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Welcome to the University of Finance and Management in Białystok!

Are you interested in other cultures? Would you like to find out who Slavs are? Would you like to see sights full of nature which cannot be find anywhere in Europe? Visit the very middle of Europe – POLAND. But if you wish to feel something extremely unique, come to its north-east part: BIAŁYSTOK. It is a place where different ethnic and religious groups have coexisted for centuries. Slavs, Balts, Germans, Jews, and Tartars have created the unique atmosphere of this region over the years.

We are sure that you will enjoy your stay in Białystok, we can assure you that you will have the best experience of your life.

Hope to see you soon, we are waiting for you!!!!
I. About Poland

Poland is a country of over one thousand-year tradition. Beautiful, splendid and historic places, kind and friendly Poles give you the feeling that Poland has its own atmosphere you would not be able to feel in any other part of the world.

Poland is a country in central Europe with capital in Warsaw, and its total area of 312 685 km$^2$. Poland borders with: Russia (Kaliningrad District) (210 km), Lithuania (103 km), Byelorussia (416 km), Ukraine (529 km), Slovakia (539 km), Czech Republic (790 km), Germany (467 km). The total length of its borders is 3582 km-among which 528 km is the Baltic Sea shoreline.

The population of Poland estimates over 38.6 mln people. Polish is an official language of Poland. Most citizens can easily speak English. German is mainly spoken in western part of the country, as well as Russian in the eastern one.

Poland is mostly lowland. Despite the majority of lowland Polish landscape is very varied. Poland is famous for its lakes (there are over 9300 of them) and rivers (main rivers of Poland are Vistula (Wisla) and Odra). Around 30% of the land area is covered by Pine, Beech and Birch forests while patches of tundra are found along the Baltic Sea coast and steppe covers the Polish Plateau.

The most important cities in Poland, apart from Warsaw, are: Gdańsk, Katowice, Kraków, Lublin, Wrocław, Łódź, Poznań, Szczecin, Toruń (where Nicolaus Copernicus was born), Zakopane (in the Tatra Mountains).

For more information about Poland:
- www.poland.pl

Climate

Poland has a temperate climate, similar to the rest of the continental zone, so we have the four seasons. January is usually the coldest month (-15ºC/+5ºC), July - the hottest (+22ºC/+30ºC). Don’t expect extreme temperatures, but be sure to bring a full array of clothing for all seasons. This climate allows us to practice any kind of activities during the different seasons of the year, from skiing to go to swim to the Baltic sea during summer.

Activities

In winter:
- Skiing - mostly in the Carpathians (Zakopane at the foot of the Tatra Mountains, Szczyrk in the Beskid Slaski, Szklarska Poreba in Karkonosze)
• Iceboats - especially in Masurian Lake District where various championships are held

In summer:
• Hiking - most popular in Polish mountains. Experienced alpinists can visit the beautiful Tatra Mountains (highest pick Rysy, 2499 m.). The Pieniny, the Bieszczady or the Karkonosze are great for less experience hikers.
• Canoeing - Mazury Lake District offers some of the best kayaking in the country - almost untouched by civilization Krutynia and Czarna Hancza are real paradise for kayak-lovers.
• Sailing - mostly on the Masurian lakes – most famous resorts are Gisycko, Mikolajki, Ruciane Nida. Sailors are also fond of picturesque Kaszubian lakes or Jeziorak lake near Ilawa
• Caves - mostly in the uplands near Krakow and in the Tatra Mountains

Money
Poland’s official currency is the Zloty (PLN) divided into 100 Groszy. You can exchange money either in banks or in private exchange offices. The rates differ a bit. At the beginning of this year an exchange rate of Euro was about 4.00 PLN for 1.00 Euro. Most banks charge no commission for cashing traveller’s cheques. You can as well find cash machines (called “Bankomat”) all over the country. Their service fees can be up to 3%. Credit cards, especially the better known ones, such as American Express, MasterCard, EuroCard, Visa, Maestro, etc., are accepted in an increasing number of places. Look for their stickers in the shop windows. More and more foreign banks have offices in Poland, so you just might find your favourite bank here. Check at home, before leaving. On Sundays all banks are closed.

Time
Poland lies in the Central-European time zone (CET). Daylight Saving Time lasts from the end of March to the end of October. The full 24 hour clock is generally used (though rarely in speech) – so 9 p.m. is usually referred to as 21:00.

