



# UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

## YOU ARE IN THE CENTRE

# OPOLE > YOUR FRIENDLY DESTINATION IN THE CENTRE OF EUROPE

Opole is the capital of one of the sixteen Polish regions. It is an important administrative centre on the route from the West to the East, practically in the centre of Europe. It has a very cosy atmosphere of a historical city, vibrant with life day and night. It is a friendly and safe place to live and what is very important it is an academic centre – full of students.

Opole is a great city for walking, cycling, sunbathing in summer and ice-skating in winter, and it can also be a good starting point for various outings both long and short. Forests, lakes, mountains and scenic towns can be great destinations for cycling, walking or skiing trips. European capitals like Warsaw, Prague, Vienna or Berlin are not that fat away either.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE > POSSIBILITIES ARE CENTRAL

The University of Opole is one of the leading public universities in Poland. For decades we have built academic quality of the highest level. We promote good relations with our students and our university teachers make sure that our students can develop all their skills and build up their dream careers. Our students receive scholarships, participate in research projects and do internships in Polish and European companies and institutions. They have at their disposal well-equipped lecture rooms, laboratories, libraries and affordable dormitories. The campus and all University buildings are located in the centre of Opole. Tuition fee for students coming from non-EU countries starts from 900 EUR per year.



#### **ARIF (INDONESIA)**

As a first student from Indonesia, I consider it a great opportunity to get experience at the University of Opole – not only when it comes to the academic training but also in a multicultural environment. At the university I am getting high quality education. Furthermore, I have an opportunity to study and become an intern abroad thanks to the Erasmus mobility programme. I am also learning about other cultures, as I get to meet lots of friends from different countries such as Turkey, Ukraine, Spain, Poland, Kazakhstan, and many more. My studies in Opole are the best period in my life.



#### **MD KAISER (BANGLADESH)**

I would describe the University of Opole as exciting and dynamic. The opportunity to study here gave me a 'real life' 'hands on' experience of what the daily life of a teacher in the higher education sector is composed of. I am also happy, because I am the first student in the University of Opole who came from Bangladesh. Opole is a really amazing city with all the necessary kinds of facilities.



#### **OZGE (TURKEY)**

This is my second time in Poland. First, I came to Opole for the Erasmus internship programme. After I talked with my internship supervisor, and came to Opole, I understood I would learn many things here. My friends who had already been to this city told me everything was good in here: people, life, friendships and especially our teachers. After that experience I went back to Turkey but I really missed the city, which is why one year later I chose this place to study the Intercultural Communication master's programme. I am sure that by the time I finish the University of Opole I will have learnt lots of things and I will have great opportunities for my future life.



#### **MILAD (AFGHANISTAN)**

I am the University of Opole first full time student from Afghanistan. I am studying at the Department of Sociology at the University of Opole. To me, Opole seems to be one of the best cities in Poland, the quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the city makes it a perfect place for students to study different fields. The great teaching methods of the lecturers of the University of Opole enable everyone to have a wonderful education experience in a friendly atmosphere.



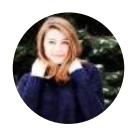
#### KINGA (POLAND)

I'm in my fourth year at the University of Opole. I'm glad that I chose this university, because it offers great opportunities to its students. A wide range of educational offers coincides with an extensive range of interests of students. Additionally, the location of the university is also one of its advantages. The hustle and bustle of the big city don't appeal to me.





One of the best decisions I have ever made in my academic life was to study at the University of Opole. I have got the Bachelor's degree in English Philology with cultural studies. The University is one of the best among the Polish higher education institutions. It enables to become a good and successful specialist in different fields, and the Philology Department is not an exception. I had the opportunity to be taught by the highly qualified teachers at the University. Furthermore, I had a chance to take additional courses such as "Current issues of European Politics" and "Strangers at the Gates of Europe: Migration Studies" as well as a basic Spanish class. What is more, I've learned to compile and analyse information in such a way that enables me to draw conclusions from it and hence, I was able to conduct social research entitled "Critical Approach to Social Media" where I've examined the perception of social media among students. The major helped me to improve my English skills, to gain knowledge about the USA, Great Britain and the EU, and elective courses helped to understand the political issues in Europe, the basic principles of globalization as well as the general linguistics. It helped me to understand how global issues affect individuals.



