

Summer Studies Abroad - Admission Information

Who can apply?

Kosciuszko Foundation Summer Study Abroad programs are open to high school graduates who will be 18 years old by the first day of their chosen program, college and grad students and adults who have an interest in studying Polish. Previous knowledge of the Polish language is not required.

About Language Classes

Language classes are available at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow and the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin. Placement in beginner, intermediate, and advanced level classes are made based on a placement test given at the start of the program. Class size is approximately 10-15 students. Previous knowledge of Polish is not required. Final exams include a written and oral component. State Certification Exams may be taken at additional cost by students who have reached a minimum level of fluency in the Polish language.

State Certification Exams

The State Certification Exam is the official certification test of Polish as a foreign language and is recognized worldwide. Test levels B1, B2 and C2 will be offered in Poland in July provided that a minimum number of students apply for the exam. Exam date and price will be announced in Poland. For more information please see www.buwiwm.edu.pl/certyfikacja and also the Jagiellonian University 2008 syllabus link for course levels and their corresponding exam levels.

About Transcripts of Credit:

Students can receive credit towards an undergraduate degree for Polish language classes and courses completed in Poland. Please refer to course descriptions for beginning and ending dates, number of hours of instruction and credits available. Transcripts of Credit are issued by the host institution and include the name of the course, the number of hours of instruction and a letter grade. Sealed transcripts are mailed in mid-September. In the Polish system 1 academic hour = 45 minutes. All classes require attendance, include mid-term and final exams, and may require a thesis paper.

Students seeking credit for these summer programs are advised to speak to an academic advisor at their home institution prior to applying. You will be required to complete and submit the KF's Summer Study Abroad Credit Approval Form and may also need to complete your home university's forms.

Please note that policy regarding transfer of credit varies from university to university and is, in part, based on whether a student has already met degree requirements in the subject area. If you have already met degree requirements, it is suggested that you inquire as to whether the desired courses may be used as free electives. Your academic advisor will be able to inform you of the university's policies regarding electives and transfer of credit.

How to Apply for Credit:

A Credit Approval Form is provided with Kosciuszko Foundation's Summer Study

Abroad application materials. Print the pages of the 2008 program syllabus relevant to the courses you are interested in and present them together with information concerning the 2009 program to your academic advisor. Relevant pages will likely include the Schedule for your desired Session, Academic Activities, Polish Language Courses, Other Courses and those pages listing the lecture titles for the afternoon courses that you intend to take. Your academic advisor will complete the bottom portion of the Credit Approval Form. Make a Xerox copy for your records and send the original to the KF office in NYC.

Passports & Visas:

A valid passport is needed for all travelers to Poland. If you do not have a passport or if your passport is expected to expire within 6 months of your arrival in Poland, it is time to renew. Applications, instructions and costs are available at your local clerk's of court, post offices, and on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. Renew early to avoid service backlogs and expedited service fees. Include your passport number on the Accommodation Form. If you do not have a passport at the time that you apply for the program, please be sure to e-mail the number to the KF by **May 29th**.

Visas to Poland for tourist travel by U.S. citizens are not needed. Tourist travel is defined as travel which does not exceed 90 days. If you intend to stay in Poland for 90 days or more call the Polish Consulate nearest you for instructions on obtaining a visa or see the following web-site for details and information: <http://www.polandconsulateny.com>

Group Flights to Poland:

Students may opt to travel to Poland on their own or may travel on group flights to Poland. PAT

Tours is coordinating group flights for KF Summer programs. Please inquire directly:

(800) 388-0988 for ticket prices, information and to make reservations. Group flights to Cracow include bus transfer to the dormitory. Students who travel to Poland individually are expected at the dormitory on the arrival date of the program.

Health and Travel Insurance:

The Kosciuszko Foundation does not offer packages for health/travel insurance, however, we do strongly suggest that program participants purchase health and travel insurance.

Tomaszkiewicz-Florio Scholarships:

Scholarships are available for studies at the Jagiellonian University. Scholarships cover the program fees of a 3-week session. Program fees include the costs of tuition, a shared room, three meals per day, and sightseeing. (Student who wish to attend longer programs may apply for the scholarship.) Balance of Program Fees, single room fees, registration, scholarship application fee of \$35, optional add-ons and extra nights are not covered by the scholarship. Scholarship applicants must meet program eligibility requirements and be full-time high school seniors or undergraduate students. US citizens and permanent residents of Polish descent who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher may apply to compete for a scholarship.

Tomaszkiewicz-Florio Scholarship Instructions: Send two completed application forms and passport-size photos with your name printed on the reverse, official transcripts, financial form,

two letters of reference from professors/teachers, and a well reasoned essay (minimum 2 pages) on why you are applying to the program, the reason for your choice of lecture classes and your reasons for applying for the program, Include your full name, "Summer Sessions" and page number on each page of your essay. Send your application and supporting materials together with a scholarship application fee of \$35 to the KF Chapter nearest your school/university. If there is no K.F. Chapter in your school's vicinity, send application materials to the Kosciuszko Foundation office in NYC. Addresses are provided with application materials. Scholarship decisions are made via e-mail late in May. Students who receive scholarships will be required to pay registration fees and are required to submit an essay following the program. Non-successful scholarship applicants are welcome to attend programs as paying students. **Scholarship Deadline: Tuesday, April 14, 2009**

How to Apply for Summer Programs:

Submit two completed application forms, 2 passport-size photos signed on the reverse for programs in Lublin, 3 passport-sized photos signed on the reverse for programs in Krakow, a \$95 non-refundable application fee, program fees and payment for any optional add-ons. All applicants are required to submit a Physician's Certificate. Please note that fees which are quoted in Euros will be payable in Poland. Most students who meet eligibility requirements are accepted to these programs.

Cancellations and Refunds:

Cancellations with a full refund are made through May 30. A \$75 cancellation fee applies after May 30. No refunds after the first day of the program.

Deadline Dates:

- Friday, April 14** - **Tomaszkiewicz-Florio Scholarship**
- Thursday, May 15** - **Application Deadline for all programs**
- Friday, May 29** - **Credit Approval Form Deadline**
- Friday, May 29** - **Physician's Certificate Deadline**
- Friday, May 29** - **Accommodation Form and Passport # Deadline**