The University of Warsaw was founded in 1816. Today, it is the largest university and the best research centre in Poland.

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UW – facts and figures

- UW holds 1st place in national university rankings
- belongs to 3% top universities in the world according to Times Higher Education, Quacquarelli Symonds, and ARWU rankings; Shanghai’s Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2023 includes 7 disciplines at the UW, with physics and mathematics ranked highest (101–150)
- is a member of 4EU+ Alliance, which has the status of a European university granted by the European Commission
- has the status of a research university for the years 2020–2026 due to taking 1st place in the competition of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education “Initiative Excellence – Research University”
- holds the “HR Excellence in Research” distinction awarded by the European Commission.
6 future Nobel Prize winners studied at UW

- **Nobel Prize in Literature**
  - Henryk Sienkiewicz
  - Czesław Miłosz
  - Olga Tokarczuk

- **Nobel Peace Prize**
  - Menachem Begin
  - Józef Rotblat

- **Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences**
  - Leonid Hurwicz
UW Community

7,992 employees
4,054 academic teachers
1,903 doctoral candidates
36,311 students of first-, second-, and full-cycle studies
3,558 international students and doctoral candidates
1,219 postgraduate students
8,120 graduates per year
25 faculties

- Faculty of Archaeology
- Faculty of „Artes Liberales”
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Chemistry
- Faculty of Journalism, Information and Book Studies
- Faculty of Philosophy
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies
- Faculty of Geology
- Faculty of History
- Faculty of Applied Linguistics
- Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Economic Sciences
- Faculty of Culture and Arts
- Faculty of Political Science and International Studies
- Faculty of Modern Languages
- Faculty of Oriental Studies
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Polish Studies
- Faculty of Law and Administration
- Faculty of Psychology
- Faculty of Sociology
- Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Resocialisation
- Faculty of Management
First-, second-, and full-cycle studies

- programmes in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences
- programmes with elements of medical sciences and engineering
- interdisciplinary studies in the humanities and social sciences (MISH), and sciences and natural sciences (MISMaP, MSOŚ)
- 44 programmes in English
- 25 double or multiple degree programmes run jointly with foreign universities
- PEU/RPL (Confirmation of Learning Outcomes) – possible shortening of studies by passing selected subjects on the basis of knowledge and skills previously acquired at work, in courses and trainings
The UW offers the education that graduates find to be an asset on the job market – according to research, 94% of UW alumni find employment within a year after graduation.
Study programmes in English

- African Studies (second-cycle)
- American Studies (first-, second-cycle)
- Archaeology (first-, second-cycle)
- Chemistry (second-cycle)
- Cognitive Science (second-cycle)
- Data Science and Business Analytics (second-cycle)
- English Studies (second-cycle)
- English Studies – Linguistics (first-, second-cycle)
- English Studies – Literature and Culture (first-, second-cycle)
- European Politics and Economics (first-cycle)
- Finance, International Investment and Accounting (first-cycle)
- Graduate Programme in International Relations (second-cycle)
- Graduate Programme in Political Science (second-cycle)
- Graduate Programme in Teaching English to Young Learners (second-cycle)
- Humanitarian Action
- Interdisciplinary Studies on Social Change: Mediterranean and Other European Borderlands (second-cycle)
- International Business Program (second-cycle)
- International Economics (second-cycle)
- International Legal Communication (second-cycle)
- International Management and Intercultural Communication – Global MBA (second-cycle)
- International Studies in Philosophy (first-cycle)
- Machine Learning (second-cycle)
- Master in Food System
- Oriental Studies – Inner Asia: Mongolian and Tibetan Studies (second-cycle)
- Physics (second-cycle)
- Psychology (full-cycle)
- Quantitative Finance (second-cycle)
- Religions of Asia and Africa: Buddhism, Islam and Others (second-cycle)
- Sustainable Development (second-cycle)
- Undergraduate Programme in International Relations (first-cycle)
- Undergraduate Programme in Political Science (first-cycle)
Doctoral schools and postgraduate studies

