



INTERNATIONAL VISITOR'S HANDBOOK

Dear guests and volunteers of UCU!

This handbook was prepared with the help of former colleagues who dedicated their time and energy to working for us.

The goal of this document is to facilitate your stay in Lviv and at UCU, and to help you avoid all unnecessary troubles during your stay.

We are grateful to all the foreigners who have spent their time at UCU studying, teaching or doing other volunteer work, accepting with intelligence and patience the many challenges of life and work in a post-Soviet country. We appreciate those who have shared their experience with us. We are especially thankful to Kristine Nugent and Christi Ann Hofland who worked for UCU for several years and helped us to put together this document.

***Please, note: Upon arrival you should present your passport and visa to the manager of the Department of International Academic Relations Iryna Matviishyn (Sventitskoho, room 205, e-mail imatvi@ucu.edu.ua). She will take care of all necessary arrangements concerning visa registration at the state department for foreigners. Please read the separate document we have prepared regarding visa and residency registration in Ukraine.

UCU General information

ACADEMIC MATTERS

The Ukrainian Catholic University has two main faculties, a seminary, a business school and a number of research institutes: the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, the Faculty of Humanities, the Lviv Holy Spirit Seminary, the Lviv Business School, and nine research institutes.

UCU students study one of the following **accredited** specializations: History (BA, MA, joint PhD programs), Theology/Philosophy (BA, MA, and Licenciante), Social Pedagogy (BA), Mass Media (MA). In accordance with state regulations, students do not have much flexibility in the scheduling of their courses, as a set curriculum is followed each year and students who enter the university the same year in the same specialization will take nearly all of their classes together.

In total, there are approximately 600 full-time students at UCU.

UCU also offers several **certificate** graduate programs, including Master of Ecumenical Studies, Master in Business Administration and extension study for Catechists and teachers of Christian Ethics. And additional programs in Philosophy, Bio-Ethics, Psychology and the Management of NGOs are currently being developed. Every year, approximately 1500 part-time students are engaged in these programs.

The main language of instruction is Ukrainian. There are, however, some groups of students who are prepared for courses and instruction in English from their fourth year of study onwards. Since 2009



there has been a special course for **international exchange students** – the Semester Program of Ukrainian History and Culture in English.

In addition each year UCU hosts a number of **Summer Schools** both for its own and for international students: in subjects including English, German, Italian, Public ethics, Theology of Eastern tradition and more. The subjects offered in summer schools vary each year. The largest is the English Summer School which nearly every UCU student attends at least once during his or her academic career. The three-week school is typically held in a rural location somewhat isolated from the outside world in order to create an English immersion environment for students, who are taught by native English speaking volunteers. Besides ELSS, UCU also hosts a German Summer School (which also brings in native speakers to teach students).

In addition to summer schools for their own students, UCU organizes a Ukrainian Language and Culture Summer School and an Icon Painting School which attracts students from around the world.

The SEMINARY

The Khutorivka Campus of UCU is also the location of the Lviv Holy Spirit Seminary, where approximately 200 seminarians live and study in preparation for ordination as priests in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Seminarians typically study for seven years. The first year is spent at a separate location, and the next six at the Seminary on Khutorivka Street. The academic program at the seminary is provided by UCU but many classes are held separately from the lay students, though there is some overlap in classes between Seminarians and UCU students studying in the Theological-Philosophical Faculty. Seminarians have an obligatory two years of English, and are taught by staff from the Center for Modern Foreign Languages. Seminarians also attend English Summer School with UCU students after their third year of study at the Khutorivka campus.

UNIVERSITY LIFE

UCU's academic calendar:

From year to year there are minor changes to the academic calendar, but the calendar is as follows:

- September 1: Beginning of the academic year
- September 1- December 31: Fall Term
- December 20-January 31: Final exams
- February 1: Spring Term begins
- February 1-June 1: Spring
- June 1- June 31 Final exams

The Semester Abroad Program for international students follows a slightly different pattern:

- September 20-December 15: Fall Semester
- February 20-May 15: Spring Semester

Please note: Because some of UCU's teaching staff also works part-time at other higher education institutions in the city, it may take up to three weeks at the start of a new term until the students' schedules are set. Dates, times and rooms of classes may change up until this time.



