

Public transport

There is a convenient system of buses, trams and metro available in Warsaw and suburbs. Trams and day buses operate from around 4:30 am to around midnight. Two metro lines run from 5 am to midnight, and, additionally, until 2 am on Friday/Saturday night and Saturday/Sunday night. Night buses (line numbers starting with "N") operate from 11:30 pm till 5 am.

The tickets are eligible for all modes of public transport - metro, trams, buses. The system is quite simple: you can ride and change freely, but your time of travel is limited. There are two types of single tickets: 20 minutes ride (3.40 zloty) or 75 minutes ride (4.40 zloty). There is a 50% discount for students, but it is not guaranteed that a ticket inspector will accept your student card from abroad.

Tickets may be purchased at ticket vending machines. There are stationary ticket vending machines, and one can pay with credit/debit cards (contactless too) or sometimes with cash (PLN notes only). They are located in numerous major stops, metro stations, train stations, malls etc. They sell paper tickets with magnetic strips. These tickets must be validated immediately after entering a bus or tram as soon as you start the first leg of your journey (validating machines are near the doors). If you start your journey on metro, validate your ticket at the entry gates to the station. If your ticket is already validated as you enter the metro, simply insert it into the scanner as if you were validating it - the gate will open regardless of whether a ticket was validated before or not (unless it is expired, of course). The stationary ticket vending machines sell not validated tickets, so you can purchase tickets for future trips in advance.

Each tram or bus is equipped with its own mobile ticket vending machine (not present in metro trains). It is located in the front of a vehicle (usu. near the 2nd door). These machines do not accept cash – cards and mobile payments only. Contrary to the stationary machines, the machines in public transport vehicles sell tickets that are validated as soon as they are printed. They are printed on paper without a magnetic strip, but bear a unique QR code. You do not need to validate these tickets after purchase, and in order to open the entry gate at a metro station with them, you should scan the QR code with the code scanner (located only on the large gates with glass doors).

Do not buy tickets in advance for future trips in the mobile vending machines - as previously mentioned, they are already validated and they start expiring as soon as they are bought.

How to get to the venue from the Chopin Airport

Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW), formerly called Warsaw Okęcie Airport, is located in Warsaw, 9 km from the city centre, and is conveniently connected by city buses or train.

City buses:

The city buses terminal is located at the arrivals level (ground level), just outside of the airport building, more to the right, if you go out of the flight terminal. There are two lines suitable for getting to the Warsaw University of Technology: 175 and 188.

If you chose line 175 (the suggested choice), you should disembark at the stop “Raszyńska” (the shortest way) or at the stop “Dworzec Centralny”, or at the stop “Centrum”.

If you wish to disembark at the stop “Raszyńska” (my preferred option) look for the building below on the right, and get off the bus. It’s easy to recognize, because right there the bus will cross the first tram track on its way from the airport.



Walk to the nearby tram stop Raszyńska 03, located at Filtrowa Street (see the picture below, it’s the view from the bus stop, the tram stop is indicated by the arrow).



At the Raszyńska 03 stop, you should take the trams of lines 15 (direction “Marymont-Potok”), 35 (direction “Piaski”) or 36 (direction “Metro Marymont” – don’t be surprised, historical cars are used on this special line, running once per hour) to get to the “Plac Politechniki” tram stop (3 stops only). The Main Building of the Warsaw University of Technology is located next to the tram stop.

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Buses on line 175 run every 20 minutes, the ride takes 18 minutes. Trams 15 and 35 run every 15 minutes, the ride takes 5 minutes. Together, the travel from the airport to the venue may take from 25 minutes to 1 hour if you are very unlucky.

If you disembark at the "Dworzec Centralny" bus stop, you'll be able to get to the Warsaw University of Technology by tram or by foot (approx. 1 kilometre).

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by tram:

When you get off the bus, go to the roundabout under the viaduct, go downstairs to the passageway, turn right and walk as long as you find the signs indicating tram stop, direction "Mokotów" or "Służewiec", climb the stairs and you will find yourself at the tram stop "Dworzec Centralny 09". From this stop take the line 78, and ride 3 stops. You should get off at the "Plac Politechniki" stop. You will easily spot the Main Building of the Warsaw University of Technology.

by foot: when you exit the bus at "Dworzec Centralny" stop, turn left and walk along Jerozolimskie Ave. until the first crossing, with Emilii Plater St. To get to the Warsaw University of Technology, turn right and walk down Emilii Plater St. Keep walking along Emilii Plater for approximately 600 meters. Afterwards, you will cross Koszykowa St, and you will be walking along Noakowskiego St. Continue along this street and you will reach your destination when the fence ends.

Alternatively, disembark from the bus at the "Centrum" bus stop, you will encounter yourself at the roundabout (rondo Romana Dmowskiego). You need to go to a tram stop that is located right next to the roundabout, on the other side of Jerozolimskie. The tram stop is between two sides of a multi-lane street (Marszałkowska) perpendicular to Al. Jerozolimskie, and you will need to use an underground passageway to get to it. The passageway may be confusing, but you should be able to arrive at the correct tram stop (named Centrum 07) if you follow signs leading to trams going in the direction of Mokotów. As you exit the passageway there, you will find yourself at the tram stop at which trams of lines 4, 15, 35, 36, and 78 stop. All of these lines will take you to Plac Politechniki (5 stops), where you should exit the tram and go to the Main Building of the Warsaw University of Technology.

However, if you chose to use line 188, you need to exit the bus at the stop named Metro Politechnika and ascend a flight of stairs to get to surface level (the bus stop is in a depressed section of the road near the entrance of a tunnel). As you ascend the stairs, you will emerge at a roundabout ("rondo Jazdy Polskiej") and turn left. Then walk some 200 m further along Waryńskiego St and turn left into Polna street. Keep going along Polna, and when it enters a roundabout, turn left and cross the street and the tram rails and you will have arrived right at the main building of the Warsaw University of Technology.

Currency

In Poland, the national currency called "zloty" is used. The exchange rate is 4.46 PLN / EUR or 4.11 PLN/ USD. In order to acquire Polish currency for transactions, ATMs may be suitable - it may be helpful to know that the Polish word for an ATM is "bankomat" and most ATMs will have that word written on themselves or their vicinity. There is one ATM at the venue and another one near it. Furthermore, currency exchanges are readily available and a surefire way to tell them apart is to look for the word "kantor". Most of them also have their exchange rates visibly displayed.

The majority of shops accept credit or charge cards. Usually, terminals are contactless.