

IES ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(FOR ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMMES)

ACADEMIC YEAR AND DURATION OF PROGRAMMES

2023/2024

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.

Semesters

In Poland, the academic year is divided into two semesters. In 2023/2024, they will be:

1st semester:

2 October 2023 – 28 January 2024	regular classes for all programmes at JU
2 October – 8 December 2023/ 28 January 2024	classes dedicated for SA Programme at IES
11 December – 15 December 2023	exams for SA programme*
29 January – 11 February 2024	regular exams
19 – 25 February 2024	regular re-sit exams**

2nd semester:

26 February 2024 – 16 June 2024	regular classes for all programmes at JU
26 February 2024 – 16 June 2024	classes for SA Programme at IES
17 – 30 June 2024	regular exams (for SA programme as well)
1 – 15 September 2024	regular re-sit exams**

*Please note that due to the difference in academic calendars between sending university and JU, students from Study Abroad programme may either finish their 1st semester abroad in mid-December or stay till end of January to finish MA-level and other JUCourses. IES courses dedicated to SA Students finish December 8th 2023, 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 IES 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 breaks:

- 23 December 2023 – 7 January 2024
- 28 March – 2 April 2024

Additional days off from classes are:

- 2 November 2023
- 2 May 2024
- 31 May 2024
- 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.

Polish national public holidays

All Saints’ Day	1 November 2023
Independence Day	11 November 2023
Christmas	25 – 26 December 2023
New Year’s Day	1 January 2024
Epiphany	6 January 2024
Easter	31 March - 01 April 2024
Labour Day	1 May 2024
Constitution Day	3 May 2024
Corpus Christi	30 May 2024

IES Calendar 2023/2024

1st Semester

- **13 – 27 September 2023:** On-line Survival Polish course (highly recommended for BA and SA students)
- **28 September 2023:** Orientation – administrative & academic issues, Kraków Old Town Guided Tour
- **29 September 2023:** Orientation – non-academic issues, city game “Discover Kraków”
- **26-28 September 2023:** On-line registration for 1st-semester courses
- **30 September 2023:** Official inauguration ceremony of the academic year of the Jagiellonian University
- **2 October 2023:** First day of IES 1st semester classes

- **21 October 2023:** Study Trip to Nowa Huta (TBC)
- **1 November 2023:** All Saints' Day – no classes
- **11 November 2023:** Independence Day – no classes
- **11 – 15 December 2023:** Exam session for Study Abroad students
- **15 December 2023:** Christmas Party
- **23 December 2023 – 7 January 2024:** Christmas, New Year and Epiphany break – no classes
- **29 January – 11 February 2024:** Regular examination session for all students
- **19 – 25 February 2024:** Re-sit examination session

2nd semester

- **16 – 18 February 2024:** On-line registration for 2nd-semester courses
- **23 February 2024:** Orientation for new students
- **24 February 2024:** City tour
- **26 February 2024:** Start of spring semester classes
- **15 – 17 March 2024:** Study Trip
- **15 – 31 March 2024:** Students may renew their *legitymacja* (student ID) for the springsemester by submitting it to the IES Administration Office
- **21 March 2024:** Easter traditions workshop (TBC)
- **2 April 2024:** Easter Holiday break – no classes
- **20 April 2024:** Study Trip to Nowa Huta (TBC)
- **1 – 3 May 2024:** May Day, Constitution Day – no classes
- **Mid – May 2024:** Juwenalia (student carnival – no classes on Friday)
- **16 June 2024:** Last day of classes
- **17 – 30 June 2024:** Final exam session
- **1 – 15 September 2024:** Re-sit exam session

During each semester, there will be one study trip outside of Kraków (for SA students covered by the tuition fee). More information will be provided during each semester.