The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica
The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica was established in 1998. Although it has been developing dynamically and aspiring to be modern, the University does not go against the centuries-old local tradition of education, but on the contrary, it draws on it, which is directly reflected in its logo – a combination of Witelon’s initials and a symbol inextricably associated with modernity.

The history of education in Legnica dates back to the Middle Ages, a period which in that respect was anything but “gloomy”. Schools educating in the field of trivium were established in Legnica as early as the 12th century, and by the end of the first decade of the century that followed, a school implementing the curriculum of quadrivium was set up. The didactic staff of this school included professor Witelon, a theologian, philosopher, mathematician and physicist, the author of a major work on optics entitled „Perspectiva”. His outstanding achievements have been commemorated by posterity through the act of naming a crater on the Moon in his honor, a rare privilege granted to only 18 other most eminent Polish scholars of all time. An important period in the history of education in Legnica dates back to the brief period between 1526 and 1529 and it is strictly connected with the establishment of a local university, an institution whose beneficial influence on the spread of humanistic values cannot be overestimated. The Knights’ Academy established in 1708 also contributed greatly to the development of education locally. Owing to its high reputation, this teaching establishment attracted both Polish and foreign students.

The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica, being an inheritor of historical educational institutions, attempts mutatis mutandis to be their worthy successor. The school spares no effort to conduct its educational mission as best as possible, above all it tries to meet its students’ aspirations. That is why it continually extends its educational offer, implements new fields and specializations convergent with the needs of local institutions, as well as making constant effort to set up in the spirit of the Bologna Process other MA studies, so that licentiate graduates are not made to follow in Witelon’s footsteps to Wrocław to undertake further studies. The Establishment, as one of very few higher state universities, has adopted the structure characteristic of academic institutions, which undoubtedly sharpened its sense of belonging to the academic community, so essential for all students of state universities of applied sciences. It is also one of the schools of its kind which can boast accreditation of its fields of study by The State Accreditation Committee, and the only one to have been granted a category of a scientific unit.

The peculiarity of state universities of applied sciences lies in their familiarization with the local environment. Being well-aware of the local requirements and conditions, the authorities of The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica fully identify with the local community in the hope of being reciprocated.

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In the 1990s, the early beginnings of higher state education in Poland were rather humble and teaching establishments offering merely first degree and engineering studies, apart from struggling with the difficulties relating to understaffing and material base shortage, were generally approached with distrust. In that respect, State Universities of Applied Sciences stood out and failed to conform to the stereotype of educational institutions eligible to grant second degree titles to students. A slight improvement of their standing could only be observed with the general adoption of the Bologna Process, imposing the obligation on the majority of faculties to implement three-cycle studies.

The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica is one of the oldest schools of its kind in Poland, along with two other pioneering state universities that were established in 1998. The school began its activity having no material base or didactic staff of its own, nonetheless, with time it has become the biggest State University of Applied Sciences in Poland; with nearly seven thousand students being educated here on full-time, extramural and post-graduate studies. The area of its didactic rooms exceeds 21 thousand square meters, which is equivalent to over two hectares.

The first registered office of the school was located in the buildings formerly occupied by the Complex of Schools of Motor Vehicle Engineering at 10 Mickiewicza Street. Soon after its partial rebuilding, this seat turned out to be too small to accommodate all the students, therefore finding other premises for the school became a priority. The Rector’s Office was located in one part of a small pre-war villa at 89 Złotoryjska Street, which however, despite its charm, was not suitable for housing the University authorities. The rector’s office, deputy rector’s office and chancellor’s office as well as three administration offices of the institutes and the building’s administration were located on several dozen meters of a loft. This is also where the Department of Foreign Languages and the Department of Physical Education were housed. The students were in a slightly better position. Their tutorials were held in a building at 151 Jaworzyńska Street, which belonged to a private Technical University, and in the Piast Castle.

A hope for rectifying the situation occurred on 31st December, 1998 when the governor of the Legnica province handed over to the School a few real estates, including an old barracks complex located between Hutników Street and Sejmowa Street, with an area exceeding 3.5 hectares. The complex comprises a few buildings, including three build-
ings with a cubic capacity of circa 30 thousand cubic meters each and a few smaller ones. Until 1993, the complex was used for military purposes; the buildings erected in the second half of the 19th century were originally Prussian barracks, then German ones, and after World War II they constituted a famous „red city” of The Northern Group of the Soviet Army Forces in Poland.

After the Russian troops left the city, the buildings began to deteriorate, and by the time they became the property of the University, they had been completely devastated. Nonetheless, the University authorities decided to adapt the complex for their seat. The renovation of the first building began after a few months of design works in late 1999. This undertaking constituted a big challenge. Only few believed that the refurbishment would take that short. The technical condition of the building and the scope of the intended adaptation works were raising doubts. The capital refurbishment works started with an exchange of the construction elements, the roof and the ceilings.