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Holidays:

There are two main breaks during each academic year:

- Christmas break (December 31 – January 21)
- Approximately two weeks for Easter break.

Every year the UCU community celebrates a number of religious and state holidays. On these days classes do not take place. Please ask your academic supervisor, the Department of International Academic Relations, or your colleagues for the precise dates of these holidays. The list of major feast days celebrated at UCU is as follows:

August 28 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 21 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 27 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

October 14 Holy Protection of the Virgin Mary

December 4 Introduction to the Blessed Virgin *

December 22 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Immaculate Conception)

January 1 New Year

January 6-9 Christmas

January 14 Circumcision of Christ (The Presentation)

January 18-19 Epiphany

February 15 Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 7 Annunciation

Holy Thursday-Easter Monday- Easter break (for employees) Exact date varies each year

Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ- 39 days after Easter. Exact date varies each year

Pentecost, Holy Trinity 49 days after Easter (the 50th day of Easter) Exact date varies each year

June 28th Constitution Day *

UCU's daily schedule:

- The student class schedule is as follows:

Class 1: 08.30 – 09.50am

Class 2: 09.55–11.15am

Liturgy followed by lunch break

Class 3: 13.15 –14.35

Class 4: 14.45 – 16.05

- Every day at 11.30 the UCU community celebrates a liturgy in the Greek-Catholic rite in one of the University's chapels. You are warmly welcome to take part! The most important liturgy for the whole community takes place on Wednesdays, one week at Sventsitskohu, the following week at Khutorivka.

- The liturgies are followed by the long lunch break, which ends at 1:15 pm. During that time there are no classes.



LOCATION OF THE CAMPUSES

UCU is located on three campuses at three separate sites:

- **Sventsitskoho campus, main campus** (17, Sventitskoho street) is the location of the Rectorate (Rector's office) and administration, the main Library, IT office, Information office, Department of International Academic Relations, Center of Modern Foreign Languages, most of the research institutes, the Language express program. Students of Social Pedagogy, Ecumenical Studies, Christian ethics have most of their classes here.
- **Khutorivka Campus** (35A, Khutorivka street) – location of the Faculty of Theology, the Seminary, Institute of the Management of Non-Profit organizations, School of Journalism and Mass Media.
- **Stryiska Campus:** (29, Stryiska street,) The newest campus and construction site of the University on Stryiska str. This is the location of the Collegium (Residential College, RC) which opened in August 2012 and provides a home to students, faculty members and their families, three Redemptorist sisters, and rooms for guest and visitors to the university. We welcome you to the Collegium. The building of the new multi-purpose academic building was completed in Fall 2013. Historical Department and the Lviv Business School are situated here. In addition to the Collegium and the academic building, the Stryiska campus is the site of the Church of the New Martyrs of the Greek Catholic Church (to be opened Spring 2014).

TRANSPORT between the Campuses

UCU's shuttle buses:

- There is a shuttle bus (in the morning) and a car (after 1:00 pm) to ferry students, teachers and guests between the Sventsitskoho and Khutorivka campuses. The drive takes approximately 10 minutes. You will find the shuttle bus schedule next to the receptionists' desk at the entrances to each campus. Make sure you arrive a few minutes early to ensure you get a seat. Seating is limited.
- Pick-up at Sventsitskoho Campus: back entrance next to the parking lots.
- Pick-up at Khutorivka Campus: right in front of the main entrance.

