SWPS University – Arrival Information

Dear Guests,

We are very excited to welcome you to SWPS University. Below is some information that will hopefully help you plan your visit.

1. Sopot Campus – general information

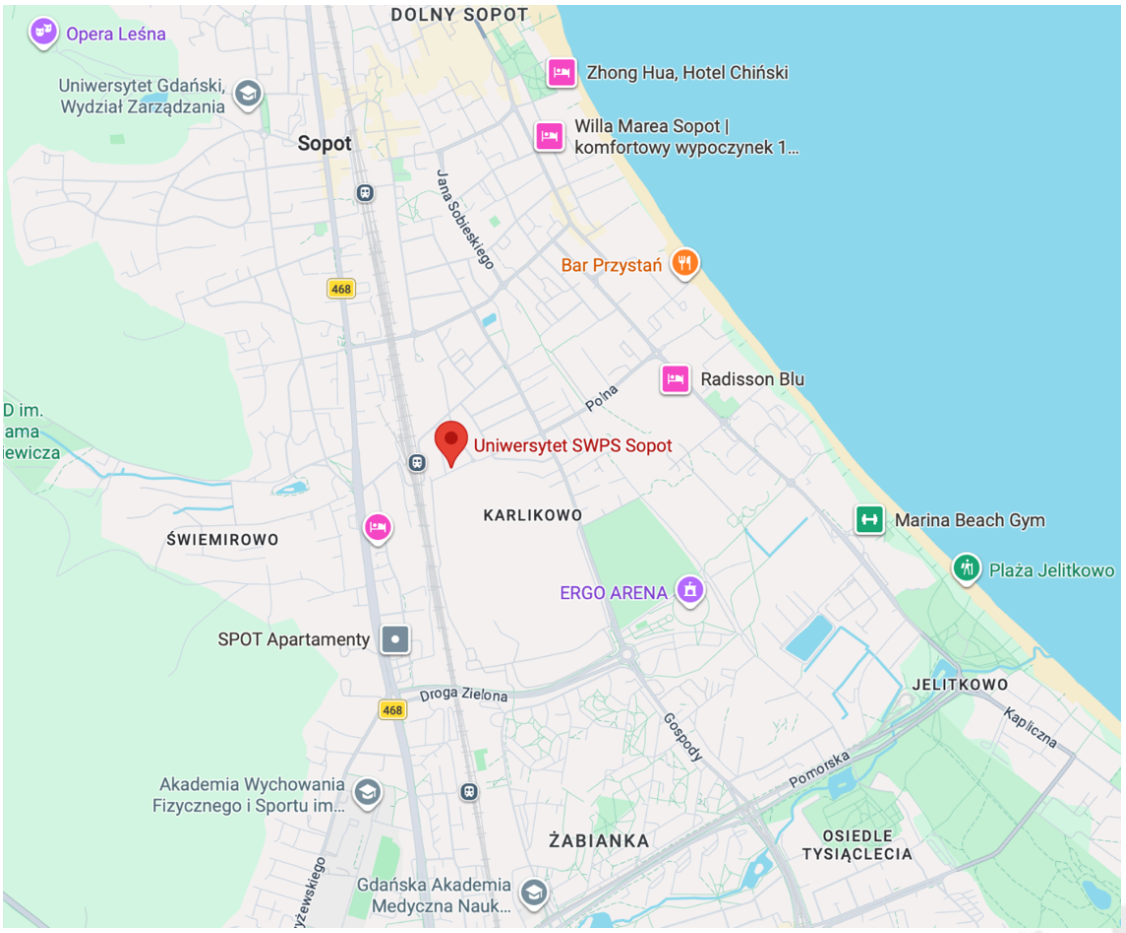
Your visit will take place at the university's campus in Sopot, located in a picturesque seaside resort on the Baltic Sea. It neighbours the historic Hipodrom – a horse racing track built in the 19th century – and a station of the local railway line.



Tri-City: Sopot sits directly between Gdańsk to the south and Gdynia to the north along the Baltic coast.

Sopot is a wonderful seaside city located right in the middle of Tri-City, one of the largest city agglomerations in Poland which connects three cities – Gdańsk, Sopot, and Gdynia. Sopot is the smallest of the three, boasting the most greenery and easy access to the sea. Gdańsk is the most famous given its historic and cultural value, and also serves as a major transportation hub (even for residents of Sopot).

📍 The address of the university is **Polna 16/20, 81-745 Sopot**.



2. Getting to Sopot

As mentioned above, Sopot is not as large of a transportation hub as Gdańsk. However, given the layout of Tri-City, it is still very easily accessible by any means of transportation. Below is a guide to help you arrive smoothly.

a) Gdańsk Airport

There is one main airport nearby: **Gdansk Lech Walesa Airport (GDN)**., at ul. Słowackiego 200, 80-298 Gdańsk. Recommended for most international travelers; well-connected to public transport.

