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Science and education



Educational potential of the city

<https://lublin.eu/en/science-and-education/educational-potential-of-the-city/>**Academic Lublin in numbers:**

- more than **60 000 students** (about 18% of the city's population)
- **9 higher education institutions**, including 5 public and 4 private universities
- over **200 study programs** at public and private universities
- **more than 6 700 international students** from over 106 countries
- nearly 15 000 graduates each year.

Lublin is one of 8 main academic centers in Poland, currently the largest one in the eastern part of the country. It is the seat of 5 public universities: the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, the University of Life Sciences, the Lublin University of Technology and the Medical University of Lublin. There are also 4 non-public schools of higher education: the University College of Enterprise and Administration, the University of Economics and Innovation, the College for Social Sciences and the Vincent Pol University in Lublin.

Total number of students in the academic year 2019/2020

Public universities	Total number of students in the academic year 2019/2020
Maria Curie-Skłodowska University	more than 19 000
John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin	nearly 9 000
Lublin University of Technology	nearly 8 000
University of Life Sciences	more than 7 000
Medical University of Lublin	more than 7 000
private universities	
University of Economics and Innovation	more than 6 000
Vincent Pol University in Lublin	more than 1 800
University College of Enterprise and Administration	more than 1 800
College for Social Sciences	around 700

Source: In-house study based on data provided by the Statistical Office in Lublin, 31 XII 2019

Owing to the comfort of living in the city and a high standard of education, students readily choose Lublin. Universities annually expand and modernize their infrastructure and research facilities, supports the scientific and non-scientific activity of students and undertake activities aimed at graduates. Despite a student decline tendency in the country, resulting mainly from the population decrease, the number of students in Lublin has remained at a similar level. In Lublin, there are above 60 000 students in total, including over 6.7. thousand international students and 500 Erasmus+ students.

Academic Lublin - number of students and international students in the academic years 2010/2011 - 2019/2020

academic year	total	of whom foreigners	percentage of foreigners
2019/20	60 315	6 707	11,12%
2018/19	60 988	6 352	10,42%
2017/18	62 977	6 272	9,96%
2016/17	64 330	6 172	9,59%
2015/16	67 315	5 662	8,41%
2014/15	69 658	4 474	6,42%

2013/14	71 913	3 082	4,29%
2012/13	77 173	2 385	3,09%
2011/12	80 839	1 764	2,18%
2010/11	84 221	1 432	1,7%

Source: In-house study based on data provided by Local Data Bank GUS, 2020.

Presence and high scores in both national and international rankings demonstrate a well-established position of Lublin's universities in the scientific environment (Webometrics Ranking of World Universities, e.g.). In Ranking of Universities 2020 organized by "Perspektywy," universities of Lublin took the following positions:

- Medical University of Lublin (15)
- John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (45)
- Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (34)
- Lublin University of Technology (31)
- University of Life Sciences (34)

Simultaneously, according to the category of innovation, the Lublin University of Technology took first place. The Medical University of Lublin was 9th in the internalization category, and the University of Life Sciences in Lublin was 13th in the scientific effectiveness category.

Advantages of Lublin universities:

- comprehensive and expanding didactic and scientific offer (variety of fields of study: from technical and natural sciences to humanities and arts),
- The teaching staff of the universities is highly qualified and valued. Researchers are committed to developing future scientists and help them to promote their achievements,
- opportunity to conduct research work in trans-disciplinary teams led by experts and in cooperation with esteemed national and foreign centers,
- comfortable location of the universities in the city center and within the main communication routes (there is a bus stop near the building of each university),
- an expanded and upgraded infrastructure, owing to which knowledge is acquired in a comfortable environment and with the use of high-quality, specialized equipment, software, and other research facilities,
- well-equipped amenities,
- extensive and continuously growing library collections.

In support of students' multidirectional development, the higher education institutions provide them with opportunities to participate in exciting events and initiatives of both academic and non-academic nature. What attracts young people to Lublin's high education institutions is the unique educational climate, valued academic staff, and the diversity of study fields: from technology and life sciences to medicine, the humanities, and arts.

