

General conditions for foreigners to undertake studies at the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice

Pursuant to the provisions of Art. 323 of the Law on Higher Education (Journal of Laws 2018, item 1668)

a foreigner, within the meaning of Polish law, is any person who does not have Polish citizenship. Persons who hold both a Polish passport (citizenship) and a passport of another country or several other countries are treated as Polish citizens in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

Candidates who:

- **for first-cycle studies** - have a Polish secondary school leaving certificate or a legalized or apostille-bearing certificate or other document obtained abroad, entitling them to apply for admission to studies at any type of higher education institution in the country in whose system the institution issuing the certificate operated, recognized in accordance with regulations or on the basis of international agreements, equivalent to the appropriate Polish secondary school leaving certificate,
- **for second-cycle studies** - have a diploma of completion of first-cycle studies in Poland or a legalized or apostille-bearing diploma or other document of completion of a university abroad, entitling them to undertake second-cycle studies in the country where it was issued, recognized - in accordance with the regulations or on the basis of an international agreement - equivalent to the appropriate Polish diploma of completion of first-cycle studies,

The basis for admission to first- and second-cycle studies is the fulfillment of the obligations listed in the annex to the Resolution of the Senate of the Academy of Music. Karol Szymanowski in Katowice of June 27, 2023 regarding: determining the conditions, procedure and start and end date as well as the method of recruitment for the first year of full-time first- and second-cycle studies at the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music. Karol Szymanowski in Katowice in the academic year 2024/2025.

Foreigners taking up studies pay tuition fees. The amount of fees is determined by the Rector's Order available at: <https://am.katowice.pl/studia/informacje/oplaty>

Fees for full-time studies in Polish are not charged for:

- foreigner - **a citizen of a Member State of the European Union**, the Swiss Confederation or a Member State of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and their family members living in the territory of the Republic of Poland
- foreigner - **a citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** referred to in Art. 10 section 1 letter b or d of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and members of his family residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland
- a foreigner who has been granted a permanent residence permit or **a long-term resident of the European Union**
- a foreigner who has been granted **a temporary residence permit in the territory of Poland** in connection with the circumstances referred to in Art. 159 section 1 or art. 186 section 1 point 3 or 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on foreigners,
- a foreigner who has **refugee status** granted in Poland,
- a foreigner benefiting from **temporary protection** on the territory of Poland*
- a foreigner who has been granted **subsidiary protection** on the territory of Poland,
- **holder of a certificate confirming knowledge of Polish as a foreign language** at least C1 level, issued by the **State Commission for the Certification of Knowledge of Polish as a Foreign Language**

- holder of a valid **Pole's Card**,
- a person who received a decision **confirming Polish origin**,
- **a spouse, ascendant or descendant of a Polish citizen** living in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
- a foreigner who has been granted a temporary residence permit in connection with the circumstances referred to in Art. 151 section 1 (for the purpose of conducting scientific research) or Art. 151b section 1 (for the purpose of long-term mobility of a scientist) of the Act of December 12, 2013 on foreigners, or staying in the territory of the Republic of Poland in connection with the use of short-term mobility of a scientist under the conditions specified in Art. 156b section 1 of this Act or holding a national visa for the purpose of conducting scientific research or development work.

*in accordance with art. 2 section 6 of the Act of March 12, 2022 on assistance to citizens of Ukraine in connection with an armed conflict on the territory of this country, a citizen of Ukraine (referred to in Article 2(1) of the above-mentioned Act and whose stay is considered legal until March 4 2024) is considered to be a person benefiting from temporary protection in the Republic of Poland within the meaning of Art. 106 section 1 of the Act of 13 June 2003 on granting protection to foreigners in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

Knowledge of the Polish language:

Foreigners who want to study in Polish should submit confirmation of their knowledge of the Polish language, e.g.:

- certificate of completion of a one-year preparatory course to undertake education in Polish in units designated by the minister responsible for higher education,
- certificate issued by the State Commission for Certification of Proficiency in Polish as a Foreign Language,
- in the absence of such a document, knowledge of the Polish language may be confirmed by the examination committee during the university entrance examinations.

Other conditions:

Foreigners may undertake studies if:

- they have a visa or residence card or another document entitling them to stay on the territory of Poland,
- have an insurance policy against illness or accidents for the period of education in Poland or a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or join the National Health Fund immediately after starting education, information available on the National Health Fund website [https://pacjent.gov.pl /how-to-insure-student-and-doctoral student](https://pacjent.gov.pl/how-to-insure-student-and-doctoral-student)

Information Point for Foreigners

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The task of the information point is to make it easier for foreigners coming to Katowice to acclimatize in the city. At the point you can obtain the necessary information and assistance on issues such as registration, employment, legal advice, access to health care, language training or access to Katowice's cultural offer.