In the year 2008 The Witelson State University of Applied Sciences celebrated 10th anniversary of its existence. Over that period, the school had developed from an educational establishment into an autonomous institution of higher education, exerting an influence both on the city and the entire region. Therefore it is crucial to make a note of the most important events in the history of its existence.

16th June, 1998 – by virtue of a Regulation by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland as of 1st July, 1998 the Minister of Education set up Vocational State School in Legnica.

1st July, 1998 – Vocational State School in Legnica came into existence, prof. Stanisław Dąbrowski PhD, hab. being appointed its first Rector.

31st December, 1998 – Vocational State School in Legnica received from the State Treasury a former barracks complex of the Royal Grenadier Regiment at the junction of Hutników and Sejmowa Street.

15th March, 2000 – by virtue of a Regulation by the Minister of Education the School’s name was changed to The State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica.

30th August, 2001 – The State University of Applied Sciences was awarded a prize in the competition “Modernization of the Year 2000” in the category “School Buildings in Poland”.

15th October, 2001 – the first graduation ceremony took place, when BA Diplomas were conferred on graduating students of The State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica.
13th April, 2002 – the first celebration when Diplomas in Engineering were conferred upon the graduates of The State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica.


25th March, 2003 – by virtue of a Regulation by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland the School was granted the name of Witelon by the Minister of Education and Sport. As part of the University’s fifth anniversary celebrations a scientific conference devoted to the life and activity of the scientist was organized and a commemorative plaque was unveiled.

13th February, 2004 – classes commenced in the newly renovated wing of the building at 5C Sejmowa Street.

12th October, 2006 – An International Scientific Conference entitled “University Traditions in Legnica” was organized by the University to commemorate the 480th anniversary of Legnica University which was established by Frederick II of Legnica.

24th January, 2007 – a ceremonial opening of The Academic Computer Network in Legnica – a system of broadband Internet Access (100Mb/s) took place.

16th June, 2007 – the first Reunion of the University graduates was organized.

1st September, 2007 – A new term of the authorities of The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica began. Prof. Ryszard K. Pisarski PhD, Hab., was elected the Rector by The Electoral Body.

1st September, 2007 – a change in the organizational structure of the Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica took place. The institutes were replaced by the following faculties: Administration, Political Science, Pedagogy, Tourism and Recreation, and Management and Computer Science.

16th June, 2008 – as part of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica a scientific session entitled “The heritage and future of the Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica” was held.
17th – 20th September, 2008 – The Witełon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica hosted International Public Administration and Management Forum IFPAM.

8th October, 2008 – a new university banner was handed over to the University authorities.

3rd December, 2008 – the Minister of Science and Higher Education conferred on the Faculty of Management and Computer Science powers to conduct M. A. studies in the field of Management and Production Engineering. The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica thus became the first state university of applied sciences in Poland to obtain the consent for conducting second degree studies in the technical field.

23rd January, 2009 – the first inaugural ceremony of the academic year took place at the University of Third Age. One hundred and thirty seven students participated in it.

1st October, 2009 – two new faculties were added to the organizational structure of the School – The Faculty of Medicine and The Faculty of Humanities.

8th October, 2009 – a ceremonial opening of the Dormitory at 10 Mickiewicz Street for the students of the Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica took place.

26rd August, 2010 – The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica was awarded a prize for the modernisation of its premises at 10 Mickiewicza Street and their adaptation for a modern and functional Dormitory in a nationwide competition entitled “The Modernisation of the Year”.

22nd September, 2010 – the first meeting of The Witelon Council, the Rector’s advisory committee, was held on the University premises.

26th November, 2010 – prof. Stanisław Dąbrowski PhD, hab. and Vice Chancellor Jerzy Stefaniak, MA were decorated with the SEMPER FIDELIS medal awarded by The Confederation of Western Poland Employers.

30th November, 2010 – The Academic Comprehensive Secondary School celebrated the 5th anniversary of its existence.
5th April, 2011 – a scientific conference entitled “1241 – The Battle of Dobre Pole with the Mongols – the site, background, environment, relations” was organized to commemorate the 770th anniversary of the Battle of Legnica.

12th April, 2011 – a conference entitled “A Historical Approach to Literary Culture in Legnica” was organised by The Faculty of Humanities.

19th May, 2011 – The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica was ranked as the 3rd best Polish State University of Applied Sciences by “Rzeczpospolita” and “Perspektywy”.

1st June, 2011 – The University was conferred a certificate of “The School of Leaders” and a special prize of “Primus” in the Collegium Novum of Jagiellonian University.

15th June, 2011 – at a ceremony at The Angelus Silesius State University of Applied Sciences in Wałbrzych the Rector of The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica, prof. Ryszard K. Pisarski PhD, hab. was decorated with the “Person of Merit” medal and awarded the title of honoris causa-honoris gratia.

1st September, 2011 – a new 4-year term of the University authorities began.

