, Kazimierz and mandatory visits to other places of interest in the vicinity of Krakow like Wieliczka for its unique salt mine or Ojcow National Park for remarkable natural phenomena, etc.

Once you have seen your stay in Krakow is planned for more than a couple of weeks it may happen that you start wondering which additional places are worth exploring. In such a case the prompts below might prove to be useful in arranging an extended checklist for enriching the tourist dimension of your stay. These suggestions, for lack of space, include only five out of the innumerable options. Namely, Matejko's House, Ethnographic Museum, Polish Aviation Museum, Museum of Municipal Engineering and Cloth Hall Gallery.

Matejko's Matejko's House is located at ul. Floriańska 41 – arquably the most popular street in the Old Town. This is a historical building in which one of the greatest Polish painters, Jan Matejko (1838-1893), was born, lived and died. The monumental works that he created became his trademark and are now an inalienable part of the national heritage and therefore are exhibited in the most prestigious Polish galleries and museums. The house is open to the public. Its interior is preserved in the authentic vein and gathers the real furniture and furnishings that were used by the artist himself over a century ago including Italian furniture ordered in Venice or the crib used for his children. Interestingly enough, his deathbed is also included in the exhibition. One also finds there innumerable paintings and sketches in different techniques by Matejko and his students, a variety of his documents, personal belongings (e.g. glasses, cane, books), decorations, a rich collection of artefacts, sculptures, family photographs, fabrics, armours, arms, utensils, uniforms, etc. There is even a real mummified horse in his studio on the third floor. All these objects were used by artist in order to allow him to paint his monumental paintings with a scrupulous care for details. Especially interesting is the studio and the workshop in which you may feel the atmosphere in which Matejko's greatest works were conceived and learn a lot about the method of

his artistic creation.

AVIATION MUSEUM

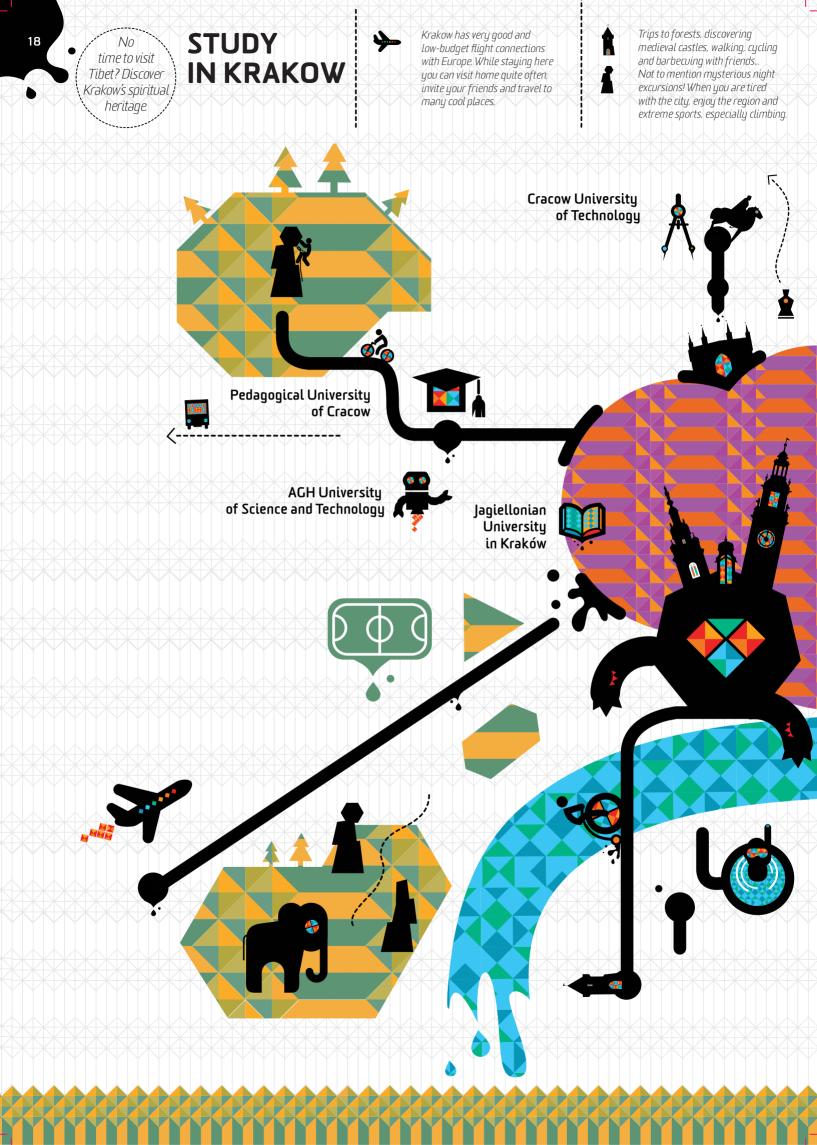


The place which gathers a huge collection of aeroplanes and presents the history of aviation, Polish Aviation Museum at the former Rakowice-Czyżyny airfield, was one of the oldest military airports in the world. It is a place where one can see over 200 aircraft and has an access to a library with some 30 000 publications pertinent to the subject of aviation. The museum contains a remarkable collection of military and civil planes, helicopters, gliders, engines, etc. Interesting stories are connected with many of them. For example, you find there a real Spitfire that gained its fame during the Battle of England or the Curtiss Export Hawk II that Herman Göring bought for a German flying ace in order to encourage him to join NSDAP in 1933 – this very plane was used for the airshow during 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin. One may also find there a big collection of MiG fighters that were the major airforce of the former Eastern bloc countries at the time of cold war.

