

**Warsaw University  
of Technology**

Erasmus+ private housing guidebook



# Private long-time accommodation

General information.

There are mainly two ways of looking for the flat or the room in Warsaw. The student can use the service of real-estate agency or rent the flat directly from the owner of the flat.

In case of using the agency service you must add the commission fee – usually from 50 to even 100% of the monthly rent of the flat. It may be costly if you have to pay also the deposit for the flat and the first month rent. However the agency is usually quite well prepared for the English speaking people. **Important: the real-estate agency requires the payment of the commission ONLY IF it finds you the flat, which you accept and IF you SIGN the tenancy agreement with the owner of the flat. You do not pay agency anything if the contract with the owner of the flat is not signed.**

If you rent the flat from the owner, you do not have to pay the commission, however the owner may not know English very well. It is advisable to pick-up some Polish friend with you if you want to look for the flat that way.

Usually the tenant is obliged to pay the deposit (one monthly rent) and the rent for the first month.



# Long-time accommodation websites

The below given links are the most popular, unfortunately they are usually in Polish. Below You can see the „housing vocabulary” to help you with understanding the most common phrases.



1. <https://www.gumtree.pl/s-mieszkania-i-domy-dowynajecia/warszawa/v1c9008l3200008p1?nr=2>
2. [https://www.olx.pl/nieruchomosci/mieszkania/wynajem/warszawa/q-mieszkania/?search%5Bfilter\\_enum\\_rooms%5D%5B0%5D=two&search%5Bprivate\\_business%5D=private](https://www.olx.pl/nieruchomosci/mieszkania/wynajem/warszawa/q-mieszkania/?search%5Bfilter_enum_rooms%5D%5B0%5D=two&search%5Bprivate_business%5D=private)
3. [https://www.otodom.pl/wynajem/mieszkanie/warszawa/?search%5Bfilter\\_enum\\_rooms\\_num%5D%5B0%5D=2&search%5Bdescription%5D=1&search%5Bprivate\\_business%5D=private&search%5Bdist%5D=0&search%5Bsubregion\\_id%5D=197&search%5Bcity\\_id%5D=26#form](https://www.otodom.pl/wynajem/mieszkanie/warszawa/?search%5Bfilter_enum_rooms_num%5D%5B0%5D=2&search%5Bdescription%5D=1&search%5Bprivate_business%5D=private&search%5Bdist%5D=0&search%5Bsubregion_id%5D=197&search%5Bcity_id%5D=26#form)



# Accommodation vocabulary

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|------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Wynajmę/wynajem-<br>rent     | Prywatne – private   | Właściciel – owner                                  | Bezpośrednio –<br>directly (usually<br>directly from the<br>owner) | Prowizja –<br>commission (usually<br>the real –estate<br>agency) | Ulica- street   | w pobliżu – nearby  |
| Pokój/pokoje-<br>room/rooms  | Kuchnia- kitchen   | Łazienka-bathroom                                   | Ogrzewanie-heating   | Cena/czynsz-<br>price/rent                                       | Powierzchnia- area<br>of the flat   | Mieszkanie-<br>flat/apartment   |
| Piętro-floor                 | Wyposażenie –<br>equipment   | Meble-furniture                                     | Zmywarka -<br>Washing Machine                                      | Lodówka –fridge  | Piekarnik -oven   | Kuchenka -stove   |
| Pralka -Washer               | Winda- lift/elevator   | Garaż – garage                                      | Media- additional<br>cost for<br>electricity/hot and<br>cold water | Oplaty licznikowe –<br>counter charges<br>(similar to media)     | Odległość –<br>distance   | Korytarz- hall  |
| Domofon – intercom<br>system | Dojazd – journey<br>(usually it means<br>how long is to get<br>from one place to<br>another) | Przystanek/przystan<br>ki autobusowe – bus<br>stops | Tramwaj- tram  | Metro – metro  | boisko/park/sklep/base<br>n/ uczelnia - playing<br>field/ park/ shop/<br>swimming pool/<br>University | Połączenie –<br>connection (usually<br>use to describe the<br>route by bus or by<br>tram) |



# Some things to remember

Remember to check carefully the full rent for the flat. Ask about all additional costs for example – ogrzewane gazowe/ the gas heating is usually much more expensive than „ogrzewanie miejskie”.

