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GRAPHICAL RHAPSODY

Dear applicants, enthusiasts
and all freaks and geeks

We couldn't be happier to introduce you to the most amazing Summer Course of the year named „Graphical Rhapsody” which will be an incredible adventure! You will have a chance to explore and follow the graphic styles over the years, from the **60's, 70's, 80's**, to the present ... until **futurism!** What is more, you'll be learning how to create advanced graphics on a higher level during our course. Trust us, it's going to be an unforgettable time spent with us in beautiful **Poland!**

Read the following document carefully and, most importantly, don't hesitate to ask if you need further clarification!



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1. Useful information

Poland in a nutshell:

- Country Name: Republic of Poland
- Capital City: Warsaw. Population: 1,758,143
- Government Type: Parliamentary republic
- Land Area: 312,679 km²
- Population: 38,422,346
- Time zone: UTC+1 (Summer: GMT +2)
- Religion: Roman Catholic 87.4%
- Currency: Zloty [zł] (PLN)
- Electricity: 230 Volt / 50 Hz
- Calling code: +48

Currency:

Zloty (zł, PLN) is the Polish currency. One zloty is divided into 100 groszy (1 zł = 100 gr). There are banknotes in denominations of PLN: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500. In circulation there are coins as well - in denominations of gr: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 and PLN 1, 2, 5. You can exchange money in numerous exchange offices or banks. Exchange points are usually located in city centres, railway stations, airports, some hotels and places of increased tourist traffic.



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Weather:

Poland is located on the borderline between two great climatic zones, the oceanic and the continental, and the weather consequently tends to be fairly variable in different regions. The normal summer temperature varies a lot between 18 °C and 30°C. We hope it will be sunny, but unfortunately, like everywhere on Earth, sometimes it's raining.

Check the weather forecast before you pack your luggage! :)

Electricity:

The voltage in Poland as well as the socket and plug sizes are identical to most European countries (230 V/50 Hz). To learn more click here: <http://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets/>

Type E is usual for Poland.

Policies and law:

Drinking in public places such as: streets, parks, beaches, bus stops is prohibited under the fine up to 100 zł.

Smoking at bus stops and train stations is prohibited.

There are special places for smokers outside or inside pubs and restaurants. The fine is up to 500 zł.

The fine for traveling in public transportation without your ticket is up to 190 zł high.

Emergency:

Emergency services	Phone number
Emergency services	112
Ambulance	999
Police	997
Fire department	998



Exchange rate & prices:

Approximately 1 Euro = 4,29 PLN (2019/01/20)

Prices of food articles in Poland are not high, shopping is the cheapest in hypermarkets and markets, while small shops are slightly more expensive.

Current exchange rates by the National Bank of Poland:
<https://www.nbp.pl/homen.aspx?f=/kursy/RatesC.html> (EN)

Price examples:

Product	Prize [zl]
0,5l beer in store	2-5
0,5l beer at the bar	5-15
0,5l vodka at the bar	17-35
50 ml vodka at the bar	5-15
0,5l Coca Cola in store	2,5-4
0,3l Coca Cola at the bar	4-7
Coffee	5-15
Medium pizza	20-30
1 package of cigarettes	12-17
Dinner at the resturant	15-40
Postcard	3
Stamp to Europe	5



