Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow
The traditions of Jesuit education in Poland

Who we are

Ignatianum is the only Jesuit university in Poland and one of only four Catholic universities in the whole country, made up of 38 million citizens. It was founded in 1989, right after the overthrow of the communism regime by the Solidarity movement (Solidarność), when hitherto banned Catholic education reemerged. The University is located very close to the old town of Cracow, the previous capital and historical center of the country, inhabited by 750,000 people.

The Mission of the University Ignatianum in Cracow

As a Catholic University, we:

- derive our inspiration from the Christian way of life,
- serve the family of humankind in the spirit of the Gospel,
- engage in the struggle for faith and justice,
- strive to be a place of dialogue between the Gospel and the culture at large.

Moreover, as a Jesuit University, we are also engaged in sharing with others the longstanding tradition of educational excellence and experience developed by generations of members of the Society of Jesus, driven by the principle "ad maiorem Dei gloriam" (for the greater glory of God). In this way we share in Jesuit tradition and charism, being a part of some 200 Jesuit universities worldwide. Our main goal is to provide our students with an education of the highest possible level: one that will empower them, through the knowledge and competences they acquire, not only to strive towards their own fruitful professional development and self-fulfillment, but also, thanks to Ignatian pedagogy, to facilitate their spiritual, moral and social growth as human beings.

The historical heritage

The name ‘Ignatianum’ comes from St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order in 1545. Since the very beginning, the Jesuits have appreciated the importance of educational work, not only in Europe, but on other continents too. They have founded hundreds of schools, making them into institutions renowned for their high standards. In Poland, the Jesuits have been working in the area of education since the 16th century, when Cardinal Hosius invited them to Braniewo, a city in northeastern Poland. It was there that the Society of Jesus opened Collegium Hosianum, their first college and seminary in Poland (1564). The subsequent development of Jesuit educational institutions in the old Polish Commonwealth occurred rapidly. In 1579 the Jesuit Collegium in Vilnius by an act of King Stephen Báthory transmuted into the Vilnius Academy, one of the first universities in northeastern Europe. The Lviv Academy, created by the founding act of King John II Casimir Vasa in 1661, replaced the Jesuit Collegium in Lviv. Until the suppression of the Jesuit Order in 1773 (when their schools were taken over by the Commission of National Education, the first Polish ministry of Education), there were, in the First Polish Commonwealth, more than a hundred Jesuit educational institutions of different levels. These institutions served as a conduit for modern trends in education, providing important centers of culture and acting as a bridge between the West and East of Europe.

During the partitions of Poland, when the Polish State ceased to exist for more than 100 years, Jesuit schools were present in the territories annexed by Russia and initially by Prussia, and as such were an important factor in facilitating the survival and development of Polish national identity.
After Poland regained independence in 1918, the Jesuits opened their gymnasiums in Khyriv, Vilnius and Gdynia. During the German occupation in World War II, the Jesuits organized their own secret program of education in southern Poland. It was considered one of the best of such institutions.

Traditional values, modern studies

The reason for that was the persecution of the Catholic Church during the Communism time (1945-1989), when Catholic schools were banned. With an exception of one university, all Catholic educational institutions were prohibited until 1989. For the last 25 years an effort to rebuild Jesuit education in Poland has been taking place. An enormous labor has been put into this endeavor, due to the loss of almost all pre-WWII colleges, a result of the post-war political arrangement, which included the loss of two thirds of the previous Polish territory. Starting from a scratch, the Jesuits have managed to open three high-schools, one Theological Faculty in Warsaw and one University in Cracow.

Only after 1989, when Poland became a sovereign liberal democracy, was coming back to traditional education possible. At present there are several educational institutions run by the Jesuits in Poland, like the Stanisław Kostka Jesuit School Complex in Gdynia, the Jesuit Center of Education in Nowy Sącz, the Stanislaw Kostka Jesuit Gymnasium in Cracow, the Jesuit Public Gymnasium in Mysłowice, the “Socius” Post-Secondary School in Mysłowice, Collegium Bobolanum (a part of the Pontifical Theological Faculty in Warsaw), and the Jesuit University ‘Ignatianum’ in Cracow.

Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow is a Catholic institution of higher education run by the Southern Polish Province of the Society of Jesus. The University is endowed with all the rights of a national Polish higher-education facility. The legal status of Ignatianum is specified by the following legal acts: Umowa między Rządem Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej a Konferencją Episkopatu Polski [The Agreement between the Government of Poland and The Conference of the Episcopate of Poland], Konstytucja apostolska „Sapientia Christiana” [the “Sapientia Christiana” Apostolic Constitution], and the University Ignatianum Charter, approved by the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education.

The tradition of Jesuit University Ignatianum reaches back to the end of the 19th century, when the initial development of an educational and research center run by the Society of Jesus in Cracow took place. In the 1930s, the Philosophical Department of the Society of Jesus gained the right to offer BA studies programs to the scholastics. With the political changes that happened in Poland after 1989, it became possible to extend the educational offer further, to include lay students.

On the 500th anniversary of the birth of Ignatius Loyola and the 450th anniversary of the foundation of the Jesuit Order, the first secular students of philosophy and pedagogy entered Ignatianum. The rapid development of the Jesuit research center has also enabled an expansion of the range of studies. At present, apart from philosophy and educational sciences, one can also study cultural studies, social work, political science, psychology, journalism and social communication, and English philology. Ignatianum continues to expand its educational offerings, with more and more of its institutes gaining the right to confer Master’s and PhD-level qualifications upon students.

The Administrative Authorities of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow

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Traditional values, modern studies

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THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY
Comprising:
1. The Institute of Philosophy
2. The Institute of Cultural Studies
3. The Institute of Psychology

The Institute of Philosophy has the following departments:
- Logic and Epistemology
- Philosophy of Religion
- Metaphysics and Philosophy of Nature
- Ethics
- Philosophical Anthropology
- History of Philosophy
- Social and Political Philosophy

The Institute of Psychology has the following departments:
- General Psychology
- Psychology of Human Development
- Psychopathology and Preventive Psychology
- Social Psychology and Interpersonal Communication

The Institute of Cultural Studies has the following departments:
- Anthropology and Theory of Theatre
- Cultural Heritage of Poland
- Aesthetics and Art Studies
- Philosophy and Theory of Culture
- History of Christian Culture
- Ancient and Medieval Culture
- Modern and Contemporary Culture
- Media and Social Communication
- Cultural Tourism and Intercultural Migrations

THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION
Comprising:
1. The Institute of Educational Sciences
2. The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences

The Institute of Educational Sciences has the following departments:
- Andragogy and Pedagogical Axiology
- History of Education
- Cultural and Christian Foundations for Education
- Didactics and Early Education of Children
- General Pedagogy and Theory of Education
- Social Prevention and Resocialization
- Psycho-Pedagogy
- Gerontology, Geriatrics and Social Work
- Social Pedagogy
- Family Studies
- English Philology

The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences has the following departments:
- International Relations
- History of Politics
- Theory and Philosophy of Politics
- Sociology of Politics
- Contemporary Political Systems
- Political Thought
- Public Policy and Administration

FOREIGN LANGUAGES CENTER
- English Language Unit
- Other Languages Unit

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OF JESUIT UNIVERSITY IGNATIANUM IN CRACOW
- Pedagogy
- Journalism and Social Communication
The Institute of Philosophy is the oldest unit of the University. As such, it is the center around which the other departments have been created and developed. From its very beginnings, we have been faithful to the Jesuit model of teaching and doing philosophy. Our goal is to retain a wisdom-based approach to philosophy, along with an awareness of the inspiration and legacy of Christianity as the point of reference, in a spirit of a critical openness to contemporary issues and trends in philosophy. The research conducted by the Institute is focused on historico-philosophical, logico-methodological and systematic problems belonging to the basic philosophical disciplines of philosophy: metaphysics and ontology, epistemology, philosophy of religion, anthropology, aesthetics, ethics and bioethics, political and social philosophy, philosophy of science, and philosophy of mind and nature. On these foundations, we are also engaged in conducting interdisciplinary work on the meeting points between philosophy and psychology, sociology, cultural studies, journalism, theology, and law.

