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UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA IN KATOWICE

Brief Guide for Incoming Students

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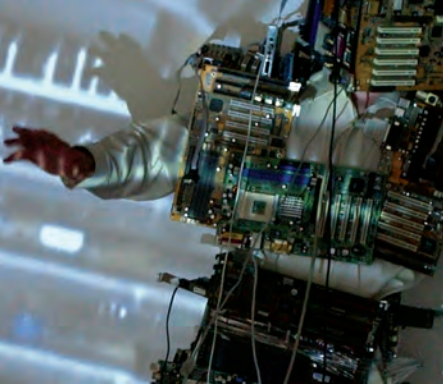
Welcome

Many years of experience with international cooperation have led us to think about the Lifelong Learning Programme/Erasmus not only in relation to education. We realize that study abroad provides above all academic knowledge, but we are also conscious that real life experiences can be an incentive to study in a foreign country. Therefore, we are glad that you are interested in studying at the University of Silesia, a Polish university located in the heart of the Upper Silesia.

To facilitate your first steps in Poland the Department of International Relations and Projects has prepared this brochure, which describes step by step in simple words the process that every incoming student must go through. It includes such issues as the application procedure, language preparation, accommodation, legalization of your stay and other useful information.

We hope that the information contained in the Guide for Incoming Students will help every foreign student to become a student of the University of Silesia without any problems.

Erasmus Team



General Information

Name of the host institution:	Uniwersytet Śląski University of Silesia
Erasmus Institutional Code:	PL KATOWIC01
Website:	www.us.edu.pl
Unit responsible for LLP/Erasmus programme:	Dział Projektów Międzynarodowych i Współpracy z Zagranicą Department of International Relations and Projects
Institutional Coordinator:	Jarosław Gąsior e-mail: jaroslaw.gasior@us.edu.pl



UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA
IN KATOWICE

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Phone/Fax:	+48 / 32 359 11 78
Contact e-mail:	erasmus@us.edu.pl
Information for incoming students:	www.erasmus.us.edu.pl

www.erasmus.us.edu.pl

Application deadlines:

31st July – for the winter semester
or the whole academic year

31st December – for the summer semester

PLEASE NOTE!

For students coming to the Faculty of Biology
and Environmental Protection application
deadlines are:

15th May – for the winter semester
or the whole academic year

15th December – for the summer semester

Semester periods:

1st October – mid-February
mid-February – end of June



About the University of Silesia

The University of Silesia is the most prestigious university in Upper Silesia and one of the best higher education institutions in Poland. Established in 1968, it offers over 40 fields of study for more than 35 thousand students. Academic campuses are located in 5 cities of the region, the main of which is Katowice. To promote international exchanges of scholars and students, the University of Silesia has signed almost 300 Erasmus bilateral agreements of cooperation with 26 European countries.

Responding to students' needs a number of academic facilities have been provided, such as: well-equipped libraries, dormitories and canteens. Students have the possibility to develop their interests in over 160 student scientific organisations and sport groups, the press and radio station. The Student Council actively collaborates with the authorities and has a great impact on enriching the academic cultural life. Every year during the summer semester two remarkable events are organized: Juwenalia, the feast of students and the Festival of Science.

The main challenge for the University of Silesia is to strive to modernize its structure, organisation and study programmes in order to prepare students and graduates to find themselves easily in the globalizing world.

Before you come...

Application Procedure

Once you have been nominated to study at the University of Silesia, you should send us the Application Form, which you may find on our website: www.erasmus.us.edu.pl.

The Application Form was created to simplify the admission process. Therefore, it contains not only questions about personal data, but also those concerning accommodation and willingness to participate in the Orientation Week. It is recommended that you read the Brief Guide for Incoming Students before you fill in the form. You may fill in the form in English or in Polish as you wish.

If you need to consult your study programme, you should contact directly the appropriate Erasmus Faculty Coordinator. The full list of the Erasmus Faculty Coordinators can be found on our website.

The completed original Application Form, duly signed and stamped, should be sent by priority post to the Department of International Relations and Projects. Students who are accepted will receive a confirmation of admission into the University of Silesia.