As of the Fall Semester 2012, the shuttle bus schedule is as follows:

LEAVING FROM SVENTSITSKOHO

9:05
9:35
11:10
12:40
14:40
15:45
16:25

LEAVING FROM KHUTORIVKA

9:20
10:00
11:20
13:00
15:30
16:10
16:40



UCU's delicious CAFETERIAS

The cafeterias provide staff, students and guests with hand-made breakfast and lunch as well as drinks and snacks. The quality of food is very good, and the prices are the best in the city.

The Cafeteria at Svetsitskoho Campus: Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm. Fridays 9 pm to 3pm.

You will find the cafeteria in the basement of the building. On entering the main entrance, turn left, follow the hallway and walk down the stairs. The door into the cafeteria is on your right at the bottom of the stairs.

The Cafeteria at Khutorivka Campus: Hours: Monday- Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

You will find the cafeteria in the basement of the main building. Just walk down the stairs or take the elevator and head to the door marked "Cafeteria".

You can order your food and drinks at the counter. You do not yet speak Ukrainian? No problem: just point out what you would like. The very-friendly staff will help you. The students in line will also be willing to help!

MEDICAL CARE

Please note: According to international and state regulations every international visitor should have medical insurance coverage.

The office of medical help is on the Svetsitskoho campus (first floor, turn right on entering the building, next to the Information office). This is where to come if you need medical help. Your problem will be addressed and you will get the care you need.

HOW TO FIND.....

The Rector's Office: Svetsitskoho 17, second floor, room 200

The Department of International Academic Relations (DIAR): Svetsitskoho 17, second floor, rooms 202, 205

Staff of DIAR:

- Director - Olena Dzhezhora, Svetsitskoho 17, second floor, room 202, phone extension 261, e-mail odz@ucu.edu.ua
- Manager and program manager for the Semester Abroad Program: Dmytro Sheregovsky, Svetsitskoho 17, second floor, room 202 sheregovsky@ucu.edu.ua
- Administrative manager: Iryna Matviishyn, Svetsitskoho 17, second floor, room 205 imatvi@ucu.edu.ua

Offices of the Faculty of Humanities, Svetsitskoho 17, second floor, rooms 215 - 217



Centre of Modern Foreign Languages Sventsitskoho 17, fourth floor, rooms 429, 431

Financial Office: Sventsitskoho, 17, third floor, Room 310. This is where you go to collect accommodation allowance and stipend.

Learning Office: Sventsitskoho 17, second floor, room 212. One of the many functions of this office is to coordinate assignment of classrooms and rooms for teaching and events. If you need to schedule a classroom for some event or use the conference hall, contact this office.

The Information Office: Sventsitskoho 17, first floor, first on the right as you enter the building. This office keeps everyone at UCU updated on special events and lectures.

IT Department: Sventsitskoho 17, basement. We recommend opening your own UCU e-mail account so you can be automatically informed of all events via e-mail.

The Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy: Khutorivka, 35A, room 105.

Receiving mail sent to UCU

If you have your mail sent to UCU, it will be delivered to the secretary in the Rector's Office. This desk is the first one you come to as you enter the Rector's Office in Room on the second floor at Sventsitskoho campus. Please let the secretary know that you are expecting mail and give details of how to contact you (phone number or e-mail). You will be informed when your mail arrives.

OTHER ACTIVITIES offered at UCU

At the beginning of every semester the Department of International Academic Relations organizes an orientation session for newcomers. At this orientation all foreign volunteers, workers, visiting professors, Fulbright researchers, and international guests can meet, exchange information, and become acquainted with the UCU community.

All international visitors are offered Ukrainian lessons. Courses of Ukrainian language are available during the academic year as well as in the summer. If you are interested, please contact the director of the Summer School of Ukrainian Language and Culture. This office is at Khturovika, room 303. A tuition fee is payable, and is set according to both the duration and intensity of the course and the status of the visitor (international student, Fulbright scholar, UCU visiting professor or volunteer).