You can get from the airport to Sopot via:

- **train**
  Travel can be done by direct **trains via *Gdańsk Wrzeszcz* station** or may require a transfer at *Gdańsk Wrzeszcz* station (platform 3). Trains run a few times an hour from 5am till 11pm. The whole travel takes about 40 minutes, the ticket for the connection with an interchange at *Gdańsk Wrzeszcz* costs 8.50 PLN (~ 2 EUR).

- **city bus**
  The line 122 is a direct bus to Sopot from the Lech Wałęsa Airport in Gdańsk. It runs once an hour from 5am till 11pm (7am to 10pm on weekends and holidays) and the journey takes about an hour. A bus ticket costs 4.80 PLN (~ 1 EUR) and is available from a dispensing machine at the bus stop.
  At night, there is no direct bus or train, but you can take the night bus line N3 which takes you to train stations in Gdańsk (*Gdańsk Główny* and *Gdańsk Wrzeszcz*), where you can switch to an SKM train.

- **taxi**
  The official airport taxi (the only taxi company licensed by the airport is Neptun Taxi) or Uber/Bolt (available via mobile apps), price: approx. 70–100 PLN (16–23 EUR). The 20-kilometre drive takes about 30 to 45 minutes depending on traffic.

b) Train stations:

Sopot is the name of the main railway station of the city. It is located at Dworcowa 7, 81-704 Sopot. Virtually all intercity and express trains reaching the Pomeranian Voivodeship stop at all three main cities comprising the agglomeration. It is very well connected, so if you are arriving at any major airport in Poland, you can probably easily reach Sopot by train.

c) Long-distance bus station (FlixBus & others)

Sopot does not have a separate long-distance bus terminal. All long-distance buses drop off passengers near the main train station at the stop named *Sopot*, *PKP Niepodległości 01/02*.

If you are looking to travel nationally or internationally by bus, Gdańsk and Gdynia bus stations offer a wider variety of connections.

3. Getting to SWPS University

SWPS University is located in the Karlikowo district of Sopot, at:

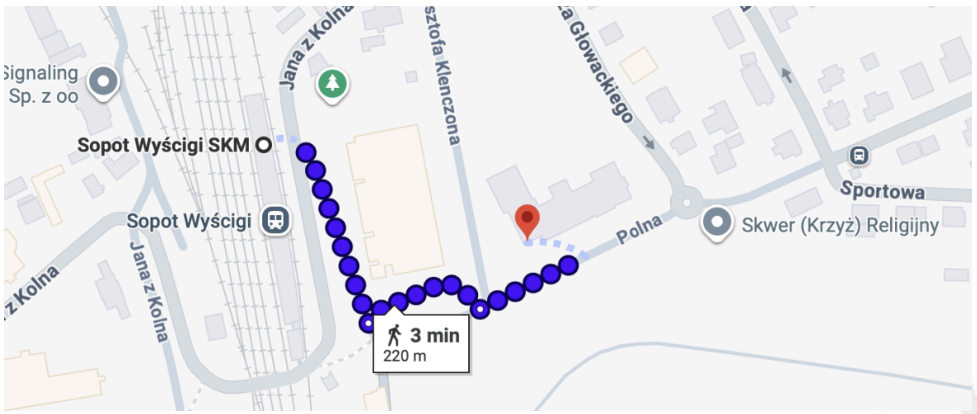
📍 **Polna 16/20, 81-745 Sopot**

It is well connected to the city centre by buses and SKM trains. Being located very close to the border with Gdańsk, you have easy access to both cities.

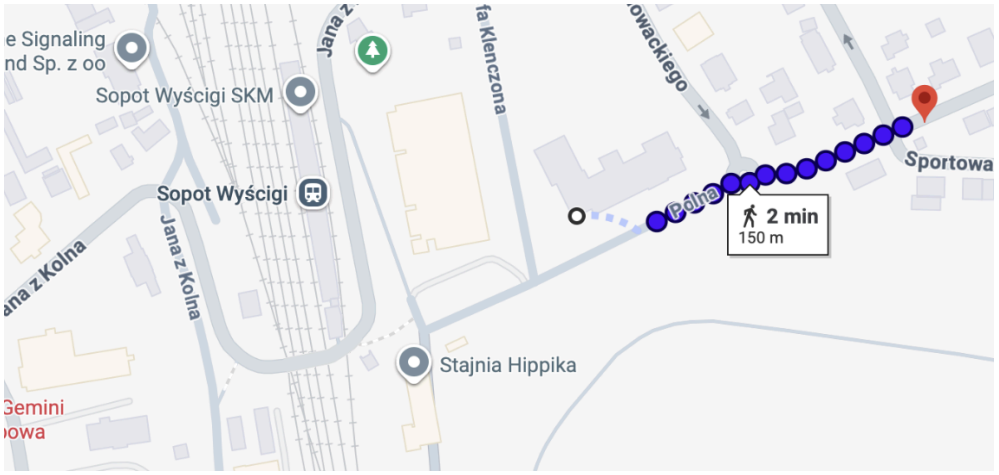
The journey from Sopot city centre takes approximately 10 minutes, whereas reaching Gdańsk city centre takes approximately 40 minutes by train.

