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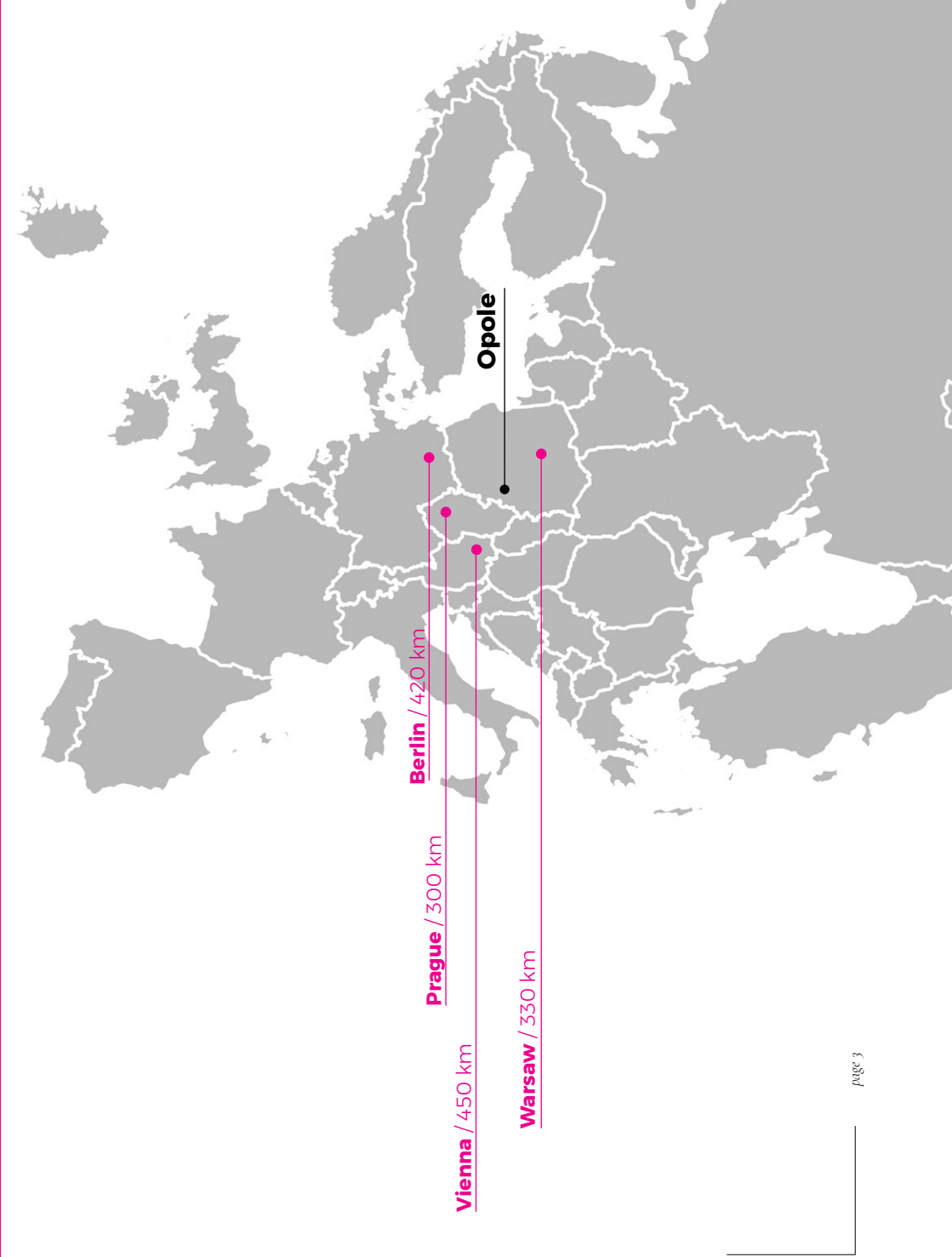