Accommodation

Each incoming student is eligible to rent a room at one of the University Student Hostels. There is no separate Application Form for accommodation. It is enough to tick the kind of room you wish to have on the general Application Form. Dormitories are located in 3 cities of the region; therefore, accommodation is suggested according to the faculty.

Find your faculty and decide where you want to stay.

Campus in Katowice:

- ▶ Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection
- ▶ Faculty of Computer Science and Materials Science (Institute of Materials Science)
- ▶ Faculty of Law and Administration
- ▶ Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry
- ▶ Faculty of Philology (Polish Philology, Cultural Studies, Department of Classics, Scientific Information and Librarianship)

- ▶ Faculty of Social Sciences (History, Philosophy, Political Sciences, Journalism, Sociology, History of Arts)
- ▶ Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology
- ▶ Faculty of Radio and Television
- ▶ International School of Political Sciences
- ▶ School of Polish Language and Culture

Campus in Chorzów:

- ▶ School of Management

Campus in Sosnowiec:

- ▶ Faculty of Philology (English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Slavonic)
- ▶ Faculty of Earth Sciences
- ▶ Faculty of Computer Science and Materials Science
(Institute of Computer Science, Department of Materials Science)

Campus in Cieszyn:

- ▶ Faculty of Art
- ▶ Faculty of Ethnology and Educational Studies

A Student Hostel is called 'Dom Studenta', or 'DS'. The rent for a room varies from about 300 zł (~70 euro) to 500 zł (~130 euro) per month. Generally, rooms contain bedcovering and bedclothes, but no dishes or cutlery. In almost every single room there is an access to the Internet. Kitchen, laundry, television and computer rooms are available for general use.

The standard of rooms varies and there is only a limited number of single rooms; therefore, rooms are allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. The number of students entering the University of Silesia is large every year; therefore, it may be difficult to get a single room in the second semester. For students coming in the second semester who do not want to share a room with another student, we offer a double room for one person. Students who decide to stay in this kind of room will have to pay an extra charge – 150 zł per month (about 40 euro per month).

Detailed information about the accommodation can be found at: www.erasmus.us.edu.pl

PLEASE NOTE!

The charge for the room is calculated from the declared date of arrival. Upon arrival students must pay in advance for the first month of their stay. For the following months the payments should be made by the 28th day of each month. **Remember to announce the day of your departure from the Student Hostel in advance.**

Only non-cash payment is possible.

When transferring money to an account do not forget about such details as your name, surname, the number of the Student Hostel you are staying in and the month you are paying for.

University's bank account:

**Uniwersytet Śląski w Katowicach,
ING Bank Śląski S.A. Oddział w Katowicach, ul. A. Mickiewicza 3,
No. 12 1050 1214 1000 0007 0000 7958**

Students may also pay for their accommodation in particular students hostels by credit card.

Rooms for disabled are available in:

- ▶ Dom Studenta nr 2 (Student Hostel no. 2) on the Campus in Katowice
- ▶ Dom Studenta nr 3 (Student Hostel no. 3) on the Campus in Sosnowiec

Campus in Katowice

The campus is situated in the district of Katowice called Ligota. The campus in Ligota consists of 3 Student Hostels, 2 student clubs, a pub and a few shops. Although it is about 20 minutes by bus from the centre of Katowice, it is located on the edge of a lovely forest and it is close to the recreation areas of a park.

There is a limited number of single rooms available.

Credit cards are accepted at Student Hostel no. 7.

See the Campus in Katowice:

<http://student.us.edu.pl/akademiki-us-katowice>

Campus in Sosnowiec

The campus is situated in the district of Sosnowiec called Pogoń. The campus in Sosnowiec consists of 4 Student Hostels, a canteen and a student club. It is situated about 10-15 minutes on foot from the faculties' buildings in Sosnowiec, next door to the Faculty of Earth Sciences and 20-30 minutes by bus from the centre of Katowice.

There is a limited number of single rooms available.

Credit cards are accepted at Student Hostel no. 5.

