

CES ACADEMIC CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR AND DURATION OF PROGRAMMES 2020/2021

A. Scheduled Academic Year

The academic year is defined as running from 1 October until the following 30 September. This is the academic year which is used to determine the length of most bureaucratic procedures such as bank loans and insurance.

B. Semesters

In Poland, the academic year is divided into two semesters. In 2020/2021, they will be:

1st semester:

2 October 2020 – 28 January 2021	regular classes for all programmes at JU
2 October – 11 December 2020	classes for SA Programme at CES
14 December – 18 December 2020	exams for SA programme*
29 January – 10 February 2021	regular exams
18 – 24 February 2021	regular re-sit exams**

2nd semester:

25 February 2021 – 30 June 2021	regular classes for all programmes at JU
25 February 2021 – 15 June 2021	classes for SA Programme at CES
16 – 29 June 2021	regular exams (for SA programme as well)
1 – 15 September 2021	regular re-sit exams**

*Please note that due to the difference in academic calendars between sending university and JU, study abroad students may either finish their 1st semester abroad in mid-December or stay till mid-January to finish MA-level and other JU courses. CES courses dedicated to SA Students finish December 11, with exams following shortly after, however MA-level and other JU courses last until the end of January, with exams in late January and early February. Please notify CES staff of your preference, so that they may advise on courses as well as visas in due time.

**Re-sit exams for SA students are to be scheduled on individual basis.

Jagiellonian University academic holidays

On academic holidays, there are no classes or examinations. The main University offices are usually closed. Those offices that are open operate with reduced hours and staff. Instructors are usually unavailable for consultation during academic holidays.

Holiday break: 23 December 2020 – 6 January 2021

Additional day off from classes is:

Friday in the week when Student Carnival (Juwenalia) takes place (mid-May)

The Rector may declare additional academic holidays throughout the year. These are known as ‘Rector’s hours’ and are usually declared by the Rector relatively close in time to the holiday. They are often declared for half of a normal working day.

C. Polish national public holidays

All Saints’ Day	1 November 2020
Independence Day	11 November 2020
Christmas	25 – 26 December 2020
New Year’s Day	1 January 2021
Epiphany	6 January 2021
Easter	4 – 5 April 2021
Labour Day	1 May 2021
Constitution Day	3 May 2021
Corpus Christi	3 June 2021

D. CES Calendar 2020/2021

1st Semester

- **16 – 28 September 2020:** Survival Polish course (highly recommended for BA and SA students).
- **21/22 September – 1 (12:00) October/5 October 2020:** Check in to the student dorms.
- **23 – 29 September 2020:** On-line meetings with programme coordinators.
- **30 September – 1 October 2020:** Orientation Days.
- **30 September 2020:** Polish language placement test.
- **30 September – 1 October 2020:** On-line registration for 1st semester courses.
- **1 October 2020:** Official inauguration ceremony of the academic year of the Jagiellonian University.
- **5 October 2020:** First day of CES 1st semester classes.
- **1 November 2020:** All Saints’ Day – no classes.
- **11 November 2020:** Independence Day – no classes.
- **14 – 18 December 2020:** Exam session for Study Abroad students.
- **23 December 2020 – 6 January 2021:** Christmas and New Year break – no classes
- **29 January – 10 February 2021:** Regular examination session for all students.
- **14 January – 28 January 2021:** Examination session for Visegrad Programme Students/
- **18 – 24 February 2021:** Re-sit examination session.

2nd semester

- **8 – 9 February 2021:** Advised arrival for the students, who are taking Survival Polish course.
- **10 – 23 February 2021:** Survival Polish course (highly recommended for SA students).
- **22 – 23 February 2021:** Advised arrival and check-in to dormitories.
- **23 February 2021:** Integration events at CES (highly recommended).
- **24 February 2021:** Orientation for new students.
- **25 February 2021:** Start of spring semester classes.
- **End of February 2021:** On-line registration for 2nd semester courses.
- **6 – 7 March 2021:** Study Trip to Wrocław.
- **15 – 31 March 2021:** Students may renew their *legitymacja* (student ID) for the spring semester by submitting it to the CES Administration Office.
- **1 – 6 April 2021** – Easter Holiday break, no classes.
- **23 – 25 April 2021:** Study trip for SA students (covered by tuition fees).
- **1 – 4 May 2021:** May Day, Constitution Day – no classes.
- **mid-May 2021:** Juwenalia (student carnival – no classes on Friday).
- **15 June 2021:** Last day of classes.
- **16 – 29 June 2021:** Final exam session.
- **1 – 15 September 2021:** Re-sit exam session.