



# WELCOME TO KUL!

THE JOHN PAUL II  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN  
ADMISSION GUIDE





# EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) is the oldest university in Lublin and the first Catholic university in Central and Eastern Europe. KUL is one of the first accomplishments of free Poles after we regained independence in 1918, and the first university to resume activity after the turmoil of the Second World War. In the communist times, people called it an island of freedom and an oasis of free thought, as it was the only Catholic and private university on the vast territory stretching from the Elbe to Vladivostok. In contemporary times, it continues to pursue the ideas of its initiator, founder and first rector, Rev. Idzi Radziszewski, while making every effort to adapt to the changing reality.

The most famous of KUL's professors is Rev. Karol Wojtyła. He worked at KUL for

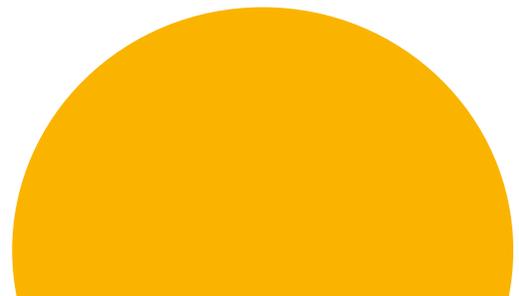
twenty four years, first as a lecturer, then as the head of the Department of Ethics in the Faculty of Philosophy. When Card. Karol Wojtyła became pope, he didn't sever his ties with KUL — he only changed the nature of the relationship. John Paul II remembered his Alma Mater, and the university has never forgotten him. After the death of John Paul II, KUL's Senate adopted a resolution to change the university's name to the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin in honour of its Great Professor. John Paul II is present in whatever happens in the university's life. The physical sign of his presence are his relic in the Academic Church and his statue in the courtyard. The impressive legacy of the Professor is also a subject matter of academic research, disseminated through publications, lectures and conferences.

# EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

KUL today is a well-known academic centre, which is highly valued in Europe and globally. It is a modern, innovative and dynamically developing university with traditions and great scientific achievements, highly rated by students and graduates. At KUL, Polish and foreign students can choose from a wide range of faculties and fields of study. It is an open university that welcomes people of all religious denominations. Lectures and classes at KUL are conducted by highly qualified academic staff, who excel as teachers and researchers in diverse academic disciplines. Graduates of KUL enjoy a high employability. A lot of our graduates hold prestigious positions in world-renowned institutions in Poland and abroad.

## FACULTIES AT KUL

- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration
- Faculty of Philosophy
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Science and Health
- Branch in Stalowa Wola







# KUL – AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin is a co-founder and member of many organizations and associations such as e.g. International Federation of Catholic Universities. KUL was also an initiator of the Eastern-European University Network. It gathers universities from five countries: Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia and Poland. At present, the University cooperates with over 200 foreign research institutions. KUL is an active participant of the ERASMUS+ programme, which is designed to enhance the quality of academic education

through encouragement of international cooperation between universities and through supporting student and employee mobility. The programme enables students to study abroad (one semester or a whole year) and also to serve their professional internships abroad (from 2 to 5 months).

**More information:**

**[www.kul.pl/erasmus](http://www.kul.pl/erasmus)**

# KUL – AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## THE SCHOOL OF POLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

More information:

[www.kul.pl/school](http://www.kul.pl/school)

The School is one of the most experienced language training establishments in Poland. It offers intensive Polish language courses, which are divided into summer courses, a year-round programme as well as individual programmes. The School organizes special courses with curricula tailored to specific needs and preferences.





# EXCELLENT TEACHING INFRASTRUCTURE

Not only does KUL provide exquisite learning and development opportunities, but it also has excellent infrastructure. KUL is proud to operate a university campus situated in the heart of Lublin. The whole campus is organized around the oldest, 18th-century Main Building (Gmach Główny, abbreviated as GG), built in a rectangular form, closing around its spectacular courtyard. Connected to this facility are three modern university venues: Collegium Joannis Pauli II (abbreviation: C), Collegium Norwidianum (CN) and the Centre for Knowledge Transfer (CTW). Not far from the main campus, Collegium Iuridicum (CI) is located. There is one more KUL campus in Lublin - the "Poczekajka" (Western) Campus. The location comprises classrooms, laboratories and student dormitories. University has as well a branch in Stalowa Wola, located 100 km from Lublin.

