Come to us and study
Word from the Rector of Pedagogical University

Dear Students,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

(…) In Europe we have observed the rise of information society, characterised by a breakthrough in communication methods. Access to knowledge has changed radically, and traditional schooling has stopped being the only way of didactic transfer. Computerisation of work processes confronts people of different levels of qualifications with various tasks. Even a diploma from a school is not enough to effectively demonstrate it throughout one’s whole life.

We all have diverse ways of participation in such a society. We are divided into those who can take advantage of new technologies, and those who cannot. The first group of people, for example, does not stand in a line in order to regulate payments for a flat, because these people do it at home on the Internet. The second group, standing in a line, loses time and money, settling down additional payments for service in a bank or at a post office.

Information society is characterised by virtual mobility. A human being, thanks to modern techniques, can acquire knowledge from new sources, take part „at a distance” in the exchange of thoughts, in work processes. His or her physical presence is not always necessary, and in spite of this he or she can have a remarkable influence on the course of events taking place away from him or her. This phenomenon links to the globalisation of commerce and contacts between people. Since not a long time ago we have had well-functioning, educational web contacts, and in our School we use the benefits of video-conferencing facilities on a regular basis.

These new civilisation tendencies put challenges before tertiary schools. The goal of modern educational policy has become the permanent access to knowledge, tied to ability to be employed and the right to actively enjoy life-long learning. The reaching of this goal is facilitated by the Bologna process, built upon the premise of creating a European university area. Its constructive elements are: the system of education in three cycles (B.A., M.A., Ph.D. level), quality of education, promotion of mobility (studying in a few tertiary schools), and recognition of diplomas. Soon we will start preparations to the National Framework of Qualifications, to be introduced by a new legal act. We will pay more attention to the education effects.

Our alumni leave the School well-prepared. They are characterised by sensitivity to social problems, they are able to diagnose local and regional situations, and propose solutions. When we ask them about a job, they answer that they do not have problems with it. We come across our alumni in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, the Parliament or numerous ministries; they are also present in the lives of voivodships.

The main problem of education in Poland and - in the world, is an unequal access to it throughout one’s life. The effects of unequal access to education result in different life chances of different groups of people: youth in villages and in the city, girls and boys, adults with education and without education. That is why our School has a regional structure; it offers education on the tertiary level also beyond big academic centres such as the Capital, Cracow, Wroclaw or Poznan. We reach unrich environments with our offer, and go out to those, for whom access to education has recently been a problem. (…)
Pedagogical University in Warsaw was established 1993 by the Polish Association for Adult Education as a non-public University according to the Polish law. The University has been growing dynamically since then and has become already one of the largest non-public universities in Poland. It has developed, since its establishing, a very strong regional structure which is its main feature. In the academic year 2010/2011 we offered 4 courses at our branches in Warsaw, Lublin, Katowice, Olsztyn, Szczecin and Człuchow and enrolled 7 000 students in our full-time and part-time program. Our University is licensed to run master and bachelor degree curricula in the following fields: Education, Political Science, Foreign Language Studies, Education and Political Science. The educational offer of the Pedagogical University, which holds high positions in many prestigious rankings, is addressed chiefly, though not exclusively, to teachers and educators. While maintaining a high standard of teaching, we try to keep the tuition lower than charged by the government, thus offering a chance to study to less affluent persons. Courses are given by over 140 professors and full professors, many of whom are outstanding specialists in their fields. Our university guarantees high professional qualifications to its alumni. We offer our students the opportunity to gain high professional qualifications and knowledge of education, political science and modern languages. We provide them with the chance to participate in the social and political life of our country and the many changes that so dynamically occur at the national, regional, and local levels. Thanks to our international policy our students can study in other European countries. Pedagogical University has since its establishing a very strong internationally oriented policy and co-operates with other European Universities in accordance with the membership of Poland in the European Union. The University has been Member of various networks and Projects within the Socrates Program: EUCEN, European University Continuing Education Network and EuLearN. We contain contacts to several European Universities previous within numerous Socrates Projects in the field of University Continuing Education and currently within the Lifelong Learning Program. Pedagogical University actively cooperates with other European Universities in disseminating experiences and results in University Continuing Education. Pedagogical University in Warsaw is one of the oldest and most renowned tertiary schools in the city, with outer departments in the towns of Lublin, Szczecin, Katowice, Człuchów, Olsztyn and Wałbrzych. The School’s history dates back to the year 1991. As a non-public school, the institution is comparable to public institutions in many respects, and the conducted programmes fulfill all the accepted and confirmed standards of modern education.
List of programmes