The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica has become successful, and its achievements to date seem sufficient to guarantee the Institution a leading position among this type of schools of higher education in Poland.
Faculties and Specializations

First degree studies

1. Field of Administration:
specializations:
– Public Administration,
– Public Safety and Security Administration,
– Municipal and Economic Administration,
– Manager of Administration

2. Field of Internal Security:
specializations:
– Public Safety and Security

3. Field of Economics:
specializations:
– Economic Analysis,
– Accounting and Internal Audit

4. Field of Philology:
specializations:
– English Philology,
– English Philology and French language teaching,
– German Philology,
– German Philology and French language teaching,
– Russian Philology

5. Field of Pedagogy:
specializations:
– Early Pre-School Education and Training
– Social Work,
– Care Pedagogy and Health Promotion,
– Resocialization and Post-penitentiary Assistance,
– Integrated Early Pre-school Education with the English language

6. Field of Nursing

7. Field of Emergency Medical Care

8. Field of Tourism and Recreation:
specializations:
– Rural Tourism,
– Organization of Tourism and Recreation,
– Tourism and Hospitality Industry

9. Field of Physical Education:
specializations:
– Teacher Training,
– Physical Education and Corrective Gymnastics

10. Field of Management:
specializations:
– Enterprise Management,
– Small and Medium Enterprise Management,
– Finance Management and Controlling,
– Human Resources Management

11. Field of Public Health *

Engineering studies

1. Field of Computer Science:
specializations:
– Computer Systems and Networks,
– Computer Graphics,
– Multimedia and Internet Systems,
– Management Information Systems

2. Field of Environmental Protection:
specializations:
– Protection and Reclamation of Degraded Grounds,
– Environmental Protection Systems

3. Field of Management and Production Engineering:
specializations:
– Industrial Systems Control,
– Logistics,
– Occupational Safety Engineering

Second degree studies

1. Field of Administration *

2. Field of Pedagogy:
specializations:
– Adult Education,
– Early Pre-School Education and Training,
– General Pedagogy

3. Field of Nursing *

4. Field of Management and Production Engineering:
specializations:
– Energy from Renewable Resources,
– Information Technologies in Production Engineering,
– Security

* Recruitment upon obtaining a suitable consent from the Minister of Higher Education.
The didactic base of The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica comprises buildings located in the complex situated between Hutników Street and Sejmowa Street with the total area exceeding 5 hectares. The following four constructions have been located on this territory: three didactic buildings (5A, 5C and 5E) and one to be adapted for a didactic building in the future (5B).

**The Building at 5A Sejmowa Street** has a usable area of 9,275 square meters and it houses 7 lecture halls, 6 foreign language rooms, 23 classrooms and 5 computer study rooms. The lecture rooms are equipped with OHPs, boards, sound systems with microphone stations, audio-visual systems comprising multimedia projectors integrated with computers, electronically controlled curtains and blinds, automatically operated projection screens linked with projectors, tape-recorders, video recorders, CD players and tuners, tablet arm chair desks and ventilation systems. Language classrooms have been fitted out with audiovisual equipment such as TV sets, video recorders, tape-recorders and CD players. Computer laboratories are equipped with 16 independent computer desks with an individual Internet access, linked with one another to form one network.

In addition, the building houses the rector’s office, chancellery, Administration, Humanities, Medicine and Political Science faculty offices, faculty deans’ offices and some administration offices. In 2010, the building was fitted with a relatively recent improvement, Reading Room No.3, with a library for students of Faculty of Medicine and foreign language teachers.

Inside the building, as well as on the whole campus, free Internet access is constantly provided as a result of an installation of multiple Units of WiFi network. In the main hall, an Internet kiosk has been installed – a multifunctional multimedia device equipped with a modern Internet search engine with the same functionality as Internet Explorer. The building also grants students access to a student’s café, fitness club, newsagent and cloakroom.

The main building at 5A Sejmowa Street has been awarded a prize in a nationwide competition organized under the auspices of the President of Poland called “The Modernization of the Year 2000” in the category of “Science Structures” and in a competition “The Lower Silesian Investment of the Year 2001”.

**The building at 5B Sejmowa Street** has a usable area of nearly 9,000 square meters. It is intended for the University library, reading rooms with a capacity of up to 70 people, the archives and 28 didactic rooms – including 5 lecture rooms, 5 seminar rooms, 7 classrooms
and 11 foreign language study rooms. In the future, the adaptation of the building for use will contribute greatly to the improvement of general conditions and the quality of education, it will increase the quality of teaching as well as creating more favourable conditions for using the library stock. Additionally, the project includes the construction of an underground garage with the total usable area of 6,580.02 square meters and a courtyard development with the area of 12,485.00 square meters. The intended investment comprises altogether an area of 27,991.00 square meters.

The **building at 5C Sejmowa Street**, with its usable area of almost 10,000 square meters, was made available for use following its revitalization in 2005. It has been adapted for 4 lecture rooms, 2 computer laboratories, 4 language study rooms and 49 classrooms. Additionally, in the building there are specialist chemistry, physics and material science laboratories, which allow students and didactic staff to conduct scientific research. The building also houses Pedagogy, Organization of Tourism and Recreation faculty office and Management and Computer Science faculty office, deans’ offices, some administration offices as well as a recording studio.