**Senior Administration** of the Institute of Philosophy

Director of the Institute of Philosophy
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**Educational Programs** of the Institute of Philosophy

The Institute of Philosophy offers full-time studies in philosophy at Bachelor’s level (BA), Master’s level (MA), and Doctoral level (PhD). It also offers post-diploma studies:

1. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Philosophy – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Classical and Contemporary Philosophy
   2. Ethics and Coaching
   3. Ethical Education
II. Master’s (second-level, MA) studies – Philosophy – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
1. Classical and Contemporary Philosophy
2. Ethics and Coaching
3. Ethical and Philosophical Education

III. Post-diploma studies:
• Philosophy and Ethics with Elements of Coaching

Journals of the Institute of Philosophy
The Institute issues the following scholarly journals and publication series (with Ignatianum Academic Press):

» Forum Philosophicum. International Journal for Philosophy

» Rocznik Filozoficzny Ignatianum (Ignatianum Annual Review of Philosophy)

» Universum Philosophiae

Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow
Institute of Cultural Studies

The Institute of Cultural Studies conducts research on the main elements of human universe that compose the cultural heritage of Poland, Europe and the world. It includes history, architecture, art, theatre, music, religion, literature, and philosophy. The Institute also investigates the contemporary achievements of human civilization and important cultural issues, like film, new media, social communication, dialogue between cultures and religions, psychology and pedagogy of culture, aesthetics of media, culture in cyberspace, cultural tourism, and management of culture. Experts in the above fields share their knowledge with BA, MA, PhD and postgraduate students.

Senior Administration of the Institute of Cultural Studies

Director of the Institute of Cultural Studies
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Vice-Director of the Institute of Cultural Studies, head of Student Affairs
Prof. Beata Bigaj-Zwonek

Educational Programs of the Institute of Cultural Studies
The Institute of Cultural Studies offers both full-time and part time studies at Bachelor’s level (BA), Master’s level (MA), and Doctoral level (PhD), as well as postgraduate studies:

I. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Journalism and Social Communication – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
1. Broadcast Journalism
2. Television Journalism
3. Digital Journalism
4. Press Journalism
The Institute of Psychology at Jesuit University Ignatianum was founded in 2014, and has been rapidly growing and enhancing its reputation ever since. This new educational and research center was established in order to meet the demand for high-quality training in psychology while at the same time fostering a humanistic perspective in this field of research. The main features of our approach are the maintaining of close working relationships between teachers and students, based on mutual respect as members of the Institute’s community, and the carrying out of a variety of types of research relevant to the scientific frontiers of psychology without losing sight of an anthropologically oriented perspective.

**Senior Administration of the Institute of Psychology**

Director of the Institute of Psychology

Jacek Bielas, PhD

Vice-Director of the Institute of Psychology, head of General Affairs

Łukasz Michalczyk, PhD

Vice-Director of the Institute of Psychology, head of Student Affairs

Tomasz Grzegorek, PhD

**Educational Programs of the Institute of Psychology**

The Institute of Psychology offers full-time studies and adult education in the form of a five-year-long studies Master’s level (MA) course in psychology. We also offer postgraduate studies:

I. Five-year Master’s level (MA) studies – Psychology – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:

1. Development Support
2. Clinical Psychology
3. Forensic Psychology

II. Post-diploma studies:

- Psycho-Oncology

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**Journals of the Institute of Cultural Studies**

The Institute through Ignatianum Academic Press publishes the following scholarly journals and publication series:

- **Perspektywy Kultury** (Perspectives on Culture)
- **Humanitas. Studia Kulturoznawcze** (Humanitas. Cultural Studies)
The Institute of Educational Sciences conducts research in the fields of education, upbringing and social studies. Its mission is to facilitate the personal, spiritual and professional development of its faculty and students. The aim of the institute is to provide a high level of education and edification, in the spirit of Christian values.