See the Campus in Sosnowiec:

<http://student.us.edu.pl/akademiki-us-sosnowiec>

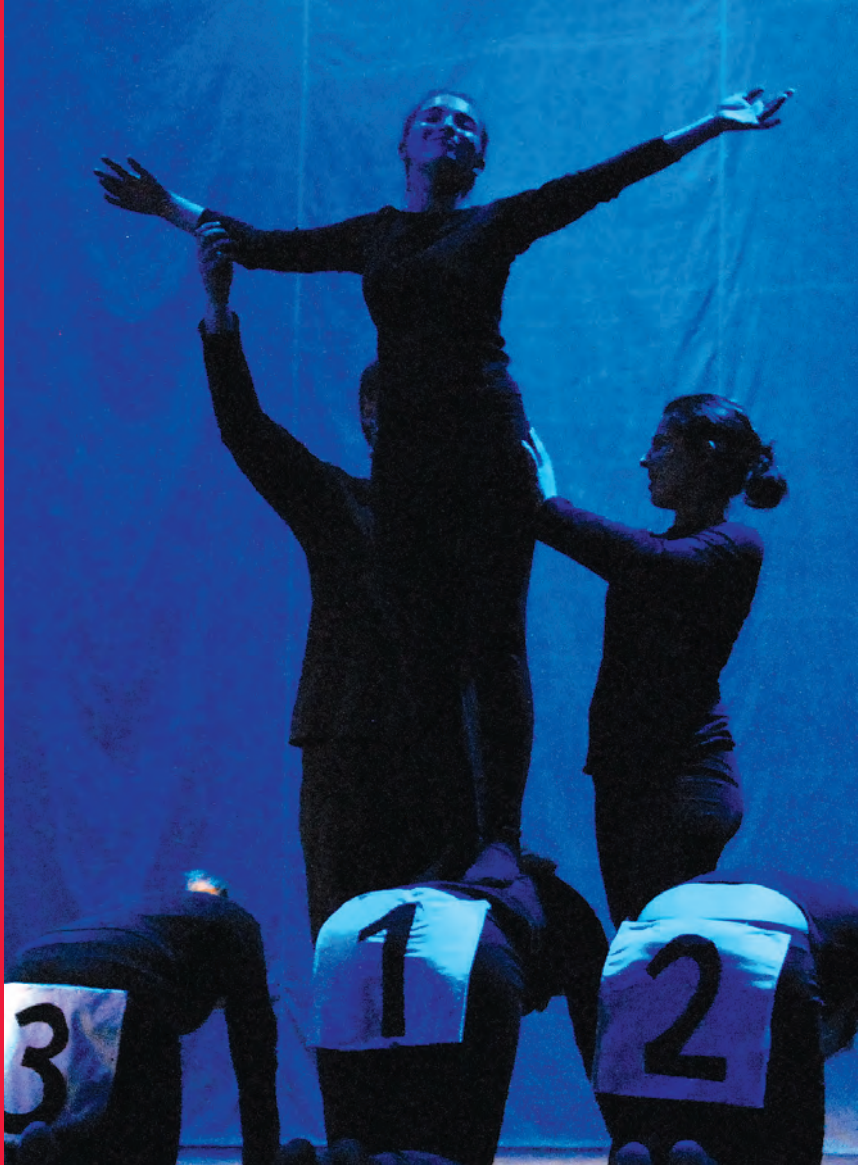
Campus in Cieszyn

Cieszyn is a lovely, small city on the border with the Czech Republic. The campus consists of 3 Student Hostels, a canteen and a student club. It is about an hour and a half by bus from Katowice.

There is a limited number of single rooms available.

See the Campus in Cieszyn:

<http://student.us.edu.pl/akademiki-us-cieszyn>



Assistance for Disabled Students

The University of Silesia places great importance on designing a model of equal opportunities in terms of access to higher education for the disabled. In order to reach this goal, it is essential to undertake activities that will grant equal access to sources of knowledge, new educational programs and modern technological solutions. Our University is constantly re-examining the needs and the problems of disabled students. We approach every student's situation individually and we do everything within our power to best match the teaching process to his or her needs.

The majority of the University facilities are accessible to the needs of wheelchair-bound individuals.

The University also has comfortable rooms for the disabled in the Student Hostels.