Temporarily, the building houses a library. This is also a place where students can use a student’s café, putting two pool tables and a dart board at their disposal.

The building also houses the Academic Comprehensive High School, whose profile enables pupils to acquire competence indispensable for further study.

The building at 5C Sejmowa Street has been awarded a prize in a nationwide competition entitled “Modernization of the Year 2005” in the category of “School Buildings”. Also, in December 2007 the building was awarded another prize in a competition entitled “Lower Silesian Investment of the Years 2005 and 2006” in the category of “Monumental Buildings”.

In the **multi-purpose halls at 5E Sejmowa Street**, with their total area of 1,900 square meters, there are four lecture rooms for almost 1,000 people in total. It is the most modern building of its kind in Lower Silesia, and most probably in Poland, while some of the applied technical solutions are unique in Europe. Its modular construction allows for its free configuration; depending on the needs, its three halls can be converted into one with a capacity of up to 750 people or it can be divided into three smaller, self-contained halls, separated from each other by a sound-proof sliding wall. When the halls are connected, the sound and vision from one lectern can be transmitted simultaneously to all the three screens. When necessary, it is also possible to transmit the sound and vision to the fourth hall. In this way, nearly a thousand people can participate in one lecture at the same time.

In the halls, a unique solution has been applied, consisting of a system of telescopic collapsible stands with a semicircular setting.
of seats. The full folding and sliding of the stands creates a multifunctional hall where sports events, trade fairs, exhibitions and cultural events can be organized. All didactic rooms have been equipped with state-of-the-art educational tools, such as visual projectors, multimedia computer projectors, visual screens, cameras, etc.

The building has been awarded a prize in a nationwide competition entitled “Modernization of the Year 2002” in the category of “Structures of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education”.

The Dormitory at 10 Mickiewicza Street, which covers the area of 4,500 square meters and can accommodate up to 161 students, occupies a revitalized building erected in 1874. During refurbishment every effort was made to maintain its historical urban layout and to emphasize its architectural quality. It remains under protection by the local conservationist. The dormitory is located in the city centre in Ochota District, in the immediate vicinity of the local park and such sports facilities as a stadium or tennis courts. The 10-minute walking distance to the University campus is a big advantage.

Being the only local dormitory, it can accommodate students in fully-furnished single, double, triple and quadruple rooms, suited to their needs. Each room has been fitted with a phone, TV and Internet connection, while the kitchens have been equipped with refrigerators and electric cookers. There is also a common dining-room, smoking-room, laundry and some common study rooms put at students’ disposal. Despite its above-average furnishings, which create favourable studying conditions, the rent has been calculated so as to make the stay at the dormitory available to students of all backgrounds.

The dormitory also houses a student club, where a regular cultural event of Witelon Music Night is held.

In 2010, the building was awarded a prize in the 14th edition of the nationwide competition “Modernization of the Year” for its modernization and adaptation for a modern and functional dormitory.

Project and Education Centre

The investment has been implemented under the Local Revitalization Program of the City of Legnica, being a continuation of the 9th Regional Operational Program for Lower Silesia for the period between 2007 and 2013, entitled “Revitalization of degraded urban areas in Lower Silesia”.

Its major objective is to revitalize the degraded post-military areas as well as improving the infrastructural conditions of The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica. The investment is about to increase the quality and ac-
cessibility of education to local inhabitants. In effect, these activities are designed to counterbalance such negative economic and social phenomena as unemployment or social exclusion.

The buildings currently under modernization are intended for The Project and Education Centre. They will house the following specialized study rooms and laboratories: an Eko study room, biochemical and toxicological laboratory, anatomy study room, electronics and metrology study room, micro-processing engineering study room and e-learning study room. As a result, the Centre will perform a supportive educational function to all the University faculties. It will also enable the University to open new faculties for second degree students.

Additionally, the laboratories and study rooms will be used for course, training and post-graduate purposes not only by the University students and graduates, but by the entire local community as well.

With the latter in mind, a Socio-Therapeutic Centre will also be established in the buildings. It is intended for the socio-therapeutic work with children and youth as well as being a support centre for parents of children with dysfunctional behaviours. The equipment the buildings are to be fitted with will allow for their use in various kinds of therapeutic activity, e.g. music therapy, bibliotherapy as well as other forms of therapy through art. The rooms are also intended for individual therapy purposes.

The Socio-Therapeutic Centre will rely on students’ voluntary involvement and support from the didactic staff of The Faculty of Pedagogy, Tourism and Recreation.

On completion, The Sports and Rehabilitation Centre of a cubature of 75,000 cubic meters, currently struggling with financial difficulties, is intended to enable the students to use an Olympic swimming pool (16m x 50m + spectators’ stands), recreational swimming pools and water back up of a total water surface of 1,400 square meters, along with some doctor’s surgeries, a biological renewal centre and other auxiliary facilities.