There are a number of students' clubs and extra-curricular activities at UCU. You are welcome to take part in any of the following:

- English and German Club (contact Center of Modern Foreign Languages)
- The student and faculty choir "Stritennia"
- Film Club
- Theatrical performance group
- The soccer club



INFORMATION about LVIV

TRANSPORT

BUSES:

Because of the EuropeCup2012, Lviv has improved parts of its public transportation and infrastructure. Now, a number of buses connect major commercial areas of the city. These buses are much larger than the smaller yellow public transportation buses called Marshrutkas. Visitors will most likely utilize buses more than any other form of public transportation.

Here is a list of directions to and from important places associated with UCU:

TO GET TO THE CITY CENTER (PLOSHCA RYNOK) FROM THE COLLEGIUM:

It takes about 30 minutes to go from the Collegium to the city center by public transportation. Leaving the Collegium, turn left following the railroad tracks towards UCU's wooden church on Stryis'ka Street (Вул. Стрийська). Turn right at the church, onto Stryis'ka street, and walk on Stryis'ka street until you see a stop light. You will see a bus stop and a tram stop sign here. (You do not need to cross any streets). Wait for bus 3A.

You will get off the bus on the 6th stop. This will be on Pidval'na Street (Підвальна Вул.). You will see a large monument of Ivana Federova (Івана Федорова). This is a large statue of a man holding an open book out in front of him with his left hand. Around the statue you will probably see many book vendors, as this is the site of a local book market. Walk to this book fair, continue walking past the fair, and in 200 meters you will be in the middle of the city center.

TO GET TO THE COLLEGIUM FROM THE CITY CENTER:

- **Monday-Saturday:** The bus stop heading back to the Stryis'ka Street Вул. Стрийська bus stop is located on Prospect Svobody (Проспект Свободу). ***Please note: Prospect Svobody loops in a circle with a pedestrian walkway and the Taras Shevchenko statue in the middle. You want Prospect Svobody closer to the West. If you are coming from Ploshcha Rynok you need to walk to Prospect Svobody, then continue through the central pedestrian walkway (the area where Taras Shevchenko stands) and walk to the other side of Prospect Svobody. The bus stop is between Doroshenka Street (Вул. Дорошенка) and Копернука Street (Вул. Коперніка). You will want to be closer to Вул. Дорошенка. The bus stop is in front of a building that has a huge red flower and a sign saying "Рада Банк".
- Wait for 3A and take this bus six stops and get off on Stryis'ka Street Вул. Стрийська. If you pass the wooden church on your left, you JUST missed your stop. Just get off on the next stop and walk back down Stryis'ka Street (Вул. Стрийська) and you will see the wooden church and the Collegium.

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- **On Sundays, Prospect Svobody is closed to cars and buses.** Therefore, to catch the 3A bus back to the Collegium, you need to walk to the bus stop on Pidval'na Street (Підвальна Вул.). This is where the book market is. Walk to the Ivana Federova monument and the book market and you will see the bus stop on Pidval'na Street. You will see the bus stop and people waiting for the bus. Wait for 3A and take it to Stryis'ka Street Вул. Стрийська bus stop. Again, it is JUST before the wooden church. If you drive past the wooden church, you have gone too far. Get off at the next stop and simply walk back to the wooden church.

TO KHUTORIVKA CAMPUS FROM THE COLLEGIUM:

Walk outside the Collegium, heading toward the front parking lot. Cross Ivana Franka Street (Вул Івана Франка) and walk to Karmans'koho Street (Вул Карманського). Walk about 13 meters on the right side of the street (with your back to the Collegium) and wait for bus 16.

You will get off the bus on the 3rd stop at a shopping center called SHYVAR. You will see a HUGE sign with green letters that says SHYVAR (ШИВАР). You will get off the Marshrutka in front of the shopping center. Turn/head right. You will come to the end of the shopping center (and cross a small street) and continue walking down a pedestrian walkway until you see the Khutorivka campus on the right hand side! Cross the two highway lanes to arrive at Khutorivka campus.

