

Wrocław has a rich academic tradition dating back to the 18th century. The history of the city's leading universities is preserved in their museums, whose impressive collections offer an insight into more than 300 years of academic work in the city. Join us on a tour of Wrocław's academic heritage.

1 Museum of the University of Wrocław

✉ Pl. Uniwersytecki 1
🌐 muzeum.uwr.edu.pl

The city's oldest university, the University of Wrocław, was founded in 1702. Its museum is housed in a Baroque building near the Market Square. Visitors' attention is drawn to the unique frescoes, the rich stucco work and the figurative sculptures adorning the Aula Leopoldina and the Oratorium Marianum. The Imperial Staircase will take you to the Mathematical Tower and the terrace, which offers a stunning view of the Old Town, Stodowa Island and the Nadodrze district. Among the museum's most valuable collections are historic astronomical instruments, including a 15th-century astrolabe, a Galilean compass dated 1665, a celestial globe from 1699, and an 18th-century equatorial sundial.



Museum of the University of Wrocław, Roman Longchamps de Bérier Room, photo by Jarostaw Suleja

2 Museum of the Wrocław University of Science and Technology

✉ Wybrzeże Wyspiańskiego 27
🌐 muzeum.pwr.edu.pl

Here you will discover fascinating archival collections illustrating the history and achievements of no fewer than three universities: the Wrocław University of Science and Technology (since 1945), the German Technical University of Wrocław (1910–1945) and the Lviv Polytechnic National University (1877–1939). The unique museum exhibits include the legendary Elwro Elwat 1M analogue computer, manufactured in Wrocław; an US Army field X-ray machine dating back to the World War II; and a Grenet battery (electric cell) from France, dating from around 1860. Visits by booking in advance: tel. +48 71 720 33 20 or e-mail: muzeum.pwr@pwr.edu.pl.



Museum of the Wrocław University of Science and Technology, photo by Piotr Machlański

3 University History Centre, Wrocław University of Health and Sport Sciences

✉ Al. I. Paderewskiego 35
🌐 centrumhistorii.awf.wroc.pl

The Centre is responsible for collecting, preserving and making available all materials relating to the University's history. Its collection includes, among other things, photocopies of documents relating to the early years of its existence, a collection of over 20,000 photographs, and photocopies of hand-written biographies of professors from the former College of Physical Education – the cradle of today's

University. The surviving chronicles of student life and interviews with distinguished figures from the Wrocław University of Health and Sport Sciences are also valuable sources of knowledge.



University History Centre, photo by Urszula Bończuk-Dawidziuk

4 Museum of Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Wrocław Medical University

✉ ul. Kurzy Targ 4
🌐 www.umw.edu.pl/pl/muzeum-farmacji

Did you know that there was a pharmacy on the ground floor of the tenement house at Kurzy Targ for around 700 years? It served the city's residents from the mid-13th century until 1951. As soon as you step inside the museum, you'll find yourself in the dispensing room, where medicines were dispensed. There is antique furniture there, as well as tools once used to produce medicines and containers for storing raw materials. The rest of the exhibition, which spans three floors, is devoted to the history of the development of knowledge in the field of health and medicine.



Museum of Pharmacy, The Alchemist's Workshop exhibition, photo by Tomasz Walów

5 Centre for Art Documentation, Academy of Art and Design in Wrocław

✉ ul. R. Traugutta 19/21
🌐 archiwumcyfrowe.asp.wroc.pl

Since its foundation in 1946, the Academy of Art and Design has been collecting works by students and teaching staff. In 1954, Professor Stanisław Dawski established a museum here to serve as a research and teaching centre, where works of art in the fields of painting, ceramics, glass, printmaking and photography began to be collected. Today, the museum boasts works by artists such as Eugeniusz Geppert, Xawery Dunikowski, Ludwik Kiczura, Zbigniew Horbowy, Alfons Mazurkiewicz, Jan Jaromir Aleksun, Józef Hałas, Natalia Lach-Lachowicz and Eugeniusz Get-Stankiewicz. The Digital Encyclopaedia of Collections is available at: <https://archiwumcyfrowe.asp.wroc.pl>.



