

Regulations of the Polish Language and Culture Course for Foreigners

at the School of Polish Language and Culture of KUL

NAWA Summer Courses

§1 General Provisions

1. Registration for the course is carried out by completing the application form available on the School's website: <https://www.kul.pl/aplikacja,11647.html>. Recruitment is announced on the School's website and on the School's social media channels (in the "News" section) and will continue until all available places are filled.
2. The School will inform candidates who meet the basic requirements of their acceptance to the course or placement on the waiting list.
3. After receiving information about acceptance, the candidate is required to confirm participation in the course.
4. If an accepted candidate does not confirm participation within two weeks of receiving an email from a School staff member, their place will be offered to a person from the waiting list. The University will send an invitation/confirmation to all candidates who are required to apply for a visa in order to travel to Poland.
5. Course participants may be:
 - 1) students or academic teachers who are foreigners or hold dual citizenship (Polish and another country's citizenship), for whom Polish is not their first language, who do not study, are not employed, and do not reside in Poland, and who have a command of Polish or English at a minimum B1 level;
or
 - 2) foreign lecturers who teach Polish as a foreign language as part of language courses at foreign universities;
or
 - 3) scholarship holders of the Banach Programme who commenced their studies in the academic year 2025/2026.
6. A course participant must be at least 18 years old. In justified cases, participation of a minor is possible, provided that the School receives a statement from the parents or legal guardians assuming full responsibility for the minor's stay during the course.
7. Classes within the NAWA Summer Courses are conducted according to the schedule published on the School's website and updated on an ongoing basis.
8. The course includes a language program together with the necessary teaching materials, as well as a cultural and tourist program. NAWA scholarship holders are also guaranteed accommodation in a KUL student residence hall and meals.
9. The language program includes:

- 1) Polish language classes – 20 hours per week (1 teaching hour = 45 minutes); participants will be divided into groups according to their level of language proficiency, based on a placement test conducted on the first day of the course;
- 2) lectures (on Polish culture, literature, music and economics, as well as Polish history and key contemporary issues) – 4 hours per week;
- 3) seminars related to the topics of the lectures, expanding on the knowledge presented during lectures – 1 hour per week.

10. The tourist program includes:

- 1) one-day trips (1 trip per week) to fascinating, historic cities such as Warsaw, Sandomierz, Kozłówka, and Zamość. The trip schedule will be published on the School's website prior to the start of the courses;
- 2) guided tours within Lublin – to The Lublin Open Air Village Museum and the State Museum at Majdanek;
- 3) visits to places of importance for Polish culture, such as the UMCS Academic Centre for Culture and Media "Chatka Żaka".

11. The cultural program includes:

- 1) folklore workshops in groups (e.g. dance workshops – learning regional dances and songs), organized regularly once a week;
- 2) screenings of Polish films (1 film per week);
- 3) cultural outings (concerts, exhibitions – at least once a week, depending on the availability of current cultural events);
- 4) integration events with elements of the cultural program (e.g. an evening of presentations of participants' countries, the Polish pronunciation contest named "Chrzęszcz ze Szczepieszyna").

§2 Rights and Obligations of the Course Participant

1. The course participant is obliged to comply with these Regulations and with the rules in force at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, as well as to hold medical insurance for the entire duration of the NAWA Summer Courses, including coverage of possible costs of transport to the country of residence.
2. Course participants are required to attend language classes regularly. In the Polish education system, one teaching hour equals 45 minutes. The number of absences may not exceed 15% of the language program for the entire course (i.e. 12 teaching hours during the four-week course).
3. Each participant is required to attend 10 hours of selected lectures, participate in at least 3 coach trips, and demonstrate active involvement in other program activities offered (such as dance workshops, film screenings, games and activities, or a recitation contest).

4. The course concludes with a written examination covering grammatical and lexical issues introduced and practiced during the course. Students must obtain at least 60% of the total points in order to pass the examination.
5. Course participants who pass the final examination with a positive result receive a diploma and a certificate and – upon request – a transcript after completion of the course. If the requirements specified in §2 section 4 of these Regulations are not met, the participant receives only a certificate of participation in the course.
6. The School of Polish Language and Culture of KUL applies the ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) used in European Union countries. A course participant may obtain ECTS credits according to the following conversion:
 - 1) 5 ECTS credits for active participation in 80 hours of language classes (required 85% attendance and a positive result in the final examination);
 - 2) 1.5 ECTS credits for participation in lectures (required attendance at a minimum of 18 lecture hours).
7. Course participants are obliged to complete the NAWA online survey within 14 days of it being made available by the Agency. Access to the survey will be provided before the end of the course.
8. The obligations of the course participant also include:
 - 1) cooperation with the organizer and the instructors conducting the classes in order to achieve the best possible course outcomes;
 - 2) taking proper care of the accommodation facilities, teaching venues, and entrusted teaching materials.

§3 Accommodation and Meals

1. NAWA scholarship holders are guaranteed accommodation for the duration of the NAWA Summer Courses in a KUL student residence hall (a double room with free Wi-Fi access, 1 bathroom per 2 rooms; a kitchen equipped with a refrigerator and basic kitchen appliances is also available). Arrival at the residence hall is possible one day before the start of classes, and departure on the day following the completion of the course.
2. During the course, participants are provided with:
 - 1) lunch – traditional Polish cuisine, varied dishes with a choice of options (meat/vegetarian/vegan), nutritionally balanced. In the case of trips and cultural outings, the University may replace lunch with a packed meal;
 - 2) a lump-sum allowance intended to cover the costs of breakfasts and dinners.
3. The course participant is responsible for any damage caused during their stay in the student residence hall.