Police and emergency facilites
Police wear navy blue uniforms, their cars are navy blue and white. You might see some mounted-police on special festive occasions. Policemen have the right to ask for some sort of ID. If they are not in uniform, you should ask for theirs as well.

In case of emergency dial (free call from pay phones):
999 – Ambulance
998 – Fire Department
997 – Police
Using mobile phone you can dial: 112 – International Alert Phone

Getting To Poland

The main airline in Poland is [LOT Polish Airlines](https://www.lot.com). There are direct flights to Warsaw from major European destinations, as well as from US cities (e.g. New York, Chicago). It is also possible to get directly to Gdansk, Krakow, Katowice, Poznan, Wroclaw. For more information you can take a look in www.lot.com

You can also reach Poland by train or by bus, they run from the most important European cities to Warsaw or almost to any city in Poland. The main train company in Poland is PKP ([www.pkp.pl](https://www.pkp.pl)), and to find information about buses (PKS) you can check [www.rozkladpks.pl](http://www.rozkladpks.pl).

Another way for getting to Poland is by sea, specially if you are coming from Scandinavia (Sweden, Norway, Denmark) to the main Polish ports: Gdansk, Gdynia and Swinoujscie (most services have car-freighting facilities).

Getting around Poland

- trains are most popular and relatively cheap means of transport
- buses - public and private transport available
- car - driving in Poland might be tedious and time consuming due to poor quality of roads and lack of highways
- planes - destinations within Poland include: Warsaw, Gdansk, Krakow, Poznan, Katowice, Wroclaw
- cycling - advised especially in quiet rural Poland; urban areas are bike-unfriendly with few cycle paths

Once you get your student card from our University, you’ll have student discount!!
II. About Białystok

The history of Białystok is several centuries old. It is a city of a cultural borderland, therefore it is exceptionally picturesque, diverse and somewhat mysterious. Back then in the past it was the same as it is today. The specific character of Białystok has been shaped in an atmosphere within many nationalities, religions, cultures, customs and traditions have been able to co-exists. The city has always been the home of Poles, Belarusians, Jews, Lithuanians, Germans, and Tatars, what was one of reason for Ludwik Zamenhoff to create the universal world language – Esperanto.

Białystok is the biggest city of the north-east Poland. It is also the capital of the province called the Podlaskie Voivodship. The present population of Białystok is almost 300 thousand inhabitants. It is the administrative, economic, scientific and cultural centre of this part of the country which is called the Green Lungs of Poland owing to extraordinary treasure of its natural environment.

Many people treats Białystok as a base from where can explore the wilderness of the Białowieska Primeval Forest, the marshes of the Biebrza river valley, the many charming towns and villages and quiet spots of the region of Podlasie.

The distance from Warsaw to Białystok is only 188 km, while only 54 km separates Białystok from the border with Belarus. The city’s close location to the neighbouring states of Belarus, Lithuania and Russia, together with the convenient motor and railroad links, make this place an ideal one for the development of economic and cultural contacts with the countries of both Western and Eastern Europe.

For further information about Białystok, see:
- www.city.bialystok.pl
- www.um.bialystok.pl

Getting to Białystok

To go to Białystok from Warsaw Airport (Lotnisko Okęcie) you either take bus or train, but we rather recommend you to take the train, because timetables are more flexible and trains depart quite often to Białystok. To go from the airport to the main train station in Warsaw (Warszawa Centralna), you can take taxi or go by bus. Taxis in Warsaw are very expensive, so the best option is taking bus. You can take bus number 175. The journey to Białystok takes more or less 2 and a half hours.
City life

Białystok is the seat of many cultural institutions, associations of culture promotion and artist unions. The local philharmonic plays host to many outstanding performers from Poland and abroad. Festivals, such as the Modern Arts Day, Autumn with the Blues or the Cathedral Organ Concerts are notable events in the life of the city. The courtyard of the old town hall is the place of summer performances of actors, folk bands and other musicians playing various types of music, from the blues to classical. The Theatre’s repertoire includes plays for adult viewers as well. The “Arsenal” city gallery, presenting modern art, including performance art and fine art, events promotes professional artistic creations.