KUL University Library holds almost 2 million volumes, plus a dedicated collection of electronic publications and on-line journals. KUL also has a state-of-the-art sports facility with pitches, gyms, halls for combat sports and tennis courts. Students and staff have a free access to wireless internet (Wi-Fi) at all the university premises.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

- 1000 academic lecturers
- 10,000 students
- over 900 foreign students from 56 countries

# LUBLIN – AN ACADEMIC CITY

Lublin has always stood out among Polish cities. Due to its geographical location and historical growth, the city has often played the role of a bridge between the East and the West. It has been, and continues to be, the scene of multiple historic events of national and global importance. Today, Lublin is the biggest and the most important industrial, economic and scientific centre in eastern Poland. It is a city of inspiration and new perspectives, also well-known as an academic centre. The student population of the city reaches

62,000, of which over 6,000 are foreign students, who have decided to study and develop their passions here. Lublin-based universities attract students with their unique atmosphere, valued staff and a variety of majors offered. These include technical and medical sciences, arts and humanities and many others. Eventful cultural life of a uniquely artistic character adds to the city's atmosphere.



# LUBLIN – AN ACADEMIC CITY

Lublin is a comfortable and well affordable place to live in. Accommodation in a double room in a students' dormitory costs about 100 EUR per month. Single rooms are more expensive. It is possible to rent an apartment from a private owner and the price depends on the quality standard. The cost of meals in student canteens does not exceed 200 EUR per month. The price of books and handbooks depends on the field of study. Cultural goods and services like cinema or theatre and other attractions are available depending on individual preferences, with all these being generally cheaper in Lublin in comparison with other similar centres in Poland. Lublin is a most walkable city, with a standard offer of public transport services – buses, trolleybuses and private taxis. There are more than 50 bus lines and more than 10 trolleybus lines available. A

single ticket costs 0.5 EUR, while a monthly pass costs 10 EUR. The average price for a taxi varies between 4 and 6 EUR. Lublin has a well-developed system of domestic and international road connections. One can get to the city by bus or by train. The city also has an airport with connections to several countries.

Because of the relatively low cost of living (confirmed by the statistic figures showing that Lublin is a friendly and safe city), Lublin is chosen as the place of study by a constantly growing number of young people from around the world. City authorities see a huge potential of Lublin as an academic city, hence the strong cooperation with universities in support of many development projects to increase the number of foreigners studying in Lublin.

[www.lublin.eu/en](http://www.lublin.eu/en)





# EDUCATIONAL OFFER AT KUL

## THE BENEFITS OF STUDYING AND GRADUATING FROM KUL

- unique academic community based on Catholic values
- diploma of a prestigious university, well recognized and appreciated in the European Union and globally
- international scientific conferences and research projects
- multicultural atmosphere and a diverse and vibrant student community

## THE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC COURSES

- **First-cycle studies (undergraduate: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Engineering)**

**Who can apply:** secondary school graduates holding their diploma from a secondary school. The BA studies take 3 years to complete, with the graduate obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The BEng studies take 3.5 years to complete, with the graduate obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Engineering (Engineer).

- **Second-cycle studies (graduate, Master's level)**

**Who can apply:** graduates from the first-

cycle courses (BA, BEng). On graduation from the second cycle, students are awarded an MA degree. The studies take 2 years to complete.

- **Long-cycle studies (graduate, Master's level)**

**Who can apply:** secondary school graduates holding their diploma from a secondary school. The studies take 5 years to complete. On graduation, students are awarded an M.A. degree. There are several long-cycle degree courses at KUL: theological studies, law, canon law, pre-school and early school pedagogy, special pedagogy, psychology.

- **Doctoral School**

**Who can apply:** graduates from the second-cycle or long-cycle studies. On graduation, students are awarded a PhD degree.

**Academic courses offered at KUL are conducted in Polish and English. Foreigners can enrol for courses in all fields of study available at the University.**



# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN POLISH

COURSES OFFERED IN POLISH INCLUDE THE FIRST-CYCLE (BA, BENG) AND THE SECOND-CYCLE (MASTER'S) PROGRAMMES IN THE FOLLOWING DOMAINS:

- Administration
- Applied Linguistics
- Applied Rhetoric
- Biotechnology
- Canon Law
- Career Guidance and Human Resource Management
- Classical Studies
- Cognitive Science
- Dietetics
- Digital Humanities
- Dutch Studies
- Economics
- Editing
- English Studies
- Environmental Engineering
- Family Studies
- German Studies
- History
- History of Art
- Informatics
- Interdisciplinary Individual Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences
- International Relations
- Italian Studies
- Journalism, Media and Communication
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Law in Business
- Management
- Material Engineering
- Mathematics
- Musicology
- National Security
- Nursing
- Obstetrics
- Pedagogy
- Philosophy
- Polish Studies
- Pre-school and Early School Pedagogy
- Psychology
- Regional Studies and Cultural Tourism
- Roman Studies
- Sinology
- Slavonic Studies
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Social Work and Social Economy
- Spanish Studies
- Special Pedagogy
- Theological Studies

## DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Offers PhD programmes in: Philosophy, History, Linguistics, Literary Studies, Art Studies, Law, Theological Studies, Social Sciences, Pedagogy, Canon Law, Psychology.

# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

## APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY BA PROGRAMME

### Studying Applied Anthropology:

- you acquire wide-ranging knowledge about human beings (in socio-cultural, linguistic, historical, biological, and esp. philosophical dimensions)
- you learn how to provide for “good life” to the most needy
- you choose a specialization: intercultural management or intercultural brokering
- you are prepared to work in international and national aid agencies, cultural and social organizations, non-profit and for-profit social agencies whose activities cover the areas of management, research, healthcare, media, education and tourism, government structures (esp. devoted to immigrants and refugees) and research agencies

### Applied Anthropology graduates:

- gain knowledge from a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines regarding humans (global biological anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and especially social and cultural anthropology, and, in addition, philosophical anthropology)
- get a degree behind which stand a variety of transferable skills that are highly attractive to employers



# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

## BIOTECHNOLOGY

### BSc AND MSc PROGRAMME

**BSc in Biotechnology programme offers the choice of two specializations:**

- Industrial Biotechnology
- Environmental Biotechnology

BSc in Biotechnology is designed to produce highly employable graduates with relevant abilities to take full advantage of the rapidly changing and expanding opportunities in the field of biotechnology and commerce.

**Biotechnology graduates:**

- get a degree behind which stand a variety of transferable skills that are highly attractive to employers
- work as biotechnology laboratory assistant, microbiologist, biochemist, geneticist, biologist, quality control analyst, medical and clinical laboratory assistant, specialist in environmental monitoring

## EUROPEAN STUDIES

### BA PROGRAMME

Studying the phenomenon of European integration with the strong focus on legal aspects of the process of “creating an ever-closer union among the peoples of Europe”, graduates of the European Studies programme obtain qualifications of Specialist for European Affairs. Graduates are proficient in the areas that form a key part of European legal regulations. They become specialists in European problems and acquire professional skills that much sought after on the European labour market.

**European Studies graduates:**

- work as specialists in European Union institutions and organizations across a number of sectors, e.g. the European Parliament
- find employment at all levels of the civil service and local government
- pursue careers in the field of education, media, law, publishing, business and finance



# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

## EUROPEAN UNION LAW

### MA PROGRAMME

Graduates are prepared to work as professional staffers at EU institutions and other international organizations as well as local and national government. They serve as change leaders in their communities, helping promote the idea of European integration and making the best use of European funds. The European Union Law programme also prepares students for work in private enterprises in Poland and throughout Europe or in public service with the strong focus on Human Rights protection and migration policy.

The studies include participation in seminars on EU Law and Policies, which prepare students to conducting legal research and continuing their career as researchers.

## INFORMATICS

### BSc PROGRAMME

BSc in Informatics provides students with general knowledge of Information Technology and Information Studies required for professional purposes. The programme offers a choice of specializations in programming and information processing or computer graphics and multimedia.

Graduates can pursue careers as computer graphics designers, developers and architects of advanced IT systems, website designers, network administrators, IT system administrators, software security specialists.

The skills acquired by Informatics graduates will allow them to effectively function as independent IT specialists. They will also be equipped with strong teamwork skills, enabling interdisciplinary cooperation across a number of sectors that rely on IT solutions.



# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

## JOURNALISM AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

### BA PROGRAMME

#### **Studying Journalism and Social Communication:**

- you gain desk and primary research skills and learn to recognize and adopt principles of journalism ethics
- you have the knowledge of the legal bases for journalism
- you learn how to prepare journalistic content as per desired form and genre
- you are trained to create and deploy advertising and promotional materials and strategies and get professionally prepared to work in advertising agencies
- you are able to use ICT tools, techniques and mobile devices for journalistic work and Internet online media research.

#### **Journalism and Social Communication graduates:**

- work as professional journalists or media workers in the press, radio, television and online outlets, as well as in many related professions: public relations specialists (PR agencies), marketing and communication specialists (local government units and agencies), online marketing specialists, media and communication consultants (political institutions, businesses, parliamentary and election campaign offices, or NGOs).



# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

## MATHEMATICS

### BSc PROGRAMME

Graduates acquire knowledge of mathematics and its applications.

Studies prepare for:

- using for professional purposes a general knowledge of higher mathematics and its basic practical applications, formulating mathematical content in the language of logics, self-learning advanced mathematics with applications
- using for professional purposes a general knowledge of information technology at a ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) level
- working as programmer, systems analyst, data analyst, operations research analyst, financial analyst, statistician, financial advisor

## MATERIALS ENGINEERING

### BSc PROGRAMME

#### Studying materials engineering:

- prepare for work as: material engineer, specialist in material characterization, production engineer, employee of the quality control department, constructor, specialist in composite materials
- gives practical skills sought in the labour market: design of machine components and parts, qualitative and quantitative verification of products, components, material treatment, including metals, polymers, composites, optical, spectroscopic and structural characterization
- teaches how to use the basic techniques necessary to conduct scientific research in the field of materials science, physics in the field of classical mechanics



# PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

## PHILOSOPHY

### BA AND MA PROGRAMME

#### Studying philosophy:

- helps cultivate critical and analytical thinking skills, develops general awareness in various areas of social life
- teaches skills essential for participation in interdisciplinary projects and in a variety of social roles
- prepares for work in scientific, educational, cultural and administration institutions

#### Philosophy graduates:

- acquire research skills, including formulating and analysing research problems, selecting research methods and tools, processing and presenting research results
- can prove logical theorems, determine the logical structure of statements (propositions), paraphrase natural language utterances in the languages of various logical systems
- get a degree behind which stand a variety of transferable skills that are highly attractive to employers

## THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

### LONG-CYCLE MA PROGRAMME

#### Theology graduates:

- can teach religion in all types of schools; work for websites, journals, radio and TV Catholic channels; work for Catholic organizations, associations and foundations; engage in the activities of social organizations that follow Christian values; act as leaders of Catholic movements and associations
- have advanced knowledge of the Humanities and Social Studies, acquire extensive knowledge of Christianity and Catholicism in historical, biblical, dogmatic, moral, liturgical, legal and pastoral aspects



# HOW TO APPLY?

- 1 Check information about the admission requirements, deadlines, fees and documents at:  
**[kandydat.kul.pl/en/study-in-english](http://kandydat.kul.pl/en/study-in-english)**
- 2 Register your application in the university online registration system for candidates (e-Rekrut) at:  
**[rekrut.kul.lublin.pl](http://rekrut.kul.lublin.pl)**
- 3 Complete your personal data and information about education
- 4 Upload the scans of the required documents
- 5 Choose your course and confirm the choice
- 6 Pay the registration fee
- 7 Check the results on your candidate's account on the day they are announced
- 8 Make online confirmation to undertake the programme and upload the scans of required documents through online account at e-Rekrut
- 9 After confirmation applicants on fee paying basis will also receive the Conditional Offer Letter with tuition fee payment form. Upon the payment is registered get the Decision of Acceptance
- 10 Submit the originals of required documents within the deadline to the Admissions Office

**Admissions Office KUL  
will assist you at every step  
of the application process**



# TUITION FEES

## YOU PAY NO TUITION FEE IF YOU:

- hold the Pole's Card or a determination confirming that you are Polish descendant issued by a Polish consul
- are a citizen of a EU or EFTA country, or a member of their family with residence in Poland
- hold a permanent residence card or a long-term EU residence
- hold a temporary residence permit according to Article 159 (1) or Article 186 (1) (3) or (4) of the Act on Foreigners of 12 December 2013
- hold the refugee status in Poland or have been granted temporary or complementary protection in Poland
- hold a certificate confirming command of Polish language at level C1 issued by

the State Commission for the Certification of Proficiency in Polish as a Foreign Language

- have a spouse, ascendant or descendant of Polish citizenship residing in Poland
- have been granted the NAWA scholarship

## OTHER FOREIGN STUDENTS CAN BE ADMITTED ON FEE-PAYING BASIS

Please visit the University's website to check the current pricing:

**[kandydat.kul.pl/en/study-in-english/tuition-fees](https://kandydat.kul.pl/en/study-in-english/tuition-fees)**





# LEGALIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES



## APOSTILLE

The apostille can be issued only in the countries that signed the Hague Convention. The original educational certificates that should be marked with the stamp 'Apostille' by the Ministry of Education and Science.