graphic Museum is located at MUSEUM Plac Wolnica 1 in an impressive former Kazimierz City Hall edifice. It gathers around 80 000 objects connected with Polish and foreign art, culture, folk and everyday life. It is truly difficult to pinpoint the most impressive pieces which are on exhibition, but the greatest value is probably the overall effect that the museum creates. It takes you back to a non-distant past and realistically presents the countryside world with its rich tradition which is becoming extinct, but which still may be remembered as a dim recollection of the childhood by many people who are still alive. Visitors may recall the daily life objects, photographs and outfits showing the traditional customs, interior designs, ornaments and a multitude of little things that were used throughout the major part of the 20th century. In other words, we go back in time to see what life in the countryside looked like when our grandparents were kids. Especially interesting are the interiors of a village wooden house, country school or blacksmith workshop that are scrupulously reconstructed. Incidentally, in the era of iPads, it is quite interesting to see the wooden lunch boxes or the small tablets on which pupils learned how to write as well as many more similar objects that were commonly used several

Ethno-





Love football or simply cheering at a stadium? You can choose between three football clubs, which host world famous players.



You can take a break or work with your laptop in one of its numerous parks or at the river. There is a genuine forest with breathtaking limestone cliffs close to the city centre and many equally beautiful green areas just outside the city.

LEGEND



Once upon a time, the god Shiva placed a magical chakra stone under the Wawel hill Since then Krakow has been one of seven energetic centres of the universe, and therefore will survive the Armageddon. It is a good reason to Study in Krakow;)



The Old Town is a huge playground for adults. There are kilometers of streets with galleries, museums, and theatres. Mainstream or off cultural events, concerts, festivals, exhibition's openings. Hundreds of coffeeshops, bars, restaurants, pubs, clubs, discos and shops, all in historical buildings. It can make you feel like you're living on the pages of a fascinating book



Holy places and mysterious mounds built in ancient times are only a part of magic reality. Krakow is famous for legends and curious customs.



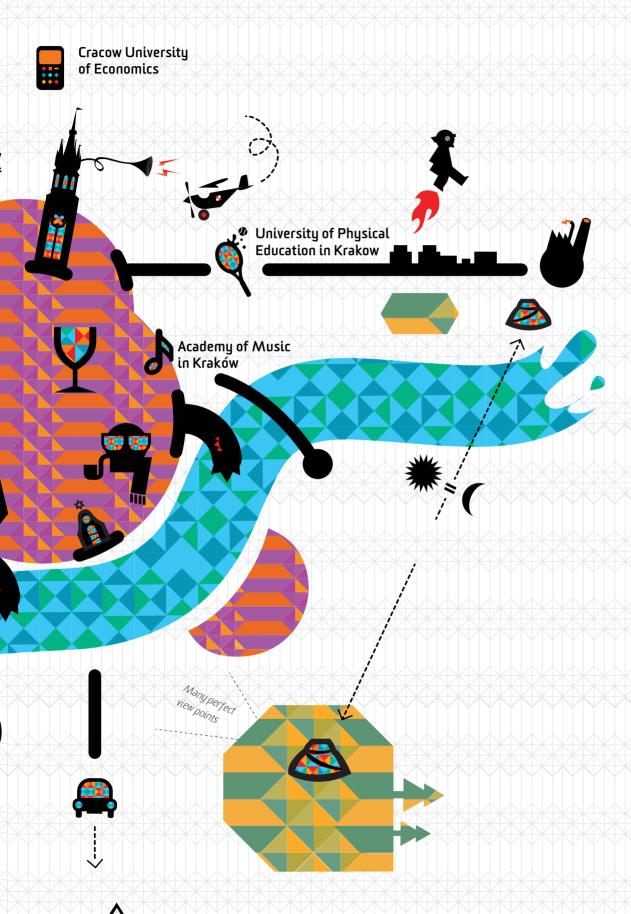
Nowa Huta. The whole neighborhood was built in a monumental socio-realist style. This is the place where rebellion against the communist regime was born... Ironic Lenin tried to bring here worldwide revolution forth. In summer you can rent a canoe and watch the city from the river. Swimming and sunbathing is possible at some lakes around the city.



In the summer time you can rent a canoe and watch the city from the river. Swimming and sunbathing is possible at some lakes around the city.



Trekking, hiking, skiing, snowboarding, rock-climbing, MTB... All in one place Walking and cycling routes begin in the city.