Public transport stops near SWPS University:

- *Sopot Wyścigi* (local train, which is called *SKM* [*Szybka Kolej Miejska*]); about 3 minutes on foot;



- *Sportowa 01* (bus stop); about a 5-minute walk.



Therefore, the most common and efficient way to reach SWPS University from Sopot city centre is to take the local SKM train – it is just one stop away (from *Sopot* to *Sopot Wyścigi*).

Alternatively, you can take a bus or taxi, which takes around 10 minutes.

4. Public transport

Sopot has a well-integrated public transport system that offers connections within the city itself but also to Gdańsk and Gdynia.

a) **Apps**:

Google Maps – a highly reliable tool, providing comprehensive details on routes, stops, and real-time arrival and departure times for all public transport options. This means you can easily plan your journey and see exactly when your bus or train will arrive.

JakDojade – a popular Polish app (whose name translates to *How do I get there*?), available also in English, Ukrainian and Russian, is specifically designed for public transport in Polish cities. It offers precise routing, real-time information, and allows you to purchase tickets directly within the app, which is very convenient.

b) Means of transportation

The most convenient way to get around Sopot is by public transport – SKM local trains, buses, trolleybuses, and bikes. (Note: There are no trams in Sopot, though you will find them in neighbouring Gdańsk). Here you can find a simple guide on how to get tickets:

- **SKM trains**

IMPORTANT! If you have a paper ticket, it is essential that you validate your ticket before boarding the train. Otherwise, you may be fined, if your ticket is not validated (It is not possible to validate on the train).

How and where can you buy SKM local train tickets?

1. Via the official online SKM ticket shop

2. At PKP SKM ticket offices and at ticket machines

3. Via mobile apps, verified: SkyCash, Jakdojade, KOLEO or MPay.

As mentioned earlier, the JakDojade app allows you to purchase tickets directly on your smartphone. This is an incredibly convenient option, as you don't need to worry about finding a machine or having exact change. Simply activate your ticket on your phone while boarding.

4. On board of the train: it's possible to buy most ticket types from the train manager/conductor on board the train, but it will be more expensive.

5. FALA System (*fala* means 'wave' in Polish)

The FALA system is a tool for planning journeys and paying for fares on public transport in the Pomeranian Voivodeship. The FALA system allows tickets for public transport and rail transport to be purchased on a regional scale. Tickets are sold in the Fala system via:

- a mobile app,

- a website,

- validators (i.e., Falomats).



Fala devices: how to use them. Source: *systemfala.pl*

- **Buses and trolleybuses:**
  Bus transport is managed by two companies: *Zakład Transportu Miejskiego* (ZTM) from Gdańsk and *Zakład Komunikacji Miejskiej* (ZKM) from Gdynia. They each issue their own tickets, but don't worry – **within the limits of Sopot you can use any carrier's ticket in any bus**. Crossing the city border does not require validating an additional ticket, however **remember to travel to Gdańsk with a Gdańsk ticket, and to Gdynia with a Gdynia ticket**. A one-off ticket costs 4.80 PLN (~ 1 EUR), it can be bought at kiosks and at the driver's on the bus. On the bus, it should be validated immediately when boarding.

Although there are many lines, most of them do not run more often than once per hour.

- **MEVO bike sharing system:**
  The main public city bike system in Sopot and the wider Tri-City area is MEVO bike sharing system, which features electric-assist bicycles that you can rent and drop off using a mobile app.

5. Accommodation

When looking for accommodation, the following platforms are recommended:

- Booking.com: This is by far the most popular platform for booking hotels and apartments in Poland. You'll find almost every hotel listed here, with plenty of photos, reviews, and filter options (price, distance from USWPS, facilities).
- Airbnb: it works well in Tri-City and is a fantastic option, especially if you're looking for an entire apartment for the price of a hotel room, or if you need your own kitchen facilities (great for saving money on food or if you have specific dietary needs).

Staying close to the university can be very convenient. Since Sopot is a very touristic place, it offers a few solid choices in the area:

- Radisson Blu Hotel Sopot, ul. Bitwy Pod Płowcami 54
- Equus Sopot Apartments, ul. Pogodna 8
- Apartamenty Sopockie Błonie, ul. Polna 51
- Hotel Eureka, ul. Emilii Plater 7/9/11

Simply choose from these four options and we guarantee you a great location and value for all of them.

If you need any assistance in planning your stay in Sopot, do not hesitate to reach out to us at international@swps.edu.pl.

Sincerely,
The Office for International Cooperation team at SWPS University