- 4 doctoral schools offering education in Polish and English:
  - Doctoral School of Humanities
  - Doctoral School of Social Sciences
  - Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences
  - Interdisciplinary Doctoral School
- 105 postgraduate schools, including:
  - Executive MBA (Master of Business Administration)
  - School of Education – full-time studies for future teachers, a programme developed with Columbia University and run by the UW and the Polish-American Freedom Foundation.
Other forms of education

- Open University courses
  - approximately 300 in each of the three trimesters,
  - available to participants aged 16 and over, taught by academics
- courses and training to develop professional competences
- language courses and language certification examinations
- classes for children and adolescents.
Research university status for 2020–2026
- 4,054 academic teachers (518 professors)
- 1,903 doctoral candidates
- PLN 854.6 million subsidy from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education for maintaining teaching and research potential
- more than 1,700 national and international grants
- approximately 6–7 thousand publications per year
- 8 disciplines with the A+ category
In 2019, the University of Warsaw won the first place in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education “Initiative of Excellence – Research University”, gaining the status of a research university for 2020–2026.
Excellence Initiative – Research University

- the UW receives additional funding between 2020 and 2026
- 5 priority research areas:
  - Research for the Earth
  - At the core of micro and macro world
  - The petabyte challenge
  - Extending boundaries of the humanities
  - In search of regional solutions to global challenges
- 70 activities including programmes to support the development of employees, doctoral candidates and university students.
Sources of research fundings

- programmes of the Ministry of Education and Science (within 2022 – 238 projects)
- grants from the National Science Centre (2022 – 1047 projects)
- grants from the National Centre for Research and Development (2022 – 14 projects)
- projects financed by the Łukasiewicz Research Network PORT – Virtual Research Institute (2022 – 2 projects)
- other national sources, e.g. projects commissioned by KGHM Polska Miedź SA, OncoArandi Terapeutics SA, PKN Orlen, Metro Warszawskie, Elmiko Biosignals Sp. z o.o (2022 – 66 projects)
European Research Council Grants

- funded by the EU Framework Programmes
- 32 ERC grants were awarded to UW employees between 2007 and 2023; in total, researchers working in Poland received 73 ERC grants during this period
- UW grants in 5 categories: Starting, Consolidator, Advanced, Proof of Concept, Synergy
- algorithms, anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, chemistry, economics, physics, history, cultural studies, cryptography, linguistics, logic, sociology,
- the UW is a partner in 2 ERC-funded projects coordinated by the Polish Academy of Sciences and the University of Oxford
European Research Council Grants

Starting Grant:
- 2023 – Dr Agnieszka Brylak (Faculty of Modern Languages)
- 2023 – Prof. Piotr Skowron (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)
- 2021 – Prof. Piotr Garbacz (Faculty of Chemistry)
- 2021 – Dr Pawel Nowakowski (Faculty of History)
- 2021 – Dr Dorota Skowron (Astronomical Observatory)
- 2021 – Prof. Michał Tomza (Faculty of Physics)
- 2020 – Dr Michał Pilipczuk (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)
- 2020 – Dr Wojciech Czerwiński (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)
- 2017 – Dr Artur Obłuski (Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archeology)
- 2016 – Prof. Marcin Pilipczuk (Institute of Informatics)
- 2015 – Dr Marek Cygan (Institute of Informatics)
- 2013 – Prof. Piotr Sułkowski (Faculty of Physics)
- 2012 – Prof. Justyna Olko (Faculty of „Artes Liberales“)
- 2010 – Prof. Piotr Sankowski (Institute of Informatics)
- 2009 – Prof. Natalia Letki (Institute of Sociology)
- 2009 – Prof. Mikołaj Bojańczyk (Institute of Informatics)
- 2007 – Prof. Stefan Dziembowski (Institute of Informatics)