There are also five computer labs at the University of Silesia equipped with software and hardware for individuals who are sight-impaired and wireless audio enhancement equipment for hearing-impaired individuals. There is also a possibility of borrowing (at no cost) devices that assist in improving learning for the disabled (notebooks, scanners and dictaphones).

The disabled students who are currently studying at our University have the possibility of the free services of a personal assistant as well as the assistance of a sign language interpreter if necessary. What is more,

disabled students can depend on professional assistance and support from our specialists – a psychologist, an employment counsellor and a physical therapist.

If you ever need a helping hand from a consultant for special needs students', you can contact the Office for Disabled Students at the University of Silesia.

Consultant:	Gabriela Wilczyńska
Address:	ul. Bankowa 14 40-007 Katowice room 509
Phone/Fax:	+48 / 32 359 19 98
E-mail:	gabriela.wilczynska@us.edu.pl ; bon@us.edu.pl



ECTS

Taking into consideration the number of subjects taught at the University of Silesia and the difficulty that may go with arranging a study programme, we offer the help of the Erasmus Academic Coordinators to our incoming students. People acting as Erasmus Academic Coordinators are academic teachers of the University of Silesia. A different coordinator is appointed for each field of study. They are prepared to discuss any issues connected with study programmes and faculty administrative problems.

We recommend that you contact the appropriate faculty contact person to help you fill in the Learning Agreement.

Interdisciplinary courses taught in English

Interdisciplinary courses taught in English, offered by the University of Silesia, are designed for students interested in a variety of educational disciplines. The courses can be taken as a complement to the regular courses that can be studied at the faculties. They can broaden your knowledge and can be added to your Learning Agreement. Courses are presented in 4 educational areas: Art, Humanities, Science and Social Sciences. Detailed information about interdisciplinary courses, the application procedure and the number of ECTS credits is available at: www.erasmus.us.edu.pl.

All Erasmus students are welcome to take part in the interdisciplinary courses offered by the University of Silesia; however, a study programme should be discussed with an appropriate Faculty Erasmus Coordinator.

Orientation Week

Orientation week is the gateway to the Polish language, culture and system of education. Organised twice a year by the School of Polish Language and Culture, the orientation course is aimed at familiarising incoming students with the country, the city, and the university where they will spend at least 3 months. We know how important the first contact with a different culture is; therefore, we choose the most qualified people to present ordinary Poland in an extraordinary way to you.

The course, including the basics of Polish language and culture, is also an occasion to meet other Erasmus students who have decided to study at the University of Silesia.

Usually the courses are organized one week before each semester starts.

Students willing to take part in the orientation week should tick it on the Application Form. Accommodation for orientation week will be booked at the same place as for the study period.

For students coming to the Branch in Cieszyn, accommodation for the Orientation Week will be booked in Katowice.

The course is held at:

Szkoła Języka i Kultury Polskiej

School of Polish Language and Culture

Address:

Plac Sejmu Śląskiego 1
40-032 Katowice
4th Floor
room 423

Phone/Fax:

+48 / 32 251 29 91

E-mail:

szkola@us.edu.pl

Polish Language Courses

For students who know little Polish, for those who want to improve their Polish or for those who know it quite well, the School of Polish Language and Culture of the University of Silesia organises a variety of Polish language courses throughout the academic year.

Students coming within the frame of LLP/Erasmus may participate in the Erasmus Intensive Language Course, Erasmus Orientation Week and Semester Language Courses for Erasmus Students without paying fees.

Erasmus Intensive Language Courses are specialised courses in the less well known and taught languages of the European Union and the languages of other countries participating in Erasmus. EILC courses are designed for students who are going to study in a country of a less used language.

The EILC courses are organized in some Polish cities every September and last about a month. Students apply for an EILC through their home institution. The selection of EILC students is a joint responsibility of the EILC organising institutions and the National Agency in the host country. The participants will not pay any

tuition fee. However, they have to cover the costs of subsistence and accommodation. In order to check if the School of Polish Language and Culture at the University of Silesia organizes the EILC course, please check:

www.sjkip.us.edu.pl

www.erasmus.org.pl

Therein you may find the deadlines for the registration and further information about the EILC.

