

# My semester abroad in Warsaw

I spent my summer semester in Warsaw, studying at the Kozminski University. My time in Warsaw was great, and it was without a doubt one of the best times of my life, but it also included some new situations that broadened my mind. However, all my experiences were necessary and helped me grow as a person. I'm glad I decided to spend the sixth semester studying abroad as it was a very interesting time.

I decided to go on a semester abroad relatively spontaneously and did not know until early January whether it really works out with the semester abroad and, as a result, I had informed me little about accommodation and flights to Warsaw. But it was not that big of a problem as there are very cheap flights not too far from my hometown. My flight was at a total of 50 Euro including one large suitcase. Since I did not really plan too much for my accommodation, I booked an Airbnb for some time, to then get in contact with the local real estate agents. I got in touch with a real cool Real Estate Agent who was my age, and he provided me with an apartment in the heart of the city.

The city is well connected, as you can use a lot of different methods of transport. You can choose either the tram, bus or the underground. If you want to travel more convenient you can also use different Apps like Uber, Bolt or FreeNow as they are very cheap and a single 15-minute Taxi ride will not cost more than 4-5 Euro. All around the city there are electric scooters, and they are also very convenient to get around the city.

The enrollment to the courses was a very easy process as we got several different instructions how to get access to the course. As the Kozminski University is a private University, they support their students in any case, and you can always text several people to ask questions and they will respond within an hour. In general, it was very easy to hand in all documents needed as there were clear instructions how to do it. Also, the payment of my scholarship was an easy process as I already had an Revolut account and the money came in very quick. The university is not too big, but it offers a lot to students. There is a big library in the university, 3 different restaurants 3 different caffes, a sports area and every form of support you need. The University even has a Local bank inside their campus. The Kozminski University hosts a lot of Exchange Students and creates a lot of different events specifically designed for exchange students. Together with all the Exchange students we have been to Krakow, Auschwitz, Danzig and to several different locations in Warsaw. The University organizes a lot of different events like Karaoke evening, Beer pong or different sport events. The university is located a bit outside of Warsaw, however, it is well connected to the public transport.

The courses were all conducted in hybrid mode, and they were easy to follow as the lecturers respected the fact that there were a lot of Exchange students that were not that familiar with their program. All the materials were online, and you could text the professor at any time of day if you have any questions.

Living in Warsaw is very affordable, and you can get a flat for 500 Euro a month, groceries are also very cheap, and you can even eat outside at the so called "Milk Bars" for as cheap as 2 Euro. Public Transport costs about 30 Euro for the entire semester and in general living in Poland is very affordable.

In your free time you can do a lot of activities such as going to different parks, going to different food halls, relaxing at the river, museums and a lot of other different activities.

Regarding the level of studies the Kozminski University is very good as it is ranked as one of the best universities in Europe and it has a lot of different international accreditations such as AACSB or EQUIS. However, the total cost of the bachelor program is around 20.000 Euro, which is significantly higher than the study fees in Liechtenstein. The student life in Warsaw

is in no way comparable to the student life in Liechtenstein as the city and the university offers a lot to students, but it is fair to say that four of my five semesters in Liechtenstein were during the Covid 19 pandemic. In general the Kozminski University is very open minded and there is a very nice study atmosphere, the professors are always open to help. You can even set the date of examination together with the professor.

To summarize, my time in Warsaw was one of the best of my life, and I made lifelong memories while also growing professionally and personally.