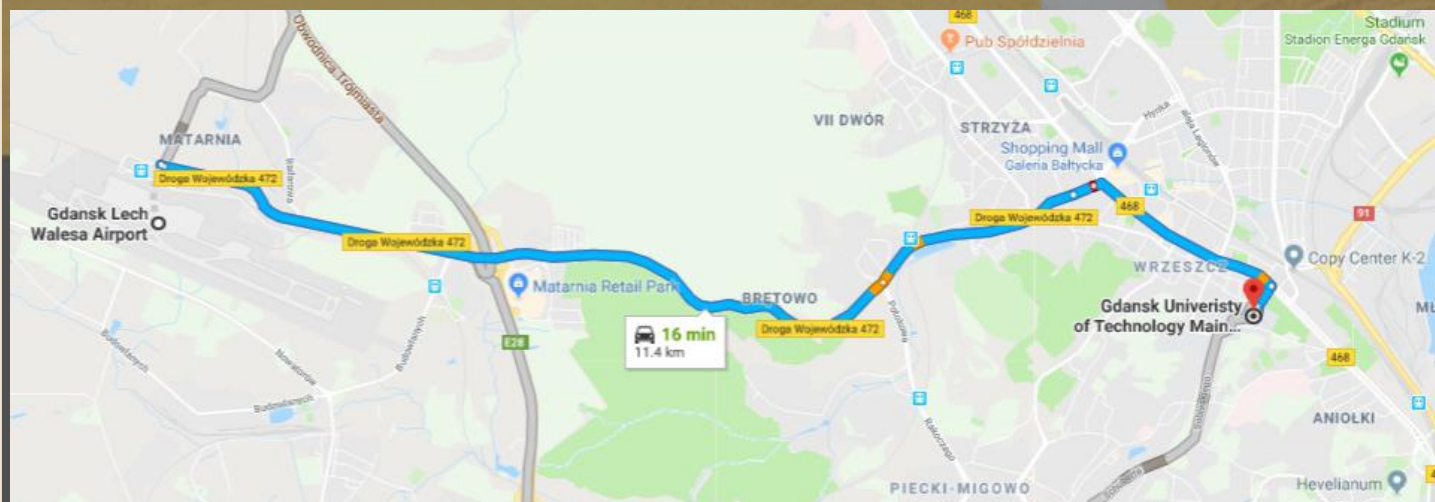
Cool facts about Poland:

- Poland is the 9th Largest Country in Europe
- Poland has beaches, mountains, forests, lakes and the biggest desert in the Europe - Bledow Desert!
- Traditional Polish last names change depending on the sex
- Female names always end with the letter “a”
- Poland has the World’s Biggest Castle - Teutonic Castle in Malbork
- Wearing a hat by men indoors is considered rude in Poland
- Poles celebrate their Name Days
- Mushroom picking is a popular family activity
- Poles eat pizza with ketchup
- Polish alphabet consists of 32 letters (English of 26)
- Poland is the world’s biggest amber exporter
- Max Factor was founded by a Pole Maksymilian Faktorowicz
- When foreign movies are dubbed for Polish TV, ONE MAN reads all the parts, even for the roles of women and children. Viewers hear the original English soundtrack faintly in the background
- It is estimated that 100 million pączki, a Polish doughnuts, are consumed every year on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday alone
- Watching Home Alone is a Christmas tradition
- The 1st floor is regarded as floor “0”
- The Witcher, a fantasy series of short stories and novels about the witcher Geralt of Rivia, is written by a Polish writer Andrzej Sapkowski



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2. Arrival information



Best option to travel to Gdansk from abroad is by plane to Gdansk Airport or other airports in Poland, and then taking the train directly to Gdansk (more details below). In Gdansk, the meeting point for arrival will be Gdansk University of Technology (Politechnika Gdanska), Gabriela Narutowicza 11/12, 80-233 Gdansk. It is around 10 minutes from the train stop “Gdansk, Politechnika” and 6 minutes from tram stop “Opera Bałtycka”. We will meet you in front of the main building of Gdansk University of Technology, see the picture below.



If you get lost somewhere along the way, just call some of the organizers until someone picks up the phone or send you a text message.



Here you can find information about how you move from the airports to Gdansk.

How to arrive to Gdansk?

By plane:

Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport is located 12 km west from the city centre and operates flights from many Polish and European cities. Among the others, following airlines offer service from/to Gdansk Airport:

Wizz Air, Ryanair, Lufthansa, Polish Airlines LOT, SAS, Finnair KLM, Norwegian.

For more info go to: <http://www.airport.gdansk.pl/>

Getting from the airport to the city centre:

Bus

Daily bus 210 and, one which goes all night (11 pm - 4 am), N3 provide services from the airport to Dworzec Główny (the main station in the city centre). It can take 35 - 50 minutes depending on traffic. You should take the bus going in Orunia Gocinna direction. Make sure to get on in the right direction at the airport because buses go in two directions from there. Remember to buy a ticket! (for more info go to the Transportation in Gdansk - tickets section)...

PKM (Pomeranian Metropolitan Railway)

Trains run regularly between the airport's own station and Gdansk Główny and it takes 30 minutes to get there. Tickets can be purchased from ticket offices, ticket machines on the platform or from the conductor.

