Jagiellonian University in Kraków

Founded in 1364, the Jagiellonian University has been an integral part of Kraków’s history for 650 years. The University’s importance on the international scene dates back to the 15th century, when some 44% of the entire student population was coming from abroad!

At present, with 51,238 students enrolled, 3,798 academic teachers and 683 distinguished professors, the JU offers professionally focused courses in more than 150 areas of the most notable academic disciplines. For the past few years, the JU has consistently occupied top positions in various rankings of the best universities in Poland. Due to the Jagiellonian University’s outstanding level of teaching and high regard on the international stage, studying here as a degree or exchange student is an unforgettable personal experience as well as a lifetime academic and professional investment.

Today, the JU is recognised for:

- A long standing commitment to the spread of knowledge in the most professional manner;
- High-quality and internationally renowned research;
- Dynamically developing teaching and research centres;
- A wide range of innovative study and research options that seek to foster the aspirations for analysis, critical discourse, and dialogue to promote the highest intellectual standards.

The 650th Jubilee of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków

In May 2014, the Jagiellonian University in Kraków will be celebrating the 650th anniversary of its foundation. ‘Let it be a pearl of the inestimable knowledge’, reads an excerpt from the act founding the Kraków Academy, as it was then known, issued by King Casimir the Great on May 12, 1364.

As if at the noble King’s bidding, the University has indeed played a vital role in the history of Poland as the breeding ground for the intellectual elite, which has had an enormous cultural impact and has greatly contributed to the development of science and education throughout the region.

It was the Jagiellonian University that witnessed the first scientific steps of Nicolaus Copernicus, the author of the ground-breaking De revolutionibus orbium coelestium, which led to one of the most important revolutions in scientific thinking since ancient times, often referred to as the Copernican Revolution. In his later years, he noted that he was greatly indebted to the Kraków University. Other students whose names are permanently inscribed in gold letters on the pages of the University’s history include later king of Poland, Jan III Sobieski, called the Lion of Lechistan by the Turks and the Defender of the Faith by the Christians, Karol Wojtyła, the future Pope John Paul II, science fiction and philosophy writer Stanisław Lem, one of the greatest visionaries and futurologists of our times, and poet Wisława Szymborska, awarded with the Nobel Prize for Literature.

The University’s tireless work to fulfil the duties imposed on it 650 years ago has been widely appreciated. The year 2014 has been announced the Year of the Grand Jubilee of the Jagiellonian University by the Senate of the Republic of Poland and the President of Poland Bronisław Komorowski has agreed to become the Honorary Patron of the Jubilee.

To mark the occasion, various events and festivities are planned throughout the whole academic year, with May 2014 being the highlight of the anniversary celebrations. They will include official ceremonies, local and international conferences, meetings between European and Polish university networks as well as a number of cultural events. These should allow a wide range of people to learn more about the Jagiellonian University, its history, daily work and recent successes.
**Fields of study in English:**

**GRADUATE (Second-Cycle):**
- MA in Cultural Studies: TransAtlantic Studies
  - MA in European Studies, specialisations: Central and Eastern European Studies
  - MA in European Studies, specialisations: Central and Eastern European Studies
  - MA in European Studies, specialisations: The Holocaust and Totalitarian Systems
- MA in International Relations – Europe in the Visegrad Perspective
- MA in Mathematics: Pure and applied mathematics
- Interdisciplinary MA Programme in Polish Studies, Jewish Studies and History
- MSc in Biotechnology
- MSc in Ecology and Evolution

**ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT PROGRAMMES**
- EuroPublicHealth: European Public Health Master
- International Masters in Economy, State and Society (IMESS)
- International Masters in Russian, Central and East European Studies (IMRCEES)
- MA in Euroculture

