# IN ENGLISH AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Time for studies in English is approaching! We are ready to welcome Polish and foreign students to take second cycle studies in February 2011. I asked prorector and pro-deans for education to give some basic information to academic staff and students about studies in English.

## Prorector S. Trzecieliński

## 1. Why do you think studies in English are important for our students?

There are at least two reasons to study in English. The first - it favours the better recognition of the graduate by the international employers as the fact is evidenced in the diploma supplement and partly also in the diploma (the name of the specialization is written down in English preceding the Polish name). This is especially important in the context of European Framework of Competences which stresses on comparability of students competences and skills across the European countries. The second reason refers to improvement of professional language by the students. Systematic lecturing and reading the textbooks in English fasters development of the student professional English skills.

#### 2. Should students be afraid of studying in English?

There is no reason to be afraid of studying in English. My few years experience gained at Corporate Management specialization has shown that students who take the specialization in English have enough general English abilities. Some of them speak even better than the teachers.

## 3. How would you encourage students to begin 2nd cycle studies in English (in February 2011)?

If you like challenges, if you like adventures, then studying in English is something for you. Taking this option of studying you participate in creating something new and become a precursor of new "products" which in a few years will be in common use. Poznan University of Technology (PUT) is strongly interested in extending the number and diversity of courses fully offered in English. In this way more "products" will be on the shelf ready to be taken by foreign students. This is the necessary condition to draw foreign students' attention and to become international university. PUT has a good reputation among Polish universities of technology. However this is not enough to keep such reputation in the next 10 years. We have to internationalize our University if we want, and we want, to be among leading European universities of technology. Our goal for 2020 is that every 20th student in PUT will be a foreigner. You can help us pressuring the deans of your faculty to start programs in English.

## Prof. A. Glema

## 1. Why do you think studies in English are good for Polish students? (what benefits can they get?).

Studies in English are good for Polish students because they improve language skills in professional and communication area. They provide direction to become the staff in international companies, partners in contract projects and in common interaction in everyday activity.

They are also a point of reference in the process of internationalization of education and culture exchange, to meet different systems of thinking, morality, education and life style, to bring people together.

## 2. Is Polish academic staff of your faculty well equipped with the knowledge of English?

Yes, staff of our faculty is quite well equipped with the know-ledge of English. They have participated in the preparation courses "Communication in English", "Written English" and others. They have also been working in projects for preparation of educational materials and tools accompanied by lecturers of English language. Of course, with the first or second cycle of delivering the lectures in English, there is a lot of work and some mistakes are possible, but every month and year the teaching experience is growing. They proof their ability to provide studies in English.

## 3. Have they participated in classes "Lecturing in English" and "Written English", organized by Department of Modern Languages, financed by "Era Inżyniera".

Yes, they have, as it was mentioned above.

## 4. What about professional literature in English? Is it available for students and where?

Once more, as it was mentioned above, first of all the educational materials are prepared by lecturers, that are valuable for students studying in English. Academic staff propose bibliography in English. Our libraries are ready with some books, but the purchasing process is still in progress.

# 5. Should Polish students be afraid of studies in English? (level of English, level of English for Specific Purposes). Generally, students should take care about their studies.

the beginning. The extra help is applied and the strong will for continuation with development of studying conditions in the following academic years.

#### 6. Could you advertise your studies to our students... Dear civil engineers!

The second cycle of master studies in English is offered for you. The knowledge, competences, skills are warranted with your desire in achievement of professional status on national and international construction engineering market with the perspective of gaining the position in engineering and management.

The studies in English at our faculty and university will become the mile-stone of your personal, emotional, but first of all, your life vocation. You are welcome to become a member of the group of staff and students to be ready to face challenges of our time.

See you next year studying "STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING"!

## Prof. H. Michalak

## 1. Why do you think studies in English are good for Polish students? (what benefits can they get?).

The explanation is very simple. Polish language is not well known worldwide, and the knowledge in Polish gives much less opportunities for students going abroad. Teaching in English gives also a chance to understand foreign books and magazines about architecture which is also extremely useful. Finally, lectures guided by world famous architects in Poland can be easily understood in English

### 2. Is Polish academic staff of your faculty well equipped with the knowledge of English?

Mostly, yes. By now, there were only a few lectures in English in our studies program, we need more time to prepare lectures in English.