Although the name of the museum may be unwelcoming for those who are not keen on technical aspects of our everyday life, it is impressive and every open-minded person regardless of age and interests shall find it inspirational. The museum itself is located at ul. Wawrzuńca 15 in a formertramway depot. It presents a lot of well preserved objects illustrating, for example, the development of municipal transportation, the history of technology and Polish automobile industry or history of printing in Krakow from 15c till 19c. One section of the museum contains an interactive exhibition consisting of some 40 posts at which children and adults may perform simple experiments in electricity, magnetism, bridge building, etc. and learn while having fun. When in the museum you shall also see the exceptional collection of Polish cars and old tramways that were in use throughout the major part of the 20c.

Cloth Hall Gallery

VIRTUAL TOUR OF NATIONAL MUSEUM



The gallery in Sukiennice (Cloth Hall), which is located in the central place of the Main Market Square, is a national treasure and one of the most important historic sites in Krakow. This oldest branch of the National Museum was arquably established as a

result of the gift presented by the painter Henryk Siemiradzki, who offered his painting "Nero's Torches" to the Cloth Hall. The grand opening took place in 1884. It has become the largest gallery of the Polish 19 c. paintings and sculpture. The paintings on exhibition are in four halls that are divided thematically: 1. Enlightenment, 2. Romansticism, 3. Towards National Art and Realism, 4. Polish Impressionism, Beginnings of Symbolism. This collection is arranged in accordance with thematic and chronological layout and allows visitors to see the works of the greatest Polish artists, reflecting major styles of Polish art. What is unique about the gallery is the fact that the museum was able to gather a collection of works that became a proof of the national heritage that flourished at the time when Poland was partitioned by three European powers that aimed at wiping out the country from existence. The newly renovated gallery is very modern and has facilities allowing for the enjoyment and contemplation of art at its best. Even visitors who are not well introduced to the art are able

to appreciate the exhibition, because in addition to the short notes on the paintings that are posted next to each work, one can take the advantage of the electronic audio quides that contain more detailed descriptions of the most impor tant paintings in various languages.

Jerzy Marcinkowski





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museums mentioned above are easily accessed, because they are located in the central part of the city, yet many visitors skip them or pay only a cursory attention to them. They are a well of knowledge and are also inexpensive. Students can get tickets for around 2 Euros or even see them for free, because once a week each museum does not charge for tickets. You may see these places on your own and if you want to have an expert guidance throughout the museums, for some extra money, you may arrange the visit with the assistance of a guide. Naturally, others may point out many other places of interest that would as well be suitable for a list like this: Czartoryski Museum, Collegium Maius, Barbican and city wall remnants, Runek Underground, MOCAK or Schindler's Factory. And even this list would be far from complete. The article aims only at giving some ideas about the richness of the citu's tradition and history as well as encouraging students to benefit from exploring places

that may be off the beaten track but

still have a lot to offer.





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The School of Medicine in English

The Jagiellonian University Medical College's School of Medicine in English was established in 1994 thanks to intensive endeavours on the part of the JU MC authorities of the time, especially its Vice-Rector, Professor Stanisław Konturek, but in

reality the modern history of teaching medicine to international students in Krakow is somewhat longer and goes back to the 1970s. That was when it was launched, in connection with an exchange programme with Stony Brook University, New York City. The then Nicolaus Copernicus Medical Academy and Stony Brook entered an agreement, under the terms of which American students came to Krakow to study Medicine. The programme was closed down in the 1980s in connection with the political and social situation in Poland at that time. Nowadays some of its graduates have been contacting the School's office, inquiring about the possibility of their children studying here.

The first batch of students at the School of Medicine in English formally established in 1994 numbered 7 individuals. Now there are nearly 700 students from different parts of the world, but the main group consists of people from the USA, Canada, and Norway, as well as Malaysia, Sweden, Ukraine, and Germany. The School offers two programmes of study for Medicine conducted in English. The first, the MD Program for University/ College Students, is a course following on from a pre-medical programme which the student is expected to have completed, and is addressed to graduates of post-high school/pre-medical colleges from the United States and Canada. The second, the MD Program for High School Graduates, is open to students who have completed their secondary education. Graduates of both programmes are awarded a Jagiellonian University diploma for the Lekarz Medycyny qualification (a recognised equivalent of the MD). The School also runs a DDS programme in English for Dentistry, which was launched in 2010. The School's staff of academic tutors is made up of the Medical College's best scholars and lecturers alongside academics from abroad, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany. The educational standards of our English-language programmes are based on the requirements applicable in the EU and the USA (the US Department of Education Loan Program, and the Medical Board of California), alongside the Polish requirements.

School of Medicine in English JU MC entered a series of international agreements with medical schools in the USA. Students in their final year of study at the School of Medicine in English may elect to complete a rotation year for clinical subjects at a host of medical schools such as the University of California San Diego, the University of California Irvine, the University of California Los Angeles, the Loma Linda University Medical Center, the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, or the Cleveland Clinic. In addition, our students have the opportunity to study abroad on an Erasmus student exchange programme or on a bilateral exchange programme with other medical schools worldwide.