TO GET TO SVENTSITKOHO CAMPUS FROM THE COLLEGIUM:

This is all on foot! Head out of the Collegium and turn left on Ivana Franka Street (Вул Івана Франка). Walk along Ivana Franka until you come to a fork in the road. Turn right on Yaroslavenka Street (Вул. Ярославенка). Take your first left onto Dibrovna Street (Вул. Дібровна). You will follow this street down for about 6 minutes until you see the UCU campus on your left. (The name of the street UCU is located is Mushaka Street (Вул. Юрія Мушака)

COLLEGIUM TO THE TRAIN STATION

The bus that goes to the train station is number 16 and can be picked in front of the Collegium. Walk out of the Collegium and turn right onto Ivana Franka. Walk along Ivanak Franko until you see a cross street called Karmans'koho (Вул Карманського). Stand on the Collegium side of Ivana Franko just passed Karmans'koho Street and Ivana Franka intersection. Wait for 16 here. Take bus 16 to the end of the line (18 stops) and you will be at the railway station.

COLLEGIUM TO THE AIRPORT:

The bus that goes to the airport is number 18 and can be picked in front of UCU wooden church on Stryis'ka Street (Вул. Стрийська). Leaving the Collegium find the train tracks and turn left until you reach Stryis'ka Street (Вул. Стрийська). Turn right and walk to the first stoplight. Cross the street and wait for bus 18. Take the bus 10 stops. The bus stop is at the intersection of Vyhovskoho-Liubinska. From this stop you will wait for bus 48. This bus ends its route at the airport. It is 5 stops. If you would prefer to walk to the airport after taking bus 18, this is possible and takes about 10-12 minutes. To walk, get off bus 18, turn left and walk to the crosswalk about 20



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metres in front of you and turn left on Libuinska. Walk about 12-15 minutes and you will see the airport on your left.

MARSHRUTKAS

Marshrutkas are buses that run on fixed routes but do not necessarily have fixed stops. There are certain locations where each marshrutka normally stops, but if no one asks the driver to stop or no one waiting at the stop waves the marshrutka down, it will not stop. To ride a marshrutka, one must wave it down and pay 2 UAH to the driver upon boarding. If you enter through the back door or are too far away to hand the driver your fare, pass it forward and say “Proshu peredaty” (“pass, please”, прошу передати). If you are owed change, it will be passed back to you.

Marshrutkas can be extremely crowded, especially around rush hour. Pushing and squeezing many people into a small space is quite common. For this reason, it is important to be aware of pick-pocketing. Put your valuables in a secure location before entering a marshrutka.

The elderly and people with small children are given priority seating when marshrutkas become full.

When you want to get off of a marshrutka, it is necessary to ask the driver to stop. You can simply say, "Na zupintsi, bud' laska" ("At the stop, please") as you are approaching the stop where you want to get off. If you are at the back of the marshrutka and want the driver to open the back door to let you out, say, “Vidchynit' zadni dveri bud'-laska” (Open the back door, please).

TRAMS

As of January 2013, a tram ticket is 1,25 UAH and must be purchased from the driver upon entering the tram. You can also buy tram tickets from the kiosks located near the tram stops. Once you have a ticket, you must validate it by punching holes in it with one of the hole-punchers located along the sides of the tram. Ticket inspection does sometimes occur and you will need to show a punched ticket to the controller or else pay a fine.

As is the case in marshrutkas, trams can become quite crowded, so it is a good idea to be wary of pick-pocketing.

TAXIS

There are a lot of taxis on the streets. But it is advisable to call for a taxi – they usually are more reliable and cost less. The most popular phone numbers to call taxi are following: (+38 032)15-86, (+38 032)15-000, (+380 67 243 8243), +38067 6701981. If you do not speak Ukrainian ask someone from the staff or students to assist you.