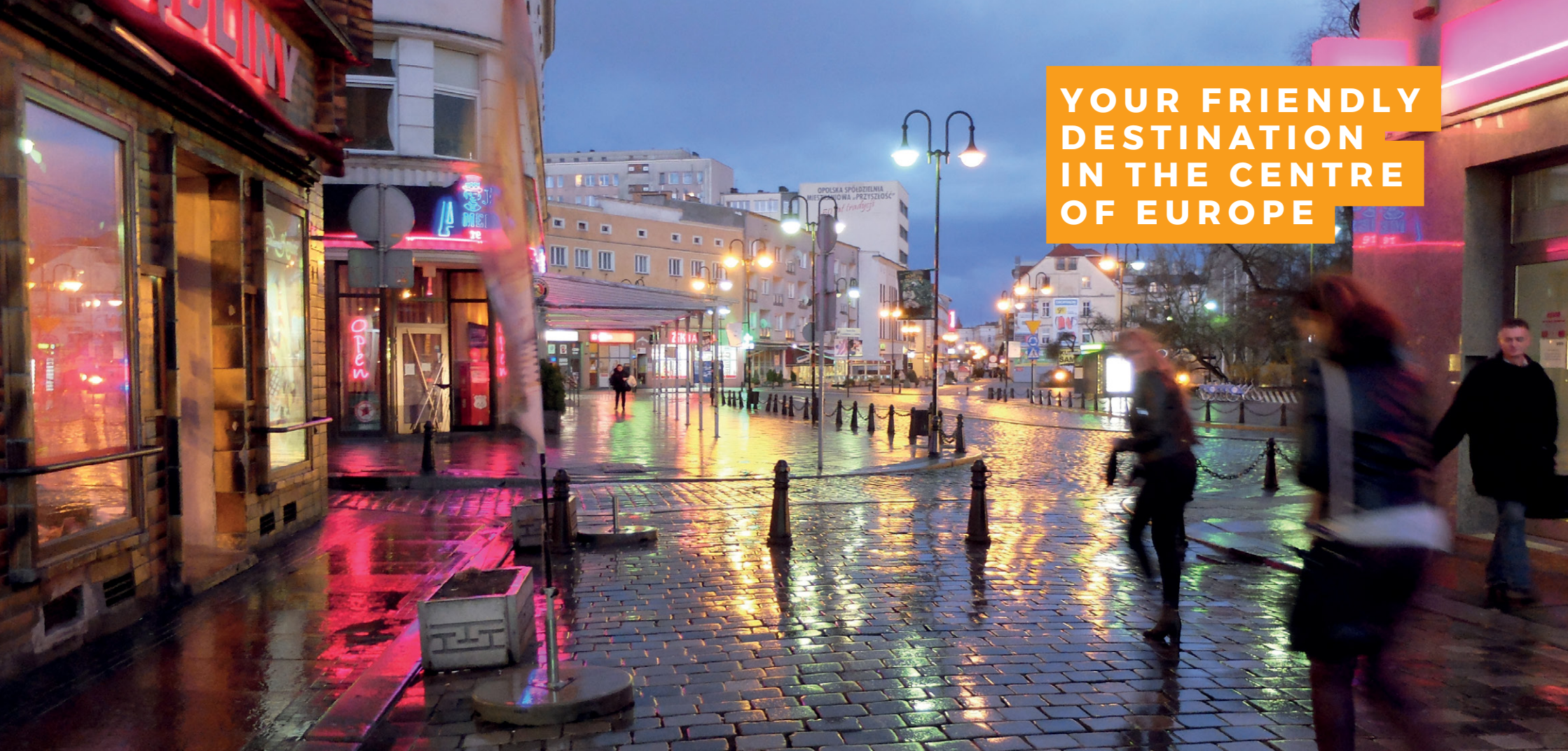
UNIVERSITAS  
OPOLIENSIS

# **POLAND,** in the centre of Europe

Poland became a member of the European Union as recently as in 2004.

Due to its location and in the wider geopolitical sense, Poland occupies a central position, connecting western and eastern worlds. It attracts more and more foreign investments and hosts numerous international companies, which has been marked by a growing flow of immigrants to the country.





**YOUR FRIENDLY  
DESTINATION  
IN THE CENTRE  
OF EUROPE**

# OPOLE

Opole is an important academic centre. Due to its cosy atmosphere of a historical city, vibrant with life day and night, as well as being a friendly and safe place to live, it is always full of students.

The town is a perfect starting point for any outing, be it a short cycling, walking or skiing trip, or a longer one to adjacent European capitals, such as Warsaw, Prague, Vienna, or Berlin.

The distinctive feature of Opole is its location in a multicultural region. The co-existence of four cultures: Polish, Silesian, German, and Moravian – not only makes this area interesting for researchers, but has also cultivated a high level of tolerance of the locals towards others.

# UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

## DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

The University of Opole was established in 1994 as a result of the merger between one of the best Polish pedagogical academies – The Higher Pedagogical College (1950–1994), and the Theological-Pastoral Institute in Opole (the Opole branch of the Catholic University in Lublin) established in 1981.