## LEGALIZATION

Documents should be legalized in the countries that are not party to the Hague Convention. The legalization of the educational certificates that can be done by the competent education authorities (the Ministry of Education and Science,

your school or educational institution) of the country in whose territory or education system the certificate was issued. After that, all the educational certificates that are submitted to the consul of the Republic of Poland at diplomatic or consular mission, competent for the country in whose territory or education system the certificate was issued for final verification.



# BECOMING A STUDENT

On the successful completion of the admission procedure, candidates are required to submit original documents and confirm acceptance, according to the list available at: [www.kandydat.kul.pl/en](http://www.kandydat.kul.pl/en)

The documents should be submitted to the Admissions Office (contact details available on the cover page of this guide).

**Note:** The educational certificates should be apostilled or legalized, and submitted with Polish sworn translation in order to be recognized in Poland. The recognition gives you the right to apply to and continue your BA studies at any Polish university.

## CERTIFIED TRANSLATION

Every document issued in a language other than Polish should be submitted with sworn translation into Polish. Translation should be certified by a Polish consul in your country or by a Polish sworn translator in Poland (it is admissible to submit the translation upon arrival to Lublin).

## RECOGNITION

1 Documents recognized automatically - without additional proceedings:

- certificate, diploma or other document issued within the education system of one of the EU, EFTA or OECD member states;
- IB diploma, EB diploma;
- certificates issued in countries with which Poland has signed bilateral agreements concerning the recognition of education (at present: Belarus, China, Ukraine); certificates issued under the agreements which expired will be still recognized based there on the basis of those agreements.

2 Documents recognized under additional proceedings in Poland:

- certificate, diploma or other document which is not mentioned above. Recognition of certificate is done at the Province Education Superintendent (Kuratorium Oświaty) in Lublin.

# BECOMING A STUDENT



## VISA APPLICATIONS

If you are a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, you do not need a Polish visa, however you should apply for a temporary residence permit if you want to stay in the territory of Poland for longer than 90 days.

Non-EU citizens can enter Poland based on a student's visa obtained at a Polish Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence. It is important that visas are granted for a maximum period of one year. Just before a visa expires, you should renew your visa or apply for a residence permit in the Department of Foreigners of the Lublin Voivodship Office (45 days before visa expiration date).

If you became a student, you need to get a student visa in Poland. This is a national D-category visa, which gives the right of long-term stay in the territory of the Republic of Poland for a whole year and enter/leave Poland unlimited number of times.





# BECOMING A STUDENT

FULL LIST OF DOCUMENTS YOU NEED WHEN SUBMITTING A VISA APPLICATION can be found on The Ministry of Foreign Affairs website:  
[www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas](http://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas)

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is mandatory for all students for the entire duration of their stay in Poland. Be aware that medical care in Poland is not free of charge. Students are recommended to buy medical insurance in their home country or just after their arrival in Poland.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Foreign student of KUL can be beneficiaries of a variety of grants and scholarships

- John Paul II Foundation Scholarship;  
[www.dfjp2.pl](http://www.dfjp2.pl)
- Polish Government Scholarship;  
[www.nawa.gov.pl](http://www.nawa.gov.pl)
- Mayor of Lublin's Scholarship;  
[www.um.lublin.eu](http://www.um.lublin.eu)

- Scholarships funded by KUL (the full offer is available at the Department of Student Social Affairs)

## OTHER

Students who have a valid Pole's Card or Permanent Residence Card, residents or refugees may apply for a social scholarship. Those who happen to suffer difficult financial circumstances may submit an application to the Rector for a reduction of their academic fee.





# STUDENT LIFE AT KUL

Cultural activities play an important role in the life of every university. This also holds true for KUL. Thanks to the creative spirit of our students and staff, who pursue their passions and hobbies in approximately 80 academic, artistic and sports organizations, the University's cultural life is thriving. Numerous academic scientific circles boost students' extracurricular educational engagement and growth. Each course held at KUL has its own scientific circle. The circles organize workshops, trainings, lectures and academic conferences in their own domains of study and interest.

Students are also members of organizations for personal interests that reach beyond

their studies. These are, for example, student choirs, theatrical groups, galleries or the Academic League, where students get trained in combat sports, defense and national security. For the purposes of sports classes, students are divided into groups to provide for a free choice of the sport discipline they want to practise. The biggest student community event, "KULTuralia", is held annually. It is organized by the KUL's Students Self-Government, and it is an exceptional time of students' cultural and social activity, with plenty of concerts, exhibitions, a variety of workshops and discussion meetings.