#### **ANASTASIA (UKRAINE)**

The Erasmus programme is about leaving your comfort zone, turning your life upside down, exploring and learning. And then, the next thing you notice, you are already in a rush to have more of it. Erasmus has everything the student's life can offer you. It is wild, crazy, exciting, sometimes even terrifying, but most importantly it changes your personality and the way of thinking. Opole University is a perfect place to have this kind of experience. The Erasmus staff tries to help each and every exchange student with any kinds of problems or just gives them some good advice. Teachers are always open to interesting discussions. While being a fairly small city, Opole can offer a student-friendly and welcoming environment. The geographical position of Opole is great, as within only one hour you can be hiking in the mountains in Poland, then having a beer in the Czech Republic and maybe afterwards trying currywurst in Germany; moreover, local low-cost airlines can take you to any other place in Europe and even farther. And hey, another extra-super-power is learning the Polish language;) isn't it all you've wished for? :) Erasmus is a community, it's a family. Opole University is open to become such a place for you.



#### PRIMO-ZHAO PU (CHINA)

I am from one of the largest cities in the world with officially more than 21 million population. I have been living in Opole for about 2 months. In my opinion, Opole is a great city, it's not too big and not too small – I can reach most of the places in 10 minutes by foot. Unlike some small towns in the U.S., Opole has all kinds of essential facilities, inexpensive products, and people here are very helpful and friendly. My major here is quite good. We have a lot of opportunities to work in groups, make presentations and have free discussions. I think it's much better than test-oriented education. I will spend 3 years here to get the bachelor's degree, and I'm planning to apply for the master's degree here as well. I believe I will enjoy the life in Opole.





## DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

### English Philology, full time BA programme

The bachelor programme of English Philology at the University of Opole is the place where students gain knowledge of language, literature, and culture and history of English-speaking countries as well as practical language skills at a high C1 proficiency level of CEFR for languages. Students may choose one of the following specialities:

- The undergraduates of English Philology with Culture Studies speciality
  possess profound knowledge of socio-cultural aspects of English speaking countries and can communicate in different socio-cultural settings.
- The undergraduates of English Philology with Business English speciality gain general knowledge of business world in order to communicate in business settings. Our students finish their studies with the ability to search for information in various sources, to analyze and synthesize information, and to work effectively both independently and in teams.
- The **English and Chinese** speciality guides students to their command of Chinese at A2 level as well as gives them extensive knowledge of the culture of China.

### **English in Public Communication, full time BA programme**

This major will prepare you to face the challenges of a highly competitive job market in an increasingly global society. Our programme offers an integrated approach to public communication that includes analyzing various communicative situations, managing information, and creating effective messages in a variety of media. You will will be able to develop your individual communication skills as well as to improve your English, becoming a fluent speaker and an accomplished writer. You will engage in teamwork to develop your abilities to cooperate with others and realize your leadership potential, communication skills and the ability to work both effectively and independently. Having graduated from this programme, you will be well prepared for a career in: public relations, advertising, fundraising corporate and organizational communication and many other fields that require good knowledge of English and liberal arts education enhanced with communication expertise.

epc.uni.opole.pl

ifa.uni.opole.pl

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH**

## Intercultural Communication, full time MA programme in Sociology

This programme's interests range from migrations, urban sociology, economic relations, gender issues, social inequalities, and minorities to new communication technologies and digital media ecology. There is a great demand for graduates with skills we teach: analytical and critical thinking, problem solving, project work, team work, not to mention communication and understanding of the other. If you're into a corporate culture, the major can enable you to join one of the multinational companies in Opole. They will be more than happy to recruit you and the Polish language is no longer a must in their international environment.

socjologia.uni.opole.pl/intercomm/

## Europa Master, full time MA programme in Political Science

This programme is designed to educate future European Leaders. This is why it is taught simultaneously in three different European universities: Opole, Mainz and Dijon. Being in a single master's course gives you an opportunity to get three diplomas of all three universities. During the study programme you spend time at each of them, learning European law, politics and social matters. It is taught in English but also in French and German.

