



## Summer University 2019 at the University of Opole

Study, explore and have fun at the  
heart of Europe!

**15 July - 03 August 2019**

Welcome to the summer programme at the University of Opole where you can get a unique chance to broaden your knowledge, develop your communication skills, and enjoy summertime in the exciting and well-situated place. This year, we have developed a programme that offers even greater freedom and flexibility in pursuing your personal ambitions and interests.

### **Summer University Schedule**

Our programme covers **more than 80 hours of classes, workshops and activities**. All in-class activities are divided into two major parts. The core module that focuses on practical English is the same for all participants and will develop your speaking and listening skills in the academic environment. The second part includes special purpose modules where students can learn English within the context and in the atmosphere that suit their respective study profiles or personal interests. Additionally, each participant will be able to join afternoon and weekend activities.

The summer university is organised in the following way:

#### **THE CORE COURSE - 30H**

for all participants

#### **Practical English with elements of academic English**

The aim of the course is to help students achieve fluency in discussing various topics concerning daily and university life and to enable them to express and exchange ideas concerning various issues; to familiarize students with certain terms, idiomatic expressions and grammatical constructions that aim at improving their ability to express themselves well; to enhance speaking, writing, listening and reading skills by introducing specific vocabulary and

grammatical forms to develop students' confidence in communicating in English.

Syllabus:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/jcp2vdfhakuj72b/UO-Summer-University-2018-English-in-Academic-Contexts-SYLLABUS.pdf?dl=1>

### **ELECTIVE COURSES - 24H**

You select one course, most suitable for you

You can choose from the following subject areas:

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| A. Intercultural competence & communication        |
| B. Art and literature profile                      |
| C. Introduction to the Polish language and culture |

### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS - 26H - AND EXCURSIONS**

For all participants

Workshops will allow you to practice and expand your communicative skills beyond the classroom environment in natural, spontaneous situations. They will involve such activities as cooking classes, photography workshops, sightseeing trips, as well as meetings with interesting people.

The programme also includes a two-day trip to Kraków (Poland's ancient capital) and a one-day excursion to Wrocław (optional).

## **Elective courses – additional information**

The elective courses are aimed at extending your knowledge of English in the specific context of various academic subjects and disciplines. The proposed topics cover the following areas:

- A. **Intercultural competence & communication** profile offers practical and theoretical workshops about dialogue and conflict in cultures of the 21st century. In the times of mass movements of people from various cultural and national backgrounds around the world, after the great migration from the country to the city and in the era of the internet and social media, both communication and good understanding of others is a highly valuable skill. This module has been designed to help you apply and enhance those skills.

All this with tact and sensibility that will help intercultural interactions within one or between many countries.

- B. **Art and literature profile** will stimulate the students' creativity and increase the knowledge of language in today's visual arts and literature. The profile will be divided into two parts. The first part will be taught at the Faculty of Art and will cover some practical activities and actions involving creative work (drawing, painting, ceramics, etc.) adjusted to the needs and abilities of students. The second part will explore the power of literature and will consist of close reading and analysis of selected fragments of literary works in English. As in the case of the arts classes, the level and topics of the discussed literary material will be adjusted to individual needs of the students.
- C. **Introduction to the Polish language and culture** module is an offer to students interested in the local language, customs and daily lives. Polish is the sixth language of the European Union, spoken by more than 45 million people, 38 million of which live in Poland. It is expanding around the world. Poles have traveled and migrated for centuries, so you can meet them nearly everywhere. The knowledge of Polish will open your eyes and ears to other related Slavic languages, for example Czech, Slovak, and Russian. The course gives you a chance to learn about the history of Opole and the Opole region and get to know its complicated, multicultural past and present.

*Please note that for the elective course to be launched we will need a minimum of 12 participants.*

## **Fee**

The fee for the three-week programme is **589 Euro**. It covers 80 hours of classes, including **30** hours of the core course, **24** hours of elective courses, and **26** hours of workshops and activities. The fee also covers campus **accommodation** and **excursion to Kraków**. It does not cover costs of insurance, travel and food.

## **Programme extensions**

For those interested in a richer range of activities at additional cost, we have prepared exciting additional offers:

### **Central European Capitals**

A trip to central European capitals – three-day visiting Berlin, Prague, Vienna and Bratislava – extra cost approx. **250 Euro**. The ultimate price depends on the number of participants.

## **Creative Week in Trier and Luxembourg**

It is an additional programme (paid extra **350 EUR**) prepared together with our partners, Moving.Lab ([moving-lab.eu](http://moving-lab.eu)) to give the Summer School students even more opportunity to exercise English and visit Luxembourg and Western Germany. The bus trip (included in the price) in the western direction from Opole will take you to the border between Germany and Luxembourg. In the stunning Mosel valley area, we will spend a week with our partner University of Applied Sciences learning about European identity and lifestyle using experimental design methods in the shades of the ancient Roman Porta Nigra.

The creative workshop will be followed by the visits to Karl Marx museum as the city of Trier is his hometown and it celebrates the 200th anniversary of the philosopher's birth. The week will be concluded with a field trip to a re-developed Belval industrial zone, where the campus of the University of Luxembourg is located.

## **Register here**

(preliminary registration - not binding)

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