Centre for Art Documentation, photo by Krzysztof Pachurka

6 Museum of Forensic Medicine at the Wrocław Medical University

✉ ul. J. Mikulicza-Radeckiego 4
🌐 www.umw.edu.pl/pl/jednostki/katedra-medycyny-sadowej

Murder weapons, bodily injuries, pathological changes, and the identification of human remains – these are just some of the issues dealt with by forensic medicine. The museum's collections showcase the methods used to study them over a period of more than 150 years, drawing, among other things, on the work and history of the Department of Forensic Medicine at the Wrocław Medical University. A large proportion of the exhibits consist of fragments of human tissue in preservative solutions.

Admission is restricted to adults only – see the web-site for details.



Museum of Forensic Medicine, exhibition hall, photo by Jędrzej Siuta

7 Museum of the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences

✉ ul. C. K. Norwida 25
🌐 muzeum.upwr.edu.pl/muzeum/2_2/main.php

Here you will find the only collection in Poland of animal models dating from 1880 to 1899. The models depict specific animals – champions from national livestock shows in Germany. The 83 miniature agricultural machines from the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries are also unique. In addition, visitors can learn about the history of the University and its faculties, including the intellectual legacy of the Lviv universities and the material heritage of the university of Breslau. The exhibition features over 400 exhibits and 700 photographs.



Museum of the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, exhibition hall, photo by Tomasz Lewandowski

8 Museum of Natural History of the University of Wrocław

✉ ul. H. Sienkiewicza 21
🌐 muzeum-przyrodnicze.uwr.edu.pl

Housed in an Art Nouveau building dating from the early 20th century, the museum documents and showcases the diversity of contemporary flora and fauna from around the world. The collection, which is open to visitors and comprises four permanent exhibitions, contains several thousand authentic exhibits. The museum's collection includes, among other things, a 15-metre-long skeleton of a blue whale – the only complete one of its kind in Poland – and a valuable collection of extinct animal species, such as the Tasmanian wolf and the Irish elk.



Museum of Natural History, The World of Animals exhibition, photo by Jerzy Maciążek

9 Collection of the Department of Palaeozoology at the University of Wrocław

✉ ul. H. Sienkiewicza 21
🌐 muzeauczelniane.pl/zaklad-paleozoologii-universytetu-wroclawskiego

Enthusiasts of archaeological excavations have a unique opportunity to see the extensive collec-

tion of fossilised remains that the Department of Palaeozoology has been gathering since the 19th century. These include Triassic invertebrates and vertebrates from Opole Silesia, as well as the remains of Cenozoic vertebrates from caves and open sites in the Kraków-Wieluń Jura, the Carpathians and the Sudetes. It is worth noting that the University carries out research into fossil DNA, as well as 3D reconstructions of animals that lived millions of years ago.



Collection of the Department of Palaeozoology, photo by Dariusz Nowakowski

10 Kazimierz Maślankiewicz Mineralogical Museum, University of Wrocław

✉ ul. W. Cybulskiego 30, ✉ ul. Kuźnicza 22
🌐 muzmin.uwr.edu.pl

This museum is well worth a visit, as it is the oldest of its kind in Poland. Its extensive collection, comprising over 30,000 specimens from around the world, has been gathered since 1812. Here you can see meteorites, including the one that fell in Piława Górna in 1879, as well as holotypes – the first minerals ever described. The exhibitions showcase the most representative part of the collections, which are constantly being expanded. Of the greatest significance is the collection of minerals, organised according to both a systematic and a regional classification.



Mineralogical Museum, exhibition hall, photo by Edyta Łobocka

11 Henryk Teisseyre Geological Museum, University of Wrocław

✉ ul. W. Cybulskiego 30
🌐 muzeum-geologiczne.uwr.edu.pl

The Geological Museum's collection consists of fossils and rock specimens, which have been gathered since 1812. The fossils come from all over the world and represent all the main groups of plants and animals that have lived from around 600 million years ago to the present day. They bear witness to the evolutionary changes that have taken place throughout the history of life on Earth. The rock samples, on the other hand, come mainly from Lower Silesia and illustrate the rich geological history of our region.



Geological Museum, Life Hidden in Rocks exhibition, photo by Dominika Hull

12 House of Archaeologists, branch of the Museum of the University of Wrocław

✉ ul. Koszarowa 3, bldg. 28
 🌐 archo.uwr.edu.pl/institut/dom-archeologow

The House of Archaeologists museum houses archaeological artefacts from excavations carried out in Lower Silesia by the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Wrocław. The current exhibition, entitled 'Broken Pots. Pottery Without Secrets' will take you back to prehistoric and medieval workshops where pottery and other clay objects were made.



