

**Order No. 76/2023 of the Rector of the University of Rzeszów
of June 26, 2023
on the Polish language course for foreigners pursuing studies
at the University of Rzeszow.**

Pursuant to Article 23(2)(2) of the Act of July 20, 2018, the Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e., Journal of Laws of 2023, item 742, as amended), it is ordered as follows:

§ 1

1. Foreigners beginning their education at the University of Rzeszow (UR) on a first- or second-cycle degree program or on a uniform master's degree program, conducted in Polish, are required to take classes in the Polish language. The obligation to participate in classes applies only to the first program in which the student takes up studies at UR.
2. Participation in the classes referred to in paragraph (1) does not entail the obligation of the student to pay an additional fee, subject to paragraph (6).
3. Classes in the Polish language course are carried out in the first year of the student's education at UR, in a total amount of 60 hours (30 hours in each semester) and end with an exam confirming language proficiency at the level of at least B2 of the CEF.
4. Polish language classes end with a credit after each semester and are not assigned ECTS points.
5. For passing the examination referred to in paragraph (3), the student shall receive 4 ECTS points, and confirmation of language proficiency shall be recorded in the diploma supplement.
6. If a student fails to pass a semester or fails an exam, the provisions of the Rules and Regulations for Studies at the University of Rzeszow shall be applied accordingly.

§ 2

1. Foreign students who possess the following may be exempted from the obligation to participate in Polish language classes:
 - 1) a certificate of proficiency in Polish at a minimum B2 level, issued by the State Commission for the Certification of Proficiency in Polish as a Foreign Language, or
 - 2) a certificate of completion of a one-year preparatory course for studies in Poland at min. B2 level, issued by units accredited by the National Agency for Academic Exchange, or
 - 3) a certificate of graduation from a secondary school with Polish as the language of instruction,

Or

- 1) a diploma of higher education (bachelor's, engineering, master's) in the Polish language, or
 - 2) a score of at least 60% on the examination confirming knowledge of the Polish language for candidates from abroad to study at the UR.
2. Exemption from participation in classes is granted at the request of the student submitted to the Director of the Polonia Center, who makes a decision on this matter on the basis of the submitted document specified in paragraph 1, items 1-5.

§ 3

1. A foreigner studying at the University of Rzeszow at a course of study conducted in a foreign language may, after submitting an application and obtaining the consent of the Dean of the College, participate in Polish language classes.
2. The classes referred to in paragraph (1) are carried out in the amount of 60 hours (30 hours each in the winter and summer semesters) and end with an exam confirming language proficiency at the minimum A1 level of the CEF.
3. Polish language classes after each semester end with a credit and are not assigned ECTS points.
4. For passing the examination referred to in paragraph (2), the student shall receive 4 ECTS points, and confirmation of language proficiency shall be noted in the diploma supplement.
5. Participation in Polish language classes does not entail an additional fee for the student.

§ 4

1. Polish language classes are provided by the Polish Language Center in the College of Humanities at the University of Rzeszow, whose duties include, in particular:
 - 1) assigning students to classes in the university's dean's office system,
 - 2) editing classes for each teaching cycle in the university's dean's office system,
 - 3) entering credits and examinations into credit protocols.
2. The Polish Language Center receives a list of foreigners admitted to the first year of study from the Recruitment and Student Careers Department, and a list of those admitted by transfer from another university - from the dean's office of the relevant College.
3. The implementation of Polish language classes for foreign students is included in the teaching salary of the teachers conducting the classes.

§ 5

1. Supervision of the implementation of this Order shall be entrusted to the Vice-Rector for Student and Education Affairs.
2. Foreigners who began their studies at the University of Rzeszow before the academic year 2023/2024 shall implement Polish language classes according to the rules in force on the date of commencement of education at the University of Rzeszow.
3. Order No. 170/2021 of the Rector of the University of Rzeszow dated October 1, 2021 on compulsory Polish language classes for foreigners studying at the University of Rzeszow shall be repealed, subject to paragraph 2.
4. The Ordinance shall enter into force on the day of its signing and shall be effective from the academic year 2023/2024.

Rector of the University of Rzeszow

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