

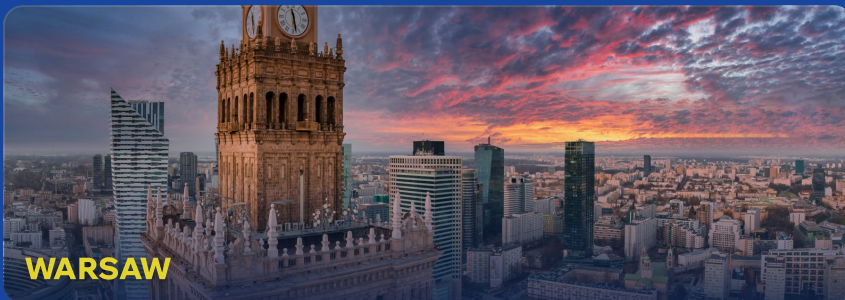
An aerial photograph of a city skyline at dusk, featuring various skyscrapers and modern buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "STUDENT GUIDE TO POLAND" is prominently displayed in the center-left area.

STUDENT GUIDE TO **POLAND**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT POLAND

- Poland has **16 voivodeships**, with **Warsaw** as the capital and largest city.
- Home to around **37 million people** and one of the EU's **fastest-growing economies**.
- A rising hub for **IT, engineering and medical education** at low cost.
- **Polish** is the official language; a wide range of **English-taught** programmes is available.
- The **Polish złoty (PLN)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:

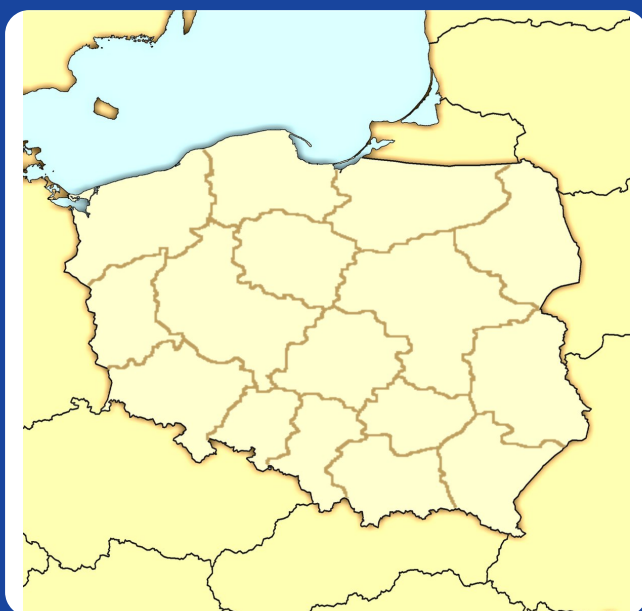


INDIA TO POLAND

CURRENCY

Polish złoty (PLN) · 1 PLN ≈ ₹22 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 00m	Poland
Mumbai	≈ 9h 00m	Poland
Bengaluru	≈ 10h 30m	Poland
Chennai	≈ 10h 45m	Poland
Hyderabad	≈ 10h 00m	Poland



FACTS

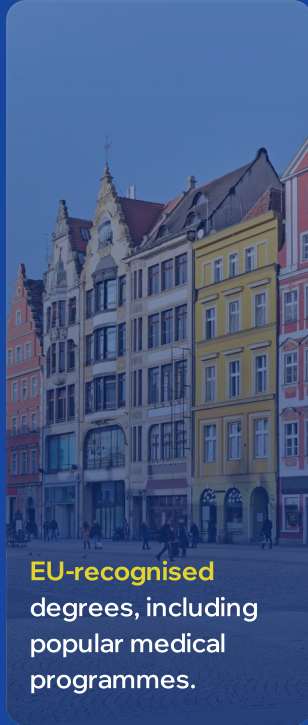
- Capital: **Warsaw**
- Flight distance: ~5,700 km
- Time zone: **CET (UTC+1)**
- Tuition: **PLN 8,000–17,000 / yr**
- Proof of funds: ~**PLN 12,800 / yr**
- Main intakes: **Oct · Feb**

Roughly €1 ≈ PLN 4.3. Medical programmes cost more. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN POLAND?



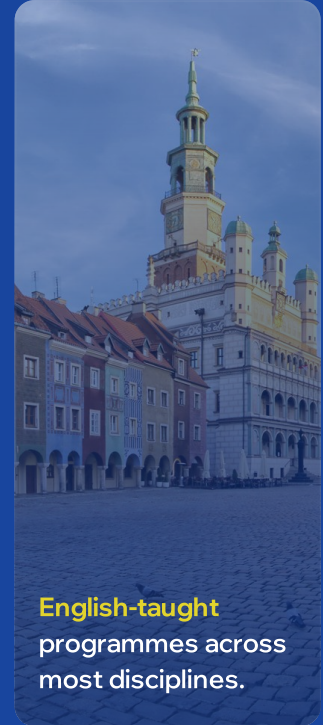
Low tuition and one of Europe's lowest costs of living.