Popular study programs in Lublin include law, engineering-technical, and economy-related courses. Medical courses are also willingly chosen by students in Lublin.

Number of Students in Lublin by main fields of study in the academic year 2019/2020

Main fields of study in the academic year 2019/2020	Total number of students	Of whom foreigners International students

Tourism and Recreation (of whom Cultural and Historic Tourism)	1 095	520
Civil Engineering	1 043	52
Veterinary Medicine	1 010	17
Physiotherapy	1 229	133
Philology (English, Germanic, Classics, Netherlandish, Polish, Romance, Slavonic)	1 368	104
Economics	1 540	253
Administration, Public Administration	1 666	63
Finance and Accounting	1 915	51
Transport, Logistics	2 260	268
Psychology	2 303	108
Management	2 731	479
Pedagogy	2 336	20
Internal Security, National Security	2 589	40
Medicine, Dental Medicine	3 884	1 335
Nursing	2 832	260
Computer Science, Geoinformatics	3 458	551
Law (of whom Canon Law, European Union Law, Business and Law, Administration and Law)	4 083	119

Source: In-house study based on data provided by higher education institutions in Lublin, 2020.

Number of International Students studying in Lublin by country of origin in the academic year 2019/2020

Source: In-house study based on data provided by POL-on, 2020

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Depending on the school, students have different exchange opportunities. The countries involved in the partnership programs of all the Lublin-based higher education institutions are Algeria, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Indonesia, Latvia, Moldova, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, USA.

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In times of dynamically changing needs of the labor market, education must be a multidisciplinary process. One of the critical features of graduates of schools of higher learning expected by employers is foreign language competence. Increasingly often, the knowledge of two or even more foreign languages is required.

Lublin's leading schools of higher education are aware of this and are continuously expanding the range of the foreign language taught. There are now 4 to 8 different languages to choose from, with two obligatory at most universities and colleges in Lublin (only the College for Social Sciences, the University of Vincent Pol, the Medical University, and the University of Technology requiring one language). In addition to modern languages, KUL requires Greek and Latin. UMCS offers courses in Norwegian, Chinese, Portuguese, Ukrainian, and Bulgarian. English prevails at private institutions, with Spanish, German, or Russian available as options.

In addition to foreign language courses, languages can be learned in dedicated fields of study. A high standard of education in those fields is noteworthy. Each year many students in Lublin major in foreign languages. These are mainly English, German, French and Russian, but less popular languages, such as Dutch, Bulgarian or Chinese, have been attracted increasing interest. PhD programs

All universities in Lublin offers full-time and part-time third-cycle studies. The offer of the Lublin academic centre currently includes more than 40 fields of study, the most popular of which are: humanities, veterinary, medical, law, technical, and those related to economy, business and the IT sector. Postgraduate programs

As an intense academic center, Lublin is also a place where education can be continued in postgraduate courses. The most significant interest are recorded in the fields categorized under the Pedagogical, Teaching, and Medical subgroups.

It is worth noting that postgraduate studies programs enable acquiring specific competencies and additional qualifications. This form of lifelong learning is perceived as the most flexible due to its potential for adjusting to the current needs of the labor market.

STAFF POTENTIAL

The academic staff potential largely determines the quality of education. Lublin is an educational centre with scientific research staff representing a high standard. Their discoveries are not only known but also developed and employed by other scientists in Poland and abroad. Representatives of academic staff in Lublin may boast high scientific expertise and reputation. What is also of great importance is that they are widely known and appreciated by students as academics. According to young people, the staff at universities in Lublin is friendly and encouraging students to meet new challenges and to follow the scientific path.

SCIENCE AND BUSINESS

Scientific research as well as consulting and expert activities are connected mainly with the needs of the region, and they are mostly of a general, universal nature. As a result, scientific publications, patents and protective rights are created. Many research teams closely cooperate with foreign and domestic centres (under bilateral agreements in many cases).

Universities actively support local industry innovations based on their scientific research potential. Successful cooperation between Lublin scientists and regional companies and the possibility to apply the results of their joint research in production determines the growth rate of sectors such as biotechnology, pharmacy, information technologies or advanced services.