The JU MC is working in partnership with key educational institutions in the USA, the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC); and with the European Board of Medical Assessors (EBMA) in Europe. One of the results of this co-operation is our participation in Global Health Learning Opportunities (GHLO), a pioneer project coordinated by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The project involves electronic student registration for elective rotation programmes in nearly 30

universities throughout the world, and JU MC students are invited to participate. Contributors to the GHLO project include renowned medical colleges and universities from Germany (the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt-am-Main), Belgium (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), the UK (St. George's, University of London), the USA (Case Western Reserve University, the University of Rochester, the University of California - San Diego, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of South Carolina, and the University of Texas), Australia (Monash University Australia), Israel (the Technion Israel Institute of Technology), Italy (the University of Pavia), and Brazil (Universidade Cidade de São Paulo).

Graduates of the JU MC School of Medicine in English complete residencies and attend postgraduate training courses at university teaching hospitals in various countries, such as the USA, Canada, Australia, the UK, Ireland, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and Poland. The key to continuous growth for the JU MC School of Medicine in English and its attractiveness year by year to new students is in its graduates. They are the ones who tell the world that there is a place called Krakow which has a university founded 650 years ago, and that it's worthwhile going there to study Medicine at a level of quality which will enable its graduates to pursue a successful career in today's challenging world.

Jerzy Walocha

Chairman of the Council of the Jagiellonian University Medical College School of Medicine in English

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Let Reason Prevail Over Force

Jagiellonian University

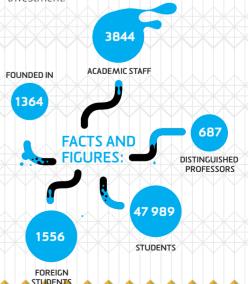
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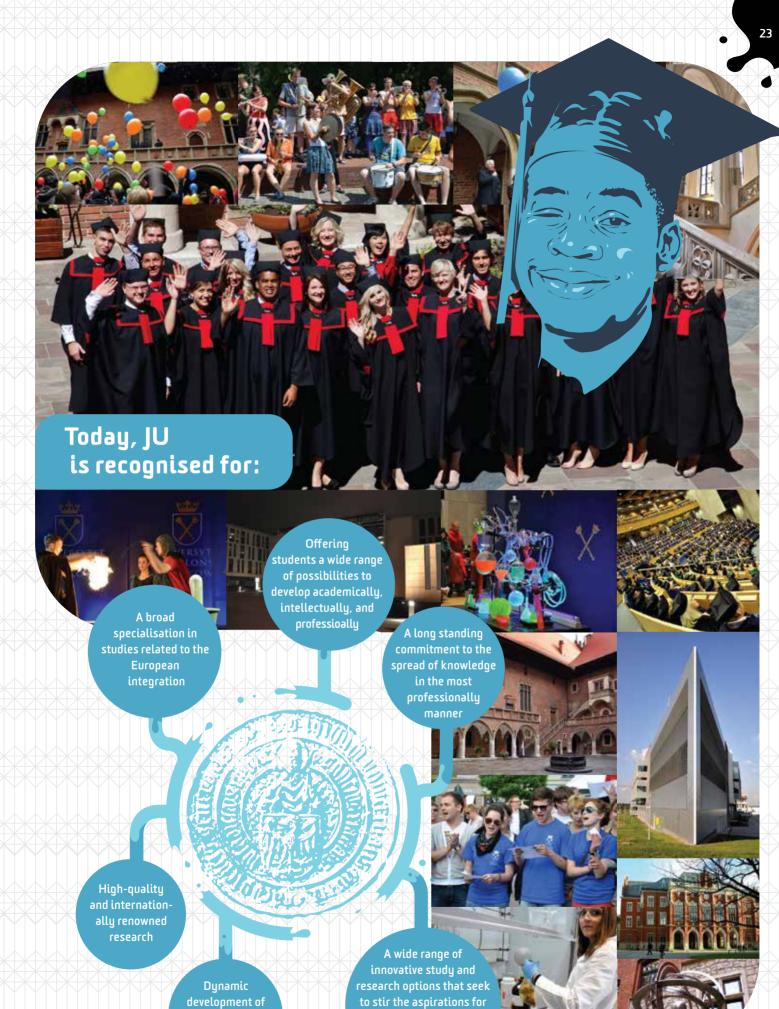
The Jagiellonian University (Alma Mater Cracoviensis), founded in 1364, is the oldest and the most respected university in Poland, the second oldest in Central Europe and one of the oldest in the world. The Polish Senate established the year 2014 as the Year of the Great Jubilee of the Jagiellonian University. Amongst the university's alumni are such distinguished persons as the famous astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus (Mikołaj Kopernik), Bronisław Malinowski, one of the most important 20th-century anthropologists, Wisława Szymborska, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1996 and Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtuła). The university's main library is one the largest in Poland, with almost 6.5 million volumes, including a world renowned collection of medieval manuscripts.

At present with 47 989 students enrolled (1556 of whom are international), 3844 academic teachers and 687 distinguished professors, the JU offers professionally focused courses in more than 150 areas of the most notable academic disciplines. For the past few years, the JU has consistently occupied top positions in various rankings of the best universities in Poland. With its outstanding level of teaching and in high regard on the international map of education, studying as a degree or exchange student is an unforgettable personal experience, and life-time academic and professional investment.



