

# IES ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## (FOR ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMMES)

### ACADEMIC YEAR AND DURATION OF PROGRAMMES

**2024/2025**

#### **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 2024/2025, they will be:

##### **1<sup>st</sup> semester:**

2 October 2024 – 28 January 2025	regular classes for all programmes at JU
2 October – 13 December 2024/ 28 January 2025	classes dedicated for SA Programme at IES
16 December – 19 December 2024	exams for SA programme, for the ones who leave before Christmas*
29 January – 11 February 2025	regular exams
19 – 25 February 2025	regular re-sit exams**

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> semester:**

26 February 2025 – 15 June 2025	regular classes for all programmes at JU
26 February 2025 – 15 June 2025	classes for SA Programme at IES
16 – 30 June 2025	regular exams (for SA programme as well)
1 – 15 September 2025	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 JU courses. IES courses dedicated to SA Students finish December 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, 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:

- 22 December 2024 – 7 January 2025
- 17 April – 22 April 2025

### Additional days off from classes are:

- 2 May 2025
- 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

<b>All Saints’ Day</b>	1 November 2024
<b>Independence Day</b>	11 November 2024
<b>Christmas</b>	25 – 26 December 2024
<b>New Year’s Day</b>	1 January 2025
<b>Epiphany</b>	6 January 2025
<b>Easter</b>	17 April – 22 April 2025
<b>Labour Day</b>	1 May 2025
<b>Constitution Day</b>	3 May 2025
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	19 June 2025

### IES Calendar 2024/2025

#### 1st Semester

- **16 – 26 September 2024:** On-line Survival Polish course (highly recommended for BA and SA students)
- **30 September 2024:** Orientation – administrative & academic issues, Kraków Old Town Guided Tour
- **01 October 2024:** Orientation – non-academic issues, city game “Discover Kraków”
- **23-25 September 2024:** On-line registration for 1st-semester courses
- **1 October 2024:** Official inauguration ceremony of the academic year of the Jagiellonian University
- **2 October 2024:** First day of IES 1st semester classes
- **11 – 13 October 2024:** Integration trip (TBC)

- **26 October 2024:** Study Trip to Nowa Huta (TBC)
- **1 November 2024:** All Saints' Day – no classes
- **11 November 2024:** Independence Day – no classes
- **16 – 19 December 2024:** Exam session for Study Abroad students
- **12 December 2024:** Christmas Party
- **22 December 2024 – 7 January 2025:** Christmas, New Year and Epiphany break – no classes
- **29 January – 11 February 2025:** Regular examination session for all students
- **12 –18 February 2025:** winter break
- **19 – 25 February 2025:** Re-sit examination session

## 2nd Semester

- **10 – 12 February 2025:** On-line registration for 2<sup>nd</sup>-semester courses
- **24 February 2025:** Orientation – administrative & academic issues, Kraków Old Town Guided Tour
- **25 February 2025:** Orientation – non-academic issues, integration meeting for students
- **26 February 2025:** Start of spring semester classes
- **15 – 31 March 2025:** Students may renew their *legitymacja* (student ID) for the spring semester by submitting it to the IES Administration Office
- **14 – 16 March 2025:** Integration trip (TBC)
- **17-22 April 2025:** Easter Holiday break – no classes
- **16 May 2025:** Study Trip to Nowa Huta (TBC)
- **1 – 3 May 2025:** May Day, Constitution Day – no classes
- **Mid – May 2025:** Juwenalia (student carnival – no classes on Friday)
- **15 June 2025:** Last day of classes
- **16 – 30 June 2025:** Final exam session
- **1 July – 30 September 2025** – summer break
- **1 – 15 September 2025:** 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.**