In addition to that, the complex is going to hold a sports hall, gym, weight-training room, bowling hall and an outdoor pitch. The construction is going to constitute a sports, rehabilitation, medical and didactic base. It is intended to increase the comfort of students and facilitate the planning of sports classes. The Centre is also going to be made available for use by local schools and institutions as well as the entire local community.

The intended transfer of the University authorities to the building of Rector’s Office at 20 Rataja Street following its revitalization will provide additional space for didactic activities on campus.
The Library began its organizational and service activities in May 2000. Its first business seat was located in the Legnica Piast Castle. Since February 2004, the Library has been performing its service, didactic as well as scientific and technical function on its new premises at 5C Sejmowa Street.

Over the years of its existence, the Library has collected over 65 thousand volumes, both in Polish and foreign languages. It subscribes to 119 printed periodicals, 18 e-periodicals as well as keeping its own electronic archive, which all amount to 34,663 issues in total. Apart from that, the Library has a stock of special collections of diskettes, audio cassettes, video cassettes, maps, CDs and DVDs; over 2,500 items in total.

The Library is fully computerized. It has 42 computer workstations and 2 laptop computers granting students a permanent Internet access and an access to certified databases.

In 2000, the Library was equipped with a Complex Library Management PROLIB System. It is an integrated, professional software which has automated various library procedures, such as acquisition, cataloguing, searching, circulation, managing the check-in and check-out of books and magazines, as well as managing the users and collections. The library’s own catalogues are also made available online through the use of the OPAC graphic module.

The „OPACWWW” module serves as the primary source of information on the library stock through its catalogues available online. It enables the users to search the database at any place and time, which makes the library more reader-friendly.

Since 2008, the Library has made full-text newspaper databases of EBSCO and PROQUEST available to readers. They are the biggest information consortia granting an online access to databases with full-text scientific periodicals in a wide scope of fields: sciences, humanities, social sciences, psychology, religion, theology, education, economic sciences, business, computer science, engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, medical sciences, biomedical sciences, among others.

In January 2010, the searching offer was expanded to include an access to some new nationwide academic periodical databases.

The Ministry of Higher Education subsidizes the following databases: Elsevier, Nature, Science, Springer and Web of Knowledge and grants students access to them within The Library of Virtual Education.

In October 2010, the University library joined the ibuk.pl online service, which grants users access to online publications by Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN as well as other publishers. The service comprises mainly academic manuals and scientific publications in the fields of humanities, social sciences, economic
sciences, mathematical and biological sciences, law, medicine and computer science.

In February 2010, the library joined The Consortium of Lower Silesian Digital Library operated by The Wrocław University of Technology.

Additionally, since 2009, the stock of The Lower Silesian Digital Library has been accessible through the EU-ROPEAN – a European multimedia digital library, comprising nearly 5 million digital items from the stocks of libraries and institutions of the 27 EU member states (including The London British Library and The Louvre Library in Paris).

Under suitable agreements made with other universities, the students have also been granted access to the library stocks at The University of Wrocław, The Wrocław University of Economics, The Wrocław University of Technology and Legnica branch of The Wrocław University of Technology as well as The Higher Theological Seminary of Legnica Diocese.
The activities undertaken by our University on the international level are convergent with the policy of the State, the focus being on the EU member states and countries aspiring for future membership in The Community. Establishing new relations with foreign academic and scientific institutions has become one of our priorities.

Under the Erasmus program of „lifelong learning”, we cooperate with the following foreign partners on the basis of bilateral agreements:

- XIOS University College Limburg in Belgium,
- The Technical University of Gabrovo – Bulgaria,
- The University of Cyprus in Nicosia,
- International Business Academy of Kolding – Denmark,
- Universite Jean Monnet – Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Roanne – France,
- The University of Piraeus – Greece,
- The University of Almeria – Spain,
- The International Vilnius School of Law and Business – Lithuania,
- Klaipeda State College,
- Bergische Universität in Wuppertal – Germany,
- Hochschule in Bremen – Germany,
- Hochschule für Öffentliche Verwaltung in Kehl – Germany,
- Pädagogische Hochschule in Ludwigsburg – Germany,
- Fachhochschule in Nordhausen – Germany,
- Fachhochschule in Schmalkalden – Germany,
- Alba Iulia University – Romania,
- University of Pavl Jozef Šafarik in Koszyce – Slovakia,
- The University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra – Slovakia,
- Cukurova University – Turkey,
- Selcuk University in Konya – Turkey,
- Cumhuriyet University in Sivas – Turkey,
- The University of Mustafa Kemal – Turkey.

We are entitled to send students abroad for training and study, to take foreign students as well as exchanging the didactic and administration staff by virtue of Erasmus University Charter, which we have been awarded for the years 2007 – 2013.