In the above areas, we strive to achieve in our students an openness to the challenges of the present, to assume their professional and social responsibilities with a concern for both their own dignity and that of other human beings. We search how to employ in everyday lives the Jesuit principle of MAGIS, which means “more” in Latin and refers to an attitude of surpassing any mediocrity.

**Senior Administration of the Institute of Educational Sciences**

Director of the Institute of Educational Sciences
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Vice-Director of the Institute of Educational Sciences, head of Educational Affairs
Ewa Miśkowiec, PhD

**Educational Programs of the Institute of Educational Sciences**

The Institute of Cultural Studies offers both full-time and part-time studies at Bachelor’s level (BA), Master’s level (MA), and Doctoral level (PhD), as well as postgraduate studies:

I. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Education – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Pedagogy of Rehabilitation with Social Prevention
   2. Preschool and Early Primary School Education

II. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Social Work – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Social Work with the Child and Family
   2. Social Work with Refugees and Immigrants

III. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – English Philology – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Teaching English in kindergartens and primary schools
   2. English Language Text Editing
IV. Master’s (second-level, MA) studies – Pedagogy – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
1. Early Primary School Education
2. Pedagogy of Rehabilitation with Crisis Intervention
3. Family Pedagogy and Early Child Care
4. School Pedagogy with Educational Therapy

V. Post-diploma studies (some of them):
- Preschool Education with Pedagogical Training
- Preschool and Early Primary School Education
- Streetworking as an Interdisciplinary Work Method

Journals of the Institute of Educational Sciences

The institute publishes the following scholarly journals and publication series (in cooperation with Ignatianum Academic Press):

» Horyzonty Wychowania (Horizons of Education)
» Library of Horizons of Pedagogy
» Library of Ignatian Pedagogy
» Dilemmas of Resocialization
» Pedagogy, Speech-language Pathology, Multilingualism
» Studies in Pedagogy
» Around the Family

Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow
The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences

The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences was created in 2010 as a unit focused on research in the fields of political science, public policy, administrative sciences, and political relations in Middle-Eastern Europe. With regard to education, the Institute offers BA and MA studies in Political Science and in Administration and Public Policy. Its faculty, with over 40 scholars representing the disciplines of political science, law, economy, sociology and psychology, guarantees the interdisciplinary character and high quality of both its research and its teaching. Moreover, studies at the Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences, focusing as they do on the public sphere and political behavior, are characterized by a deep appreciation of mankind and its values, which is a consequence of the character and quality of Ignatianum itself, to which the Institute belongs.

Senior Administration of the Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences

Director of the Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences
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Prof. Mirosław Lakomy

Vice-Director of the Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences, head of Educational Affairs
Radosław Zyzik, PhD

Educational Programs of the Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences

The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences offers full-time studies in Political Science, and in Administration and Public Policy, at Bachelor’s level (BA) and Master’s level (MA). It also offers post-diploma studies:

I. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Political Science – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
The Mysłowice-based Nonresident Faculty of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow

On 24th February 2015, the Senate of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow established the Nonresident Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, based in Mysłowice.

Educational Programs of the Mysłowice-based Nonresident Faculty

The Mysłowice-based Nonresident Faculty of Human and Social Sciences offers full-time studies at Bachelor's level (BA) in Journalism and Social Communication, and in Pedagogy. Both study programs are tuition free.

I. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Journalism and Social Communication – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Broadcast Journalism
   2. Television Journalism
   3. Digital Journalism
   4. Press Journalism

II. Bachelor’s (first-level, BA) studies – Pedagogy – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Pedagogy of Social Rehabilitation
   2. Preschool and Early Primary School Education

III. Master’s (second-level, MA) studies – Political Science – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Public Security
   2. The Media, Advertising and Publicity in Politics
   3. Central Government and Local Administration
   4. Political Analysis

IV. Master’s (second-level, MA) studies – Administration and Public Policy – SUB-SPECIALIZATIONS:
   1. Governmental Administration and Creation of Public Policies
   2. Local Government and Development

V. Post-diploma studies:
   • Public Administration
   • Public Security
   • Civil Budgets, Social Consultations and Local Democracy
   • Cybersecurity
   • Management and Organization of Education

Journals of the Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences

The institute publishes the following scholarly journals and publication series (in cooperation with Ignatianum Academic Press):

» Horyzonty Polityki
  (The Horizons of Politics)

» Dyskurs Polityologiczny
  (The Discourse of Political Science)
The International Relations Office of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow is a contact point for students, researchers and visiting academics.

One of the most important tasks of the Office is the coordination of the European Union Erasmus+ Programme. It encourages international mobility of students and academics (incoming and outgoing), by providing informational and administrative support. Our ambition is to make the stay at Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow a pleasant experience for our visitors and to maintain good relations with our partner universities.

In the course of participating in the Erasmus+ Programme, Ignatianum has established close cooperation with some of the most prestigious universities in Europe. Our University has also linked up a series of partnerships outside of the Erasmus+ Programme (see the map below).

International cooperation of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow in Erasmus+ Programme:
The Academic Library of the Jesuit Order in Cracow

The Academic Library of the Jesuit Order in Cracow continues the legacy of Jesuit libraries previously affiliated with the Publishing House WAM (belonging to the Order) and the Philosophical Department of the Society of Jesus in Cracow. It is one of the founding members of FIDES – the Federation of Church Libraries.

The library holds a vast collection of internationally recognized works in the field of the humanities. Within the library collection itself, there are over 400,000 items: books, journals, and special collections that consist of antique works, manuscripts, photocopies, and microfilms. The enlargement of the collection by a couple of thousand items every year is made possible through purchases, donations, and institutional exchanges. A large part of the library's collection consists of publications in foreign languages. From the 1990's on, the library has maintained its own digital catalogues, accessible via internet.

An especially valued and important part of the library’s collection contains materials pertaining to the history of the Society of Jesus in Poland. These valuable research materials are being used by numerous scholars from Poland and abroad.

The access to the library's collection is free of charge and does not require any additional subscriptions. Most of it is accessible through the website, by placing orders that are realized by the library staff. The freely accessible part of the collection can be read in the reading rooms. Most rooms are adapted for disabled persons.

The library provides information based on its own resources, and cooperation with other institutions. Users of the library can receive direct assistance from the staff and take part in various training events. For more information: http://www.ignatianum.edu.pl/biblioteka.
dren in the organizations they work in, as well as assess risk factors, and react in situations where children are being harmed. COD cooperates with other similar institutions from different countries, with the objective of becoming a tool for dialogue and the sharing of experience in the area of the Catholic Church’s response to the abuse of young people in the countries of East-Central Europe.

The University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age (Uniwesytet Trzeciego Wieku – UTW), which offers its services to seniors (50+), sets its focus on the area of “Human-Culture-Religion-Society”. UTW offers academic lectures on various subjects, cultural events, excursions and special-interest clubs. Students have also the opportunity to take part in Prayer School, dedicated to both theology of prayer and its practical implementation. Seniors also have the chance to take part in weekly Latin masses, and to sing in the “Cordia Cordis” choir that operates in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Students can participate in the activities of UTW on either a facultative or a systematic basis, and after a full course lasting three years, having successfully met certain requirements and submitting a written essay, they will receive a recognized diploma.