You can check the timetable here: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en>

For more info go to: https://www.inyourpocket.com/gdansk/pkm_138417v

The logo consists of the letters 'G' and 'R' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The 'G' has a vertical line through its center, and the 'R' has a vertical line through its center. The logo is enclosed within a white, irregular, hand-drawn-style frame.

Taxi

Taxi to/from the airport to the city centre should cost around 50-60 zł (however will cost more in the evenings or during the weekend). Taxi drivers will be waiting in the arrivals hall offering fixed price transfers.

Uber & Taxify

Similar to taxi but functions as a mobile app. You just order a car, get some details about the driver, check the price and you don't need cash as your credit card will be charged automatically. The price depends on the distance but still is cheaper than a regular taxi (it will cost more if you'd like to order a car of high standard).

For more information go to: <https://www.uber.com/en-PL/ride/>
<https://taxify.eu/>

Traficar

Type of carsharing, where you can rent cars for short periods of time, usually by the hour. It is very attractive for people who make only occasional use of vehicle, and those who would like access to a vehicle. It is very good way of visiting local places in Gdansk. You are able to drive by car from Gdansk to Gdynia or Sopot, which are very close to each other and make up the Tri-city. One thing which you should do, is to download application, sign in and you are almost ready to rent car, which is just next to you. In Gdansk you can rent Renault Clio, which are specially marked by the company.

To make everything clear: it is not possible to rent a car and drive without your driving licence.

For more information go to: <https://www.traficar.pl/how>



Train

Gdansk has direct railway connections with all the biggest Polish cities, such as Wroclaw, Krakow, Katowice, Lodz, Warsaw, Poznan and Szczecin.

For the timetables and further information go to: <https://www.intercity.pl/en/>

There is quite a good service operating from Warsaw (Express InterCity) and Poznan (InterCity) and fast direct international services from Berlin and Vienna (EuroCity).

The sooner you book your ticket the cheaper price you'll get. Booking starts 30 days before your travel date. Remember that with a valid student card (ISIC) you can get a 51% discount.

FlixBus:

We recommend you travelling by bus - FlixBus. It is the cheapest way to get to Gdansk from other Polish cities, such as Wroclaw, Krakow, Katowice, Lodz, Warsaw, Poznan and many others. (for further information go to: <https://global.flixbus.com/bus/gdansk>). Buses are comfortable and equipped with air conditioning and Wi-Fi.

(You can find more information and book your ticket at: <https://www.flixbus.co.uk>)

b) Accommodation

All of us meet up at Gdansk University of Technology on the arrival day. You will get rooms in student dorms/apartments close to campus during your visit here. Specific details and the address will be announced later.

c) Useful transportation information

Start stop: Gdansk Main Station (Dworzec Glowny)

Leave stop: University of Technology (Politechnika)

Trams (till midnight):

2 (direction: Oliwa)

3 (direction: Brzezno)

6 (direction: Jelitkowo),

9 (direction: Strzyza),

11 (direction: Strzyza),

12 (direction: Oliwa)

Local busses: 199 (direction: Oliwa PKP)

It takes about 10-20 minutes to reach the location.



Transportation in Tricity

Buses and trams

The center of Gdansk is very compact and almost everything is accessible on foot, the trams and busses go around the old town so none run through it. Trams and buses are cheap and frequent. You can use the same kind of tickets for buses and trams.

SKM (Fast City Train)

Use the commuter train (SKM) to go quickly to Sopot and Gdynia. Trains depart every 15 minutes in a daytime, every 30 minutes in the evening and once an hour in the night. A ticket to Gdynia costs 6,50 zł and a ticket to Sopot costs 3,80 zł.

To find connections go to: <http://www.skm.pkp.pl/>



Taxi

We can recommend you Dajan Taxi company with the following charges: hiring a taxi – 8,5 zł; kilometrage rate per km 2,20 zł day, 3,20 zł night.