Semester Language Course for Erasmus Students

We recommend that all Erasmus students participate in the Semester Language Course which is prepared especially for them. Courses are free for LLP/Erasmus students. There is a variety of groups and levels and as far as possible the hours of the courses fit to the students' timetables. To register for the Semester Course you need to visit the School, fill in the Application Form and take a short test. Students who complete a semester course of Polish language get 6 ECTS credits.

The School of Polish Language and Culture offers summer courses organised on full-tuition basis as well. For details and Application Forms contact:

School of Polish Language and Culture

Address: Plac Sejmu Śląskiego 1
40-032 Katowice
Poland

Phone/Fax: +48 / 32 251 29 91

E-mail: szkola@us.edu.pl

Website: www.sjikip.us.edu.pl

Organisation of academic year

The academic year is divided into two terms. The winter semester starts on the 1st of October and lasts until mid-January when the exam session starts. The summer semester starts in mid-February and lasts until the end of June. There are short breaks of about a fortnight at the end of December and during Easter. There is practically no teaching from mid-June to the end of September.

Academic year

The organization of the academic year is usually settled at the end of August. You may find the draft plan of academic year below, which might help you to arrange your stay in Poland.

WINTER SEMESTER	1st October – mid-February
Lectures	1st October – 21st December
Winter holidays (Christmas break)	22nd December – 2nd January
Lectures (cont. winter semester)	3th January – 23rd January
Winter examination session	24th January – 6th February
Break between semesters	7th February – 13th February
Retake session	mid-February – mid-March

SUMMER SEMESTER	mid-February – 30th September
Lectures	mid-February – end of March
Spring holidays (Easter break)	one week
Lectures (cont. summer semester)	April – beginning of June
Summer examination session	June
Summer holidays	1st July – 31st August
Retake session	September
End of academic year	30th September

Public Holidays

All Saint's Day	1st November
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Independence Day	11th November
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Christmas Day	25th December
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Boxing Day	26th December
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New Year's Day	1st January
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Easter Sunday	flexible
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Easter Monday	flexible
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Labour Holiday	1st May
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Constitution Day	3rd May
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Corpus Christi	flexible
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Feast of the Assumption	15th August
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Visa

Students who are citizens of the European Union or European Economic Area do not need a visa when entering Poland. However, for stays exceeding 3 months they should obtain a temporary residence permit at the Silesian Voivodeship Office in Katowice. Information about the documents that have to be submitted by the student to the Voivodeship Office in order to obtain the residence permit and other details are presented in the section 'Legalization of Stay'.

Students from non-EU countries are required to possess a visa, a copy of which should be shown in our office upon arrival. It should be issued by a competent domestic authority before your arrival to Poland. A short-term visa entitles you to stay in Poland for up to 3 months; a long-term visa – up to 1 year. Students who have a visa do not need to legalize their stay in Poland.

Helping hand

We attach great importance to surround incoming students with people who will help them to get acclimatized in Poland. To manage the students' needs, the Department of International Relations and Projects, in close cooperation with the academic coordinators, appoint a Polish student-buddy for every incoming student.

Many years of experience have shown that foreign students need both the professional advice offered by the staff of the Department of International Relations and Projects and friendly hints from Polish students of the University of Silesia. Therefore, before you take your first steps in Poland, we will send you the name of the person who will pick you up at the airport, show you where your Student Hostel and University buildings are and answer your initial questions.

Cost of living

Your monthly expenses will depend on your habits and needs. Below you will find approximate calculations.

1 euro is approx. 3,5 – 4,50 zloty

Dormitory rent	300-500 zł
Approximate monthly cost of living	400-550 zł
Mobile phone	30-50 zł
Monthly ticket for the public transport	52 zł (with student ID card)
Cinema ticket	15 zł (with student ID card)

Lunch at the student canteen	8-15 zł
Cup of coffee	5 zł
Beer	3,5 zł (at a shop) 6 zł (at a pub)
Loaf of bread	3 zł
Bottle of mineral water	2 zł

Useful Polish words

While staying in Poland you may need some basic Polish words. You can find some of them below.