Foreign students of these disciplines will gain unique skills, i.e. on the bachelor’s level the School provides a course of Polish as a foreign language. The knowledge of the Polish language coupled with English, is a unique combination in the world’s markets and can be a vital asset while applying for a job in a variety of business and academic spheres. With such a profile, our graduates should have a chance of working in public administration, corporations, small and medium firms, research institutions, international organisations, think-tanks and many other public or non-public bodies.

What’s in there for me?

What can the School offer to a Student? What makes it different from other schools of the kind?

As a Student, you will receive:
- a transparent and ambitious programme of classes, suited to the needs of modern education rules and further on – compliant with the requirements of the fast-developing and changing labour market
- contacts with highly professional staff – professors and their younger colleagues, who take care that each student comprehends the classes and follows his or her educational track, often playing the role of tutor, coach or mentor (tutoring, coaching and mentoring are used as a modern and rewarding education method)
- an inspiring, academic atmosphere, opportunities to make new friends and maintain contacts not only with Polish students, but also with peers from other countries, who have come to study in Poland
- unique skills in the area of pedagogy, social policy, sociology, which help one to understand the modern world and live in it with an open mind.

The Department of Social Sciences in Warsaw is located close to the Szczęśliwickie Park, in an atmospheric and beautiful environment, providing facilities for rest after the classes, and especially in the summertime – for learning and reading on one’s own in a calm surrounding. Departments outside Warsaw also have good and accessible locations. There are facilities for persons with disabilities, who can enjoy open access to the School’s resources (classrooms, library etc.)

In response to the great demand of teaching in English, the School is embarking on an experimental Business English Studies programme in the academic year 2011/2012. The program will entail philosophical and politological elements. It will be conducted within the English Philology framework, and enable the students to gain a Bachelor’s degree. After this, there is an opportunity of continuing your studies in the politological area, for a Master’s degree in International Political Economy.
Polish and international students are warmly invited to apply for a place in the programme. Further details on the content of the programme are available in the International Office of the School at: intern@wsptwp.eu.

5 European Union funds

The newly-convened team of bright, young employees has won subsequent projects for the School. They are:

„Education is Your Chance”,
„Education – Investment in a Human Being”,
„Socially Responsible University”,
„The Modern Pedagogist”,
„The Workshop of Leaders – The School of Mentors”,
„The Modern Lecturer – Tutor and Coach”,
„The Creative Humanist”,
„Key Competencies – a Way to a Career”,
„West-Pomeranian Centre for Support of Socio-Economic Processes”
„Entrepreneurial University”,
as well as 7 projects related to the education of social workers.

The are targeted at the implementation of the following goals:
- raising competitiveness and adaptation abilities in view of new challenges,
- enhancing the ability of using information technologies by students and academic staff,
- enabling studying and raising qualifications for persons with disabilities.

6 Entry Requirements

⇒ A Secondary Education Certificate – prospective students must possess a certificate of secondary education compliant with the Polish Education system

⇒ Fluency in English – for bachelor’s degree courses only, the language of instruction is English; keeping in mind the level of difficulty of the courses, we expect you to be fluent in English.

⇒ For studies in the Polish language we require Polish language fluency or completion of a 9-month intensive course of the Polish language offered by our University

⇒ At least 18 years old – this is the minimum age of students, which is suggested for our participants, and we do not accept applications from students below this age.
⇒ Ability to study for long hours – the courses are tough, the competition and professors make it tougher. These two years will test your all round abilities in a way like never before.