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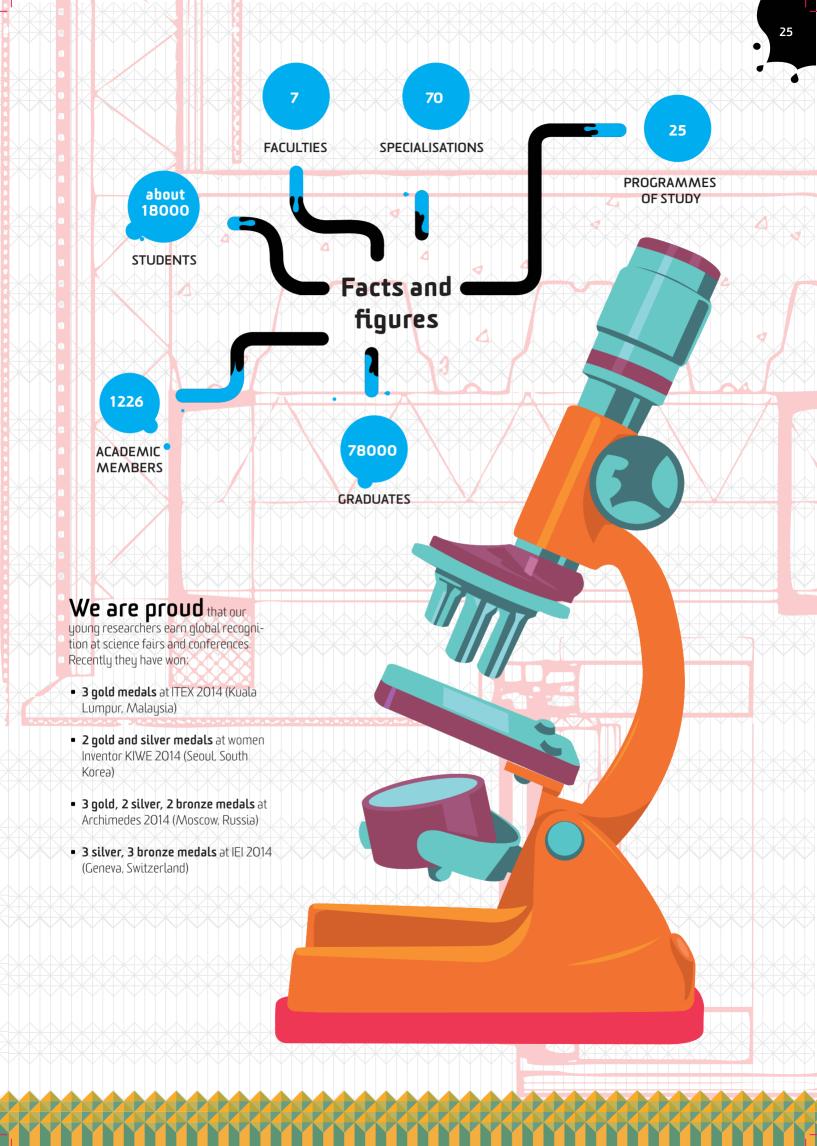
He was not only a national hero of both Poland and the United States of America, but also an engineer and a builder, responsible for the fortifications in Kraków. These days, CUT is a place where tradition meets modernity.

By achieving its goals the University of Technology works towards creating a national, European and global space for research and education. It strives towards interdisciplinary studies and research by combining technical science with mathematical, environmental, economical, legal and social sciences and the application of information technologies.

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In 2013-2014 academic year CUT educated about 18 000 students at 7 faculties. They could choose from among 70 specialisations in 25 programmes of study. Today, many of our graduates (78 000) and academic members (1 226) continue to contribute to advancing engineering technologies around the world and are highly appreciated by employers and research teams. Their knowledge and expertise allow CUT to maintain an appropriate position in Poland and the international scientific community.

CUT has been an important partner of CERN for more than 20 years. Our scientists were members of the group which created the Large Hadron Collider – the biggest and most powerful particle accelerator in the world.





Chance for a solid education

Pedagogical University of Cracow

For the last 68 years the Pedagogical University of Cracow has taken the lead among Polish higher education institutions specialising in pedagogy. It is well-recognised thanks to its prestige, the high level of education and modernity.

The mission of the Pedagogical University is executed by professional and experienced teaching staff who apply modern and up-to-date teaching methods. It is also expressed through scientific research, outlining new fields of scientific development, transmitting knowledge as well as

developing and enriching the personality of the graduates by educating them according to the highest European standards.

Our educational offer includes first, second and third-cycle degree programmes as well as post-graduate programmes.

The Pedagogical University consists of the following faculties:

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Pedagogy
- Faculty of Geography and Biology
- Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Technical Science
- Faculty of Art

Over 18 000 students, who currently study at the University, can choose from 90 specialisations in 38 different programmes of study. The Pedagogical University of Cracow offers an opportunity to gain a thorough education combined with the ability to develop personal passions and interests through the participation in numerous organisations, student associations and sports sections operating in the University.

