

Welcome to Gliwice



Practical Information

Arrival Day

The nearest airport to Gliwice are in Katowice (KTW 40km), Krakow (KRK 100km), Wrocław (WRO 170km). The [International Mobility Office](#) (IMO) generally offers airport transfers from Katowice and Krakow airports.

Katowice airport. From Katowice Airport to town is 30 minutes by car. A taxi ride will cost approximately 250 PLN (~40 km, time: ~30 min). The **bus travel time**: ~ 40 min and takes you to the central Katowice railway. The easiest way to get from Katowice centre to Gliwice is **by train**. The trip takes ~ 40 min. "Linia Lotnisko" from Katowice Airport to Katowice Centre and then take a Koleje Śląskie (KŚ) train to Gliwice. More information is available [here](#).

Kraków-balice airport. From Kraków - Balice Airport to Gliwice is 3,5 hours by train or 1,5 hour by car. You can take the Koleje Małopolskie train from the airport to [Kraków Centre](#) and then change there for a [train to Gliwice](#).

Warszawa airport. From Warsaw Airport to Gliwice is 4 hours by car or 3 hours by PKP train to Gliwice. You can take a train to Warsaw Centre station (30 min) and then change for a train to Gliwice. All [train schedules are available here](#).

SUT students can also receive a 50% discount for buses, trains and selected restaurants through their student card.

Accommodation

InnoEnergy students have an opportunity to use university accommodation in one of the SUT's dormitories. Dormitories are located within the Gliwice campus, few minutes walk from the Faculties.

- The pricing of the student houses in a dormitory usually ranges around EUR 60-80 monthly for a shared room and for a single room between EUR 100-150.
- Compared to other EU countries, the cost of living is low and All MSc CFAFE students will be offered rooms at SUT student halls.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Visa

EU Citizens on arrival have to register at the office at Katowice for right to stay for over 3 months.

Non-EU Students who have received visa for the whole period of their stay in Poland do not need to apply for Residence Permit. Non-EU citizens whose visa is valid for only 3-6 months, you must apply for a temporary residence permit. It would generally take 1-2 months for processing and costs about PLN 390.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Local Language

The official language of the country is Polish, a slavic language. During your academic year a Polish [language classes](#) semester-based course will be offered.

Utilities

Major mobile phone operators in Poland are Orange, Plus, T-Mobile, Play.

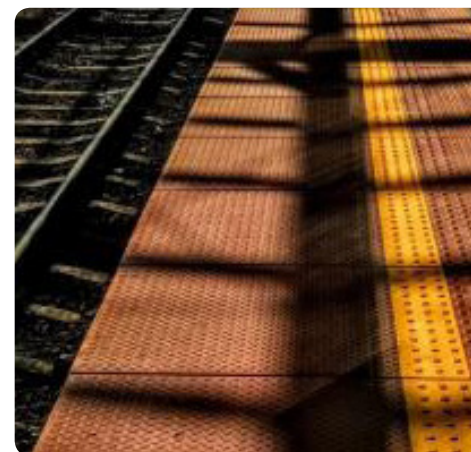
Emergency phone numbers

- **112.** General emergency number
- **997.** Police (Policja)
- **998.** Fire Brigade (Straż Pożarna)
- **999.** Ambulance (Pogotowie Ratunkowe).

Transport

Students below the age of 26 are entitled to 50% discount on tickets.

- Gliwice has a good **public transportation** network (buses). The public bus services in the region are provided by the KZK GOP company, operating in the city and the region of Upper Silesia.
- Outside of Gliwice **trams** are also a common way of public transport, as popular as buses.
- **The Central Railway Station (PKP)** in Gliwice is ~15 minutes walk from the SUT. Timetables and connections are available on the Polish Railways (PKP) [website](#).
- **Taxi.** Some of the taxi operators in Gliwice are RAJ, SEZAM, DRAGON, LUX.





