



Institute of Philosophy  
Warsaw University

# Philosophy Studies in English

# WARSAW UNIVERSITY – GENERAL INFORMATION



**Warsaw University, founded in 1816**, is the largest and most respected university in Poland, the native land of Copernicus and Chopin. With its international focus, it offers quality education in the heart of Europe. Warsaw University, known for its research achievements and academics, offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees, organizes summer schools as well as postgraduate and vocational courses, initiates interdisciplinary programs and introduces innovative teaching techniques.

## Warsaw University in numbers:

- 19 faculties and 25 independent research or teaching units
- 35 disciplines in the humanities and sciences
- more than 2 800 academic staff
- about 60 000 bachelors and masters students (full-time and part-time)
- about 2000 doctoral students

In 1999 the new university library building was opened, containing over 2 million volumes and providing access to modern information technology research tools including **major electronic databases**.

# INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

## A brief history of the Institute:

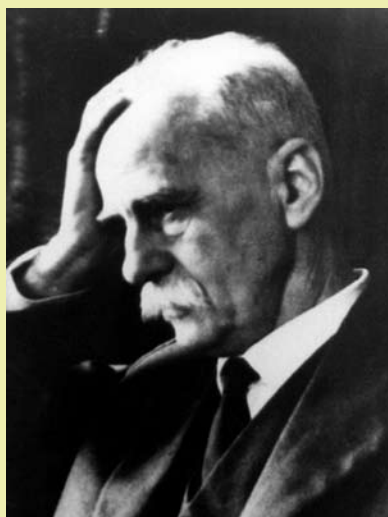
The origins of university-level philosophy teaching in Warsaw date back to the days of the Collegium Nobilium (opened in 1740), and the Knights' School (founded in 1865 by King Stanisław August). Philosophy blossomed in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, at which time the chairs of philosophy at Warsaw University were held by such famous representatives of the Lvov–Warsaw School as Jan Łukasiewicz and Stanisław Leśniewski (logicians), Władysław Tatarkiewicz (specialising in aesthetics and the history of European philosophy) as well as Tadeusz Kotarbiński (who developed praxiology). During this period, qualifications were grant-



ed to Alfred Tarski (logician who, after World War II, worked in the US), as well as Maria Ossowski (ethicist) and Stanisław Ossowski (aesthetics and sociology).

In the post-war period, the greatest figure in Warsaw Philosophy was that of Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz (metaphysician and logician).

The Institute of Philosophy consists of the following **departments**: Aesthetics, Analytic Philosophy, Epistemology, Ethics, History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, History of Contemporary Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, History of Polish Philosophy, Logic, Logical Semiotics, Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy of Politics, Philosophy of Science, Social Philosophy, and sections: French Philosophy Section and Studies in German Philosophy Section.



The institute students have at their disposal the combined library collections of Warsaw University's Philosophy and Sociology Faculty, the Philosophy and Sociology Institute of the Polish Academy of Science and the Polish Philosophical Society — the largest collection of this type in this part of Europe — as well as digital archives, internet databases and other electronic research tools.

### **Institute administration:**

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## **PHILOSOPHY STUDIES IN ENGLISH**

### **Programme Description:**

***Philosophy Studies in English (PSE)*** are to begin during the 2007/2008 academic year as a 3-year tier I bachelors degree, to be later supplemented with a 2-year tier II masters degree. Both full-time and part-time study modes are

planned. **Part-time studies, however, will be available only to fee-paying students.**

All tutorials, lectures and exams are to take place in English. The teaching staff are young, well prepared and have a wealth of teaching experience both within Poland and in other countries.

During the three-year length of tier I degree studies, PSE students will obtain a thorough grounding in the current state of research in the various philosophical disciplines. They will also be familiarised with the main historical traditions within European philosophy — with particular attention to analytical philosophy and the Lvov–Warsaw School. The basis for a philosophical education, according to the traditions of that school, lies in ontology and epistemology. Courses in these disciplines provide a broad overview of the world: deeper and more complete than that provided by the sciences. Supplemented by courses in the history of philosophy, they make it possible to understand the relations between a manner of living, the dominant intellectual culture and the goals of social elites in various times and societies. Courses in ethics and aesthetics develop an emotional and moral sensitivity. They cultivate respect for civic responsibilities and show the interrelations between the normative systems — laws, morality and religions — that describe social interactions. Courses in logic and logical semiotics (disciplines in which the work of Polish philosophers has had a world-wide impact) teach thinking skills — significant both within science and public life. They also provide

the tools to formally analyse natural language and the structure of scientific theories. Specialist and interdisciplinary courses give students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with issues in such fields as the philosophy and history of science, philosophy of culture, philosophy of politics and social philosophy.