Polish:	English:		
		do widzenia	good bye
proszę	please	cześć	hi! / bye!
dziękuję	thank you	dom studenta / akademik	Student Hostel
przepraszam	excuse me	stołówka	canteen
dzień dobry	good morning / good afternoon	indeks	student grade book
		legitymacja	student ID

dziekanat	dean's office
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wydział	faculty
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biblioteka	library
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chleb	bread
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bułka	roll
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mleko	milk
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woda	water
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sok	juice
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masło	butter
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piwo	beer
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wino	wine
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kawa	coffee
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herbata	tee
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książka	book
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gazeta	newspaper
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PKP	Polish National Railway
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dworzec kolejowy	railway station
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lotnisko	airport
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dworzec autobusowy	bus station
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autobus	bus
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tramwaj	tram
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bilet	ticket
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Travel links

Upper Silesia is located at one of the main crossroads of Central Europe. The main road and rail arteries run through the city and region in an East-West direction linking Germany with the Ukraine, and North-South linking the Scandinavian countries with the South of Europe. You can travel to Katowice most conveniently by the following means of transportation:

By Air

Katowice airport (located in Pyrzowice), which is about 30 minutes by car from the city centre, provides connections to a number of European cities and several direct flights scheduled on a daily basis. From the airport you can get to Katowice by direct bus, which is much cheaper than travelling by taxi. For further information you can consult: www.katowice-airport.pl.

You may also arrive at the airport in Kraków-Balice which is located around two hours by train from Katowice. Detailed information on its offer can be found on the website: www.krakowairport.pl.

By Rail

The railway station in Katowice is only a few minutes' walk from the main University buildings. There are direct over-night sleeper rail services from the main European cities such as: Paris, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, and others. Rail journeys to major cities in Poland (Warsaw, Krakow and others) are available several times a day by Inter City trains. A timetable and the prices of tickets are available on the website: www.pkp.pl.

By Coach

Express coach services covering many destinations all over Europe offer transportation to most of the major European cities.

Local transport

Transport within the town area is much cheaper with a monthly ticket – 44-52 zł (with the student discount), 84-104 zł (normal ticket). Ticket prices: bus/tram – 1,30-2 zł (with the student discount), 2,60-4 zł (normal ticket). The student discount is available only to students below the age of 26 who have a valid ID card from the University of Silesia. For further information you can consult: www.kzkgop.pl.

Taxis are not difficult to find because of many small taxi companies competing with each other, especially in the city area. They are, however, far more expensive than public transportation.

After you come...

Registration in the Student Hostel

To register in the Student Hostel students need one photo and a passport or other official document. Any document other than a passport should confirm the personal data and allow entry to Poland. Students are required to pay for the first month of their stay. In addition, they have to fill in the forms available to them by Student Hostel employees. After a few days every student gets a special residence card which allows them to use all the facilities and to move around the premises of the campus.

Meeting with the Staff

If you decided to take part in the Orientation Week it is certain you will have an occasion to meet the employees of the Department of International Relations and Projects who take care of welcoming students to the University of Silesia during their first days in Poland. Those students who do not participate in the Orientation Week are asked to come to the main office of the Department of International Relations and Projects.

Student cards and matriculation

At the beginning of your stay in Poland, you should go to the Dean's office (dziekanat) and ask about a student ID card (legitymacja studencka) and student grade record book (indeks).

Each incoming student is matriculated at the dean's office of a given University unit and is entitled to get a student ID card. To issue this document three ID-photos and a small fee (about 20 PLN) are required. The student ID card entitles the bearer to a discount on several means of transport, theatre and cinema tickets etc. It is also needed in order to enter libraries and student clubs.

PLEASE NOTE!

The discount for means of transport only applies to students under 26.

Legalization of Stay

Documents required to obtain temporary residence permit:

- ▶ European Health Insurance Card,
- ▶ passport or other official document which confirms the personal data and enables entry to Poland (identity card),
- ▶ confirmation of financial means (minimum 150 Euro per month) – it is enough to have a photocopy of a credit card and statement written in Polish in which you declare that you have adequate money to stay in Poland without taking social benefits,
- ▶ confirmation of temporary registration issued by local government offices of according the place of residence (registration for students staying at Student Hostels will be done by Hostel's Office),
- ▶ a letter from the University of Silesia confirming studies within the LLP/Erasmus programme and the planned period of stay.