Shopping is easy in Białystok. The town center is a place of many boutiques and large stores offering national and international brands. There are also several hypermarkets, like for example “Auchan” and “Makro”. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Other cultural institutions are:

- Cinemas; there are four in Białystok: “Pokój”, “Ton”, “Syrena” and “Forum” presenting films from all over the world.
- Some Museums are: the National Museum in Białystok – Ratusz, the Sculpture Museum of Alfons Karny, the History Museum, the Military Museum. There are also interesting museums around Białystok, for example: in Tykocin, in Bielsk Podlaski, in Choroszcz, in Supraśl,
- Bars, pubs, discos: Białystok has a wide variety of pubs and cafes, with any kind of styles and they serve all kind of beverages. The standard price of a beer is about 5 zloty. Most of the pubs are located in the centre of the city.

City transport

The city transportation network in Białystok is well developed. The buses are known for their punctuality. Tickets can be purchased in all newstands and kiosks. There are many taxi companies in the city, and taxi fees are rather cheap. Some taxi telephone numbers are: 744 44 44, 9626, among others.

Sports and leisure

Białystok is a very green city, with many parks (including a zoo), forests and squares. Due to the lack of heavy industry, the air is clean and walking through the streets is a real pleasure. If you like sports, you can find in Białystok tennis courts, a lot of fitness clubs and gyms, horseback riding clubs, ice skating rink, swimming pools, etc.
III. The University of Finance and Management in Białystok

East European Institute of Economy (WIG) founded the University of Finance and Management in Białystok (WSzFiZ) on 17th August 1993. The University has been entered, by the decision of the Ministry of National Education, into the Register of Non-public Higher Educational Institution in Poland with the 23rd position and is supervised by the Minister of National Education.

The University has a highly qualified academic staff. It employs 200 lecturers in total and that number includes 75 professors and more than 60 doctors work fulltime. And it counts with over 7000 students.

At the University of Finance and Management in Białystok the teaching programmes and organisational structure are based on that of leading Western business schools, with particular attention given to the needs of the Polish economy, especially management, marketing, finance, banking, accounting, computer science, and space management. The programme consists of formal teaching of a self-study. The basic methods and forms of teaching include lectures, exercise classes, seminars, discussions, language laboratories, computer laboratories, management workshops, decision games and simulations, students practical placements, academic camps and student exchanges in co-operation with foreign universities.

All student receive a transcript in English of their academic record for the courses taken in the University of Finance and Management in Białystok. The transcript lists courses either in the Polish or the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Examination assessments in Polish are based on the 4 – point scale:

Marks:
- 5,0 – Is given for the independent and excellent performance
- 4,5 – Is given for the excellent but not particularly independent performance
- 4,0 – Is given for the good performance, a little above average
- 3,5 – Is given for the mediocre performance, slightly below average
- 3,0 – Is given for the just acceptable performance
- 2,0 – Is given for the completely unacceptable performance

Some courses may only be assessed as Passed / Not Passed, with no further grading. Examinations, projects, tests etc. are considered passed, if the student earns a “Pass” or a mark of at least 3,0.

The ECTS grading is to help institutions interpret the grades awarded to ECTS students and facilitate the comparison of results form one country to another.
The ECTS grading scale in the descending order

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<td>Excellent</td>
<td>– outstanding performance with only minor errors</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Very good</td>
<td>– above the average standard but with some errors</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>– generally sound work with a number of errors</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Satisfactory</td>
<td>– fair but with significant shortcomings</td>
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<td>Sufficient</td>
<td>– performance meets the minimum criteria</td>
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<td>FX</td>
<td>Fail</td>
<td>– some more work required before the credit can be awarded</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Fail</td>
<td>– considerable further work is required</td>
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ECTS - grading scale is equivalent with the grading scale of the University of Finance and Management in Białystok as shown below:

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To meet the minimum, a student normally has to obtain 51 per cent of the points in a written examination.

Every incoming international student have their own tutor. The tutor is Polish student and may be giving guidance to more than one international student. A tutor helps you to find your department, to open a bank account for you, to find your accommodation.

There are 7 faculties at the University of Finance and Management in Białystok:

- Management and Marketing,
- Finance and Computer Science,
- Space Planning,
- Foreign Languages,
- Management and Marketing in Elk,
- Engineering in Elk,
- Foreign Languages in Elk.