TRAINS

There are two main train stations in Lviv located next to each other. The main railway station (“Zaliznychnyy Vokzal” in Ukrainian) is where you want to go for inter-city or international journeys. On entering, you will see various numbered ticket windows. Which window to go to



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depends on where and when you are travelling. Depending on the time of the day, queues can be quite long and so you want to avoid waiting in a line that is not the correct one if at all possible. A good idea is to find a window with no queue or just a short line and ask which window you can go to for what you need to buy. Also be aware of the “technical” breaks that are posted at each window. These are normally periods of about 10 minutes when the window will be closed. In addition, there is a special window 20 where you can buy international tickets located in the “Room of Increased Comfort”. To reach this room, you must go out onto platform 1 and follow the signs that will bring you through a door and up a staircase. There is a special surcharge if you purchase tickets at window 20, but if the train station is very crowded and you are in a hurry, this may be a faster option. The Room of Increased Comfort also offers a place to sit, background music, and overall a more relaxed atmosphere than can be found in main hall of the train station. Wherever you are, however, it is crucial to be careful with your wallet and other possessions, as the train station is a prime location for pick-pockets

It is also possible to purchase train tickets in advance at the ticket office in the center of the city (Hnatjuka street) or pre-order online and pick-up later at the office in Hnatjuka street.

Next to the main train station is the local station (“Prymis’kyi vokzal”) which is where you can get tickets for local electrical trains (elektrichky). These trains typically go short distances within Lviv region. Tickets can be purchased from the outdoor booths located at the end of the platforms.

INTERNATIONAL BUSES

There is a main bus station on Stryiska str., near the new Stadium and Kings Cross shopping center. The buses may be a quicker way to get to Poland, Hungary or Austria. To get to this station, take the 3A bus from Stryis’ka Street (Вул. Стрийська) going in the OPPOSITE direction from the city center

SHOPPING

Supermarkets - there are many western style supermarkets in Lviv. The most common are Silpo, Vam, Vopak, and Arsen. From the university, the closest ones are in Syhiv district, and you can get there by taking the bus 45 away from the city center. There is also a new shopping center, called Kings Cross, and it includes a mega supermarket called Ashan. You can get to Ashan by buses 71 and 11 which stop at the Stryisky Rynok.

Street markets - markets are a fun experience and a great way to get to know Ukrainian culture and practice your language skills. The closest market to Svetsitskohoho campus is Stryisky Bazar. The biggest market is Shuvar which is near Khytorivka Campus. Other major markets include Krakivsky between the train station and the Opera house, Halytsky which is right across the street from the statue of Danylo Halytsky, Opera Market which is behind the opera house, and Pryvokzalna which is across the street from the train station.

“Produkty” - you can find them on every corner in Lviv. They are a great place to stop if you need to pick up just few things, like milk or bread. They are small shops, the nearest equivalent to convenience stores in the U.S.



CELL PHONES

There are several mobile providers in Ukraine. The most popular are KyivStar (blue signs with a star), Dj Juice, MTC, Life (red signs with word “LIFE”), and Beeline (black and yellow sign).

To get a cell phone - go to a phone or electronic store. The stores have display cases of phones for sale, and usually the most basic phones with a SIM card and a few hryvnia of starting credit will cost around \$40 USD. Calls within Ukraine are very cheap, but international calling is very expensive.

*** Please note: in most cases you can use your own phone/handset with a Ukrainian SIM-card but you have to be sure it is compatible with Ukrainian mobile phone frequencies.

To put credit on your cell phone - (for KyivStar) go to a kiosk that sells tobacco, candy and ask for a card in increments of 30 or 100 hrv. Scratch off the code on the back with a coin and dial in the numbers listed. This will increase the balance of money on your phone. Calls between people of the same carrier tend to be very inexpensive or free. Alternatively, you can go to a KyivStar (or other provider) store and ask for a card, specifying which amount of money you would like on the card. If you do not spend a lot of time on the phone, 100 hrv should be sufficient for a month or two of local calls.

