

IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



International students at PUT

More and more foreign students come to Poznań to study at Poznan University of Technology. The number of students who decide to stay here for a semester or two, or even longer, is steadily rising. They are all interested in learning Polish.

There is no doubt that they need a stimulating and effective way of learning the language, developing their communication skills and building intercultural competence. The Centre of Languages and Communication at PUT provides the students with language courses that help them fulfill these tasks.

International students have a possibility to participate in multi-level courses of the Polish language. The courses are designed to take students from their first introduction to the language up to a fully proficient use. The students are divided into small groups, and the classes are conducted by three qualified teachers from the Centre of Languages and Communication – Barbara Tarko, M.A., Justyna Połomka, M.A. and Małgorzata Konopko, M.A.

The 60- hour course includes grammar syllabus that covers the essential language and extensive vocabulary development. Numerous communication activities provide variety in class and make the course easy and enjoyable. There are

all learner-oriented tasks ranging from simple matching activities to more complex and involving extended speaking tasks, concerning such topics as: introductions, greetings, asking someone's name, family members, food and drink, sports and leisure activities, likes and dislikes, body parts, appearance, telling the time, daily routine.

Since the students come from almost all over the world, each group is a mixture of different nationalities, characters, temperaments and emotions.

The cross-cultural context of classes provides stimulating input, making learning interesting and relevant to today's world.

All the students are doing their best to learn Polish, and it is no exaggeration to say that all of them succeed brilliantly! The students are able to communicate in Polish on a very basic level – it is not a problem now to ask the way or ask the time, or even to conduct a simple conversation about their hobbies and interests, or their daily routines.

While learning the language the students are also getting familiar with Polish culture. They explore Polish cuisine, customs and traditions and everyday lives of their Polish contemporaries. In this way their stereotype thinking of Poland and Polish people is totally changed.

Every semester, a week before the beginning of the term, the Centre of Languages and Communication runs Polish Week for international students who come to Poznań to study at PUT, benefitting from the Erasmus Exchange Programme.

Polish Week is a splendid opportunity to get to know fellow students, break the ice and learn a lot about Polish culture, history and geography. Students take part in different cultural events, enjoy sightseeing of Poznań and the city neighbourhood, and discover the beauty of Poland. The idea of Polish Week was introduced in 2008, and it has been organized twice a year since then (in February and September). Throughout these years, Polish Week has become so popular among Erasmus students that nearly all of them decide to come to Poland one week earlier to enjoy the event.





During the first week of December 2014, a special happening, Polish Culture Week, took place at Poznan University of Technology. It was organized by the Centre of Languages and Communication for all international students studying at our University.

The students participated in the everyday meetings, from Monday to Friday. The event included multimedia presentations, lectures (Polish Cinema, Famous Poles, A Short History of Poland, Polish Holidays and Traditions), film shows, discussions, various language tasks and tasting traditional Polish dishes. All the activities referred to Polish culture, history, traditions and customs. The students showed great interest and enthusiasm in learning about our country and people.



The international students at PUT admit that they are very happy to participate in many different activities which are a great opportunity to gain a lot of knowledge and spend time in a pleasant international atmosphere. They claim they are fascinated with the natural beauty of Poland and the hospitality of the people. There is no doubt that for the majority of them studying in Poland is a great experience and the time they will never forget.

QUIZ: How well do you know English?

Today we invite you to check your knowledge of English idioms connected with teaching, learning and work, and we have prepared a test of so-called false-friends. So let's start with idioms.

1. Match the beginnings and endings of the following idioms:

1. At one's	a. and learn
2. Teach someone	b. work
3. You live	c. work of something
4. Teach one's grandmother	d. to do a man's work
5. Not be able to punch	e. heart
6. Find out something	f. out of school
7. Send a boy	g. to suck eggs
8. By	h. study
9. Be all	i. one's way out of a paper bag
10. Donkey	j. in the works
11. Make short	k. work
12. Spade	l. leisure
13. Throw a spanner	m. ears
14. In a brown	n. the hard way
15. Tell tales	o. a lesson

2. Do you know any of these words? What is their meaning in Polish?

- a. sympathetic
- b. flannel
- c. data
- d. agitate about
- e. agenda
- f. actually
- g. billion
- h. hazard
- i. wallet
- j. protection

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Answers 1:

Answers 2:

a. współczujący b. niewielki bawehniary ręczniczek c. dane d. niepokoić e. lista kwestii do omówienia w trakcie zebraia f. faktycznie, rzeczywiescie g. miliard h. ryzyko i. portfel j. ochrona

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