Each faculty is headed by a dean, who is in charge of chairs.
# University Courses

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## 2. Faculty of Finance and Computer Science

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## 3. Faculty of Space Planning

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| Dean:            | prof. Jerzy Pawel Gieorgica |
| Dean office:     | tel./fax: +48-85-6755467  |
|                  | Ciepła 40, 15-472 Białystok, building F |

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## 6. Faculty of Engineering in Elk

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The University also offers post-graduate courses in:

- Accounting and Finance
- Stock Exchange and Capital Market Investments
- Management
- Health Care System Management
- Logistics Management
- Banking
- Corporate Finance Management
- EU Funds and Projects Management
- Organisation and Management of the Education System
- Space Planning
- Economic Computer Science
- Internal Audit in Budget Units
- Eastern Markets
- Capital Market Investments
Why to Choose the University of Finance and Management in Bialystok?

Olga Maksimova
Byelorussian State Economic University in Minsk

It is good when students of other nations get the opportunity to study together and see how people live abroad. It broadens their horizons and gives them more tolerance and understanding. I’ve got much while studying in the University of Finance and Management in Bialystok. The professors were always eager to help. At the lectures we could discuss different topics and make case studies, which usually were interesting. Polish students are open and sociable, that’s why I didn’t feel lonely here. I easily made new friends, with whom I want to keep in touch. Living in Poland and studying in the University of Finance and Management in Bialystok is nice experience in student’s life.

Come and check it!

Rector and foreign students meeting, June 2001

Heidi Tapanainen
Tampere University, Finland

I studied as an exchange student in the University of Finance and Management in Bialystok in the spring semester 2001. I had never before been in Poland but the personnel of the International Office and my tutor made me feel like at home right in the beginning of my stay in Bialystok. The courses in the International Program were interesting and lecturers were very sensible to the exchange students. The most part of my spare time I spent travelling around Poland with my Spanish, Belorusian and Polish colleagues.

Studying as an exchange student in Bialystok was one the best decisions in my life and I hope that every student could come have here a chance to have as unforgettable experience as I had.

We had a great time in Bialystok
Heidi Tapanainen, Olga Makimova, Olga Birilo, Jose Manuel Casado Cuyas, Luis Fernando Garcia Diaz
IV. Studying at the University of Finance and Management in Białystok

The University of Finance and Management owns the buildings located on a single plot, housing over 100 teaching rooms, computer labs, sports halls, chairs and departments, a library with a large reading room, a book shop, a cafe and a restaurant, its own hotel, and the administrative premises of four faculties. Recently a well equipped modern edifice with two spacious halls has been added to this list. All the buildings are designed to fully satisfy the University’s teaching staff and academic needs as well as host important ceremonies at the regional level and beyond.

The library

The Library and reading room of the University of Finance and Management in Białystok are a facility serving the needs of higher education in the areas of management, macro- and microeconomics, finance, banking accounting, marketing and economic law. Additionally, it is possible to have access to other fields such as psychology, sociology, ethics, operational research, statistics, among others.

The whole collection numbers over 45,000 volumes. The library also has around 500 holdings in the English and German languages in the above mentioned fields. The library subscribes to over 240 periodicals, including 32 foreign titles favoured by our academic community (Financial Times, Newsweek, The Economist, Stern, Wirtschaftswoche, Harvard Business Review and many others, available in online versions as well).

The library also has a rich collection of audio and video cassettes and compact discs (about 600 in total). In the multimedia reading room the students and the staff have at their disposal computers with free access to the Internet, which means access to several thousand scientific journals (via EBSCO service), bibliographic.

How to use the library?

You only have to go directly to the front desk of the library to ask for your own library card with personal card number. Then you can access to the University’s cathaloge and borrow any material you may need.

The Library opens from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday and from 9.00 to 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about library see:
Library of the University of Finance and Management in Białystok
15-472 Białystok ul. Ciepla 40
tel. (85) 6785860, 6785802, fax (85) 6785860
biblio@wsfiz.edu.pl, http://biblioteka.wsfiz.edu.pl
The Department Of Foreign Languages

The Department of Foreign Languages is responsible for practical foreign language teaching in particular departments within the University of Finance and Management in Białystok. The Bachelor’s studies programme assumes learning at least one obligatory language: English, Spanish, German, or Russian, depending on candidates’ individual preferences. Foreign students, the Socrates-Erasmus programme participants, have the opportunity to learn Polish as a foreign language. Language teaching is performed at three levels: elementary, intermediate and advanced. The Department of Foreign Languages cooperates with the Goethe Institute in Warsaw, the British Council Library in Białystok, and with some representatives of foreign and domestic publishers, such as Langenscheidt, Oxford University Press, Longman and Macmillan.