Apart from that, we have been cooperating with many universities and institutions in Germany, France, The Czech Republic and Ukraine. These include the following:

- IHK-Bildungszentrum GMBH in Dresden – Germany,
- Fachhochschule des Bundes für Öffentliche Verwaltung in Brühl – Germany,
- Heimvolkshochschule St. Hedwighaus in Öerlingenhausen – Germany,
- Hochschule in Ludwigsburg – Hochschule für öffentliche Verwaltung und Finanzen – Germany,
- Fachhochschule der Sachsischen Verwaltung in Meißen – Germany,
The University of Hradec Kralove – The Faculty of Pedagogy – Czech Republic.

As part of the cooperation, we have engaged, among others, in the following activities: conducting joint research and scientific conferences, organizing foreign practical placement for our students as well as exchanging the scientific and didactic staff. Thanks to their apprenticeship, practical placement, and studies abroad, our students are granted a chance to expand their knowledge of western self-governmental and governmental systems. It is also a great opportunity for them to upgrade their language skills.

Thus, participation in international exchange programs has become a crucial factor increasing the opportunities offered to graduates of schools of higher education by the job market both in Poland and in other EU member states.

In 2008, our School hosted IFPAM, The International Forum for Public Administration and Management. The Witeleon State University of Applied Sciences is the only academic centre which also acts in the capacity of a member of this organization. Among the invited guests there were eighteen representatives of European academic centers, e.g. from Germany, Hungary, Belgium, Holland, Bulgaria, France, Russia and Slovakia.

As part of international cooperation carried out with foreign institutions, The Witeleon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica employs recognized and highly competent didactic staff on full-time basis, which includes prof. Ludwig Schmal and Monica Vlad, PhD.

More information available from bw.pwsz.legnica.edu.pl
Our students can develop their interests through participation in the activities of numerous scientific circles in their respective faculties. The aforementioned circles affiliate the most enthusiastic members, showing a genuine interest in broadening their knowledge of a chosen field.

THE FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATION:

“Young Administrators”
Didactic supervisor: Helena Babiuch, PhD

The statutory activities of this scientific circle include the following: a popularization of legal aspects of administration, an extension of their scientific knowledge and provision of mutual support in their scientific achievements by students as well as strengthening of the bonds of friendship between them. The circle also conducts academic research into The European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour and engages into some other public administration-related activities.

“Ordo et Ius”
Didactic supervisor: Paweł Kobes, PhD

The circle carries out research into the penal system and juvenile delinquency prevention as well as visiting local correctional institutions and prisons. Its members cooperate with a local police station, conducting seminars on drug prevention and other topic-related issues. They can also expand their knowledge of criminal law, forensics, juvenile delinquency and social pathologies.

“Consumer Protection”
Didactic supervisor: Agnieszka Kurzyńska-Lipniewicz, MA

The circle’s major focus is on the institutional and procedural aspects of consumer protection legislation and it runs under the auspices of Consumer Federation. Since 2008, it has been cooperating closely with the Provincial Consumer Advocate, Jan Kotapka, MA, which resulted in multiple undertakings, including a seminar on unfair commercial practices infringing on consumer rights.

“Earth Lovers”
Didactic supervisor:

The circle is an assembly of students pursuing an interest in such scientific branches as: geology, mineralogy, gemology, geomorphology, soil science, waste management as well as some other sciences examining the earth’s surface.
“Pro Publico Bono”
Didactic supervisors:
Grzegorz Haręza, PhD,
Sylwia Kaczorowska, MA
The circle holds regular debates on the Polish Constitution and the political system, civil liberties and citizens’ obligations towards the state under it, as well as practical applications of constitutional solutions.

“Constitutional Law”
Didactic supervisor:
Anna Feja-Paszkiewicz, MA
The circle’s statutory activities include the following: the familiarization of students with the legal aspects of broadly understood constitutional bases of the political system of the state, a popularization of the legal aspects of constitutional law, an extension of students’ knowledge and development of their scientific workshop.

THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE:

Student Scientific Rescue Service Circle
Didactic supervisors:
Małgorzata Byinowska, MA,
Grzegorz Kubielas, MA
The idea behind this circle is to broaden the students’ knowledge of medical sciences, with particular stress on emergency and crash medicine, as well as anesthesiology and intensive care. Its members participate actively in conferences, symposia, seminars and scientific research carried out by The Faculty of Medicine, as well as providing medical service during events organized by the Student Self-government and organizing rescue service demonstrations.

THE FACULTY OF PEDAGOGY, TOURISM AND RECREATION:

“Amicus Arte”
Didactic supervisor:
Dariusz Wędzina, MA
The circle’s major focus is on cultural education, in particular on consolidation of the academic community around the issues of history of art. It implements its statutory aims through an organization of meetings and discussions, cooperation with other circles, preparation of exhibitions and practical research.

“Negotiator”
Didactic supervisor:
Maria J. Zajączkowska, PhD
The circle’s activities are intended for an expansion of knowledge by its members and students of other faculties interested in resolving social conflicts through negotiation as well as developing practical skills indispensable for negotiation and mediation.

