

ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Number of hours: 600 (300 hours per semester)

Additional option: Polish Language Course – 120 hours (60 hours per semester)

1st Semester

The academic year starts with Orientation Week. During the week, newcomers familiarize themselves with the University's structure, meet their teachers, and learn about applicable university regulations, procedures for the legalization of their stay in Poland, and the Virtual University Platform (i.e. our internal information portal). Additionally during the first week, course participants undergo an assessment of their English skills, which helps us to place them in groups aligned with their level of language proficiency.

Throughout the first semester, the participants work on improving their English skills. They acquire practical academic competencies, such as note-taking, essay writing, problem solving, debating, teamwork, exam practice, and presentation skills. They also learn about Polish traditions, customs and culture. At the end of the semester, course participants write an English exam, which assesses their progress of language competency.

2nd Semester

During the second semester, the participants continue to develop their speaking and writing skills. They may expect some team projects and peer to peer assessments. Additionally, they will be required to prepare and deliver their first presentation in front of the class. This exercise will provide further opportunity to practice formulating a story as well as writing and speaking skills.

At the end of the semester, the participants have the final exam to assess whether their English competency meets the proficiency level required to enter a university program at SWPS University. It is a two-part exam, including:

- A written test on grammar, vocabulary, reading, listening, and writing skills
- An oral exam to assess speaking proficiency, where participants must be able to talk about a selected topic or issue. The examination panel for the oral exam consists of teachers other than those teaching the course.

The program closes with an official Graduation Ceremony, where Director for International Relations hands out Certificates of English Preparatory School Completion.