The broadening of students' intellectual horizons is favoured by a varied programme of lectures, tutorials and seminars. During lectures, while during the tutorials and other classes they learn to analyse basic philosophical ideas as well as individually formulating and dealing with the theoretical problems that arise.



In addition, thanks to an agreement with the MA Psychology Studies in English programme, PSE students can also participate in psychology classes offered through that programme.

## Programme Board

Prof. Witold Strawiński (Chair)

Prof. Jacek Jadacki (Director of the Philosophy Institute)

## The PSE graduate

Philosophy develops a student's intellectual abilities like no other academic discipline. It trains intelligence, the ability to understand new information, a capacity for understanding other people and cultures as well as to properly interpret the behaviour of individuals and societies. It fosters imagination and, most of all, makes it easier to put together a coherent general world view as well as to determine the aims of human life.

Taken together, this leads to philosophy graduates being seen by many employers as particularly important valuable employees. They find employment, on the one hand in various educational institutions, publishing companies and the mass media and, on the other hand, in government offices, political organisations and in local government institutions.

Those PSE graduates who are not native-speakers also gain a solid knowledge of English thanks to which they become more employable both within Poland and the European Union. Their qualifications can also provide a good basis for applying for prestigious grants and scholarships as well as for places in MA and PhD programmes throughout Europe.

## The programme of studies

The PSE programme is very similar to the Polish-language programme of studies within the Philosophy Institute.

In the first two years it includes obligatory subjects such as: Introduction to Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Language, Ontology, Epistemology and History of Philosophy. Starting with second year, the students come to participate in shaping their individual programme of studies — during that year they chose which seminar or proseminar to participate in. In third year, the students take part in the compulsory History of Modern Philosophy as well as in seminars and elective subjects. The elective subjects include: Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Politics, Social Philosophy and Aesthetics.

The programme of studies for first year includes the following obligatory subjects:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Ontology
- Logic I [General Methodology and Introduction to Formal Logic]
- Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
- Recent Polish Philosophy: the Lvov–Warsaw School

In addition, the students select a psychology course from the Psychology Studies in English programme.

In second year, the students take the following obligatory subjects:

- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Philosophy of Language
- Logic II [Formal Logic]
- Modern Philosophy

PSE students can also participate in English–language seminars, proseminars and elective subjects offered as part of the Polish programme of studies by the Philosophy Institute.

In each year, the students are required to write either two semester essays or a single annual essay (as required by their lecturers) in each subject that has a final exam.

## Detailed course plan for first year studies in 2007/2008

Winter and summer semesters:

Nr	Subject	Lectures (min/week)	Tutorials (min/week)	Final exam	ECTS points
1.	Introduction to Philosophy	90			10
2.	Ontology	90	90	+	13
3.	Logic I [General Methodology and Introduction to Formal Logic]	90	90	+	13
4.	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	90	90	+	13
5.	Recent Polish Philosophy: the Lvov–Warsaw School	45			5
6.	Foreign Language		180	+	3
7.	Physical Education		90	+	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>

The students can also chose to take part in a psychology subject offered as part of the Psychology Studies in English programme. In addition, students who are not native speakers of Polish should complete a (60 hour) course in Polish.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **Introduction to Philosophy**

Prof. Jacek Hołówka

*Visited and lectured at the Mershon Center, Ohio, Columbus University, Ohio, Bloomington University, Indiana, and Notre Dame University, Indiana.*

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### **Ontology**

Dr. Tomasz Bigaj

*Fulbright Scholar at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, (2001–2002). Assistant Professor at Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey (2002–2004).*

This course will survey some major topics in contemporary ontology (also known as metaphysics), which is briefly characterised as the study of the ultimate nature of reality. The primary approach will be non–historic, with the emphasis put on current developments in this discipline within the Anglo–American analytic philosophical tradition. The aspect of ontology focussed upon in the course will be its interconnection with other, non–philosophical fields of study, such as logic, mathematics, physics, biology and psychology. The main topics covered in the course will include: the problem of existence and linguistic ontological commitments; the problem of universals; the nature and structure of the physical world (things, events, facts, states of affairs); the nature of space and time; the persistence of objects through time; causality and determinism; the mind–body problem; cosmology and the existence of God. The literature selected for the course will include original and up–to–date contributions by distinguished contemporary authors. The selection of texts used in the course may include articles from one of the most authoritative recent guides to this field: *The Oxford Handbook of Metaphysics*, edited by M.J. Loux and D.W. Zimmerman (Oxford University Press, 2003).