Dajan Taxi

phone:

+48 58 196 28

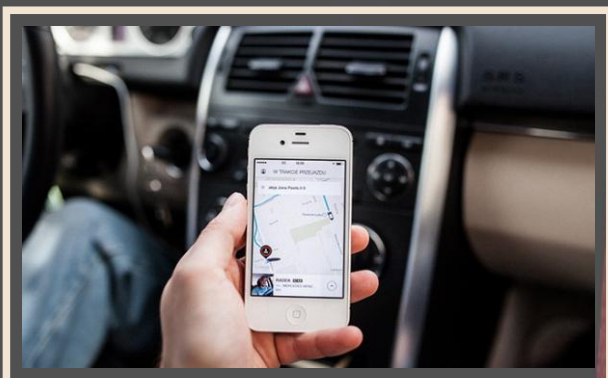
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Before getting into the taxi make sure that the price is correct and ask about the final price - it will help you avoid possible unpleasant situations. Note that Taxis from taxi stop are much more expensive.

Uber

From anywhere in the Tricity you can order an uber and you don't need to worry about the payment. It's all done automatically but always remember to check the price. You can cancel the order within 5 minutes.

For more info go to: <https://www.uber.com/en-PL/ride/>



Tickets: for buses and trams

Daytime:

- one way ticket - 3,20 zł - not available from the driver
- one hour ticket - 3,80 zł

Nighttime:

- one hour ticket - 4,80 zł

One day ticket - 13 zł - works both in night and day.

Bus Schedule: <http://www.ztm.gda.pl/en/index.php/automaty/listing>

For SKM (Fast City Train)

Price of tickets depends on distance, for example from Gdansk Main Station

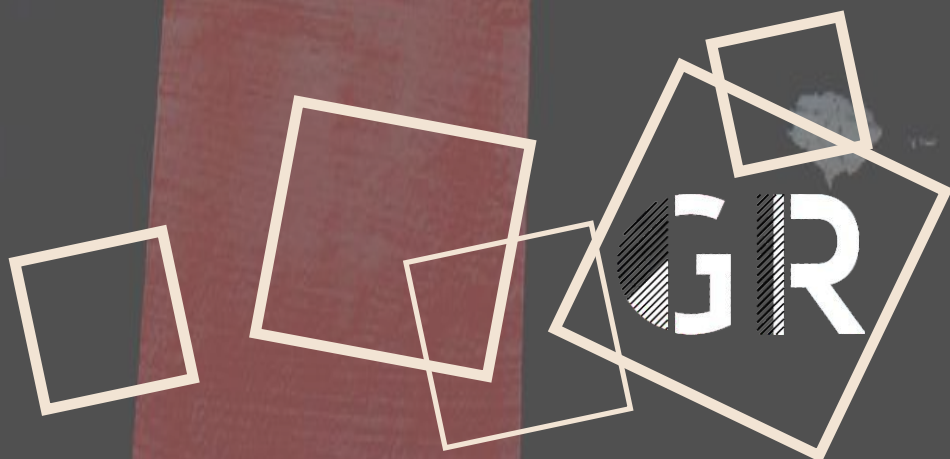
- to Sopot - 3,80 zł
- to Gdynia - 6,50 zł

Where to buy?

Ticket machine at the platform, ticket office at the station, kiosk, news stand, ticket stores, from the train manager- located in the first carriage of the train (additional 2,80 zł charge). Always remember to punch the ticket before getting into the train. Only tickets bought from the ticket machine do not need to be validated. Note that ticket inspections are very frequent in the Tricity. A fine for travelling without the valid ticket is up to 190 zł high!

Useful website and mobile app

We recommend you use the website jakdojade.pl and e-podroznik.pl (both as mobile apps) to check connections from point A to B in Tricity and also other big polish cities. It works for buses, trams and SKM. <http://trojmiasto.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en>
<https://en.e-podroznik.pl/>



3. What to bring

Besides a good humour and big smiles you should bring/have the following:

Insurance

Check your insurance, both medical and general travel insurance. Don't forget to check the expiration date.

Passport

Passport and if required VISA: you will be asked to show the passport when exiting the airport. If you need a VISA to enter Poland - contact the organizers!

Student ID

Student ID will provide you with discounts in a number of stores and museums. However, the ID from your home university may not be recognized by Polish services and they may ask you for an internationally-recognized student card.

ISIC Card

ISIC card is the internationally-recognized student ID that is most respected in Poland. You can use it to take advantage of offers on:

- Travel
- Shopping
- Accommodation
- Food
- Entertainment
- Transport
- Insurance

If you have any possibility to make an ISIC Card for yourself - just do it! You will absolutely not regret it!

