

THE FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Studies in English

INFORMATION FOR THE 1st YEAR STUDENTS

If you are a first-year student of the English-medium studies at the Faculty of Mathematics and Information Science, please do ensure that you have familiarized yourself with the Faculty's foreign language requirements and that you know the selection of language courses offered by the University's Foreign Language Centre.

You are required to do 210 credit hours of a foreign language in order to complete the curriculum. You do not have to attend language courses in the first semester - as these are mandatory from the second semester onwards. However, international students may choose to take a 30-hour course of Polish for beginners as early as the first semester. The overall goal of the course is to enable the non-native speakers of Polish to communicate with some ease in basic Polish in a variety of authentic everyday situations (e.g. doing the shopping etc). You may choose to continue your course of Polish (another 30-hour module) in the second semester.

At the beginning of the second semester all students will have to take the university placement test on the basis of which they will be allocated to groups that start their courses in the second semester. More information about the test (the venue and all the other relevant details) will be available in due course at www.sjo.pw.edu.pl and on the board in the vicinity of room 419, floor 4, the Main Building.

The information on group allocation will also be available in due course at www.sjo.pw.edu.pl and on the board.

Important:

Students of the English-medium studies at the Faculty of Mathematics and Information Science are not obliged to study English in their mandatory 4th semester foreign language course. Alternatively, you may enroll on a course in any other foreign language taught by the Foreign Language Centre.

You need to take note, however, that in order to successfully complete the curriculum you will have to pass an exam in Academic English at the C1 level.

Also please remember that the language of instruction at these other foreign language courses is Polish, so in order to be able to communicate with the teacher you need to have a reasonable level of communicative skills either in Polish or in the language you choose to study.

If you have any further questions, please contact Aneta Dunn, MA – anetadunn@yahoo.co.uk

EXEMPTION FROM COURSE ATTENDANCE AND THE C1 EXAM

To qualify for exemption from course attendance, students must meet the following requirements (a + b):

(a) They must be in possession of one of the following language certificates:

- IELTS certificate with a score of 7.0
- TOEFL certificate with a score between 110 – 120

- C2 Certificates (CPE, TELC) with a passing grade or above
- C1 Certificates (CAE, TELC) with an A grade

or have a GCE A Level, US High School Diploma or an IB Diploma.

No other language certificates or those with a score below the specified range will be recognized.

(b) In addition to the above, students must prepare a 15-minute academic presentation which must adhere strictly to the following guidelines:

- The presentation must make use of PowerPoint slides or other similar multimedia aids.
- The presentation should concern topics closely related to the student's field of study, include a fair amount of technical terminology and be appropriate for the C1 level.
- The presentation is to be given during a scheduled EAP class within 4 weeks from the first week of the course. Students are advised to make an early appointment (by email) with the EAP tutor to schedule a presentation. The student will be deemed as having failed to qualify for exemption if the presentation, for any reason, is not delivered within the appointed time or fails to meet the criteria.
- The presentation will be assessed by the EAP tutor. The mark given by the EAP tutor will be regarded as final.
- A combination of the final grade for the course AND the C1 examination will be taken as the average mark of the grade awarded for the presentation and the overall certificate grade.
- Presentations graded below 4,0 will not exempt students from course attendance and the C1 examination.

Take note that the remaining total number of language hours will still need to be completed by the students in accordance with their Faculty curriculum.