The University offers various forms of assistance to its students. Firstly, it has excellent dormitories. Our student dormitories "Za kolumnami" and "Krakowiak" are among the best and most modern of their kind in Poland. Secondly, it provides attractive scholarships which recognise students' achievements in sports and academia. And thirdly, it ensures financial help for those who are in a difficult life situation. Disabled students can be offered professional help from the Disability Support Service. Students have at their disposal a modern sports facility including an indoor swimming pool. Teaching facilities, laboratories, and an astronomical observatory guarantee the highest standards of education.

The Pedagogical University of Cracow is involved in the international cooperation with research centres from, among others, Ukraine, Portugal, Sweden, Bulgaria, and France. The University offers its students various opportunities to develop their interests and skills including "Spektrum" online student radio, a theatrical group by the "Bakałarz" Student Club and scientific associations.

A lot of famous people and specialists in various fields of science and the humanities have graduated from the Pedagogical University. The graduates of the Pedagogical University of Cracow are excellent professionals highly appreciated not only in educational and cultural establishments but also in public administration hodies.

At The Pedagogical University...

Students' scientific associations

Among the many different forms of student initiatives, the Student Scientific Association plays an important role. Scientific associations operate in each institute and chair, and in almost every programme of study. Their members are usually the best students who, through their active participation, broaden their knowledge, gain experience in research and organisational work as well as establish many valuable contacts in Poland and abroad. During scientific camps, our students climb the highest peaks on Earth, carry out graveyard inventories at Polish cemeteries in Poland (the Małopolska region) and Africa, and also take part in prestigious exhibitions and participate in national and international conferences, and therefore promote not only the Pedagogical University but also Krakow and Poland.

"Bakałarz" Student Club

Its main role is to present the achievements of students' art association and also offer support to student creative groups and scientific associations. The Club organises book promotions, readings, concerts, film shows, regular competitions (spelling, recitation), as well as events for pre-school and early-school children. It is also here that theatreminded students develop their acting skills in the "Baka-larz" theatrical group

The "Educatus" Mixed Choir of the Pedagogical University of Cracow

The choir brings together students, alumni and employees of the Pedagogical University, and from other universities in Krakow. The Choir prides itself on representing the Pedagogical University during various concerts, festivals and contests, both in Poland and abroad. It is a winner of numerous prestigious awards.

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The Promotion and Career Development Office organises workshops, courses and trainings. It offers professional assistance from psychologists and career consultants andhelps University students and graduates find interesting job offers on the job market. In March 2014, the Promotion and Career Development Office launched the first edition of the competition entitled "Student of the

Month and Student of the Year". The idea of the competition is to promote the University's most ambitious students with distinctive and extraordinary passions and achievements. The Office also follows the professional development and careers of Pedagogical University graduates.



intellectual and physical development

University of Physical Education in Krakow

The University of Physical Education in Krakow originated in 1893, as a department of the Jagiellonian University. In 1951, it became an independent institution of higher education, and now it occupies its own campus. The total enrolment at the University of Physical Education in Krakow is over 4 000. There are three major fields of study: Physical Education, Physiotherapy (more often referred to in Poland as Rehabilitation) as well as Tourism and Leisure.

Physical Education

Graduates who successfully complete this programme are able to work at various kinds of schools as Physical Education teachers. They can also be employed by sports clubs as instructors and coaches in various sports disciplines, or work at schools and other institutions as therapeutic gymnastics instructors for children with posture defects. Their professional training also prepares them for work with adults in sports and leisure centres.

Physiotherapy (Rehabilitation)

Graduates are qualified to conduct the motor rehabilitation of children, adults and elderly patients suffering from disorders of the musculoskeletal system, internal organs, and/or the nervous system. Those who complete this programme are qualified to work in hospitals and clinics, to give sports and therapeutic massage, and to supervise compensatory gymnastics in various school settings.

Leisure

University graduates who have specialised in Leisure may boast the following skills:

- organisational and teaching skills enabling them to promote the culture of leisure and to plan, and carry out various kinds of recreational activities with people of different age, gender, educational level, etc.
- physiological and medical skills, enabling them to utilise psychothera-peutic means in the process of restoring strength and preventing the so-called civilization-related diseases

• organisational and business management necessary for planning and rendering services in the leisure business.

Tourism

The aim of this programme is to prepare its graduates for careers in various fields of tourism in positions requiring university-level preparation. Graduates are qualified to work in various settings

- tourist agencies of all kinds, departments of tourist services (domestic and international), especially in small tourist agencies
- hotels and inns, at the reception desk, in hotel administration (as managers or department directors), or in programme preparation
- group holidays, summer camps for children, leisure organisation
- central and local government administration, tourist information

The mission of the University

The mission of the University of Physical Education in Krakow is to improve the quality of education through the development of international cooperation with partner institutions and enterprises as well as to support the mobility of students and the University's staff.