#### 3. Have they participated in classes "Lecturing in English" and "Written English", organized by Department of Modern Languages, financed by "Era Inżyniera".

The fact of participating in classes by our staff does not have to be mentioned in any reports etc. so we only know a few people who did participate in those lectures.

### 4. What about professional literature in English? Is it available for students and where?

Professional literature in English is easily available in libraries in our city, university and faculty building.

5. Should Polish students be afraid of studies in English? (level of English, level of English for Specific Purposes).

I can confirm, that they have good conditions, especially in I strongly believe that our students are thinking the same way as other people all over the world. The knowledge they gain gives them many possibilities, and the English should not be a problem for most of them.

#### 6. Could you advertise your studies to our students...

We are starting studies in English next semester. Our study program is highly rich and interesting. Except the lectures and activities in our faculty we offer meetings with professional architects and investors. We present the students works in exhibitions open for all city. Architecture is very interdisciplinary – we prepare comprehensive and interesting projects which help in later architecture career.

## Prof. H. Włodarkiewicz--Klimek

#### 1. Why do you think studies in English are good for Polish students? (what benefits can they get?).

- students have better access to the wide labour market (domestic and international)
- students often study together with foreign Erasmus students - thanks to it Polish students do not have cultural and language barriers in communication
- it also gives better opportunity to apply for Erasmus scholarship to study abroad, moreover improving English is a condition for developing a future carrier connected with study specialization

#### 2. Is Polish academic staff of your faculty well equipped with the knowledge of English?

Our faculty staff delivering English courses are very experienced in teaching in English (some of them are visiting professors at our partner universities and also give lectures to foreign students). Besides, our teachers attend international conferences presenting in English their scientific papers, research results, etc. Some teachers also use English every day, writing emails and reading book, articles, etc.

3. Have they participated in classes "Lecturing in English" and "Written English", organized by Department of Modern Languages, financed by "Era Inżyniera".

We do not have such knowledge

#### 4. What about professional literature in English? Is it available for students and where?

- The library of the Faculty of Engineering Management is equipped with basic professional literature in English dedicated to the particular courses, however the books in English are regularly purchased to fulfill teachers and students requirements
- Students have also wide access to e-library resources
- 5. Should Polish students be afraid of studies in En-

Polish students have a very good knowledge of English which is very often better than their colleagues visiting our faculty within the Erasmus programme (eg. from Portugal). Besides, teachers are very professional and friendly, so if a given topic is very difficult to present and understand they try to explain it the easiest and familiar way

- 6. Could you advertise your studies to our students....
- Courses delivered by experienced staff
- Teaching by realizing exercises, projects and case studies
- International groups, international knowledge exchange
- Better access for international labour market

## Prof. J. Lamperski

1. Why do you think studies in English are good for Polish students? (what benefits can they get?).

Students can get acquainted with key vocabulary in their study field and, thus they will be able to enhance knowledge of their study area reading English sources. Having a good command and understanding of technical English will make it possible for them to keep in touch with the latest developments and news in Telecommunications

#### 2. Is Polish academic staff of your faculty well equipped with the knowledge of English?

Our faculty staff is in permanent touch with articles and papers in English, attend conferences and give presentations in English, and maintain business relationships with foreign academic staff.

3. Have they participated in classes "Lecturing in English" and "Written English", organized by Department of Modern Languages, financed by "Era Inżyniera".

Mainly younger staff were interested in participating in Era Inżyniera events.

4. What about professional literature in English? Is it available for students and where?

Most of the materials in Telecommunications are in the English language, they are available in PUT library

5. Should Polish students be afraid of studies in English? (level of English, level of English for Specific Purposes).

Polish students should be given an option to study in English if we want to provide them with equal chances in their future careers on the global market. They seem to understand that

glish? (level of English, level of English for Specific English has become a language of international communication both in every day life and professional relations. And this is, perhaps, due to student exchange programs so popular in recent years.

> We should make it possible for them to develop their general English and English for Specific Purposes while at the university as this means we will provide them with a great asset to any future career

> 6. Could you advertise your studies to our students....

