

## 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 2017/2018, they will be:

Autumn:	2 October – 28 January	classes
	29 January – 10 February	regular exams
	17 – 23 February	re-sit exams
Spring:	24 February – 15 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.

<b>Holiday break:</b>	23 December 2017 – 2 January 2018
<b>Semester break:</b>	11 – 16 February 2018
<b>Holiday break:</b>	30 March – 3 April 2018
<b>Summer holiday</b>	30 June – 30 September 2018

Additional day off from classes is:

- 2 May 2018
- 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.

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**

<b>All Saints' Day</b>	1 November 2017
<b>Independence Day</b>	11 November 2017
<b>Christmas</b>	25 – 26 December 2017
<b>New Year's Day</b>	1 January 2018
<b>Epiphany</b>	6 January 2018
<b>Easter</b>	30 March - 2 April 2018
<b>May Day</b>	1 May 2018
<b>Constitution Day</b>	3 May 2018
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	31 May 2018

#### **E. CES Calendar 2017/2018**

##### **Autumn semester 2017/18**

##### **September 2017**

- **15 - 18 September 2017:** Advised arrival for students wishing to rent a flat
- **28-29 September 2017 :** 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 2017:** Students moving to university housing may do so
- **30 September 2017:** Integration day at CES (optional)

##### **October 2017**

- **1 October 2017, TBA:** Official inauguration ceremony of the academic year of the Jagiellonian University. The ceremony is preceded by Mass and a procession from Collegium Maius.
- **2 October 2017:** Orientation for new MA students and Study Abroad
- **3 October 2017:** First day of CES regular autumn semester classes
- **4 October 2017:** Inaugural Lecture for the Centre for European Studies
- **7 October 2017 (TBA):** Integration trip
- **3-9 October 2017 :** Registration for autumn courses and languages.
- **TBA :** Trip to Nowa Huta
- **Mid-October October 2017:** Election of Student Representatives for 2017/18
- **30 October – 3 November 2017:** Study trip to Wroclaw and Berlin for SA and BA students (covered by tuition fees)

**November 2017**

- **11 November 2017:** Independence Day – no classes at University

**December 2017**

- **12-18 December 2017** – Exam session
- **23 Dec 2017 -2 Jan 2018:** Christmas and New Year break; no classes  
(for students taking external classes)