

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (PL LUBLIN02)
Practical information for incoming Erasmus students - academic year 2013/2014

Academic year	Winter semester: 1 October 2013 – 30 January 2014 (Exams: 31 January 2014 – 13 February 2014) Summer semester: 17 February 2014 – 10 June 2014 (Exams: 11 – 26 June 2014)		
Application deadlines	15 July (for autumn semester or the whole academic year) and 30 November (for spring semester)		
Course catalogue	www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng		
Required language skills	Students who wish to attend courses in English or other foreign languages (in the case of foreign philology programmes) are required to have at least a B1 level of English/a given foreign language (except for English Studies programme - at least B2). Knowledge of Polish is not required (except for Polish Studies programme – B1).		
Polish language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course organized by our university: Polish language course: 60 hours per semester (2 levels – beginner and intermediate offered each semester). It is free of charge for Erasmus students; after passing the final exam, student can gain 4 ECTS • EILC course: http://www.erasmus.org.pl/eilc-poland 		
Orientation Day	Orientation Day is organized by the Erasmus Office at the beginning of each semester. It is desirable that all Erasmus students be present at the meeting, at which they will obtain all the necessary information concerning their study period in Lublin.		
Erasmus academic coordinators	http://www.kul.pl/art_830		
Grading system	Local grade	ECTS grade	Local definition
	5	A	very good
	4+	B	better than good
	4	C	good
	3+	D	better than satisfactory
	3	E	satisfactory
	2	FX/F	unsatisfactory (fail)
Housing	<p>In order to receive assistance with accommodation, you should contact our Erasmus Office as soon as possible. Any requests concerning accommodation reported after 20th of May (for the first semester or the whole year) and after 30th November (for the second semester) might not be met due to a limited number of vacancies. In case you have problems with finding accommodation, your 'guardian angel' will provide you with necessary information and help you find a suitable place to stay.</p> <p>University dormitories – The number of places is limited. There are only double or triple rooms. The code of conduct is rather strict (e.g. the exit is closed at 11 p.m., no overnight visits are allowed). It is possible to have the Internet connection in the room. The dormitory is located around 15 minutes by bus from the city centre, near the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and KUL's Sports Centre. The price is around 95 EUR per month. Please contact our Erasmus Office as soon as possible to have your room booked.</p>		

	<p>Important! In case you decide to stay in the private dormitory and then resign, you will be charged for three following months (approx. 1000PLN)</p> <p>Private dormitories - There are single rooms only. The bathrooms and kitchens are shared by 4 -6 persons. There is also Internet access. The price is approx. 150 EUR per month. If you come for the first semester or the whole academic year, you have to pay a fee for holidays (approx. 160 EUR) to have your room booked. This place is really popular with students, so it is quite hard to get a place there. In mid-June the dormitory is fully booked! Please contact the Erasmus Office in May (summer semester) and in November (summer semester) in order to receive assistance in booking a room. The number of places is limited.</p> <p>Private flats - There is also a possibility of renting a room or a flat in different parts of the city. The prices range from 100 EUR to 250 EUR per month depending on the standard, location and distance from the university. We can provide you with a list of some available rooms with prices, photos, conditions, etc. but our university assumes no responsibility for privately arranged accommodations. If you want to find private accommodation, your guardian angel will help you to look for it.</p> <p>There are more and more students every year in Lublin, so it is strongly advised to come some time in advance in order to find a suitable place.</p> <p>If you need a temporary accommodation, contact the Erasmus Office and you will receive addresses of cheap hostels and hotels.</p>
Cost of living	<p>It is difficult to give a precise estimate of how much money you will need, partly because much depends on your own circumstances and lifestyle. The following suggestions may be helpful:</p> <p>Accommodation: approx.80-200 EUR (per month)</p> <p>Food: approx.70-150 EUR (per month)</p> <p>Local transport: approx. 15 EUR (per month)</p>
Visa	<p>EU citizens can enter Poland with your ID document (a valid travel document e.g. passport, or another document certifying your identity and citizenship). Students from Turkey will need a visa and a passport (please contact your consulate/embassy).</p>
Insurance	<p>Each student is required to have a health insurance policy (e.g. European Health Insurance Card - EHIC) and accident insurance for the entire duration of your stay in Poland.</p>
Disabled students	<p>Our university has the infrastructure to welcome students with disabilities (physically disabled, blind and visually impaired regardless of the subject area; in the case of deaf and hearing impaired we can offer support only in Polish sign language). Incoming students with disabilities are advised to apply for additional financial support within the Erasmus + programme at their home university and to contact our university well in advance (as soon as they are selected) in order to arrange the necessary details</p>
'Guardian angels' / buddy students	<p>Every Erasmus student is assigned their personal 'guardian angel', a Polish student, usually ex-Erasmus, who is to help solve any practical problems before arrival and during the stay in Lublin. Moreover, 'guardian angels' help Erasmus students to integrate into the new environment.</p>
More information for incoming students	<p>www.kul.pl/Erasmus.eng</p>
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