⇒ High ambitions – last, but surely not the least, we want you to aim high, be determined to go the distance and enjoy studying hard.

7 Applications to Pedagogical University (Other students)

I. Read our offer carefully. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by email, we guarantee that you will get full and informative response within a short time.

II. If you have decided to join a programme, please contact our local representative in order to receive the application form.

III. We will need from you the following documents:

⇒ Our filled-in application form
⇒ A scan of your secondary educational certificate (other educational documents will be a plus).
⇒ A scan of your passport copy.

IV. As soon as we will receive your documents, we will issue an acceptance letter which will be handed to you by our local representative. Then, you must make a payment of application fee to the college account.

V. Afterwards, you will receive an enrollment letter which will enable you to apply for a student’s visa in the Polish Embassy.

VI. After your visa application is successful, we will be happy to see you in Warsaw during our commencement ceremony!

8 List of partner Institutions

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Pedagogical University in Warsaw is one of the leading Polish institutions focusing on providing state-of-the-art knowledge in social sciences. Therefore, the process of internationalization and broadening network of partner Institutions is of great value to us. Students and as well Faculty members of Pedagogical University can participate in many exchange and research programmes allowing them to visit our partners.
Academic Cycle

As in other Polish tertiary institutions, the academic cycle starts on 1 October each year and lasts for 2 semesters. The final date of the official opening ceremony, marking the beginning of the new academic year, may be scheduled for a different day each year.

Our partners originate from various countries such as United Kingdom, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Austria and others. In part, our partners are also well-known and developed Polish institutions such as Polish Voluntary Labour Corps (OHP). If you feel like spending a semester at our partner school, you should not hesitate and contact our office for International Programmes.

If you want to receive more information concerning our partnership network, do not hesitate to contact our International Office.

International Office

Our office serves as the first point of contact for all international students and scholars who would like to come to Pedagogical University in Warsaw under exchange programmes and also - for those who would like to commence regular courses here. The main domain of activities of Business Development and International Affairs Unit are as follows:

- guidance for incoming and outgoing international students
- acquiring students from abroad
- international marketing of the University
- running of European Union programs such as Erasmus or Leonardo da Vinci
- assistance in finding accommodation or reservation of dormitories
- airport pick-up for newcomer scholars or students
- support for international conferences organized by University
- any other related tasks concerning international activities.

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Amongst our partner Institutions you can find:

1. University of London
2. University of Las Palmas
3. University of Sofia, St. Kliment Ohridski
4. University of Plovdiv
5. University of Liege
6. Pedagogical Academy in Tirol
7. Polish Voluntary Labor Corps
8. The Polish Society for Social Policy
9. Foundation of Eucharistic Apostleship
10. International Centre of Trainings and Competencies
11. Institute of European Consultants
Warsaw, on the banks of the Vistula river, is a vibrant capital city with a buzzing student life. After democratic changes in Poland in 1989, Warsaw opened widely for international tourists who are starting to re-discover its beauty. According to Eurostat, about 14 million tourists yearly visit the capital of Poland and this number is rising rapidly. Warsaw is highly successful in attracting business investors and it plays the major economic role in the Central Europe. Due to economic boost, the city has a very low unemployment rate and very high economic growth rates. Now, this is the place to be for the biggest multinational corporations. Warsaw Stock Exchange has the biggest capitalization of all the markets in the region (bigger than Budapest, Prague or Vienna). Modern architecture, great infrastructure and an efficient transportation network make Warsaw one of the best cities to live. Cost of living are relatively lower to other capital cities in the European Union (250-300 Euro is average monthly living cost for students), which makes the studies a lot more affordable. We believe that your stay in Warsaw will be a good choice for your studies and a good start of your career in the global environment. For details on Warsaw, costs of living and entertainment; please visit to the following link: www.warsawtour.pl.