### **Logic I**

Dr. Joanna Odrowąż–Sypniewska

*M.Litt. (1997) and PhD (2001) from the Department of Logic and Metaphysics, St Andrews University (Scotland, UK).*

This course is an introduction to formal logic and formal methods in philosophy. The course covers the following topics:

- (1) Informal methods for evaluating arguments
- (2) Sentential logic (symbolization, semantics for sentential logic, truth-tables, logical equivalence, tautologies, contradictions, necessary and sufficient conditions, natural deduction in sentential logic, completeness)
- (3) Predicate logic (predication and quantification in natural language, negation of quantifiers, multiple quantifiers, interpretations of predicate expressions, validity and provability in monadic predicate logic, validity and provability in first-order logic with identity)
- (4) Extensions and alternatives to classical logic (modal logic, intuitionistic logic, fuzzy logic)
- (5) Elementary set theory (union and intersection of sets, Cartesian product of sets, power set)
- (6) Relations (properties of binary relations, operations on relations, graphical representation of relations, equivalence relations, partial orders, total orders, well-orderings)

## **Ancient and Medieval Philosophy**

Dr. Marek Osmański

This course will present the tenets of European philosophical positions from the 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. to the 14<sup>th</sup> century C.E. Discussion of Ancient philosophy will include: the eras of the Pre-Socratics (Ionians, Pythagoreans, Eleatics), the humanists (Sophists as well as Socrates and his followers), systemic approaches (Plato and Aristotle), Hellenic schools (Stoics, Epicureans and Sceptics), syncretic approaches (Middle Platonism, Philo of Alexandria and Neoplatonism). Discussion of Medieval philosophy will include: Patristic philosophy (Gnosis, Greek and Latin Apologetics and Systematics — Augustine of Hippo), Early Medieval Neoplatonism (Boethius, Pseudo-Dionysius, Origen), 11<sup>th</sup> century early Scholasticism (the dialectic/antidialectic dispute, Anselm of Canterbury), 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> century Chartres Renaissance, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> century universals dispute (realism, nominalism, conceptualism — Abelard), 12<sup>th</sup> century Mysticism (Bernard of Clairvaux, the Victorian School), Jewish and Arab philosophy (Avicenna, Averoes, Avicbron, Maimonides), early Scholasticism (creation of universities and the scholastic method), 13<sup>th</sup> century doctrinal movements (Latin Averroism, Aristotelianism of Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas, Augustinianism), 14<sup>th</sup> century movements (Thomism, Duns Scotus and Scotism, William of Ockham and nominalism), Mysticism (Johannes Eckhart). The material covered in the lectures is supplemented by selected readings from the history of philosophy.



## Recent Polish Philosophy: the Lvov–Warsaw School

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## OFFICE

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## APPLICATION AND RECRUITMENT

Philosophy studies in English are aimed at:

- Polish citizens as well as others with Polish high school certificates or with foreign high school certificates that have been determined (as required by the relevant regulations) to be equivalent to the Polish certificate
- students participating in existing exchange programme (such as Erasmus) as determined by the relevant rules

Familiarity with English, where the student has not spent several years in an English–speaking country, must be shown by the possession of a certificate such as TOEFL, IELTS, CAE or CPE.

**Starting date for courses:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

### Recruitment

The recruitment is broken up into two stages:

Stage I — according to the principles accepted by the Institute of Philosophy, Warsaw University;

Stage II — additional oral English language exam. The exam will be in the form of a discussion of one of the philosophical texts on the list that will be made available in February 2007 on the PSE website.

The discussion should show whether 1) the candidate is capable of independently interpreting the text, 2) has the predisposition for studying philosophy, 3) has sufficient grasp of English to study philosophy in that language. In the event that the number of candidates is significantly greater than the number of available places, the oral exam may be replaced with a written exam testing the above-mentioned abilities.