The Academic Choir of the University Ignatianum

The Academic Choir was created in 2001. Its founders were Professor Władysław Kubik, S.J., rector of Ignatianum, and Andrzej Wilk, professor and music educator. The first director of the choir was Małgorzata Gawor. At the beginning the choir consisted of just a few students from the Department of Education, but within a short period has become a fully polyphonic choir with members from all departments of Ignatianum. Starting from 2015 the director has been Paweł Herod. Traditionally, the choir performs at the official academic events held at Ignatianum, as well as at various secular and church festivals and holidays.

The Students’ Council of Ignatianum

The Students’ Council of the University is a place where every student can find something interesting. Knowing the needs and preferences of the whole body of students, it is able to create events and projects that will be available to everyone and will let every person pursue their interests in an enjoyable way. The “Cecyliada” November Student Art Festival, the Ignatianum Spring Soccer Event, the many movie nights in the University’s grounds, and student parties at great Cracow clubs, are
The Old Town
in Cracow

Cracow, with its numerous historic buildings and monuments, is a pearl in the Polish landscape of antique architecture. Every year millions of tourists visit this historical capital of the Crown of the Kingdom of Poland, whose first settlement dates back to the Stone Age. The Royal Castle, the medieval tenements, the renaissance Cloth Hall in the center of the Market Square, the ancient buildings of one of the oldest European universities, or the many beautiful churches are just a few examples of what can be found in this unique city. The inimitable atmosphere of its restaurants and traditional hospitality of its citizens leave an unforgettable sense of the Slavic part of Europe.

just a fraction of the variety of interesting activities organized by the Council during the academic year. The Council is also very active in charity work, both in connection with events and campaigns going on at Ignatianum generally, and linked to those specifically invented by its members. All these activities aim to build a community of students, and create incentives for active engagement during one’s studies at Ignatianum.

The Union of PhD Students of Ignatianum Jesuit University

The Union of PhD Students of Jesuit University Ignatianum in Cracow is an official body representing postgraduates. It has the right to formulate and present requests and viewpoints concerning matters relevant to PhD candidates before the university’s academic authorities, and in the academic environment. In its activities, the Union and its members not only represent the interests of postgraduates students, but also cooperate with other public initiatives to further a variety of social goals. An example of such cooperation is the involvement in the “Szlachetna Paczka” (Noble Parcel) Project, a Poland-wide charity campaign around Christmas. Among the Union’s statutory tasks is that of supporting initiatives of PhD candidates, what takes the form of organizing various courses, conferences, art exhibitions and other cultural events. The Union also cooperates with scientific associations for PhD candidates, in order to expand their knowledge and broaden their interests in the fields of cultural studies, philosophy, education and social work.

Ignatian Center of Voluntary Service

Ignatian Center of Voluntary Service (Ignacjańskie Centrum Wolontariatu) is an inter-departmental unit of the University. Its main purpose is to initiate, organize and promote a voluntary work, what is achieved through integration of people engaged in the field of humanitarian activities. The Center supports volunteers in their development through courses and trainings, as well as through possibility of sharing their experience. The involvement serves to increase of social awareness among young people, and understand the idea of MAGIS, a Jesuit high-standard profile.

Foundation Ignatianum

The Foundation serves the University by supporting educational and developmental activities. It assists especially the students in their initiatives and search for jobs in the labor market, by organizing workshops, personal development courses or access to the network of business organizations. Since 2014 the Foundation enjoys the status of Public Benefit Organization (tax-deductible), which allows to receive 1% of the income tax from individuals. For more information: http://fundacjiignatianum.pl.
One can also visit some places close to Cracow, which earmark important events in recent Polish history. One-hour travel from the city lies the small town of Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyła, the future pope John Paul II. Within the same distance is Auschwitz, a concentration camp set up by German occupants during the World War II.

Contemporary Cracow with its 800 thousand citizens has been transformed since the fall of communism in 1989, into one of the most advanced modern cities of Poland.