Things from your country

At the International Evening all participants will present some typical food and drinks from their country. So bring any necessities for preparing a meal (however, don't bring food that will turn bad quickly, if necessary we can buy vegetables/eggs/bread) and the drinks. It would be nice if you brought flags, traditional outfits and music from your country.



4. The city of Gdansk

Gdansk is a city of nearly **half million** people, undoubtedly one of the most popular tourist and cultural centers, resiliently developing university and commercial center. Gdansk, the city established over 1,000 years ago, attracts thousands of tourists each year and connects cultural traditions of many nations. It is a paradise for enthusiasts of old architecture. One can endlessly wander among **beautiful tenement houses** and medieval monuments. Additionally, shops “with soul”, charming restaurants and cafés and cultural **events**, which are to be found nowhere else, create a special atmosphere. There are plenty of ways to be **active**, from walks on the beach, bicycle rides, canoeing, to extreme tourism.

Leisure time?

City Rally that will give you an outstanding and unique opportunity to do some sightseeing in our beautiful city of Gdansk. Do you think that it is all about taking photos and walking down antique streets? You cannot be more wrong! A lot of fun and creative tasks are waiting for you.

Party time

...is going to happen often after an intense day at the University or a trip, so we will decide about that on a regular basis. More than anything, you have to be alive on our course and lectures :)

Day by the sea?

Visiting Gdansk and not visiting our beaches is a sin and we won't let you commit it! Especially because summer time makes it all even more amazing and marvelous! Think about food and dances accompanied with a breathtaking sunset on the beach. What more do you need? Oh, maybe friends and buddies that you'll meet... Sounds magical? Indeed. Don't miss out on a such an opportunity!

During Weekend Trip!

Yes, exactly! Not only Gdańsk, but also other breathtaking places to add on your visiting list. During that each and every participants of the course will get to know others. Trust us, you may find among them friends for many months after this course!

International Evening

In other words, a tradition, absolutely necessary for this event! Summer Course in Gdansk is gathering students from all over Europe. Each and every participant will represent a different country and culture, so... why not learn something new from each other? We believe that the way to a student's heart is through his stomach and that's why we want to ask you to bring with you some traditional treats from you country. From our experience we know that foreign alcohol helps a lot in understanding different cultures.



Small dictionary

Cheers! - Na zdrowie! [na stro-vie!]

Yes - **Tak** [Tac]

No - Nie [Nie]

You're welcome - Nie ma za co [Nie ma za tso]

Excuse me - Przepraszam [psheh-pra-shamm]

How are you? - Jak się masz? [yak shie mash]

Good morning / Good afternoon - Dzień dobry [Jen d'oh-bree]

Good evening - Dobry wieczór [d'oh-bree V-A-chor]

Good night - Dobranoc [D'oh-bra-nots]

I like you very much - Bardzo mi się podobasz [bahrdzo mee shie **podobash**]

Thank you - Dziękuję [Jen-koo-yeh]

Please - Proszę [proshe]

Hello - **Cześć** [cheshts]

Goodbye - Do widzenia [d'oh vidz-enia]

How much does it cost? - ile to kosztuje? [eel-E to koshtooye?]

Your eyes are like the moon - Twoje oczy są jak dwa księżycy

[Tvo-yeotchee som yak dvah ksen-jee-tse]

I love you - **Kocham Cię** [koham tchem]

Just joking - Tylko żartuję [tylko shar-too-ye]

You are so pretty - Jesteś piękna [yestesh pien-kna]

You are prettier than she. - Jesteś od niej piękniejsza [yestesh ot ney pienkney-sha]

I do not understand - Nie rozumiem [Nye rozoo-mee]

Help! - pomocy! [Po-mo-tsee]

Tea - Herbata [Herr-bata]

Water - Woda [Voda]

Beer - **Piwo** [pifo]

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5. Contact

Save these numbers in your phone before coming and just in case you have any questions or if you want to send us something interesting about your country, spam us with popular music from your country or just be in touch :) , don't hesitate to send us an e-mail or contact us on Facebook.

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We are looking forward to meeting you guys! If you have any questions or problems - feel free to ask!

If we can't educate you, you can be damn sure we will entertain you.
See you soon!