The decision whether to accept the candidate will be based upon the number of points given by the examination committee. The oral exam will be marked out of 100, with 75 being the minimum score for a candidate to qualify. The final result of the recruitment process will be determined on the basis of stage I results and the oral exam result.

## Tuition

In the case of paying students, a candidate who has been accepted by the recruitment committee is enrolled after 50 percent of the fees for the first semester has been received.

The fees are 3000 Euro/year

## ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) at Warsaw University

Warsaw University has implemented European Credit Transfer System which is based on student workload and in which a certain number of credits is assigned to all courses within the university. An appropriate ECTS transcript of records is provided to foreign students at the end of their studies at Warsaw University.

### ECTS grading scale:

ECTS GRADE	LOCAL GRADE	LOCAL DEFINITION
A	6*	<b>SUMMA CUM LAUDE</b> — exceptional performance!
	5	<b>EXCELLENT</b> — outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	4+	<b>VERY GOOD</b> — above the average standard with some errors
C	4	<b>GOOD</b> — generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	3+	<b>SATISFACTORY</b> — fair but with significant shortcomings
E	3	<b>SUFFICIENT</b> — performance meets the minimum criteria

<b>FX</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FAIL</b> — some more work required before the credit can be awarded
<b>F</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FAIL</b> — considerable further work is required

\* **The grade of 6** — obtained for exceptional achievements, the distinction between a grade of 6 and a grade of 5 has no equivalent in ECTS grading system with both being treated as A

**ECTS credits:** 1 full academic year = 60 credits; 1 semester = 30 credits.

180 points is the minimal number of points that a PSE student should obtain over three years of studies.

## Erasmus students

Our programme welcomes Erasmus students, who are admitted on the same basis as other Erasmus students at Warsaw University. Students who may be considering studying at Warsaw University as Erasmus exchange students are advised to contact their home university or departmental co-ordinator or their International Relations Office to find out whether a bilateral agreement has been signed between the two departments and, if so, whether the proposed programme of studies shall be approved. A list of all WU partner institutions is available at [www.bwz.uw.edu.pl/eng\\_version/erasmus\\_partners.htm](http://www.bwz.uw.edu.pl/eng_version/erasmus_partners.htm) **[This list is misleading as it does not inform which universities have an exchange agreement with the Philosophy and Sociology Faculty at Warsaw University. The agreements are signed between individual departments/faculties so students from most of the universities listed probably actually can not come and study PSE at WU.]**

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a European student organisation, which supports international exchange students. It consists of over 130 sections, operating at universities and colleges all over Europe and is organised on three levels: international, national and local.

ESN-UW is a registered Warsaw University student organisation. Its aim is to help foreign students who come to Warsaw as part of the Erasmus programme to fully integrate with other WU students.

Further information: [www.esn.uw.edu.pl/english.htm](http://www.esn.uw.edu.pl/english.htm)

## Academic Calendar

The Winter Semester begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and runs until the end of January, with a break for Christmas and the New Year holidays.

The Summer Semester begins in mid-February, after the inter-semester break, and runs until the last week of June, with a short break for Easter holidays.

The University observes all official Polish holidays.

Public and University Holidays 2007/2008:

- Matriculation Day October 2
- All Saints' Day November 1
- Independence Day November 11
- Christmas December 25–26
- New Year's Day January 1
- Easter March 23–24
- Labour Day May 1
- National Flag Day May 2
- Constitution Day May 3
- Juvenalia (Students' Days)
- Corpus Christi May 22
- The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15

## WARSAW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The Warsaw University Library was founded in 1816 as a part of the Royal University of Warsaw. Its first director was the great Polish lexicographer Samuel Bogumił Linde (1771 — 1847). Today, the library system includes the Main Library and faculty libraries.

The Main University Library is located in a new, modern building, opened in 1999 with the blessing of Pope John Paul II. The new Library building was constructed with the aim of creating an open library with free access to its collections. This approach grew from the belief that the spatial arrangement of a library has a distinctive influence on the quality of the work carried out within it. An academic free-access library does not distinguish between storerooms and reading rooms, with the librarian in the role of a unavoidable intermediary. Instead, the new design achieves ultimate accessibility through the creation of logical floor plans where shelves and racks are positioned in such a way as to leave large reading areas.

The Warsaw University Library system stacks contain over 3,500,000 books, over 1,000,000 journals and magazines, over 700,000 items in the reserve collections, with the library currently subscribing to 1,200 foreign journals and periodicals.

