

ACADEMIC YEAR AND DURATION OF PROGRAMME

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 2016/2017, they will be:

Autumn:	2 October – 29 January	classes
	30 January – 11 February	regular exams
	18 – 24 February	re-sit exams
Spring:	25 February – 14 June	classes
	16 – 29 June	regular exams
	1 – 15 September	re-sit exams

*Please note that, because of the difference in academic calendars, study abroad students either may finish their fall semester abroad in mid-December (CES courses finish December 9, with exams following shortly after), before the winter holidays, or stay till mid-January to finish external and/or MA-level courses, which last until January, with exams in early February. Please notify CES staff of your preference, so that they may advise on courses as well as visas in due time. The calendar below will also indicate the semester duration and exam session for external and MA-level courses.

C. 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 2016 – 2 January 2017
Semester break:	12 – 17 February 2017
Holiday break:	14 April – 18 April 2017
Summer holiday	30 June – 30 September 2017

Additional day off from classes is:

- 2 May 2017
- Friday in the week when Student Carnival (Juwania) 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.

On Polish national holidays, the Jagiellonian University as well as all government institutions and most private businesses are completely closed. Remember to shop for additional food and other necessities before the holidays.

D. Polish national public holidays

All Saints' Day	1 November 2016
Independence Day	11 November 2016
Christmas	25 – 26 December 2016
New Year's Day	1 January 2017
Epiphany	6 January 2017
Easter	16-17 April 2017
May Day	1 May 2017
Constitution Day	3 May 2017
Corpus Christi	15 June 2017

E. CES Calendar 2016/2017

Autumn semester 2016/17

September 2016

- **14 September 2016:** Advised arrival for students wishing to rent a flat
- **28-29 September 2016:** Advised arrival and check-in to housing for students.
- **End of September (TBC):** Orientation week run by the Erasmus Student Network. All international students are invited to join Erasmus students.
- **29 September:** Students moving to university housing may do so
- **30 September 2016:** Orientation for new MA students and Study Abroad

October 2016

- **1 October 2016, TBA:** Official inauguration ceremony of the academic year of the Jagiellonian University. The ceremony is preceded by Mass and a procession from Collegium Maius.
- **1 October 2016: Integration day at CES (optional)**
- **3 October 2016:** First day of CES regular autumn semester classes
- **4 October, 2016 (Time TBA):** Inaugural Lecture for the Centre for European Studies
- **5-10 October 2016 :** Integration trip (**part of the programme, fee covered**).
- **3-14 October 2016 :** Registration for autumn courses and languages.
- **TBA :** Trip to Nowa Huta
- **Mid-October 2016:** Election of Student Representatives for 2016/17
- **15 October 2016:** Deadline for payment of tuition fees

November 2016

- **11 November 2016:** Independence Day – no classes at University

December 2016

- **12 December 2016:** Last day of Study Abroad classes before Study Abroad examination session
- **13-16 December 2016:** Study Abroad exam session
- **23 Dec 2016 -2 Jan 2017:** Christmas and New Year break; no classes (for students taking external classes)

January 2017

- **3 January 2017:** Regular autumn courses resume
- **6 January 2017:** Epiphany, no classes
- **29 January 2017:** Last day of regular autumn semester classes at the University
- **30 January – 11 February 2017:** Exam period for regular (non-study abroad) autumn courses

February 2017

- **12 – 17 February 2017:** Winter break, no classes
- **18 – 24 February 2017:** Re-sit exam session for autumn courses

Spring semester 2016/2017

February 2017

- **20-22 February 2017:** Recommended arrival and check-in to housing
- **23 February 2017:** Orientation for new Study Abroad students
- **24-25 February 2017:** Integration trip to Warsaw
- **27 February 2017:** Start of Study Abroad spring semester classes (note that this semester starts at the same time as it does for most other programmes at the Jagiellonian University)

March 2017

- **27 February – 10 March 2017 -** Students may begin to register for spring courses and languages
- **15 March 2017:** Deadline for tuition fee payment

April 2017

- **16 - 17 April 2017 –** Easter Holiday break, no classes
- **29 April –5 May 2017 (TBC):** Study trip*

May 2017

- **1 - 3 May 2017:** May Day, Rector's Hours, Constitution Day – no classes at

University

- **mid-May 2017:** Juwenalia (Student carnival – no classes on Friday)

June 2017

- **14 June 2017:** Last day of spring classes
- **15 June 2017:** Corpus Christi, no classes
- **16 – 29 June 2017:** Final examination period

September 2017

- **1 – 15 September 2017:** Re-sit exam session for spring courses

* Regular MA and SA classes will NOT take place during the time scheduled for Autumn Semester study trip.