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Visit Warsaw University Main Library

1. reading room
2. open stacks area
3. journals reading room
4. reference centre
5. loan division
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Warsaw University of Technology

• The largest academic school of technology in Poland
  ✔ 2 500 academic staff
  ✔ 30 000 students
  ✔ 17 faculties
  ✔ 2 colleges
Warsaw University of Technology Library Network

• The Main Library
  ✓ 3 branch libraries
  ✓ 3 libraries in student hostels
• 15 faculty libraries
• 17 institute libraries
• 4 other
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The Main Library Group

✓ 85 staff
✓ 50 000 users
✓ area ca. 5 050 m²
✓ 240 000 journal issues (in 2003)
✓ 460 000 circulations (in 2003)
✓ 95 000 downloads (in 2003)
The library is user friendly

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<th>Feature</th>
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<td>Convenient opening hours</td>
<td>Monday – Friday 8 am – 7 pm</td>
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<td>Open throughout the academic year</td>
<td>Saturday 9 am – 3 pm</td>
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<td>Access to electronic sources</td>
<td>24 h /7 days a week</td>
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<td>Efficient and competent service</td>
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The library is user friendly

• modern, spacious and comfortable rooms

• central localization

in the WUT Main Building

• the modern library construction is added
to the 19th century building
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**The library is user friendly**
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**Information services**

- Central WUT libraries catalogue based on the ALEPH integrated computer system:

  ✓ The Main Library
  ✓ The Faculty of Chemistry Library
  ✓ The Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering Library
  ✓ The Faculty of Environmental Engineering Library
  ✓ The Faculty of Power and Aeronautical Engineering Library
  ✓ The Faculty of Civil Engineering Library
Information Services

- Own databases
  - SympoNet
  - Biblio
  - WUT Libraries Central Catalogue

- Domestic databases
  - BazTech, PSJC
  - NUKAT
  - National Library Central Catalogue

- Commercial databases
  - Springer Verlag, Science Direct (Elsevier)
  - Walter Kluwer, ABI/Inform Global
  - EI Compendex, INSPEC, SCI-Ex, Chemical Abstracts
Education offer

• training courses include:
  ✓ instruction on the basic use of the Library
  ✓ using databases and other information sources
  ✓ using Internet search engines, etc.

• offer is specialised for:
  ✓ 1st year students of all University faculties
  ✓ 5th years students - science information training
  ✓ permanent training for WUT libraries staff
  ✓ training for research staff interested in
Information Services

- standards collection – important source for students’ research projects, over 34 000 vol.
  - Polish
  - European
  - other countries
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Education offer

- Library training for first year students
- Library training for last year students
- Library training for interested scientists
- Library staff permanent education
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The Main Library - domestic promotion

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- participation in domestic science conferences
- host to conferences
- participation in domestic consortia
- tours and exhibitions
- current information leaflets, brochures, etc.
- cooperation in Polish bibliographic database development
- activity on Polish librarians forum
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The Main Library - international promotion

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• participation in international science conferences
• interlibrary loan cooperation
• members of the international libraries organizations:
  ✓ IATUL (International Association of Technological University Libraries)
  ✓ Liber (Ligue des Bibliotheques Europeennes de Recherche)
  ✓ ICAU (International Consortium of Aleph Users)
Cooperation with Warsaw University of Technology

• common holdings acquisition policy – accepted by research staff and librarians – members of Rectors’ Library Advisory Board (quarterly committee meetings)
• participation in the annual ‘Open Door’ action
• cooperation with the University Student Parliament
• special offer for The Student Science Societies
• cooperation with OKNO – the project for distance learning
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