Consolidator Grant:
- 2023 – Prof. Ewa Szczurek (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)
- 2023 – Prof. Szymon Toruńczyk (Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics)
- 2023 – Prof. Paweł Caputa (Faculty of Physics)
- 2023 – Prof. Magdalena Wojcieszak (Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences)
- 2022 – Prof. Artur Obluski, director of PCMA UW
- 2021 – Prof. Marta Bucholc, (Faculty of Sociology)
- 2020 – Prof. Justyna Olko (Faculty of „Artes Liberales“)
- 2019 – Prof. Anna Matysiak (Faculty of Economic Sciences)
- 2017 – Prof. Piotr Sankowski (Institute of Informatics)
- 2015 – Prof. Katarzyna Marciniak (Faculty of „Artes Liberales“)
- 2015 – Prof. Mikołaj Bojańczyk (Institute of Informatics)

Proof of Concept Grant:
- 2023 – Prof. Katarzyna Marciniak (Faculty of „Artes Liberales“)
- 2015 – Prof. Piotr Sankowski (Institute of Informatics)

Advanced Grant:
- 2019 – Prof. Stefan Dziembowski (Institute of Informatics)
- 2009 – Prof. Andrzej Udalski (Astronomical Observatory)
International research programmes

- UW researchers participate in 4 EU communities of the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)
  - EIT Food – Knowledge and Innovation Community in the area of food
  - EIT Climate – Knowledge and Innovation Community on climate change
  - EIT Raw Materials – Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the area of raw materials
  - EIT Health/EIT Health InnoStars – Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) in the area of innovation in medicine and healthcare
- the UW hosts the Center for Quantum Optical Technologies (QOT) International Research Agenda, established in collaboration with the University of Oxford
The UW implements university-wide programmes for development:

- Multi-year programme "University of Warsaw 2016–2027"
- The University's Integrated Development Programme – ZIP (2018–2022)
Multi-year programme

- investments that serve to create the right conditions for the University's development

- Programme objectives:
  - developing research in humanities and social sciences, strengthening interdepartmental cooperation, conducting interdisciplinary projects
  - developing mobility
  - supporting initiatives that take into account cooperation with social and economic environment
  - creating the centre for popularisation of science, training, expertise, and lifelong learning

- budget: PLN 970 million
ZIP programme

- Programme objectives
  - improving the quality of teaching
  - enriching the offer of doctoral education
  - developing competences of students and employees
  - modernising management
- new fields of study, scholarships for trips abroad, training and summer schools, developing University's IT systems
- budget: PLN 38 mln from the Operational Programme Knowledge Education Development (EFS)
International cooperation

- more than 1,000 national and international partners
- more than 350 partners cooperating with the UW under direct cooperation agreements
- approx. 600 universities cooperating with the UW within the Erasmus+ programme
- nearly 90 international scientific societies and networks, including the UW as a member
- membership of the 4EU+ Alliance, which has the status of a European university
In June 2019, the 4EU+ Alliance was awarded a European University status in the European Commission's “European Universities” competition for 2019–2022.

On 27th July 2022, One Comprehensive Research European University (1CORE), a project of the 4EU+ Alliance, was granted funds in the “European Universities” competition organised by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme.

The Alliance’s objectives:

- Increasing the mobility of researchers, students, and administrative employees.
- Establishing a common framework for education.
- Deepening the integration of European higher education and its sustainability.
Flagship programmes of 4EU+

- Health and democratic change in urban environment
- Europe in a changing world: understanding and engaging societies, economies, cultures and languages
- Data – Models – Transformations
- Environmental transitions
Outreach

- UWRC sp. z o.o. – a special purpose vehicle supporting the UW and its employees in the commercialisation of the results of scientific work; 30 spin-off companies have been created with the UWRC’s participation.

- Expert centres and laboratories offering services to external institutions and companies: Biological and Chemical Research Centre, Center for Forensic Sciences, Centre for Political Analysis.

- Centre for Dialogue and Cooperation – a platform for cooperation and communication between the University and the socio-economic environment.

- UW Incubator – supports students, doctoral candidates, employees, and graduates in commencing their business activities.