

Warsaw School of Economics fall / spring

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program snapshot

- English-taught classes with the opportunity to study business, economics, and political science with Polish and other European students
- Study in a country transforming from a state-controlled to a democratic market-based system: advanced level business courses taught in English
- Cultural excursions and study tours to Gdansk and the Solidarity Museum, Kraków, Auschwitz, and the Holocaust Museum
- Cultural reimbursement program that allows students to explore Polish culture

what you'll learn

The goals of the Central European Studies program are to help students gain a greater understanding of Central Europe, with specific emphasis on the Polish perspective and experience, while learning more about business practices and economics in Poland and the European Union through courses at the Warsaw School of Economics.

thoughts from abroad

The CIEE Study Center in Poland opened in 1989, as the first CIEE program in Central Europe. Poland today is in the advanced stages of transforming its society, economy, laws, and public institutions from a Communist regime to a free market democracy. May 1, 2004 was a turning point in the history of Poland. On that date, Poland became a member of the European Union, and the dreams of millions of Solidarity members were fulfilled.

The CIEE Study Center in Warsaw offers a unique opportunity for ambitious students to study such processes in reality, rather than reading about them in books. The country is truly a laboratory to study social, political, and economic changes. In fact, the transition from a totalitarian political system with a command economy to a democratic society with a market economy had never happened before anywhere in history. There have been both many achievements and failures since Solidarity defeated communism in Poland. It is indeed fascinating to observe ongoing processes of change in Poland, and the accession to the European Union provides yet another interesting case study. Students who choose this program are coming to the right country and studying at the right institution if they want to learn about a rapidly changing country and region. Students will confront existing stereotypes about Poland and Central Europe and compare them with the day-to-day reality of life in the region.

— Bogdan Radomski, Resident Director

About the Resident Director

Dr. Bogdan A. Radomski, a native of Poland, received his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Economics from the Warsaw School of Economics and currently also serves as an Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer of International Finance at WSE. Bogdan began as CIEE Resident Director in Warsaw in 1989 with the program's inception. He strongly believes that personal contacts—developed by living with people of different nationalities, cultures, and habits—help eliminate stereotypes and xenophobia, and thus, furthers better understanding in today's world.

About Other CIEE Staff

Malgorzata Nowicka is the Program Assistant. She received her M.A. in American Studies at Warsaw University. She studied abroad in Germany on a Socrates Erasmus Scholarship.

about warsaw

A relatively young city by Polish standards, Warsaw was founded in the 14th century and became the nation's capital in 1596. Warsaw is a bustling city at the center of Poland's economic and cultural life, and a thriving Central European capital. It has an excellent public transportation system and is easily navigable. The city is divided by the Vistula River, and has many parks, royal palaces, and a colorful Old Town area. Enjoy the many theaters, museums, cafés, and discos while studying in the most rapidly growing city in Central Europe.

academics**Academic Program**

Established in 1989, the program provides a broad-based academic program combined with an in-country cultural experience. The program offers students Polish language instruction and a series of specially designed courses in such fields as Central European politics, literature, history, and economics, as well as the option to enroll in Warsaw School of Economics (WSE) courses taught in English through the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS).

Academic Culture

All content courses are taught in English. Course content is country and region specific. The teaching method tends to be lectures, although most professors welcome discussion. CIEE courses generally meet twice a week for 1.5 hours. CIEE students are registered at the Warsaw School of Economics as full time students and are granted WSE student IDs.

The CIEE program calendar follows that of the U.S. higher education system, with the fall semester from late August to mid-December, and the spring semester from late January to mid-May. However, the academic calendar for the Warsaw School of Economics consists of a fall semester from late September to late January and a spring semester from mid-February to late May or early June. CIEE students who directly enroll in WSE courses may request permission for early exams (prior to the Christmas holiday), although CIEE does not guarantee approval of such requests.

Nature of Classes

CIEE courses are primarily taken by CIEE students, though Polish or other international students occasionally participate. Participants who enroll in CEMS or other Warsaw School of Economics courses take classes with CIEE, Polish, and other international students.

Language Environment

As students gain proficiency in Polish, resident staff encourage them to use their language skills in everyday settings. The more students participate, the more a community that contributes to Polish language proficiency and understanding of Polish society develops.