The online computer catalogue contains about 360,000 bibliographical descriptions and 635,000 items.

The Warsaw University Library has 110 computers available for library users. It has also introduced a hotspot internet connection.

For more information please contact:

### **Warsaw University Library**

Warsaw University Library

Dobra 56/66, 00–312 Warszawa

Phone +48 (22) 552 50 60

website: <http://www.buw.uw.edu.pl>

## LEARNING POLISH AT WU

### **Polonicum**

The Centre of Polish Language and Culture for Foreigners ‘Polonicum’ — the oldest and the most experienced Polish language and culture centre for foreigners — is one of the institutes of the Faculty of Polish Philology at Warsaw University.

Polonicum runs courses which are open to all who are interested in participating. Anyone may learn Polish from scratch or improve their proficiency and deepen their knowledge of Poland. Polonicum has well-trained and experienced staff who are professionals in their fields and who use the most up-to-date teaching methods.

Further information: [www.polonicum.uw.edu.pl/indexen.php](http://www.polonicum.uw.edu.pl/indexen.php)

### **Survival Polish**

Survival Polish is an internet course to help you learn some basic expressions.

- You will become familiar with Polish pronunciation
- The course includes texts, conversations and pictures to guide you through 12 topics on everyday activities starting for introducing yourself, through travel, banking and leisure
- After completing the course you should be able to chat with your Polish friends as well as to get around Poland without difficulty
- Aside from the texts, the course also includes an audio supplement: recording to be played as many times as you wish. The speed and quality depends on the quality of your Internet connection

– During the course you can also learn 3 Polish songs that have been taken (with permission) from the video course "Let's learn Polish" developed by the Polish Foundation for Science Advancement and Polish Television

– The course is free of charge

Further information: [www.come.uw.edu.pl/dcontent.php3?page\\_id=98%3C=english](http://www.come.uw.edu.pl/dcontent.php3?page_id=98%3C=english)

## **Tandem**

– Tandem is based on a system for learning foreign languages with a partner (another student) during individual meetings. These are free of charge and which is what makes the program different from traditional private lessons

– The form, place and frequency of your meetings depends on your own preferences

– No experience is required – these are not professional classes. Above all Tandem should be a pleasure for both of the Tandem Partners as well as being an easy way for gaining knowledge about another country – not from books but from a person like you

Further information: [www.esn.uw.edu.pl/uktandem.htm](http://www.esn.uw.edu.pl/uktandem.htm)

## **English–Polish Dictionary – First aid kit:**

[http://www.bwz.uw.edu.pl/eng\\_version/everyd\\_first\\_at\\_kit.htm](http://www.bwz.uw.edu.pl/eng_version/everyd_first_at_kit.htm)

## **Average cost of living**

Accommodation – 100 EUR/month (in a dormitory)

Meals – 100–150 EUR/month

Books and entertainment – 100 EUR/month

Public transport – 10 EUR/month

Rail tickets: e.g. Warsaw–Kraków / Warsaw–Gdańsk / Warsaw–Zakopane:  
return ticket – 15–45 EUR depending on train (normal/express/inter-city)

Telephone card – from 2 EUR for 15 units to 5 EUR for 60 units (1 units = 3 minute local call)

Taxi – 0.5 EUR/1 km + 1 EUR initial fee

Health insurance — 8 EUR/month

Average costs for medical assistance at university clinics:

- general practice — 10 EUR
- dentistry — 25 EUR

Attention: exchange rate as of 20/01/2007: 1 EUR = 3.85 PLN

## Accommodation in Warsaw

International students coming to Warsaw University are offered assistance in finding accommodation.

Full-time students should contact the **Office for Student Affairs**: bsstud@adm.uw.edu.pl

## Dormitories

Warsaw University has six student dormitories:

- Students' Dormitory no 1 "Muchomorek" 97/99 Żwirki i Wigury Street
- Students' Dormitory no 2 "Żwirek" 95/97 Żwirki i Wigury Street
- Students' Dormitory no 3 9 Kickiego Street
- Students' Dormitory no 4 10a L. Zamenhofa Street
- Students' Dormitory no 5 5/7 Smyczkowa Street
- Students' Dormitory no 6 11 Radomska Street

The price depends on the dormitory and the number of students in the room. During the 2006/2007 academic year double rooms the price was 300–400 PLN/month, for three-person rooms — 240–290 PLN/month.