**DOUBLE DEGREE GRADUATE (Second-Cycle):**
- MA in Baltic Sea Region Studies
  - Double Degree with the University of Tartu
- MA in European Studies
  - Double Degree with the University of Padua
- MA in European Studies
  - Double Degree with the University of Stasbourg
- MA in European Studies
  - Double Degree with the University of Vienna
- MA in European and Global Governance
  - Double Degree with the Catholic University of Portugal
- MA in Multidisciplinary Studies for Enhanced EU-Japan Relations
  - Double Degree with the Kobe University
- MSc in Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry (ASC) Double Degree within the consortium headed by the University of Lille1

**DOCTORAL (Third-Cycle):**
- PhD in Comparative Literature
- PhD in Physical sciences: astronomy

**ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT DOCTORATE (Third-Cycle):**
- Cultural Studies in Literacy Interezones

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**Fields of study in Polish:**

- administracja Public Administration
- amerykański American Studies
- analiza medyczna Clinical Analytics
- astrofizyka i kosmologia Astrophysics and Cosmology
- archeologia Archeology
- astronomia Astronomy
- bezpieczeństwo narodowe National Security
- biochemia Biochemistry
- biologia Biophysics
- biologia Biology
- biologia i geografia Biology and Geography
- biologia i geografia Geography and Geology
- bioteknologia Biotechnology
- chemia Chemistry
- dietetyka Nutrition
- dziennikarstwo i komunikacja społeczna journalism and Social Communication
- edytorstwo Editorial Studies
- ekonomia Economy
- elektroniczne przetwarzanie informacji Electronic Information Processing
- electroradiologia Electroradiology
- etologia i antropologia kulturowa Ethology and Cultural Anthropology
- etyka Ethics
- europeista European Studies
- farmacja Pharmacy
- filmoznawstwo i wiedza o nowych mediach Film and New Media Studies
- filologia klasyczna Classical Philology
- filologia polska Polish Philology
- filozofia Philosophy
- fitoterapia Phytotherapy
- fizyka Physics
- geografia Geography
- geologia Geology
- historia History
- historia sztuki History of Art
- informatyka Computer Science
- informatyka analityczna Analytical Informatics
- język polski w komunikacji społecznej Polish Language in Social Communication
- judaistyka Jewish Studies
- kierunek lekarski Medical Doctor Program
- kierunek lekarsko-dentystyczny Medical Doctor and Doctor of Dental Medicine Program
- kognitywny studia Cognitive Studies
- kosmologia Cosmology
- kulturoznawstwo Cultural Studies
- kulturoznawstwo międzynarodowe International Cultural Studies
- matematyka Mathematics
- matematyka komputerowa Mathematics Computer Studies
- międzynarodowe indywidualne studia humanistyczne Interfacylly Studies in Humanities
- migracje międzynarodowe International Migrations
- muzykologia Musicology
- neurobiologia Neurobiology
- ochrona dóbr kultury Protection of Cultural Property
- ochrona środowiska Environmental Protection
- pedagogika Pedagogy
- pedagogika specjalna Special Pedagogy
- pielęgniarstwo Obstetrics
- politologia Political Science
- polityka społeczna Social Policy
- polonistyka-komparatystyka Polish-comparative Studies
- polonistyczno-Mówicielstwo
- prawo Law
- prawo własności intelektualnej i nowych mediów Intellectual Property and New Media Law
- psychologia Psychology
- ratownictwo mediczne Emergency Medicine
- religioznawstwo Religion Studies
- socjologia Sociology
- stosunki międzynarodowe International Relations
- studia azjatyckie Asian Studies
- studia dalszadowskie Far-East Studies
- studia matematyczno-fizyczne Studies in Mathematics and Nature Studies
- weterynaria Veterinary
- wiedza o teatrze Theatre Studies
- zaawansowane materiały i nanotechnologia Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology
- zarządzanie Management
- zarządzanie informacją Information Management
- zarządzanie kulturą i mediami Culture and Media Management
- zdrowie publiczne Public Health

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**Facts & figures:**
- Founded in 1364
- Academic staff: 3798 (683 distinguished professors)
- 51 238 students
- 30 848 foreign students

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