It is good to take some Polish friend with you to see the flat. They can also help you with understanding the tenancy agreement. You can always ask for the draft of the agreement to be send by e-mail.

Check carefully the location of the flat. Some areas of Warsaw are really far from the center and the journey can take you long time.

Some owners does not include the information if the monthly rent includes the „administrative rent”, which is paid to the „housing association” Remember to ask about it.

It is advisable to have the written version of the tenancy agreement. Not every owner wants to prepare it. The agreement is good to avoid any future problems with owner's or tenant's duties.

It is advisable to ask for the "house association rules" for example it is forbidden to make noisy parties after 10 o'clock in the evening. Sometimes the tenant is obliged to segregate waste.



# Map of districts of Warsaw

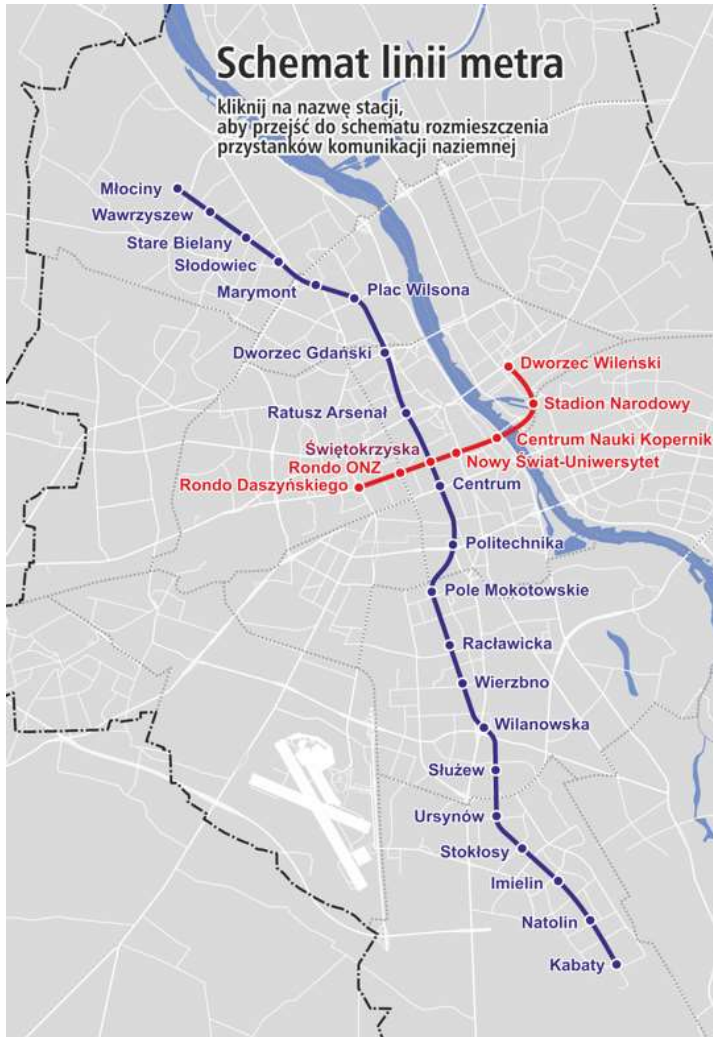
Generally the closest districts to WUT are:

- Śródmieście
- Praga Południe
- Praga Północ
- Żoliborz
- Wola
- Ochota
- Mokotów
- Ursynów
- Take into account the metro stations route





# Warsaw METRO line + Metro Politechnika station



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