**Warsaw University also has three** guest houses/Residential Halls:

- Hera Guest House  
00–594 Warsaw, 26/30 Belwederska Str.
- Sokrates Guest House  
02–678 Warsaw, 9 Smyczkowa Str.
- Residential House (it is used as a hotel between 22 June and 22 September)  
02–323 Warsaw, 11 Radomska Str.

# RESIDENCE PERMIT REGULATIONS

## Students from the European Union

You do not need a visa to come to Poland. However, after beginning your studies, you will be required to legalise your stay in Poland by applying for a residence permit from the province in which you are living. The residence permit is valid for one year and can be extended every year until the completion of your studies. This permit also entitles you to work in Poland. You can download an information package from:

<http://www.mazowieckie.pl/news.php?id=6033>

You will find more practical information about coming to Poland, legalising your stay, medical care and insurance, recognition of diplomas, driving licenses, addresses for diplomatic missions of EU and EEA countries in Poland at:

<http://www.msz.gov.pl>

## Students from outside the European Union

Once you are accepted as a student of our program, you will have to apply for a Polish student visa in your country of origin. You can download an application form for a Polish visa from:

<http://www.msz.gov.pl/Polski,wniosek,wizowy,1805.html>

Contact a Polish consulate or embassy for complete details of the application procedure. You will find a list of Polish diplomatic missions at:

<http://www.msz.gov.pl>

**IMPORTANT:** you must apply for a residence permit in the province in which you are living at least 45 days before your visa expiry date.

Additional information on visas and residence permits is available at:

<http://www.msz.gov.pl>

For all details concerning the legalisation of your stay in Poland (at Warsaw University) please contact **Ms. Barbara Kaczkiewicz** at Office for Student Affairs: ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa (Casimir Palace, room 22), tel.: (+48 22) 55 24 022, e-mail: [barbarak@adm.uw.edu.pl](mailto:barbarak@adm.uw.edu.pl)

## Health and insurance

You are required to have health insurance (E 111 or European Health Insurance Card EHIC) and accident insurance for the entire duration of your stay in Poland.



As a holder of the E 111 / European Health Insurance card you will receive free health care from health care providers who have signed the relevant contract with NFZ (National Health Fund). You can receive health care in the following areas: primary health care, specialist out-patient care, hospital treatment, dental treatment, emergency treatment and ambulance transport.

The documents are issued for a set period. Free health care is provided to the holder of those documents during that period only.

More information about the Polish health care system and information for foreigners can be found at:

<http://www.nfz.gov.pl/ue/?katnr=5&dzialnr=2&artnr=716&czartnr=2>

Health services for students and academics are provided at the following health centre:

Krakowskie Przedmieście 24

General Reception: +48 (22) 552-0365.

## Disabled students

All student who have problems studying due to their disabilities should seek assistance from the Office for the Disabled.

### The Office for Disabled Persons

- guarantees full participation in classes for those who are disabled or are chronically ill;
- guarantees access to information and literature in alternative forms — Braille, enlarged font, sign language, etc.;
- assists in the adaptation of university structures to the capabilities of the disabled.

All information can be obtained by contacting:

**Mr. Paweł Wójcik**

**Head of the Office for Disabled Persons**

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e-mail: [bon@mercury.ci.uw.edu.pl](mailto:bon@mercury.ci.uw.edu.pl)

## Rules and Regulations concerning studies at Warsaw University (selected fragments)

## **I. GENERAL REGULATION**

### **§ 1**

1. These Regulations refer to full–time (intramural) studies, part–time (evening, extramural or university extension) studies and other forms of studying.
2. The rules and terms of the admission of students are set out by the Act on Higher Education and Warsaw University Senate.

### **§ 2**

1. The admission of students to Warsaw University follows upon matriculation and taking an oath before Rector or Dean. The enrolled freshmen are entitled to receive appropriate certificates as of the date of publishing the decision on their admission. This provision is applicable for students who are paying for the studies provided they effected the payment of tuition fees for the first semester.
2. A freshman is provided with a student identity card and credit book illustrating a student's progress report. Upon graduation, credit book becomes the student's property.
3. Having completed a program of study, the graduate is granted a diploma. The contents and form of a diploma are set forth in separate provisions.