## Prof. K. Sroka

1. Why do you think studies in English are good for Polish students? (what benefits can they get?).

Studies in English are good for Polish student because they can learn English and they can contact foreign students.

2. Is Polish academic staff of your faculty well equipped with the knowledge of English?

A large majority of Polish academic staff of my faculty is well equipped with the knowledge of English.

3. Have they participated in classes "Lecturing in English" and "Written English", organized by Department of Modern Languages, financed by "Era Inżyniera".

Some of them have participated in mentioned classes.

4. What about professional literature in English? Is it available for students and where?

Academic staff should have professional literature in English, for example proceedings of international conferences.

5. Should Polish students be afraid of studies in English? (level of English, level of English for Specific

They should not be afraid of studies in English. Academic staff can translate some new, specific words if it would be necessary.

6. Could you advertise your studies to our students? With pleasure...

## Prof. R. Wrembel

1. Why do you think studies in English are good for Polish students? (what benefits can they get?).

Improving English that is a must for a computer scientist

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## 2. Is Polish academic staff of your faculty well equipped with the knowledge of English?

In my opinion, most of the staff has adequate or very good skills in communicating in English as they use the language every day, reading and writing scientific papers and books, moreover, they often give lectures abroad and attend international conferences. These facts make their English adequate for lecturing.

3. Have they participated in classes "Lecturing in English" and "Written English", organized by Department of Modern Languages, financed by "Era Inżyniera".

To the best of my knowledge, at least one staff member participated in the classes

4. What about professional literature in English? Is it available for students and where?

The Faculty of Computing and Information Science makes

available the course books in the library of the Institute of Computing Science

# 5. Should Polish students be afraid of studies in English? (level of English, level of English for Specific Purposes)

In my opinion, Polish students have a very good English command, often better than their colleagues visiting our faculty within the Erasmus programme

#### 6. Could you advertise your studies to our students...

- the Software Engineering specialization
- courses offered in English by experienced lecturers and practitioners
- teaching by realizing IT projects
- an up-to date knowledge gained at PUT.

## A mini course English at Dean's Office

You are presented the first part of a short English course prepared to meet the needs and expectations of Dean's office employees who have to communicate with English speaking students. The course will consist of 8 parts and I hope it will be useful for you.

Oto pierwsza część krótkiego kursu języka angielskiego przygotowanego z myślą o potrzebach i oczekiwaniach pracowników dziekanatów, którzy w swojej codziennej pracy komunikują się z studentami anglojęzycznymi. Kurs będzie składał się z 8 częśći publikowanych

w kolejnych wydaniach Głosu Politechniki. Mam nadzieję, że okaże się użyteczny w Państwa codziennej pracy.

Mgr Dorota Kudła

Part I , HELLO

## 1. What is your name?

Jak ma Pan/Pani na imię?

## 2. What is your surname?

Jak Pan/Pani się nazywa?

#### 3. Spell your name, please.

Proszę przeliterować swoje imię.

#### 4. Write your name, please.

Proszę napisać swoje imię.

### 5. Write in capital letters, please.

Proszę napisać drukowanymi literami.

#### 6. Where are you from?

Skąd Pan/Pani pochodzi?

7. What is your address?

Jaki jest Pana/pani adres?

## 8. What is your address in Poznań?

Jaki jest Pana/Pani adres w Poznaniu?

#### 9. Fill in the form, please.

Proszę wypełnić formularz.

## 10. Give me your student's book, please.

Proszę o indeks.

## 11. Show me your student's book, please.

Proszę o okazanie indeksu.

#### 12. Wait a moment, please.

Proszę chwileczkę poczekać.

13. Here are our opening hours.

Oto nasze godziny pracy.

## 14. Classes schedule is available on our website.

Plan zajęć jest dostępny na naszej stronie internetowej.

## 15. The information is available on our website.

Informacje są dostępne na stronie na naszej stronie internetowej.

#### 16. Contact Ms. X, please. Room YYY.

Proszę o kontakt z Panią X. Pokój YYY.

#### 17. Have a nice stay!

Życzę miłego pobytu.