In addition, you have to fill in a form, which is available at the Voivodeship Office. All documents should be completed in Polish.

In the case of students, the residence permit is issued for one year and entitles its bearer to take up work. The residence permit and the right to work also extend to the immediate family – i.e. spouse and children.

Silesian Voivodeship Office

Department of Civic Matters and Migration

Address:ul. Jagiellońska 25
40-032 Katowice
room 161

Phone:

+48 / 32 207 79 21

E-mail:

wsoim@katowice.uw.gov.pl

The University of Silesia offers...

Students coming within the frame of LLP/Erasmus have the same privileges as Polish students of the University of Silesia. Below you may find some possibilities which may be of interest and useful for you.

...something for the mind

Libraries

If you feel you do not have enough information or if you need to get to know more and more, there is nothing easier than visiting one of our libraries. The Central University Library is located in Katowice at 14 Bankowa Street. But you can find libraries in the buildings of your faculties, institutes or departments as well. Opening and closing hours and borrowing procedures vary from library to library: it's necessary to check these with each individual library.



Central Library of the University of Silesia

Address: ul. Bankowa 14
40-007 Katowice
room 404

Opening hours: Monday – Friday: 8.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Saturday: 8.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

For further information consult: www.bg.us.edu.pl

If you do not find what you are looking for in the University Libraries you may go to the biggest library in the area called the Library of Silesia (Biblioteka Śląska). It is located in Katowice and has over 1,800,000 volumes. A student ID card and student record book (index) must be shown for access.

Library of Silesia

Address:

Plac Rady Europy 1
40-021 Katowice

Opening hours:

Monday: 12:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For further information consult:

www.bs.katowice.pl

...something for the body

Sport

Students wishing to practice sports have two options to choose from. They include free extracurricular sports classes (zajęcia fakultatywne) or joining the Academic Sports Association (Akademicki Związek Sportowy). Free extracurricular sports classes including volleyball, basketball, body building, aerobics, swimming and water aerobics are available in Katowice and Sosnowiec. For details and a timetable you should contact the Physical Education Unit (Studium Wychowania Fizycznego), which is located in Katowice.

Physical Education Unit

Studium Wychowania Fizycznego

Address:

ul. Bankowa 12
40-007 Katowice
room 109

Phone:

+48 / 32 359 16 45



You may also join the Academic Sports Association (Akademicki Związek Sportowy). It offers over 30 sports including: judo, yoga, ju-jitsu, karate, bridge, chess, skiing, horse riding, volleyball, basketball, and many others. An annual fee including obligatory insurance is about 50 PLN (13 EUR). For details and a timetable, please contact the Academic Sports Association (Akademicki Związek Sportowy).

Academic Sports Association

Akademicki Związek Sportowy

Address:

ul. Bankowa 12
40-007 Katowice
room 412

Phone:

+48 / 32 359 19 97

Website:

www.azs.us.edu.pl

Meals

Students Canteens are situated close to university buildings and serve very good meals. The price of a dinner is between 10-20 PLN (2-4,5 EUR). And vegetarians will find something for themselves.

Katowice

ul. Grażyńskiego 53
(Faculty of Pedagogy and
Psychology)

Phone: +48 / 32 512 332 087

Sosnowiec

ul. Sucha 7c
(not far from
Students Hostel no. 5)

Phone: +48 32 / 291 83 28,
+48 / 32 291 83 81 ext. 410

Cieszyn

ul. Bielska 66
(in Student Hostel 'UŚKA')

Phone: +48 33 / 854 61 11
ext. 144

...something for fun

Leisure facilities

It is obvious that student's life not only consists of learning but also of students parties. At the University of Silesia an above-average unit in this field is the Student Council which organises cyclical and special events for all students of the University of Silesia. The most popular and well-known is Juwenalia. It falls at the end of May or early June and lasts for about a week. The ceremony starts when the mayor hands over the key to the city to the students, which symbolises them seizing power in the city. During Juwenalia students may participate in concerts, theatre and opera performances and fun competitions such as 'the hospital beds races' – a speciality of the students of medical science.

The student government also organises thematic and occasional parties. To learn what their plans are for each month check: <http://www.studenci.us.edu.pl>.

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