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“Young Educators – Alternative”
Didactic supervisor: Jan Wojtaś, PhD
It is an association of students interested in pursuing a scientific career and popularizing pedagogical sciences. Its major aim is to enable its members to develop and broaden their knowledge of the theoretical and practical aspects of pedagogical and sociological sciences as well as initiating cooperation with other scientific circles and institutions. The statutory activities the circle engages into include: holding meetings, seminars, lectures and presentations, as well as publishing brochures, information sheets and scientific essays, conducting research and organizing student camps.

THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND COMPUTER SCIENCE:
“Contemporary Computer Science”
Didactic supervisor: Oleksandr Klosov, PhD
The activities of the circle revolve around contemporary IT solutions, mainly in the fields of: object-oriented design and programming with the application of C/C++, Linux system administration, algorithmic methods of problem solving. http://www.kniw.pwsz.legnica.edu.pl

“Total Quality Management”
Didactic supervisor: Wiesław Ładoński, PhD, en.
The circle’s main focus is on the extension of students’ knowledge beyond the issues covered by the syllabus and providing support in their scientific careers.

“Graphic Design”
Didactic supervisor: Marek Moi, MA, en.
The circle’s members occupy themselves with graphic art and design (2D/3D) for their printing and presentational applications in electronic media. They can also broaden their knowledge of multimedia applications and website design, as well as digital and analogue photography. http://www.kngk.pwsz.legnica.edu.pl

“Economicus”
Didactic supervisor: Nadine Bednarz, MA
The circle’s major statutory aim is to extend its members’ knowledge beyond the issues covered by the syllabus as well as developing and shaping the scientific activity of the students.

“Transportation and Logistics”
Didactic supervisor: Magdalena Dąbrowska, PhD
The idea behind the circle is to consolidate all the students around the issues
of transportation and logistics in contemporary economy, tighten their cooperation with local and foreign companies, encourage their participation in research and scientific projects, educate them beyond the issues covered by the syllabus, as well as increasing their interest in transportation and logistics.

“Manager”
Didactic supervisor: Dariusz Sobotkiewicz, MA

The circle’s main aim is to popularize knowledge of the management science and socialize the students of management and economics. This year, its members will focus on conducting a survey among high school students into their prospective tertiary education preferences.

Additionally, all students are free to socialize, work for the benefit of the University and the whole academic community, as well as developing their interests as members of The Academic Sports Association, The Academic Tourist Club or engaging in the activities of The Student Self-government.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Janusz Korczak Academic Educational Film Club
Didactic supervisor: Jan Wojtaś, PhD

Within its statutory activities the club holds regular meetings with scientists, interdisciplinary lectures and talks, educational symposia and seminars, as well as organizing educational and training film shows aimed at theorists, practitioners and students of the educational and teaching faculties.

The Academic Tourist Club, established in November 2002, associates students interested in broadening their knowledge of tourism and recreation both through an organization and participation in various events such as: white water canoeing, trekking expeditions, extreme rally or sightseeing tours. Its statutory objectives include: a popularization and broadening of the knowledge of different forms of active leisure, popularization of natural, cultural and esthetic values, organization of different forms of qualified tourism, dissemination of tourist skills through participation and organization of tourist events aimed at the whole student community.

The Academic Sports Association has been operating since 2001. Currently, the following
sports sections are available for students to join: volleyball, basketball, swimming, table tennis, cross-country running, futsal, handball and aerobics. Apart from that, our students have participated in tournaments in such disciplines as: taekwondo, karate, archery, chess, football, sports climbing, triathlon, mountain biking and tennis. We are the most dynamic University organization. We regularly compete in The Lower Silesian Inter-School League and in The National University Championships, where our students often win major titles in volleyball, basketball, karate, table tennis, swimming, cross-country running, handball or football. For the past few years, we have been classified as one of the top teams in overall classification of The Championships.

We have considerable experience in sporting event organization since we have hosted Polish Men’s Volleyball Championships, The National State University of Applied Sciences Championships, Lower Silesian Inter-School League matches and Relay Street Runs.

Since November 2006, in cooperation with the Student Self-government, we have been organizing blood collection – „Vampires at The Witelon State University of Applied Sciences” under the auspices of The European Blood Donor Foundation. On each occasion, we usually collect from 30 to 40 liters of precious blood.

The Club also organizes lectures and meetings with famous sportsmen and activists, as well as holding sports competitions for representatives of particular faculties. At the end of each season we also stage a competition for the most popular student-sportsmen.

**Student Self-government**, which represents all the student community, has numerous tasks and responsibilities. It holds regular elections to its representative bodies, maintains and initiates relations with self-governments of other State Universities of Applied Sciences and other Polish academic institutions, as well as organizing cultural and charity events, and many others.

Its members take an active part in a variety of student assemblies on the national level. They have participated in The National Forum of State Universities of Applied Sciences, The National Assembly of Student Parliaments in Warsaw and The Special National Assembly of Student Parliaments in Warsaw. Participation in the aforementioned events constituted an opportunity for maintaining relations and exchanging opinions and ideas with other state universities of applied sciences in Poland.

