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is a summer school aimed at undergraduate students who would like to polish their English, learn about European culture and society, and spend three weeks enjoying the companionship of other participants and the tourist attractions in Poznań and across Poland. It offers two weeks of an academic programme and one week of a cultural programme.





Why PACES?

PACES offers a unique combination of improving your skills in communicating in English and learning about British and American culture and society in the European context. Academic seminars are closely integrated with cultural activities in the afternoons or on the weekend. Together, the academic and cultural programme provide a rare opportunity to spend three weeks of summer holidays in an intellectually stimulating atmosphere merged with an unforgettable cultural experience.

PACES is organized by the Faculty of English, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, which is the largest centre of English Studies in Poland and one of the largest in Europe. 170 faculty members do research and teach 1,500 students in 17 study programmes focused on language, communication, literature, and culture.





Academic programme July 20th – July 31st

PACES 2026 offers a 16-hour intensive course in English as a Foreign Language; 30 hours of seminars on European Union institutions, British and American art and culture, Collective memory, Cross-dressing comedy in Shakespeare, Linguistic diversity in the US and afternoon activities (city walks, museum visits, the Enigma Centre, cinema, a one-day trip to Toruń – the city of Copernicus, and a one-day trip to Berlin) integrated into the academic programme.





Cultural programme

August 1st – August 7th

A coach trip to Zakopane – the tourist centre of the Tatra Mountains (please bring hiking boots with you); the Wieliczka Salt Mine; Cracow – the historical capital of Poland; Sandomierz – a UNESCO listed Renaissance town and vineyard region; Warsaw; Żelazowa Wola – the birth-place of Chopin. All planned activities and excursions are supervised by academic staff and programme coordinators.





Practical information

TRAVEL

By train/road:

Poznań is located about halfway between Warsaw (280 km) and Berlin (240 km), and there are good and frequent rail connections between those two cities and Poznań.

Check your connections using the timetables of the Polish Railways (for connections from Poznań, please select the main station, Poznań Główny, if requested; the station to select in Warsaw is Warszawa Centralna; and in Berlin, either Hauptbahnhof or Ostbahnhof). You can also consult the German Railways' route planner.

By Air:

Poznań's Ławica airport has frequent daily connections with Warsaw (LOT Polish Airlines), as well as Copenhagen (SAS), Amsterdam (KLM), Frankfurt and Munich (LOT and Lufthansa).

Poznań is also served by low-cost carriers. Wizz Air serves London Luton, Burgas, Eindhoven, Oslo Torp, Paris Beauvais, and Split. Ryanair provides numerous connections, including London Stansted, Alicante, Athens, Barcelona Girona, Bristol, Budapest, Dublin, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Malta, Milan Bergamo, Rome Ciampino, Stockholm Arlanda, and Tel Aviv.

MONEY

The złoty (abbreviated PLN or zł) is the official currency of Poland. The approximate average exchange rate (29 Jan 2026) is 4.40 złoty to one euro (or 3.50 złoty to one U.S. dollar).



Practical information

ELECTRICITY

Polish sockets are standard European sockets, with a voltage of 230 V/50Hz. All visitors from countries using appliances or plugs that do not work with these sockets or voltages are advised to bring appropriate adapters.

TELEPHONES

All European mobiles will work without any problems. High-speed internet is available throughout the urban area, but charges may apply for visitors from outside the European Union; please check with your operator to avoid unexpected costs. It is possible to buy a prepaid card from a local telecommunications provider.

The international dialing code for Poland is +48; the area code for Poznań is 61.

WEATHER

Summer in Poland is mild, with average temperatures ranging from 13C at night to 24C during the day.

ACCOMMODATION

During the academic programme, the students will be accommodated in double rooms in the university dormitory Zbyszko.



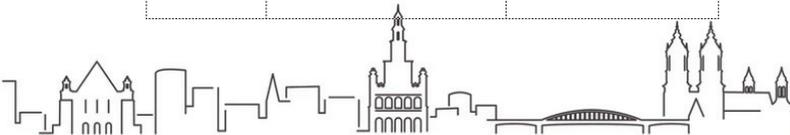
PACES programme

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 Arrival, orientational tour (student volunteers)	20 Welcoming ceremony EU institutions	21 EFL Lunch City walk	22 British and American art and culture (2x90) Lunch British and American art and culture (1x90)	23 EFL Lunch National Museum	24 Collective memory (2x90) Lunch Collective memory (1x90)	25 1-day field trip to Torun (Copernicus' House)
26 1-day field trip to Berlin	27 EFL Lunch Centrum Enigma	28 Cross-dressing comedy in Shakespeare (2x90) Lunch Cross-dressing comedy in Shakespeare (1x90)	29 EFL Lunch Cinema	30 Linguistic diversity in the US (2x90) Lunch Linguistic diversity in the US (1x90)	31 Interviews with the students Closing ceremony Lunch free time	

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Zakopane: a hike in the Tatra mountains	3 Salt mine in Wieliczka > Cracow	4 Cracow	5 Sandomierz, vineyard > Warsaw	6 Warsaw	7 Żelazowa Wola (Chopin's House) > Poznań	8 Departure from Poland



Fee and registration information

FEE: 9500,00 PLN

The fee covers accommodation with breakfast; lunches on weekdays during your stay in Poznań; academic programme, and the cultural programme.

It does not cover lunches on weekends or during excursions.

It does not cover travel costs to and from Poznań.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Undergraduate students

Certificate of completion will be issued on the last day of the academic programme.

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REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT DETAILS:



Registration: March 8th - March 31st

Payment: April 1st - April 15th



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