English Department: tel: +48-85-6785821
German and Spanish Department: tel: +48-85-6785814
e-mail: sjo@wsfiz.edu.pl

The Department Of Physical Education And Sport

The University Sports Association Club (AZS) at the University of Finance and Management in Białystok was founded in 1994 and was registered by the Governing Council of AZS on 13th March 1996 as one of the first private university clubs of this kind. It has eleven sections, which take part in intercollegiate matches and the Polish Championships. The University was represented by over 200 students – in 21 sports disciplines. Among the greatest achievements of this edition was securing the second position in the Polish Universities Mountain Cycling Championships held in Gliwice.

Foreign students can make use of a swimming pool, a gymnasium, the Jagiellonian Sports Hall (where you can play basket and volleyball), a new fitness club with modern equipment and a spacious sports hall designed for aerobics and table tennis.

AIESEC

Students have the possibility to be members of the Students’ autonomy body, AIESEC. It is the International Association of Economics and Business Students, the world’s biggest political educational organisation run entirely by students. The association’s key objective is educating young people from all over the world. AIESEC develops their individual skills mainly through engaging in international exchange of practical placements and organising educational economic projects and seminars.

In Poland there are 22 local committees of over 1,000 active members. One of them is the Local Committee AIESEC Białystok at the University of Finance and Management in Białystok.

For more information, contact:
Local Committee AIESEC Białystok

The University also has its own choir, students scientific societies for example Economic Research Students’ Club “HOSSA”, “WIP”, “Ekopartner” as well as other student institutions.

Health and Insurance
Public health services are partly or fully subsidised for residents. Nevertheless, foreign students are obligated by Polish law to be covered by health insurance in their home country. They are strongly advised to take out additional insurance against theft, as well as a public liability insurance.

Health services for the university students in Poland are provided by the Academic Health Service. To receive these services, you must have a valid student health card, which you can get after registration at your university. The services include free medical examinations and consultations, free vaccinations and general medical treatment.

Accommodation
All non-Polish students accepted to study at the University of Finance and Management in Białystok are able to find accommodation in the Student House. The rent for shared accommodation is about 400 PLN (100 €) per month. The rent includes essential furniture, electricity, hot and cold water, heating, use of a laundry room and linen, pillows and kitchen utensils.
To reserve the accommodation you have to mark it on the application. After arrival to Białystok you should also pay a deposit of 300 PLN (75 €). The deposit will be returned to your account when you move out and return the key, provided you have paid all rent dues and kept your flat clean and in good condition.

For those who prefer to live elsewhere we can help to find a flat. You can also check the advertisements in a newspaper or check the notice boards at the University. You may also rent a flat through various commercial housing agencies.

Please make notes on your application form what kind of accommodation you prefer.
V. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Documentation
It is essential for the processing to fill in the application that is enclosed with correct and complete documentation. Do not submit originals, but send verified photocopies. The copies may be verified by former schools or other relevant official authority. Please enclosed three photos of you.

English is required
Since English is the language of international students exchange programme, adequate proficiency in spoken and written English is required.

Tuition fees
For students participating in an official exchange programme or exchanged in a bilateral agreement between the University of Finance and Management in Białystok no tuition fees are charged.

For students not participating in an exchange programme or in a bilateral agreement tuition fees will be charged.

Visa
Students will be required to apply for students visa, the procedure should be done in your home country. You will receive an acceptance letter from our University and then you can go to the Polish Embassy in your country for applying for your visa. You may be asked to take with you: valid passport, acceptance letter, and three photographs.
VI. ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC YEAR

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National Holidays:

1 May - National Holiday
3 May - National Holiday of 3rd May - the anniversary of the proclamation of Constitution of 3rd May
11 November - National Holiday of Independence - The anniversary of regaining independence by Poland

Bank Holidays:

1 January - New Year's Day
First Day of Easter
Second Day of Easter
1 May - National Holiday
3 May - National Holiday of 3rd May
Corpus Christi
15 August - The Virgin Mary Assumption
1 November - All Saints’ Day
11 November - National Holiday of Independence
25 December - Christmas Day
26 December - Boxing Day