In brief, the City of Warsaw provides numerous attractions to incoming guests and visitors. Why not take a walk down the Royal Way, from the Royal Castle straight to the beautiful Łazienki Park? Why not take a spree in the Mokotowskie Field, where you can relax in a natural environment – the city greens? Warsaw has got its bits for everybody. The absolute musts to see are:

- The Copernicus Science Centre – a modern, interactive museum where you can touch each exhibit and imagination-inspiring machinery;
- Chopin’s museum – an innovative museum showing the life and the art of Poland’s grandest composer, with artifacts which show his genius and the love of freedom;
- The Palace of Culture – the highest building in Warsaw, with a terrace from which one can admire the panoramic view of the City. The building serves as a cultural centre for many Polish institutions and conducts numerous courses in the arts and science for pupils, students and adults;

Olga, a student from Ukraine:

The quality of the education system is very good, so I feel I made a good decision to come to Poland and I am lucky enough to get such an opportunity.

In our university people are friendly, a positive atmosphere is always here. Friends in my class are always ready to help me if I have some problems. The teaching staff is really highly qualified and kind enough to explain even basics which I cannot remember.

Besides studies, student’s life in Warsaw is full of fun. This is a really pretty city that is very student-oriented. There are many student clubs, historical and cultural places, many parks. So I think you will easily find something interesting for you.

Join our university and you will not regret.
The Museum of Warsaw Uprising – a creative museum commemorating Poland’s past and the courage of partisans which chose to rebel against the Nazi regime during World War II in the year 1944;
The Museum of Warsaw – located in the Old Town, an atmospheric and charming museum showing history of the City from the Middle Ages to its present;
The Old Market Square- part of UNESCO’s world heritage, with numerous houses as if taken straight from 15th century legends and stories, with a buzzing atmosphere of restaurants, cafes and tiny shops;
The Wilanów Palace – an ancient residence of King Jan Sobieski, who dedicated the palace and the adjacent park to his beloved wife - Queen Mary;
EURO 2012 Stadium – still under the process of construction but already an impressive stadium prepared for Soccer Championships in the year 2012.

The City’s suburbs and close surroundings provide many weekend opportunities, too. For nature lovers, there is always the Kaminoskie National Park, with rare specimens of flowers and animals. On the other hand, tourist routes in the Mazowiecki Landscape Park are full of visitors doing Nordic walking or cycling with families or groups of friends.
No words can describe all that Warsaw has to offer. Come to us and see for yourself, how beautiful and enchanting life in Warsaw can be.

13 How to get here

The Department of Social Sciences of the School is located close to the city center, at 3 Urbanistów Street. There is a convenient end of bus route nearby, which provides connections with almost all city directions.

You can reach the School by city transport, tram numbers: 7, 9, 15, 35 or bus numbers: 150, 512, 186, 184, 521, and then take a 5 minutes’ walk to the school’s main building.
Alternatively, if you are travelling straight from the airport or the main train terminal for a conference or just a meeting, it may be a good idea to take a taxi. The costs should be moderate (value for money), and you can arrive at the School’s premises in c.a. 15-20 minutes.

14 Living Costs in Warsaw

The International Office of Pedagogical University supports incoming international students in finding accommodation in Warsaw. Students can be accommodated in dormitories or private apartments within Warsaw City area and our office serves as a point of contact for the incoming applicants. Average cost of accommodation in Warsaw is about 100 – 150 EUR per month (for private and public dormitories) or around 400 – 500 EUR per month for private flats (per flat). Average living costs excluding accommodation are around 300 – 400 EUR per month which is much cheaper than in most European Union capital cities. Transportation within Warsaw City limits is very economical and a monthly ticket for all means of transportation (buses, tramways and underground system) costs around 15 EUR per month. Cost of entertainment in our City is also much more attractive than in other major European Union capitals.

Therefore, please do not hesitate and join us in Warsaw from the next semester on!
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