Besides using a card, you can also put credit on your phone by using special touch-screen computers that can be found in many produkty shops and grocery stores. On the main screen you will see a variety of phone service providers. Touch yours and on the next screen you will be asked to enter your phone number. After confirming your phone number, insert money into the machine and touch the “pay” button. The machine will print a receipt for you and you will also receive a text message from your cell phone service provider confirming the amount of credit you have just added to your phone.

PLACES TO VISIT

Lviv proclaims itself a city open to the world, and every day this becomes more true. You can hear many languages on the streets, you can find a lot of Ukrainians who can speak a foreign language. And there are signs in English to help you move around the city.

There is a lot to see and enjoy in this ancient multicultural and colorful city.

CINEMA

There are 4 principal movie theaters: two “Kinopalatz” in the city center (Kopernica street and Teatralna street), another “Kinopalatz” in Syhiv, and a big cinema at the Kings Cross Shopping Center on Stryyska street.

THEATERS

There are a number of theaters and concert halls. Don’t miss the chance to visit the Opera Theater on Prospect Svobody. It is a beautiful building, and the ballet performances are really good.



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If you like something more contemporary or experimental and know Ukrainian, why not try the Kurbas theater on Kurbas street or the Theater for Youth on Hnatiuka street?

Lviv is really a good place for lovers of music. There is an international Jazz festival every year and the International Festival of Classical Music takes place every Spring.

Lviv's Philharmonic Hall on Tchaikovsky street was recently renovated and is good place for concerts.

In most cases it is advisable to buy your tickets in advance. The staff of the International Department will gladly help you to find information about performances, ticket offices and prices.

MUSEUMS

Lviv is a city of museums. The opportunities are numerous. The most interesting are

- The National Museum with its permanent exhibition of antique icons
- The Historical Museum and its antique shop
- The Museum of Pharmacy
- The Museum of Folk Architecture and Everyday Life
- Lychakiv Cemetery and Museum

CHURCHES and sacred places.

All styles and historical periods from medieval times to the present day are here - Greek Catholic, Orthodox of different confessions, Roman Catholics, Armenians, Jews, Protestants – you will find an amazing variety of energetic religious life in Lviv. Do not miss the opportunity to have a look at or to attend a service at any of them. The most prominent are:

St. George's Greek Catholic Cathedral ("Sviatyy Yuri")

The Roman Catholic Cathedral

The Armenian Church

St. Michael Greek Catholic Church (former Bernardine Monastery)

The Greek Catholic Church of the Holy Eucharist (former Dominican Church)

The Orthodox Church of the Dormition of St. Mary

The ruins of the Golden Rose Synagogue

St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral

And many others to explore and marvel at....

CAFES

Lviv is a city of coffee, chocolate and sweets. Do not miss trying some of the numerous coffee-houses around the city. Many of them have free Wi-Fi access. Some places have live music, some have occasional book readings and meetings with authors.

RESTAURANTS



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You will find diversity of prices, service and quality of food. There are many fast-food restaurants, quite safe and very popular among students, such as “Kartopliana Khata” and “Puzata Khata”. Lviv has several McDonald’s restaurants and a lot of Pizza places (like “Bella Ciao”, “Leopolis”, “Cellentano”).

DANCING

Lviv likes to dance on the streets. There is dancing in the evening right at the heart of the city, near the city Hall, several times a week during the warm months in the year. You can also find various dancing clubs throughout the city.

SPORT FACILITIES

Are less well developed. But there is a big swimming and gym complex called Aquapark about 30 minutes from the Ploscha Rynok (the center of the city). Aquapark is about a 15 minute bus ride from the Collegium.

There are several swimming pools (the best located and safest is the one on Petrushevycha square), and there are sports clubs that offer training facilities, Yoga, Pilates, Aerobics, Fitness etc. Ask our staff to help you locate what most interests you.

For joggers there are numerous parks and several stadiums.

Let us know what else you want to know and we will be happy to provide more Information

Looking forward seeing you in Lviv!