Banking

The official currency in Poland. Polish Złoty (PLN) Exchange rate: 1 EUR = ~ 4,20 PLN

The main street in Gliwice. Zwycięstwa has many banks like, ING Bank Śląski or PKO S.A. The larger banks will almost certainly have staff that speak English (PKO BP, Citibank, HSBC and Multibank). Present your passport as well as the official documents issued by the KIC Office, confirming that you are a student.

The local currency is the Polish Złoty (PLN/ Zł.). You can exchange money at the bank or an exchange office (KANTOR).

Health

Voluntary Health Insurance is mandatory for all students for the whole duration of their stay in the Poland. Upon your arrival visit the NFZ (The National Health Found) located at Kossutha 13 street in Katowice to sign the voluntary health insurance contract. Monthly healthcare charges are approximately 46,80 PLN.

To prepare the agreement NFZ will need to have your address in Poland, PESEL number and a confirmation from SUT that you are a student. After signing a contract with the NFZ, the applicant has to fill out and submit the ZUS ZZA form at an appropriate Social Security Institution (in polish: Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych).

To do so, you need to visit: "ZUS" Gliwice: Pszczyńska 44a street. ZUS will provide you with a bank account number to which you will require to transfer (this has to be done by regular post) your monthly insurance fee.

Additional information can be found [here](#).



Food

Student canteens at the campuses serve meals with prices starting from ~5 PLN to 12 PLN.

Many restaurants and cafes are located near the Market Square. Restaurant meal (two courses + water) ~30-50 PLN; Varieties of Dumplings (pierogi), Beetroot soup (barszcz), Polish winter soup -Sauerkraut soup (kapuśniak), Silesian roulade (rolada śląska), Potato pancakes (placki ziemniaczane) are some of the many items in the delicious polish cuisine.

Smoking, drinking alcohol is prohibited in all public places.

Shopping

There are plenty of food shops in the area such as LIDL (located close to student halls), Biedronka, Aldi and Żabka.

For shopping centres try Forum, Silesia City Centre, Galeria Katowicka, Arena, Europa Centralna. On Sundays most shops are closed.

Industry in the region

Jobs

All full-time students with a student visa or temporary residence permit (see VISA & APPLICATION), EU / EEA citizens and Pole Card holders do not require a job permit. Please visit the [International Organization for Migration](#) or the [Foreigners Office](#) for more information.

The InnoEnergy Masters courses involve travelling to other European cities and are quite demanding. Hence do not fall chase money in exhausting part-time jobs which robs your energy and concentration from your main goal. However, I have tried to list down some of the part time jobs other than the few openings which might pop up at the InnoEnergy Office or on campus.

Companies and research bodies, including SUEZ, Tauron, Lotos, ICS Industrial Combustion Systems, and EDF Polska are actively engaged in the programme, as are Rafako Group and Amec Foster Wheeler now Sumitomo, as well as smaller innovative firms such as MetalERG. The Alliance for Rural Electrification and the Institute for Chemical Processing of Coal also play a key part in the programme.

Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



Fun

Fun Suggestions

You'll probably figure this part out by yourself but still, you might find some useful tips here.

Close to Europe's well known capitals.

Prague, Vienna, Berlin and Poland is a great opportunity to visit historical point of interests, many of UNESCO World Heritage Listed monuments and sites.

To make sure you are aware of local etiquette and any cultural difference, [visit the following website](#).

Historic Coal mine GUIDO, The Palace and Park complex in Plawnlowice, the mountain ranges of the Silesian Beskids and Żywiec

Beskids, Palace and forests in Pszczyna, Villa Caro, Defense Walls, Town Hall - Market Square, Bajka Scene and Amok Cinema are some of the many interesting attractions.

Gliwice has **direct railway connections** with many major European cities, including Hamburg, Kiev, Lvov and most of major Polish cities. Several connections (with trains change in Katowice) are also available to Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Bratislava, Ostrava etc.

More info, timetables and prices can be found here.



Few usefull Links & Apps

Links

- InnoEnergy platform incoming Students 2019/20
- Download the IECommunity app
- www.slaskie.travel
- Academic Medical Center ([Przychodnia Akademicka](#))
- [ESN SUT](#): Erasmus Student Network
- www.mowicpopolsku.com



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