

BOSTON COLLEGE

Poland

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KRAKOW

Krakow, Poland's former capital, is one of Europe's great intellectual centers and was a European Capital of Culture in the year 2000. The only major city in Poland to escape the destruction of World War II, Krakow has one of the best-preserved medieval city centers in Europe. The Old Town, including Main Market Square, is a significant UNESCO World Heritage Site and retains many architectural gems from different periods. The old Jewish Quarter in the Kazimierz district has sixteenth century synagogues and historic cemeteries. Nearby, at the site of the former Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, a museum commemorates the victims of the horrors of the Nazi regime.

Welcome to Poland

Located in Central Europe, Poland has a population of about 38 million people. Over its thousand year history, Poland has undergone turbulent changes including occupation and partitioning by neighboring countries. This nation lost over six million citizens during World War II, and fell under communist rule following the war. After the collapse of communism in 1989, Poland emerged as a vibrant democracy and is now a member of the European Union and NATO.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in Poland will study at its oldest and most prestigious institution, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. An English-taught curriculum is available at the university's Centre for European Studies. Because Poland has not yet adopted the Euro as its currency, it is a relatively affordable European location.

The Program

www.uj.edu.pl/index.en.html

Founded in 1364, Jagiellonian University is one of Europe's oldest academic institutions, boasting Copernicus and Pope John Paul II as former students. With a student body of about 45,000, the campus offers an international climate. Boston College students select English-taught classes in the Centre for European Studies and a language class in Polish, French, German, Russian, or Spanish. Students live in university residence halls or local apartments.

Program Highlights

- English-taught program covering the history, sociology, politics, and culture of Central and Eastern Europe
- Study trips throughout Poland and nearby European countries
- Student access to all university facilities



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For more detailed information about this BC study abroad program in Poland, visit the OIP web site at www.bc.edu/international.

In addition to BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs listed on our web site.