## **VI. ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT'S PROGRESS**

### **§ 30**

1. The Academic Board determines the assessment period covering a semester or the academic year. The Academic Board may establish other assessment period, if reasonable.
2. A prerequisite for completion of the courses during the semester or the whole academic year is meeting all the requirements (obtaining credits for courses, passing the exams, approval of practical training) prescribed by the curriculum for a specified period of study. The Academic Board may establish credit point system for the semester or the year.
3. The plan of studies should not make the student's promotion to the subsequent year dependent on a greater number of exams passed than 8 in a year, 5 in semester.

4. Students should obtain credits at timetable shown in the plan of studies and take the exams in the session specified by the plan of studies, according to the examination timetable.

5. The student may sit the exam prior to the session unless such date is specified by the examiner and in the case mentioned in Sec. 4 also having obtained credits as a prerequisite for approaching the said examination.

6. The student takes exams before the examiner teaching the course or before the persons authorized by the Academic Board thereto.

## § 32

1. At the assessment of the exams and at obtaining credits for the courses not requiring the exam the following grades shall apply:

- outstanding — 5,0
- very good — 5,0
- good plus — 4,5
- good — 4,0
- sufficient plus — 3,5
- sufficient — 3,0
- failing — 2,0

2. Grades for each course and grades for credits obtained in the course not ended with the exam are recorded in the credit book.

## § 33

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2. The student who obtained a failing grade is permitted 1 repeat for each course failed.

3. If the student fails to obtain credits at specified dates, he may proceed with getting credits at the time of repeat. After he has obtained the credits connected with his admission to the repeat, he is entitled to take an exam at specified date within the repeat session. In exceptional circumstances, Dean may decide otherwise.

4. If the student's absence during the examination held at specified time is not excused, the student loses his right to one specified date and is awarded no grade.

5. In the event of illness or other form of absence from the exam held in the first or the second time, excused by Dean, the student may take an exam in the first or the second time, appropriately.

6.

#### § 34

1. Academic appeals concerning the credits may be lodged within seven days with Dean or Director of the Institute who may order the verification of the student's results by the Committee.

2. Within seven days after the date of examination, the student raising reasonable objections as regards impartiality, form, mode or proceedings at the examination may lodge the application for an exam to be sit in front of the Examination Committee. Such the exam should take place no later than within 14 days of receiving the application.

3. Dean may set the foregoing exam for other reasons, upon his own initiative, the examiner's or the student self-government's request.

4. The Supervisory Committee includes three members: Dean or Dean's nominee as the Chair and two specialists in a respective course being subject of the examination, or of any other related to course.

5. Upon the student's request, a representative of the student self-governmental bodies or the tutor may be elected to the Examination Committee as the observers.

6. In the event of a failure in front of the Examination Committee, Dean will make an appropriate decision as regards the student's performance according to § 35.

#### § 35

1. In the event of the student's failure to obtain the number of credits for the whole year or semester, Dean may resolve as follows

- a. give the approval for the repeat of the academic year (semester),
- b. agree for conditional entry as regards the subsequent year (semester) of the studies,
- c. agree for striking off the register of the students.

2. The rules for a conditional entry for the subsequent academic year (or semester) are laid down by the Academic Board , upon seeking an opinion of the student self–government. In the event of non–fulfilment of the requirements, Dean (Director of the Institute) may issue a decision permitting the repeat of the academic year or the one declaring striking off the register of students.

3.

a. Striking off the register of the students proceeds due to:

- valid decree of the disciplinary committee,
- withdrawal from the studies, non submission of the credit book or other necessary documents in order to settle the academic year (semester) at specified date,
- interruption of the studies upon Deans' consent,
- non–payment of tuition fees for classes,
- unexcused absence form obligatory classes in the fields of study to which the students are admitted without entry exams

b. Dean may strike off the student from the register if he failed to obtain credits for the year or semester, several times.

c. As regards the student of the first year of studies, the decision on the approval for the repeat of the year (semester) is made by Dean in exceptional and particularly justified circumstances only. This restriction shall not apply to the students of the first year of the two–year supplementary MA study.

4. All the positive results obtained within the last academic year shall be approved in the case of the student wishing to repeat the year. The Academic Board acting in the agreement with the students governmental bodies may waive from the said rules.

5. The student repeating the year has the right to attend the selected classes of a higher level (year/semester) , obtain credits and take the exams, upon Dean's prior consent.

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