## A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY

It began its activity offering courses at four independent departments and now there are eight of them: the Faculty of Chemistry, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law and Administration, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology, and the Faculty of Art.

## INTRODUCING MEDICINE

Moreover, in 2017, the university authorities implemented the ambitious plan to launch the Medical Faculty, and the first groups of medical students have already commenced their studies.





## ABUNDANCE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Opole offers high quality studies at a more favourable price (approx. 1160 EUR per year) in comparison to other European universities. In spite of the fact that Poland is undergoing rapid economic growth, the cost of living remains significantly low, e.g. about 400-500 Euros will be more than enough to cover accommodation, food, and transport costs.

Polish universities are an integral part of the European Higher Education Area, taking active part in the Bologna process. Students graduating from a university in Poland receive a high quality European degree, recognizable all around the world. Since 2015, full-time foreign students are entitled to work without a labour permit.



**KINGA, INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION MA  
OPOLE IS QUITE A PEACEFUL AND NOT  
OVERCROWDED CITY. STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF OPOLE PROVES THAT THE SIZE OF THE CITY  
DOESN'T MATTER WHEN IT COMES TO A MULTICULTURAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.**

## ACQUIRE GREATER LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English language proficiency is the most important requirement to enroll. If foreign students do not possess the required level of English, they have two options.

**The first one is to:**

participate in the 3-week Summer School during which students combine vacations with intensive language classes and after class activities. Besides English, they acquire basic Polish and become familiar with European culture and society in general, as well as with the local way of life in particular.

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**Moreover, they can:**

take a 1-year English Language Preparatory Course (1160 Euros), which is meant to prepare foreigners for their further studies in terms of language and other skills, such as analytical and critical thinking, problem solving, team work, project based learning, etc.

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## STUDY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

The University of Opole is one of the leading state universities in Poland. We promote good relations with our students and our university teachers ensure that our students can develop all their skills and pursue their dream careers.

Our students receive scholarships, participate in research projects and do internships in Polish and European companies and institutions. Students have at their disposal well-equipped lecture rooms, laboratories, libraries and affordable dormitories. The campus and all the University buildings are located in the centre of Opole.

The tuition fee for students coming from non-EU countries starts from 1160 EUR per year.

Contributing to enhancement of the European Higher Education Area, the University of Opole offers plenty of study programmes in English to choose from at a bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

### When it comes to bachelor's degrees we offer:

- Biological Chemistry, BSc programme
- International Business, BA programme in Economics
- English in Public Communication, BA programme
- English Philology, BA programme
- Polish Studies, BA programme
- Academic English, BA programme

### As for master's programmes, there are:

- English Philology, MA programme
- Master of Liberal Arts, MA programme
- Visual Communication, MA programme in Art Education
- Europa Master – Political Sciences, MA programme
- Intercultural Communication, MA programme in Sociology
- Paleobiology, MSc Programme
- Sustainable Development, MA programme in Economics

### We also offer a PhD programme

- English Language and Literature

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**UMIR, TURKEY**

**I LIKE OPOLE. I AM HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. FOR THESE REASONS, OPOLE IS IMPORTANT TO ME - DIFFERENT CULTURE, DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENT CITY. I LIKE PIEROGI :))**

# EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OPOLE

The University of Opole enables its regular students to take part in three kinds of exchange programmes – domestic and international ones, for studying and for training.

## **“MOST”: PROJECT STUDY AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY IN POLAND**

The idea behind the project is to allow students in Poland to 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 PARTNER INSTITUTIONS AROUND EUROPE**

As a student in any international programme lectured in English, you will be encouraged to apply for an Erasmus+ grant. This programme allows you to 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 for your living expenses 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 do an internship at virtually any company or organization based in the European Union. The Erasmus+ programme enables you to find any host institution where you can get the professional training. We will support you with a grant of approx. 400–600 EUR per month to spend your summer or even a year after graduation working professionally.



**LUDA,  
ENGLISH PHILOLOGY MA**

**I HAVE SPENT THREE YEARS IN OPOLE AND I WANT TO CONTINUE MY EDUCATION HERE. I'M PRETTY SURE THAT EVERYTHING THAT I'VE LEARNT WILL BE USEFUL FOR MY FUTURE CAREER.**



# THE WORLD OF ERASMUS+ EXCHANGE

## THE IDEA - STUDENTS' COMPETENCES

The Erasmus+ programme is a project of the European Commission. It aims at the exchange of experiences between countries, universities, their students and staff. The goals of the programme are to assist in cooperation between higher education institutions in different countries, to increase students' competences, and develop their language and intercultural communication skills.