EU-recognised degrees, including popular medical programmes.



A fast-growing hub for **IT, engineering and business**.



English-taught programmes across most disciplines.



Poland offers **affordable, EU-recognised education** in the heart of central Europe.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Poland has around **450+ higher-education institutions**, public and private.
- They fall into three broad groups:



PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Broad, low-cost degree programmes across all disciplines.



UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY

Engineering, IT and applied sciences (Politechnika institutions).



MEDICAL & SPECIALISED

Medical universities and specialised academies, popular for MBBS.



Modern campuses across **historic and student-friendly cities**.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Poland hosts several **respected, EU-recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based**, with entrance exams for medical programmes.

University of Warsaw

WARSAW

Poland's largest university — strong across sciences and humanities.

Jagiellonian University

KRAKÓW · EST. 1364

One of Europe's oldest universities; medicine and research.

Warsaw University of Technology

WARSAW

Engineering, IT and technology — a leading technical school.

AGH University of Kraków

KRAKÓW

Engineering, computing and applied sciences.

University of Wrocław

WROCŁAW

Sciences, law and the humanities.

Adam Mickiewicz University

POZNAŃ

Broad research strength and international programmes.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Poland is especially popular for fields offering **strong value and global recognition**.



MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

English-taught MD/MBBS and dentistry, popular with Indian students.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & IT

A booming tech sector with strong graduate demand.



ENGINEERING

Mechanical, civil, automotive and aerospace engineering.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Affordable, EU-recognised business and management degrees.



BIOTECHNOLOGY

Life sciences, biotech and pharmaceutical research.



AVIATION & TRANSPORT

Aviation, logistics and transport engineering.

TUITION & COSTS

- Tuition and living costs in Poland are among the **lowest in the EU**.

Bachelor's & Master's
most programmes, per year

PLN 8,000–17,000

Engineering & IT
per year

PLN 12,000–20,000

Medicine (MD / MBBS)
per year

PLN 40,000–65,000

Approx. in euros

€2,000–4,000 / yr*

Proof of funds for visa

~PLN 12,800 / yr

***Non-medical programmes** — medical degrees cost more, but remain competitive versus other destinations.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **PLN 2,500–3,500 per month** (~€550–750).

Accommodation dormitory or shared flat	PLN 1,000–1,800
Food & groceries	PLN 700–1,000
Transport student passes	PLN 50–100
Health insurance	~PLN 200
Phone, internet & leisure	PLN 300–500
Estimated monthly total	~PLN 3,000

Figures indicative for 2026 — Warsaw and Kraków are costlier than smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships help offset already-low costs.

NAWA Scholarships

GOVERNMENT

Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange — awards for international students.

Poland My First Choice

NAWA PROGRAMME

Support for top international candidates at Polish universities.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Mobility and exchange grants for eligible study periods.

University Merit Awards

INSTITUTIONAL

Tuition discounts and scholarships offered directly by universities.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL for English-taught courses.
- Medical programmes require an **entrance exam** and science subjects.
- Polish proficiency only for Polish-taught programmes.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** / TOEFL; some programmes require GRE/GMAT.
- Relevant academic background for the chosen field.
- Polish proficiency for Polish-taught master's.

INTAKES

- **October** — main intake · apply roughly Feb–Jul
- **February** — limited courses · earlier deadlines
- Apply directly to universities or via their online portals.

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

ADMISSION LETTER

Secure your acceptance from a Polish university.

2

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show around PLN 12,800 for the year to cover living costs.

3

HEALTH INSURANCE

Arrange valid health cover for your stay.

4

APPLY VIA VFS

Submit your national (Type D) long-stay student visa application.

5

ACCOMMODATION PROOF

Provide confirmation of where you will stay in Poland.

6

RESIDENCE CARD

Apply for a temporary residence card after arrival for longer stays.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- From **July 2026**, students can work **without a permit** only if their university is on the government's approved list — otherwise a work permit is required.

Post-Study Permit

AFTER GRADUATION

A temporary residence permit (about 9 months) to look for work.

Work Permit Route

SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

Convert to a work permit once you have a qualifying job offer.

EU Access

MOBILITY

A Polish qualification is recognised across the European market.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

IT, engineering, healthcare and manufacturing.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and programmes matching your profile and intake.

2

LANGUAGE & DOCUMENTS

Complete IELTS/TOEFL, transcripts, SOP, LORs and CV.

3

APPLY

Submit applications directly to universities; sit any entrance exams.

4

ADMISSION & FUNDS

Accept your offer and arrange proof of financial means.

5

VISA

Apply for your long-stay student visa with your documents.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange accommodation and prepare for your move to Poland.



Your Polish study journey — one step at a time.