Grading System

Grades are assigned using the Polish grading scale of 2–5.5 and converted to U.S. letter grade equivalents. Plus grades are also assigned but there are no minus grades awarded. Most courses have at least two means of assessment, usually a mid-term exam and a final exam or paper. However, depending on the course, additional assignments such as a research paper or a class presentation may also be required. Attendance and class participation are also incorporated into the final grade for all courses.

**where you'll study**

Established in 1906, the Warsaw School of Economics (WSE) is the oldest and largest economics university in Poland, with 16,000 students. Located close to the city center, WSE offers programs in economics, management, statistics, computer science, demography, and public-sector economics. WSE has developed close contacts with universities and institutes abroad, and its academic staff plays an active role in the private sector and state administration, as well as in numerous domestic and international organizations.

living

Housing and Meals

Housing is included in the program fee. CIEE students live together in double rooms in a Warsaw School of Economics dormitory, with shared bath and kitchen facilities. Polish and other international students live in the dormitory as well. The dormitory is located very close to the campus, and city bus and tramway stops. The metro station is a short ten-minute walk from the dormitory. Meals may be taken at the student cafeteria or in restaurants and cafés in Warsaw, or may be prepared in the dormitory. Meals are not included in the program fee and are the responsibility of the student.

Orientation

A mandatory orientation session, conducted in Warsaw at the beginning of the program, introduces students to the country, the

culture, and the academic program, and provides practical information about living in Warsaw. CIEE students benefit from ongoing orientation and cultural learning through their associations with Polish language partners whom they meet at the beginning of orientation. Ongoing support is provided on an individual and group basis throughout the program.

Internet

Students have limited access to computers at the Warsaw School of Economics. Students are encouraged to bring laptops as they can access the Internet in their dorm rooms. Upon arrival, students may establish an email account through the University network. There are also numerous Internet cafés in Warsaw.



eligibility

- Overall GPA 2.75

duration

Fall

16 weeks: late August–mid-December or late January

Spring

16 weeks: late January–mid-May or early June

culture

Cultural Activities and Field Trips

The program includes visits to sites of historic and cultural importance in Warsaw, a study tour to Gdansk, the home of the Solidarity Movement, as well as a 4-day study tour to Kraków and the surrounding area. A visit to Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp, is also included. Visits to other Polish cities are also included as class field trips.

Cultural Reimbursement

The CIEE Study Center in Warsaw offers a cultural reimbursement program that may be used to explore Warsaw and other areas of Poland independently. As a means of encouraging students to take maximum advantage of their time in Warsaw and in Poland, students may be reimbursed for some of their tickets to theater, Polish films, opera, ballet, and other special local events.

costs

CIEE Fees

Fall 2009: \$13,500

Spring 2010: available 8/15/09

The CIEE fees for 2009–10 include an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, tuition, housing, orientation, cultural activities, local excursions, field trips, pre-departure advising, comprehensive student handbook, and a CIEE iNext travel card, which provides insurance and other travel benefits.

Estimated Additional Costs (Fall 2009)

Transportation (round-trip based on U.S. East Coast departure)	\$ 1,400
Personal Expenses	\$ 1,000
Meals	\$ 900
Local Transportation	\$ 100
Books and Supplies	\$ 100
Visa Fee	\$ 66
Total Estimated Additional Costs	\$ 3,566

Check our website for current fees.

coursework**Program Requirements**

All students take the required Polish language course at their level and four CIEE area studies courses taught in English, or an equivalent number of courses taken directly from University offerings.

For students at the advanced level of business studies, business courses in English are also available at the Warsaw School of Economics through the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS), the European network of business schools. Enrollment in these courses requires the prior approval of the student's home university.

Credit

Total recommended credit for the semester is 16 semester/24 quarter hours.

Course contact hours are 45 hours and recommended credit is 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours per course, unless otherwise indicated.