## RECOGNITION OF OUTCOMES

In the European Union student mobility outcomes are easily recognized at both the partner universities owing to the system of granting ECTS points for each course or exam passed. Institutions with other assessment systems agree on an appropriate evaluation method before the mobility.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Students of any nationality studying at a higher education institution in the European Union can apply for an Erasmus study exchange or internship mobility and along with it be granted a monthly scholarship ranging between 300 and 700 euros. Travel costs are reimbursed as well.

## WHO CAN APPLY

All students of the European Union states, as well as those from Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland, Turkey and Macedonia are able to take part in the programme. Grants for mobilities with partner universities in other countries are also possible.

## KEY ACTION 107

This is one of the Erasmus+ projects for student and staff mobilities outside of the European Union and other programme countries. BA and MA students from Poland cannot apply for exchanges with some of the countries. For the staff, however, as well as incoming students, there are almost no limits.



**XI CHEN,  
FUJIAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY, CHINA**

**I HAD AN IMPRESSIVE  
EXPERIENCE IN OPOLE,  
THANK YOU.**

## FOR STUDENTS' PROGRESS AND COMFORT



### RICH PRINT AND ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES

Apart from the building where the main library of the university is located, each faculty has its own library with places to study, computers and photo copiers. The libraries offer not only printed books, but also access to multiple digital databases of books and papers.

### WELL-EQUIPPED LABORATORIES AND ACCESS TO RESEARCH SOFTWARE

The University of Opole provides its students with all the necessary facilities for studying, practice and conducting their own research: computers, up to date data analysis software, and scientific research equipment.



### SAFE AND COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATION

At the university campus located in the centre of Opole, there are four dormitories, five of the eight faculties and a student health centre. The dormitories have affordable (about 70 euros) single, double and triple rooms and guest rooms, each equipped with a fridge, tables, shelves and closets for students. Bathrooms with showers are shared between 2-4 rooms, depending on the building. Students and staff living in the dormitories can use a shared kitchen and a laundry room (at least one of each for every floor).



### STUDENTS' CULTURE

The student Culture Centre is a modern building where presentations, workshops and cultural events are organized. The halls can be rented free of charge by students who want to take initiative and organize their own performances and meetings.

### FACILITIES FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION

The Centre for Physical Education offers indoor gyms with modern equipment and a number of sports halls. Students are obliged to attend a physical education class of their choice. Apart from traditional sports such as volleyball, basketball, football or swimming, students can choose hiking, biking, horse riding, mountaineering, ice skating, yoga or zumba – to name a few. The outdoor professional sports field complex located at the campus is available for students as well, and in spring and summer an outdoor gym situated just next to one of the dormitories is frequently attended.



### ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING IN OPOLE

**Dormitories:** 370–380 PLN / month

**Renting:** students typically rent flats together and it costs around 400–500 PLN / month per person

Health insurance: 30–50 PLN monthly

**Meals:** depending on your needs and preferences, 500 PLN per month is enough to cover eating out and as low as 300 PLN to cook yourself in the dorm kitchen

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

Your living costs will vary significantly depending on your lifestyle. These guides will give you a rough idea of what your expenditures could be.



## ACCOMMODATION

### Our dormitories

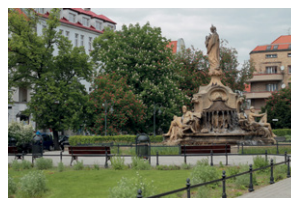
The University of Opole offers accommodation in its students' halls of residence ("Niechcic" and "Kmicic" dormitories) located on the University campus, close to the city centre, in Katowicka Street.

We offer places in modules, which consist of double and triple rooms, shared bathrooms and kitchens at the price of approximately 350 PLN (about 85 EUR) per month.

The rooms are furnished with beds, chairs, tables and wardrobes; the kitchen is equipped with a fridge and an oven. There is also an Internet connection and a cable TV connection available in each room. The hall of residence fee is paid monthly in advance.



Although the university takes considerable effort to provide all its students accommodation, we need to warn you that the number of places in our dormitories is limited. However, you will easily find a flat for rent in the city. If you share with your friends, the rent will be quite affordable.





**ELIFNUR, TURKEY**

**I ENJOYED MY STAY IN OPOLE. I MET MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE HERE, BOTH LOCALS AND FOREIGNERS. IT IS ALSO QUITE EASY TO TRAVEL AROUND EUROPE. IT TAKES ONLY A FEW HOURS TO GET TO PRAGUE OR BERLIN.**

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