• Number of students – **863**
• Number of employees – **130**
• Number of departments – **4**/Number of institutes – **4**
• Number of fields of study – **7**

**About the faculty**

The Faculty of Geographical Sciences conducts scientific research within two scientific fields: social sciences (in the discipline of social and economic geography, and spatial management and natural sciences, in the discipline of Earth and related environmental sciences.

**The most important research areas pursued at the faculty include:**

- environmental management, space planning and organisation
- urban geography
- geography of tourism
- political, historical and regional geography
- spatial analyses using GIS tools
- climatology and meteorology, with particular emphasis on urban climate and greenhouse gas emissions
- hydrology and water management
- palaeontology, Quaternary geology, geomorphology, palaeogeography, geoarchaeology
- comprehensive geography and physical geography, landscape convention.

Moreover, the faculty conducts research in the field of contemporary problems of small towns and metropolises, including the functioning of the environment and revitalisation of degraded areas, regional research (natural, social, economic, etc.) - many times in cooperation with local governments, e.g. scientific works conducted by the staff of the Faculty of Geographical Sciences have led to the inscription on the UNESCO List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of the tradition of laying flower carpets on Corpus Christi Day in Spycimierz.
The Faculty of Geographical Sciences publishes the international journal entitled 
European Spatial Research and Policy (since 1994) in cooperation with the University of 
Gröningen (The Netherlands), University of the West of England Bristol (UK), Comenius 
University in Bratislava (Slovakia) and Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic).

Mission of the faculty - to seek answers to the following questions: what factors 
determined shaping of the natural environment in the past?; how did the natural 
environment determine the functioning of civilisation at different stages of 
development?; how does contemporary human activity affect the world of inanimate 
nature?; what are the prospects for spatial management and social development in 
a permanently changing environment?; to what extent is it possible to make rational 
and sustainable use of geosystem services?

The mission is also to shape a comprehensive perception of the world around us, resulting 
from the understanding of the complexity of geographical processes that determine our 
lives and understanding of the spatial aspects of human socio-economic activity.

Currently a number of international grants are implemented in the area of social 
sciences and natural sciences. The main issues that are dealt with are:

• Society and economy and the climate crisis – scientific research as a basis for 
mitigation and adaptation measures and the development of climate awareness.
• Enhancing public participation in the EU regional planning through digitisation 
• Nature thematic maps in optimising the use of environmental resources and 
improving environmental protection, and in general environmental education.
• Sustainable spatial planning of tourist destinations 
• Large datasets in the spatial analysis of the dynamics of housing market

The Faculty of Geographical Sciences is affiliated with:

• The Association for Tourism and Leisure Education and Research (ATLAS)
• Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)
Fields of study

First-cycle studies:

- Geoinformation
- Geomonitoring
- Geography
- Spatial Management
- Tourism and Recreation (In the recruitment 2022/2023: bachelor's degree or engineering degree)

Second-cycle studies:

- Geoinformation
- Geography
- Space Planning and Organisation
- Tourism and Recreation
- Sustainable Tourism (In the recruitment 2022/2023)

Fields of study in English: none