The increase in the quality of education will be achieved by executing the following activities:

- striving to maintain the highest position of the University in nationwide rankings of institutions of higher education in Poland.
- striving to maintain the high category position of the University's research units: currently, the Faculty of Rehabilitation (Physiotherapy) holds category I and the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport holds category II. According to the ratings publushed by the magazine

Tourism News, among public institutions of higher education that offer degrees in tourism the Faculty of Tourism and Leisure has a top nationwide ranking in terms of the quality of the professional preparation of students and graduates.

• Expanding the didactic offer through creating new majors and speciali-

University of Physical Education in Krakow was one of the first Polish academic institutions to introduce into its course catalogue occupational therapy as a highly innovative major. The University annually updates and expands the number of courses that are offered in English and available to foreign

students.





sations to adapt to the changing needs of the job market. Recently, two new study majors – sport and occupational therapy – were launched. The • Developing collaborations with regional authorities and other academic institutions in Krakow. Further cooperation with Krakow City Hall, the Voivodeship Office and the Marshall's Office. The University intends to continue implementing the "Study in Kraków" project that is run by a consortium of higher education institutions in Krakow and the Krakow City Hall. The aim of the project is to promote Krakow as an attractive destination for foreign students.

Students' point of view



It is difficult to explain with words what an exchange year at University of Physical Education is. First, the teachers are very friendly, flexible, and teach us things that can be more useful for us.

Life in Krakow is undoubtedly WONDERFUL. The place is the quintessential city of students, the party atmosphere is awesome, any day of the week you can go to the city centre and meet young people, talk and what not.

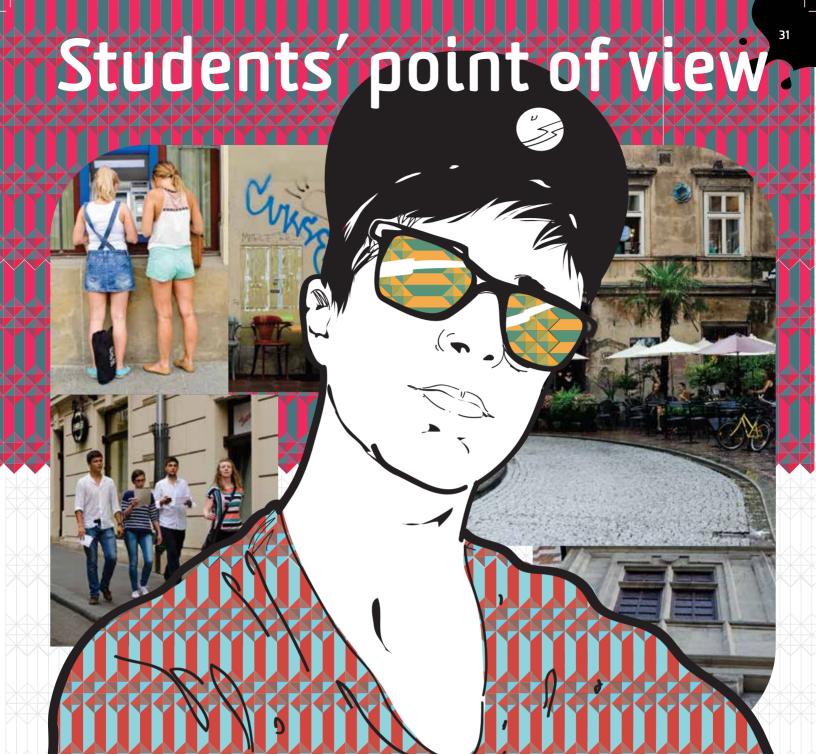
It is very easy to get around Krakow, the tram is very useful and fairly cheap for students, also the location of Krakow allows to travel easily throughout Europe; Czech Republic, Ukraine, Germany, Italy are very close destinations you can visit.

I must also say that University of Physical Education facilities are very good, and are all the time at students' disposal.

Another thing that might be a little out of context is the Polish girls, the prettiest women IN THE WORLD! It was a very positive surprise for me how happy, friendly and extrovert they were!

But without doubt the best thing that happened this year was living together in the dormitory with all University of Physical Education students. It was a wonderful experience to get up in the morning and have coffee with your neighbours on the balcony, open the door at 3 in the morning and find people working on a fitness class or singing in the elevator after a party at Club Meta. The atmosphere during the akademikiada was also incredible. I could write all day long recalling all the good memories that I have, but I want simply to conclude that if you are considering University of Physical Education as an Erasmus destination, or as a city to work, I would not think twice and just come. Undoubtedly, it will be the best time of your life, as it was in my case.