# CONTACT

The guide you are reading contains information about the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. It answers questions concerning admission, faculties, fees and scholarships. The brochure will help you explore the full richness of academic life at KUL and show the uniqueness of Lublin as an academic city.

We hope that the information contained in this brochure will facilitate your decision to come and study at our University.



If you have any questions or doubts concerning the admission procedure, feel free to contact us. It will be a pleasure for us to guide you through the whole process:

## **INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

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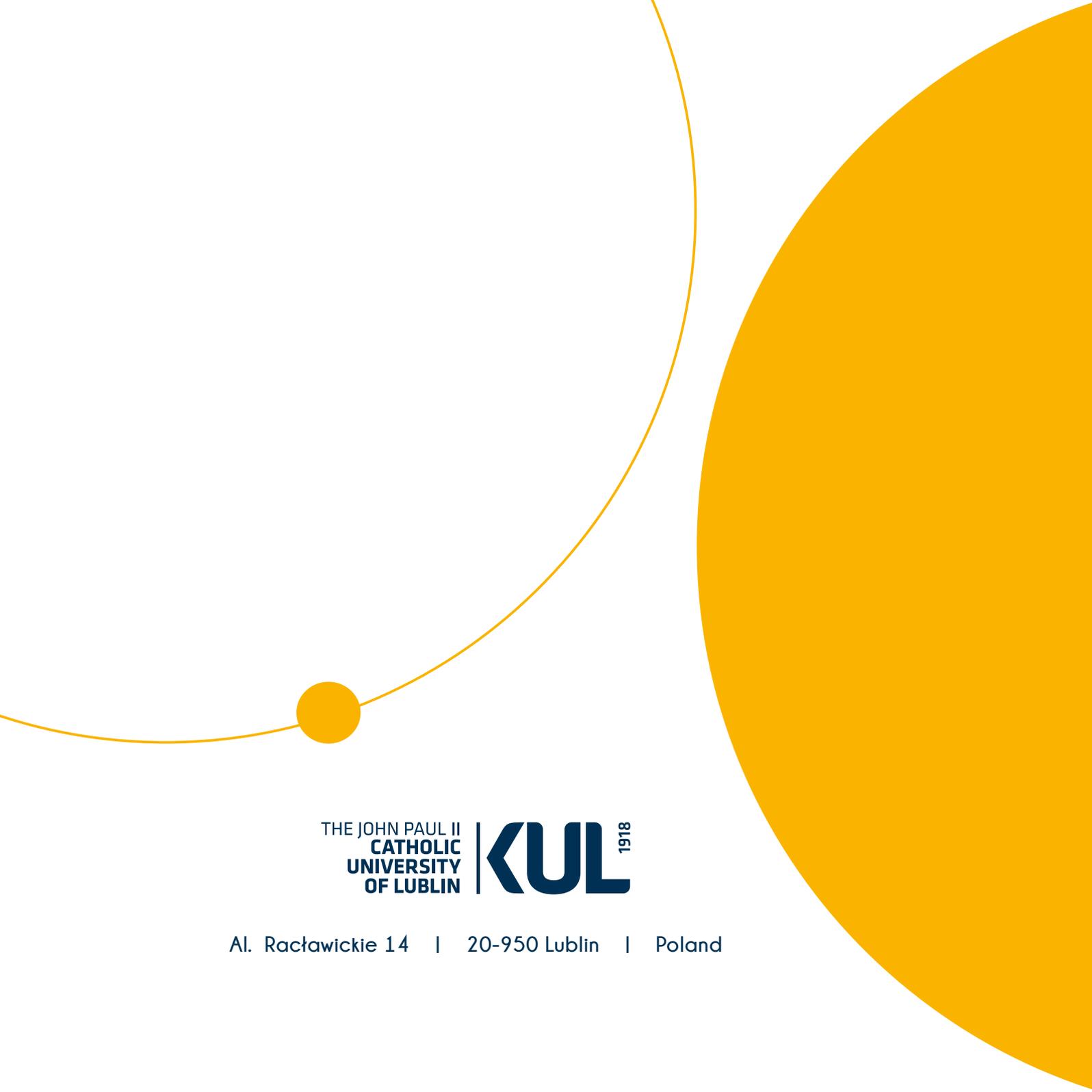
E-mail: [study@kul.pl](mailto:study@kul.pl)

Skype: [study-at-kul](https://www.skype.com/people/study-at-kul)

[kandydat.kul.pl/en](http://kandydat.kul.pl/en)

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