House of Archaeologists, exhibition hall,
 photo by Marek Grzeskowiak

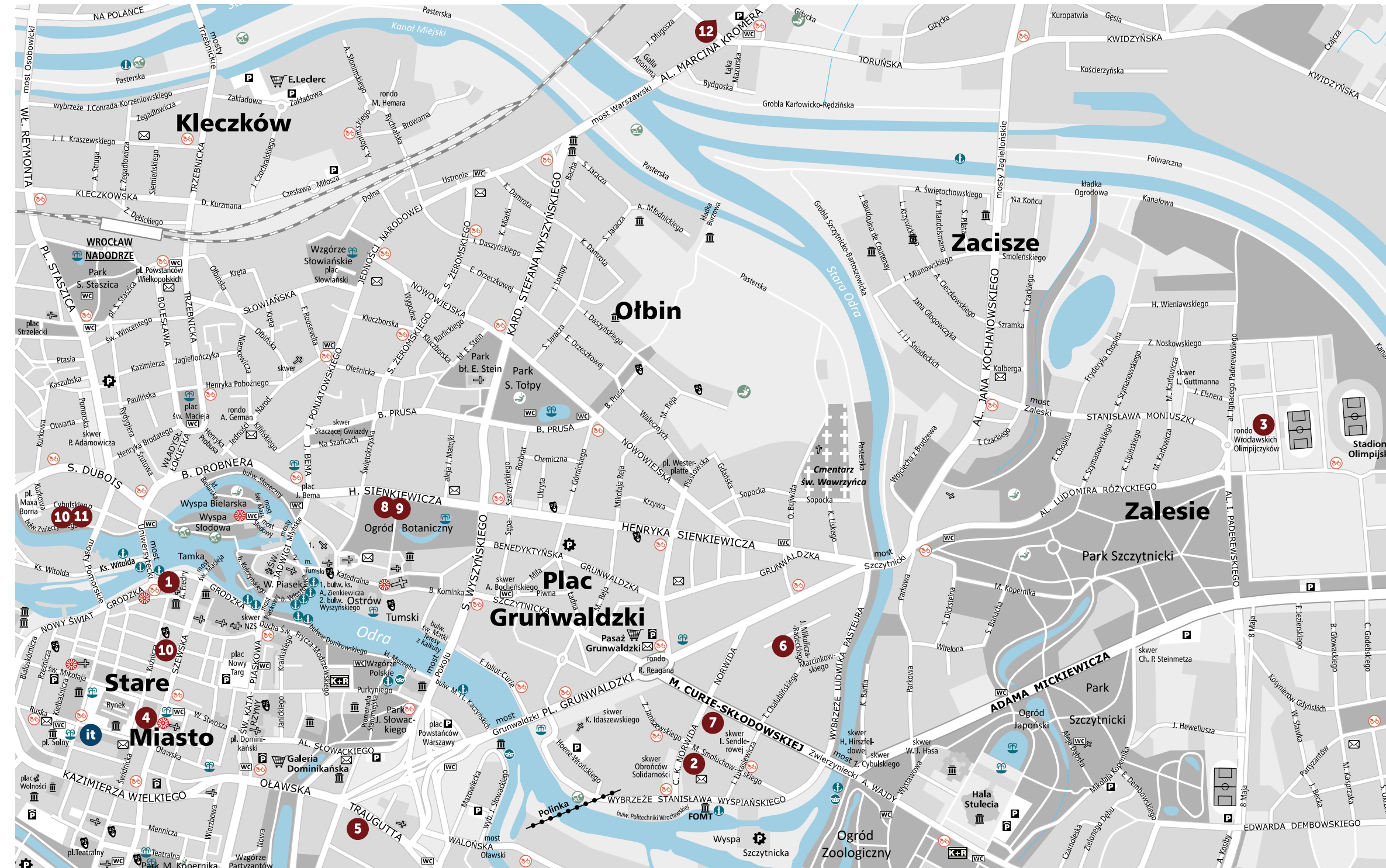
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