Each year, the University self-government
starts its activities with the initiation ceremony for first year students. Apart from organizing ordinary discos, other occasional parties are also held, such as the celebrations of St. Andrew’s Day, St. Valentine’s Day, Halloween, the carnival or Women’s Day. They all have their unique atmosphere. Additionally, the Student Self-government organizes regular theme Film Nights in the multifunctional rooms, which have been enjoying great popularity among students.

Computer Games Tournament, held in the computer rooms and Internet café, is another event initiated by this body.

The Student Self-government also engages in the organization of Cabaret Sessions, which so far have attracted such performers as: “Nic się nie stało”, “Kabaret Skeczów Męczących”, “DNO”, “Noł Nejm” or “Paranienormalni”.

Its main focus is on the organization of the annual celebrations of „Juvenalia”, an event marked by performances of such Polish and foreign music stars as: Jay Delano, Tiddey, Carsten Hell & Kolina, Alchemist Project, East Clubbers, East Clubbers, DJ, Strachy na Lachy, COMA, Muhy, Siddhartha, Hope, Kult, Urszula, Lady Pank, Kto To, Łzy, Maryla Rodowicz, Culture, Akcent, D-Bomb, Code Red, Uniting Nations, Paprika Korps, Szymon Wydra, Ira, Myslovitz, Pidżama Porno, Big Cyc or Dżem.

Every November the Santa Claus charitable event “Students for Children” is also held on the University premises.

Self-government representatives take an active part in creating a positive image of the University outside it, during a variety of promotional undertakings, such as Educational Fairs, “Open Door” as well as numerous conferences and presentations, both locally and regionally.
A University which is well worth the effort

- We have been operating since 1998
- Master’s, Bachelor’s or Engineering Diplomas
- The title of “The University of Leaders”
- First place in the 2009 ranking of higher educational institutions by „Polska The Times”
- Third place in the 2011 ranking by „Rzeczpospolita” and „Perspektywy”
- The title of „The Positivist of the Year 2008”
- The Faculty of Administration; The Faculty of Humanities; The Faculty of Medicine; The Faculty of Political Science; The Faculty of Pedagogy, Tourism and Recreation; The Faculty of Management and Computer Science
- Attractive fields of study and specializations
- We educate over 6 thousand students
- The University was accredited by The National Accreditation Commission
- Two modes of study – full-time and extramural
- Full time education free of charge
- Post-graduate studies
- Foreign language courses and TELC and LCCI certificates
- Japanese language lessons
- Experienced teaching staff made up of scientists and practicing specialists
- A modern didactic base
- Specialist laboratories and computer workstations
- A library
- Practical placement in Poland and abroad
- Student entitlements (full package)
- The scholarship system and student financial support
- A gastronomic network
- 16 thousand graduates
- Broadband Internet Access via Lask, Pionier and Geant Networks
- A local CISCO academy
- ECDL Exams
- A modern dormitory
- Wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi)
- A bookshop
- A gym, fitness club, sports hall and swimming pool
- Lavish student life
A University which is well worth the effort

The biggest State University of Applied Sciences in Poland
The Association for the Development of the Witelon State University of Applied Sciences in Legnica known as the „Academic Community” was registered in the National Court Register in March 2001. It operates under the Associations Act of 7th April 1989. The statutory aim of the association is to gather a group of individuals and corporations working closely to support academic development of the Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica. The planned aims are the financial, scientific and research development of the University as well as activation of students, employees and other people for education, voluntary work and active citizenship. The association operates in several areas:

1. It acts as a public benefit organization, mainly through the implementation of the „Volunteer Work Programme” in particular aimed at taking care of the elderly and disabled people. The volunteer students of the Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica, trained by their teachers, become well qualified to work in all types of institutions. The volunteers provide help, among others, to Palliative Care Unit in the Provincial Specialist Hospital in Legnica, Local Rehabilitation and Social Welfare Center for Deaf People, Mental Health Outpatient Clinic of the Provincial Psychiatric Hospital or St. John the Baptist Community Centre in Legnica. Moreover, the volunteers help the elderly, those with disabilities or socially maladjusted children.

2. Research and scientific activities comprising research projects and studies in the scope of engineering geology, geo-technology and environmental protection. In cooperation with the specialists from the Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica, the Association has prepared several geotechnical studies (research and documentation) for clients.

3. Publishing and printing – the Association has issued over 90 publications, including forty titles of more than 20,000 copies issued as the Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica book series.

5. Business – Academic Bookshop at the Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica.

6. Services – printing and stationery services for students (binding diplomas, photocopying, printing, other services)

7. Statutory activity – academic, scientific, educational, cultural, environmental protection activities, charity and social aid pursuant to art. 17 paragraph 1 subparagraph 4 of the Corporate Income Tax Act of 15th February 1992. Moreover, the Association, using the funds from its business activities, financially supports the Witelon University of Applied Sciences in Legnica in its operations referred to in the Act on Universities of Applied Sciences and the University’s Charter.
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