Francisco José Casermeiro Gámez, Facultad de Ciencias de la Actividad Física y el Deporte, Universidad de Granada



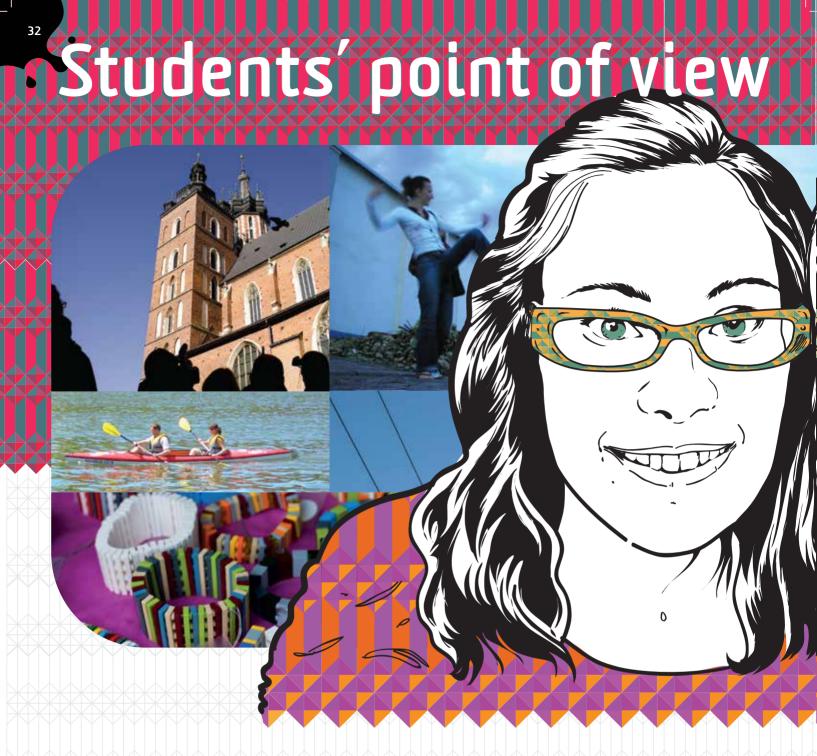
Going to Krakow was one of the best things I could have done in my entire life. There were so many awesome things that I experienced that I don't even know where to start!

I think I need to start with the university and its teachers as their approach was extremely comprehensive and they did their best to understand us (Erasmus students). They also proved to be very accessible persons who were always available, and ready to offer information and assistance.

University of Physical Education doesn't fall behind similar institutions; the sports facilities are simply

incredible as they include the biggest variety of places to study and practice any sport you like: you can run, play football, badminton, volleyball, and more! In my point of view, studying in Krakow is an excellent opportunity to meet not only Polish people (they are very different from the ones I'm used to), but also a beautiful city that offers you the best that Poland has to offer.

Bruno Rocha, Erasmus student from Polytechnic Institute of Bragança, Portugal



Our crazy experience started on 1st March when we first arrived in Krakow. We were exhausted after a whole night on the train but it was worth it! Polish "mentors" welcomed us with hospitality and kindness. They accommodated us immediately and took care of check-in, students IDs, bus tickets and also took us for our first shopping.

The reason to return in Krakow was our trip around Europe organized by our Faculty for Tourism Studies – Turistica. We were excited about the whole University of Physical Education campus facilities. They offer a lot for those who, beside studying, are keen on various sports. After a work-out you may enjoy a hot lunch in a school restaurant. Still, we miss our home food, specially Serbian/Balkan food. We tried to find it in Krakow but without success. Final excitement was the Polish presentation about subjects in University of

Physical Education, concerning more sport activities, than in Slovenia.

Our residence in Krakow was dormitory number 2. If you haven't tried living in a dormitory yet, you should. It is better than living in a flat, because you get to know more Polish students at the same place and, on the other hand, the faculty is close to the dormitory. If you are lucky you can get some really good neighbours and new friends that help you with everything you need.

Our first class was Polish language and culture. We went on a trip to Nowa Huta. That day we finally met our coordinator Dorota Madejska, who was helping us with all documents concerning the Erasmus exchange. We also have met other Erasmus students from Spain, Germany and Portugal and we tried for the first time Polish pierogi (dumplings). During our four-month stay





in Krakow we spent some time with other Erasmus students and we got to know their different cultures. We learnt a lot especially through presentations about their countries that were delivered during classes. Moreover, classes were great and teachers and schoolmates were nice. The literature was based mainly on presentations and home assignments. Classes were conducted in English.

Krakow is a big city and offers us a choice to do and see a lot. The best part are buses and trams; you can commute to the city centre at any time and there is always something going on: students' parade for Juwenalia, thousands of tourists, horse carriage or eco-taxi sight-seeing, street musicians, all kinds of food (Mexican, Polish, Italian, Albanian). As students and young girls we can also say that student parties are here the best. One club out of many is also located in the University of Physical Education campus.

We would like to conclude with some useful tips for those who are planning to study in Poland.

A few tips:

Always buy tram and bus tickets. How to use them? Tram is used during day light for a trip in the centre to buy stuff for the second part of the day, the night life. Don't cross the road at the red light, and if you do, just smile and do not speak English.

Majda Jurkas and Karmen Cizara from University of Primorska, Slovenia

International students at the universities cooperating within the framework of Study in Krakow



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Degree seeking students

Erasmus exchange Other exchange students including internships

TOTAL

Jagiellonian University in Kraków

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Cracow University of Economics

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AGH University of Science and Technology

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Cracow University of Technology

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Pedagogical University of Cracow

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Academy of Music in Kraków

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University of Physical Education in Krakow

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