



NICOLAUS COPERNICUS
UNIVERSITY
IN TORUŃ



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Guide for participants

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Basic information

Toruń, Polska

Time zone: Central European Summer Time - UTC+02:00 (at the moment of the conference)

Currency: Polish złoty (*Polski złoty*)

abbreviation: zł, PLN

1 PLN = ok. 0,20 Euro

Card payments are extremely popular in Poland. Virtually all establishments like shops, restaurants and hotels accept card payments, also most taxis, buses and trams.

Shops are closed on Sundays, with some exceptions (small establishments run by the owner; shops located at airports and train stations). Restaurants, cafes and gas stations are open on Sundays.

Language: Polish

The official language in Poland is Polish but a lot of people (especially younger generations) speak English on a communicative level. Because Toruń is a popular tourist destination (also for international guests), you can be easily served in English in almost all establishments in the Old Town.



But for many older people, the only foreign language they know is Russian, some also speak German.

Conference organiser: Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

Name in Polish: Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu

Abbreviations: NCU (in English), UMK (in Polish, very commonly used in Toruń)

There is only one university in Toruń. The main campus is located in some distance from the city centre (around 15 mins by tram/bus).

A map of university buildings: <https://www.umk.pl/kontakt/mapy/Mapka-UMK-2022.pdf>

University buildings on GoogleMaps:
https://www.umk.pl/kontakt/mapy/mapa_google/

The name of the main tram and bus stop, closest to the central entrance to the campus is AULA UMK

Conference venue:

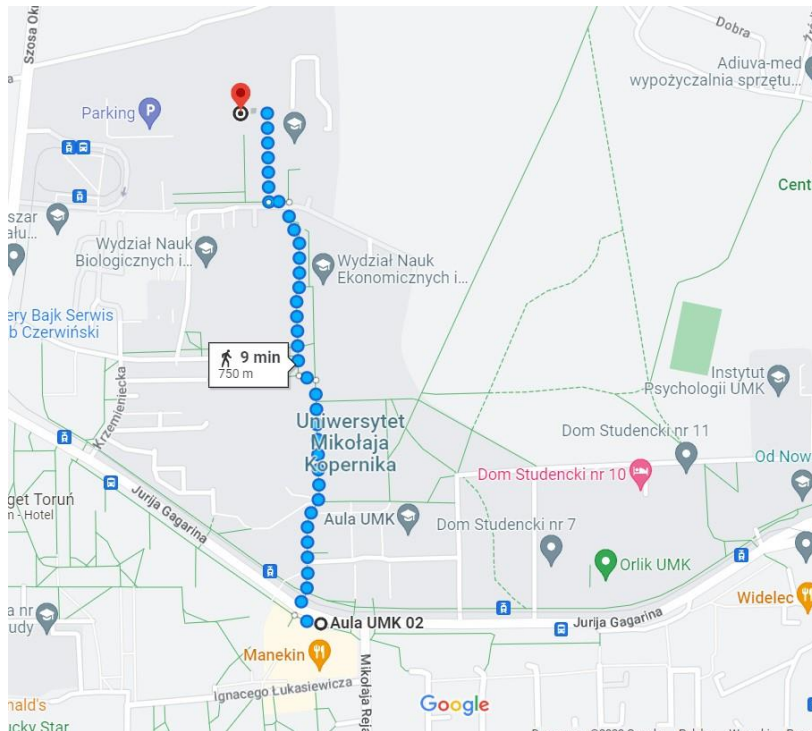
Collegium Humanisticum, Bojarskiego Street 1:
<https://goo.gl/maps/7JmzLR5EGu1qvYh3A>

The building Collegium Humanisticum is situated at the rear end of the main NCU campus.

The bus and tram stop closest to the building is named UNIWERSYTET (last stop).
Trams: 1, 4, 7. Buses: 17, 18, 25, 28.

You can also stop at the bus and tram stop AULA UMK, situated at the front of the campus. It is a very popular stop with many buses and trams stopping there. From there you need to take around 10 mins to walk through the campus, to the Collegium Humanisticum. The walk is depicted on the map below:





Transportation in Toruń

Public transport in Toruń is based on trams and buses. There is no metro.

Regular ticket costs 3,80 PLN and allows you to either:

- travel once on a selected bus or tram line, from the moment of validating to the last stop specified in the timetable (a single-trip ticket)

or

- travel with transfers on all lines (buses and trams), within 60 mins from the moment of validating (a timed ticket).

There are several validators placed throughout the bus or tram, usually close to the door.

Reduced fare (1,90 PLN) is available e.g. for students from abroad – if they are under 26 years old and have ISIC ID. Without the ISIC ID card, you are not entitled to the reduced fare and need to pay the full price.

You can buy tickets in

- ticket machines in trams and buses (but not all cars have them!)
- small shops (kiosks/newsstands) located close to the main bus/tram stops
- the “ticket shop” located just outside of the conference venue, next to the stop UNIWERSYTET: <https://goo.gl/maps/omRm5zEWpdTrMZJi6>
- mobile applications: moBILET, skyCash (where you can also buy train tickets), mPay



Jak Dojadę is a useful web portal for searching connections via public transport: <https://jakdojade.pl/TORUN/trasa> You can also download the mobile app JakDojade.

Other ways to get around in Torun:

- taxis, for example:

Hallo Taxi Toruń: (+48) 56 33 33 333. Prices: Initial charge 5,40 PLN; regular rate: 3,40 PLN per kilometer; Sunday and night rate: 5,40 PLN per kilometer.

Copernicus Taxi: (+48) 56 657 07 07. Prices: Initial charge 5,90 PLN; regular rate: 3,60 PLN per kilometer; Sundays and night rate: 5,40 PLN per kilometer.

A regular taxi ride from the Main Train Station to the Old Town should cost around 15-20 PLN.

- Uber and Bolt mobile applications (usually cheaper than regular taxis but not always available)

- rental scooters (Bolt and Lime)

- rental bikes (Torvelo: <https://www.torvelo.pl/>)

- your feet!

Toruń is a medium-sized city, where you can rely on your feet to get around, especially if you like long walks. The distance between the Old Town and the conference venue is around 45 mins on foot.

Internet

Conference participants will be provided with Internet access at the venue. The network name and password will be provided during registration.

Hotels, restaurants, cafes, etc. usually have their Wi-Fi networks available free of charge to customers.

Coronavirus rules and restrictions

Currently there is NO RESTRICTIONS concerning the coronavirus situation.



All restrictions on travel to Poland are lifted, which means there is no obligation to present COVID certificates or test results, or undergo the so-called entry quarantine.

From March 2022 all restrictions are lifted, which means that wearing masks in public spaces is not obligatory (but it is suggested for pharmacies, hospitals and other medical establishments).

Current coronavirus information and recommendation provided by the Polish government:
<https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus>

Delicacies from Toruń

Toruń is famous for its gingerbread - confections with a distinctive spicy smell and taste, which you absolutely must try. Gingerbread can also be a good gift idea if you would like to take a piece of Toruń to your country. You can buy them in any food store, as well as in special gingerbread stores scattered around the Old Town.

Trip Advisor, Booking.com, GoogleMaps – those platforms have the biggest database when it comes to Toruń hotels, restaurants, cafes, tourist spots and so on.

