

Foreigners - general conditions of admission to studies at the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice

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.

The basis for admission to first- and second-cycle studies is the fulfillment of requirements listed in § 2 and 3 of the Appendix to the Resolution of the Senate of the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice from June 13, 2024 on: *determining conditions, mode, date of commencement and completion, 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 In Katowice in the academic year 2025/2026.*

Foreigners taking up studies pay tuition fees.

The amount of fees is determined by the Rector's Order available at

<https://am.katowice.pl/assets/media/ca4d4b1bd2c204014b511ee679f5ed41.pdf>

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

- a foreigner who is a **citizen of a member state of the European Union**, the Swiss Confederation or a member state of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) – a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and members of their families living in the territory of the Republic of Poland
- a foreigner who is a **citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** referred to in Art. 10 par. (1) (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 their family residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
- a foreigner who has been granted a permanent residence permit (**permanent residence card**) or holds a EU long-term residence permit,
- holder of a valid **Pole's Card**,
- a foreigner who has been granted a temporary residence permit in the territory of Poland due to the circumstance referred to in Art. 159 par. 1 or Art. 186 par. 1 point 3 and 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 in the territory of Poland (e.g. in accordance with Art. 2, par. 6 of the Act of 12 March 2022 on assistance to citizens of Ukraine in connection with an armed conflict in the territory of that state, a citizen of Ukraine referred to in Art. 2, par. 1 of the above-mentioned Act and whose stay is considered legal until September 30, 2025) is considered a person benefiting from temporary protection in the Republic of Poland within the meaning of Art. 106 par. 1 and 2 of the Act of 13 June 2003 on granting protection to foreigners in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
- a foreigner who has been granted subsidiary protection in the territory of Poland,
- a foreigner who holds a certificate confirming knowledge of Polish as a foreign language at the level of at least C1, issued by the State Commission for the Certification of Proficiency in Polish as a Foreign Language,
- a person who has received a decision confirming their Polish origin, -

- a spouse, ascendant or descendant of a Polish citizen, living in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
- an international student who has been granted a temporary residence permit due to the circumstances referred to in Art. 151 par. 1 (in order to conduct scientific research) or Art. 151b par. 1 (for the purpose of long-term mobility of a researcher) of the Act of 12 December 2013 on foreigners, or residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland in connection with the use of short-term mobility of a researcher under the conditions specified in Art. 156b par. 1 of the Act on Foreigners or holding a national visa for the purpose of carrying out scientific research or development work.

Knowledge of the Polish language

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

- certificate of completion of a one-year preparatory course for undertaking education in Polish in units designated by the minister responsible for higher education,
- certificate issued by the State Commission for the Certification of Proficiency in Polish as a Foreign Language,
- in the absence of the above-mentioned documents, the knowledge of the Polish language can be confirmed by the examination committee during the entrance examinations.

Candidates may be admitted if they submit:

- a secondary school leaving diploma or other document recognized in the Republic of Poland as a document entitling to apply for admission to studies in accordance with Art. 93, par. 3 of the Act on the Education System of 7 September 1991 (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 750 and 854);
- a secondary school leaving diploma and other document or diploma referred to in Art. 93, par. 1 of the Act, mentioned in point 4;
- a secondary school leaving diploma or diploma recognized in the Republic of Poland as a document entitling to apply for admission to studies in accordance with the bilateral agreement on the mutual recognition of education;
- a secondary school leaving diploma or other document recognized as equivalent to the Polish secondary school leaving diploma on the basis of the provisions in force until 31 March 2015.

Documents drawn up in a language other than Polish should be translated into Polish by a Polish sworn translator entered on the list of sworn translators of the Polish Ministry of Justice.

More information:

<https://prk.men.gov.pl/uznawanie-zagranicznych-dyplomow-ukonczenia-studiow-higher- and science-degrees/>

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