

IES ACADEMIC CALENDAR (FOR ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMMES)

ACADEMIC YEAR AND DURATION OF PROGRAMMES 2026/2027

Scheduled Academic Year

The academic year is defined as running from 1 October 2026 until 30 September 2027. 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 2026/2027, they will be:

1st semester:

2 October 2026 – 27 January 2027	regular classes for all programmes at JU
2 October – 11 December 2026 /27 January 2027	classes dedicated for Study Abroad Programme at IES
11-18 December 2026	exams for SA programme, for the ones who leave before Christmas*
28 January – 10 February 2027	regular exams
18 – 24 February 2027	regular re-sit exams**

2nd semester:

25 February 2027 – 15 June 2027	regular classes for all programmes at JU
25 February 2027 – 15 June 2027	classes for SA Programme at IES
16 – 29 June 2027	regular exams (for SA programme as well)
1 – 15 September 2027	regular re-sit exams**

*Please note that due to differences between sending institutions and JU, Study Abroad students may finish their 1st semester in mid-December or stay until the end of January to finish MA-level and other JU courses.

**Re-sit exams for SA students are to be scheduled individually.

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 (no classes)

- 23 December 2026 – 6 January 2027 – Christmas, New Year, Epiphany break
- 11 February – 17 February 2027 – semester break
- 25 March – 30 March 2027 – Easter / Spring break
- 30 June – 30 September 2027 – summer break

Additional days off from classes

- 31 October 2026
- 2 November 2026
- 2 May 2027
- Friday during the week of Juwenalia (mid-May 2027)
- 28 May 2027

Other days designated as non-working days at JU under separate regulations

The Rector may declare additional academic holidays throughout the year. These are known as “Rector’s hours”, typically announced shortly before they take effect and often covering half of a working day.

Polish national public holidays (2026/2027 academic year)

Holiday	Date
All Saints’ Day	1 November 2026
Independence Day	11 November 2026
Christmas	25–26 December 2026
New Year’s Day	1 January 2027
Epiphany	6 January 2027
Easter	28–29 March 2027 (Easter Sunday & Monday)
Labour Day	1 May 2027
Constitution Day	3 May 2027
Corpus Christi	27 May 2027

IES Calendar 2026/2027 – 1st Semester

- 14 – 25 September: Survival Polish online course
- 29 – 30 September: Orientation sessions
- 1 October 2026: Official inauguration of the JU academic year
- 2 October 2026: First day of IES 1st semester classes
- 9 – 10 October: Integration trip (TBC)
- 11 November 2026: Independence Day – no classes
- 14 – 18 December 2026: Exam session for Study Abroad students leaving before Christmas
- 23 December 2026 – 6 January 2027: Christmas, New Year & Epiphany break – no classes
- 28 January – 10 February 2027: Regular exam session
- 11 – 17 February 2027: Winter/semester break
- 18 – 24 February 2027: Re-sit exam session

IES Calendar 2026/2027 – 2nd Semester

- 24 February 2027: Second-semester orientation session
- 25 February 2027: Start of spring semester classes
- 5 – 7 March 2027: Integration trip (TBC)
- 25 – 30 March 2027: Easter / Spring break – no classes
- 1 May 2027: Labour Day – no classes
- 3 May 2027: Constitution Day – no classes
- Mid-May 2027: Juwenalia (no classes on Friday of that week)
- 15 June 2027: Last day of classes
- 16 – 29 June 2027: Final exam session
- 1 – 15 September 2027: Re-sit examination session
- 30 June – 30 September 2027: Summer break

Additional IES notes:

During each semester, there will be one study trip outside of Kraków. Detailed information will be provided during each semester.