politologia.uni.opole.pl

### English Philology, full time MA programme

Our MA graduate programme offers the opportunity to grow and interact in a challenging academic environment. Studying English Philology at MA level, apart from developing practical language skills at a high C2 proficiency level of CEFR for languages, encompasses deepening students' knowledge of selected specialist fields in one of the following seminars: Literary studies, Cultural studies, Linguistics or Applied Linguistics (Teachers' training specialization). Students who choose applied linguistics with teacher training specialization gain additional qualifications for teaching English at all educational levels. ifa.uni.opole.pl

## Applied Gender Studies, full time MA programme

The master's programme is based at the Institute of English in the Faculty of Philology. The linguistic and humanistic expertise is supported by the social science approach of the Institute of Sociology. The idea of the master's programme bases on three assumptions: interdisciplinary work is enriching, the mobility creates new intellectual opportunities, the theory has to be practical or the practice ought to be theoretical. The 2 years programme is carried out in Opole, Poland for 3 semesters, and in Istanbul, Turkey for another semester (optionally). Moreover, the students can take part in a 2 months long internship in the area of Trier, Germany. All in all, we create miscellaneous opportunities for the students travelling across Europe from the east to west and beyond.

ags.uni.opole.pl



## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

## PhD in English language and literature

We offer qualified candidates a unique opportunity to develop their research projects in the field of linguistics (both theoretical and applied) and literary studies. Doctoral students pursue an intensive and individualized course of study with experienced professors who are committed to facilitating the students' intellectual development and scholarly achievements. Faculty professors of the Institute of English, University of Opole, where the PhD program is based, are ready to share their expertise in a wide range of linguistic, literary, and cultural fields, such as historical linguistics, corpus linguistics, lexicography, literary studies, second language acquisition, literary criticism and theory, as well as English, Irish, American or Australian literature.

wfil.uni.opole.pl/en/phd-programme.htm

## EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Being a student of the University of Opole you can take part in the exchange programmes we offer. Some departments host and send students on the basis of bilateral agreements: they work with the Chinese Republic of Taiwan, Sweden or Kazakhstan. All departments take part in MOST and Erasmus+ programmes. They let you spend a semester or two at another university or even have an internship at another institution.



# MOST: STUDY AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY IN POLAND

The idea behind the project is to let the students in Poland get to know other universities. As a full-time student of the University of Opole you can apply for an exchange semester in a different Polish higher education institution. Your grades and credits would be recognized as if you studied in Opole.



## ERASMUS+ STUDIES: STUDY AT OUR PARTNERS' AROUND EUROPE

The University of Opole commits to international rocess. As a student in any international programme lectured in English you will be encouraged to apply for Erasmus+ grant. This program lets you study at any of our partner universities in Europe for a semester or two. Studying outside Poland can be a bit more expensive, so you will be granted approx. 300–500 EUR per month to make your living at our partner university, be it in the Czech Republic, Germany or Spain. Sometimes we also have openings for studies outside the European Union. Your mobility period will be recognized by the University of Opole. Erasmus+ is a great opportunity to study in English and to get to know even more cultures and people.



# ERASMUS+ TRAINING: GET PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE EU

There is also an opportunity to have an internship at virtually any company or organization based in the European Union. Erasmus+ programme enables you to find any hosting institution where you can get the professional training. We will support you with a grant – approx. 400–600 EUR per month do spend you summer or even a year after graduation working professionally.



## **ESTIMATED COSTS OF LIVING (PER MONTH)**

**Dorm**: 320–350 PLN

Renting: students typically rent flats together and it costs around 400–500 PLN

per person

Health insurance: 30-50 PLN

Meals: depending on your needs and preferences, 500 PLN is enough to cover

eating out and as low as 300 PLN to cook yourself in the dorm kitchen

**Transportation**: you walk in Opole, the university campus is in the very centre of the city. If you need a ride to the outskirts a bus ticket is 1.5 PLN. Renting a bike costs 2 PLN per hour but it is free for 20 min. A train to nearby Wrocław costs 10 PLN and a fast train trip to the capital, Warsaw, is 50 PLN. A bus to Cracow costs 30 PLN and a bus to Berlin is 60 PLN. There are also inexpensive flights available for travelling to European destinations from the many surrounding airports (Wrocław, Katowice, Berlin, Cracow, Vienna, Warsaw, Prague or Poznań).

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