Languages of Instruction

Polish, English

Faculty

All courses are taught by faculty members from the Warsaw School of Economics, as well as from a number of other Polish institutions of higher education, which may include the University of Warsaw, the Polish Academy of Sciences, and universities in Kraków.

courses**Required CIEE Language Courses****POLE 1001 WRSW****Beginning Polish**

This course introduces the phonetics, basic grammar, and practical vocabulary of the Polish language. It allows students to learn the Polish language so that they may communicate in their daily life while in Warsaw. Contact hours: 80. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours. *Instructor: Anna Zajac*

POLE 2001 WRSW**Intermediate Polish**

This course for intermediate students concentrates on improving written and oral skills, and includes reading newspaper articles and modern Polish literary texts. Contact hours: 80. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours. *Instructor: Anna Zajac*

POLE 3001 WRSW**Advanced Polish**

This course for advanced students concentrates on improving written and oral skills, and includes reading newspaper articles and modern Polish literary texts. Contact hours: 80. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours. *Instructor: Anna Zajac*

CIEE Area Studies Courses**HIST 3001 WRSW****Jews in Poland and the Holocaust**

This course introduces students to the history of Polish Jewry. It also presents Polish-Jewish relations before World War II in the broader context of the national minority question in Central Europe. The Holocaust and reactions to it, as well as its post-war interpretations, are also examined. *Instructor: Dariusz Stola*

HIST 3002 WRSW**History of Central Europe, 1871 to Present**

The topics of study include defining Central Europe; foreign rule over the region; societies and economies prior to World War I; the effects of the World Wars on the region; inter-war political developments; Communist rule and its demise; political leaders in the region; and recent Central European history (1990–2000). *Instructor: Nina Gadziuk*

LITT 3001 WRSW**The Search for Self: Identity in Post-War Polish Literature**

This course examines the quest for self-identity in its existential, national, and political aspects, as reflected in Polish post-War literature. The course probes the motivation of those writers who sided with the Communist regime, as well as those who rejected any form of collaboration, often at the price of silence. *Instructor: Grzegorz Grochowski*

POLI 3001 WRSW**The Dynamics of Breakthrough in Central Europe**

This course covers the revolution in Poland, from the early days of Solidarity through martial law, to the eventual eclipse by democratic forces in Poland of the old Communist regime. It explores these events from both sociological and political science perspectives. *Instructor: Jadwiga Staniszkis*

SOCI 3001 WRSW**Polish Society and Politics**

This course looks at the impact of the Communist regime's collapse in 1989. Discussions include the social and demographic structure of Polish society, the history and effects of the Solidarity Movement, and the changes in Polish politics and society since 1989. *Instructor: Bogdan Grzelonski*

SOCI 3002 WRSW**Social Issues in Contemporary Poland**

This course examines the current structure of Polish society by looking at economic and social stratification, relations between Poles and other nationalities, examples of Polish nationalism in legend and in reality, religious life, the younger generation's role, and the Communist Party's attempt to create a society without classes. *Instructor: Adam Kurzynowski*



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Warsaw School of Economics (WSE) Courses

Below is a partial list of WSE courses taught in English. A complete list of subjects will be available to students upon acceptance. The complete and updated list of WSE courses for each semester is available on the WSE website at www.sgh.waw.pl.

- Contemporary Europe: Culture, Languages, and Tradition
- Creativity in Advertising
- Cross-Cultural Management
- The Current Economic, Legislative, and Political Developments in the European Union
- Economics of Crises
- The Ethics in Economy (Business Ethics)
- EU Membership and Transformation in Central and East Europe
- The Euro: Costs and Benefits of European Monetary Integration
- European Union Adjustment to Globalization
- Globalization, Regionalization, and Competitiveness
- International Economics
- International Finance
- International Political Relations
- Introductory Econometrics
- Making Polish Foreign Policy
- Mathematical Methods and Models in Economic Dynamics
- Political Ideologies
- Political Management
- Public Administration in the European Union
- Public Relations
- Social Problems in Contemporary Poland
- Terrorism and Economic Aspects of Terrorism

Community of European Management Schools Courses

English-language taught business courses are also available at the Warsaw School of Economics through the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS) for students at the advanced level of business studies. Although these courses are taught primarily at the graduate level, they are open to advanced undergraduates. A final list of available CEMS courses is available to participants upon acceptance. Enrollment in these courses requires the prior approval of students' sending institutions before departure from the U.S. Courses available through CEMS may include:

- Business-Government Relations in the European Context I and II
- Competitive Advantage through Technology
- CRM and CRM Strategies
- EU Economic Policies
- Global Business Strategy in the European Context
- International Corporate Financial Management
- International Financial Markets
- International Marketing International Logistics
- Network Economy and Company Management
- Organizational Behavior and Organizational Design
- Service Quality in the New Economy

