

**LANGUAGE POLICY OF THE ANGELUS SILESIUS
UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
IN WAŁBRZYCH**

General provisions

The Angelus Silesius University of Applied Sciences in Wałbrzych (hereinafter: PWSZ AS) provides all students with the opportunity to learn and improve their foreign language skills, as well as supports and motivates employees in their efforts to improve their language skills. The university allows students and employees to use tools and materials to deepen language skills, in particular in the field of subject oriented language. This task is carried out in particular through the access to foreign-language publications and databases containing scientific knowledge in the field of subjects taught in individual fields of study implemented at PWSZ AS. At the same time, the university is working to build students' awareness of the importance of foreign language skills for their future careers and position in the labour market. PWSZ AS also creates an environment supporting independent learning of foreign languages, using in particular modern information and communication technologies.

Teaching foreign languages and the assessment of language competences at PWSZ AS are carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Teaching English at every field of study at PWSZ AS is obligatory and ends with an assessment. Documented competences in the field of foreign language skills acquired outside the university are recognized. The university puts emphasis on teaching the basics of subject oriented English, appropriate for each field of study.

Linguistic and cultural preparation for participation in mobility programmes

PWSZ AS recognizes proper language preparation as the basic condition for the effective implementation of mobility objectives, in particular the effective conduct of the intended teaching in the case of academic teachers, and in the case of students - the implementation of the intended learning outcomes. Only students and employees who are competent in a foreign language to the extent required by the partner institution may participate in the mobility programmes implemented at PWSZ AS. The criterion of knowledge of a foreign language is obligatorily taken into account when qualifying or recruiting to participate in such programmes.

Support for participants of mobility programmes is implemented by:

- 1) assistance of guardians or volunteers who know English or another foreign language - for those arriving;
- 2) language consultations and organization of meetings, during which important information about language requirements in the host institution, cultural conditions of the country and region where the mobility will take place, cultural and language challenges that can be encountered during the stay, is provided - for those outgoing;
- 3) Online Linguistic Support (OLS) platform - being a tool for assessing language competences and improving foreign language skills for participants of long-term mobility in the Erasmus + programme; OLS (www.erasmusplusols.eu) is mandatory to use for student mobility, for which the language of instruction (in the case of studies) or working language (during traineeship) is, inter alia: English, Greek, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Italian. The Erasmus programme coordinator provides students of PWSZ AS participating in mobility with language proficiency tests and invites them to participate in the Erasmus + OLS language course in their study or work language.

Providing information in foreign languages about university and didactic classes

PWSZ AS is aware of the importance and significance of communication in foreign languages for developing international university cooperation. Activities carried out at PWSZ AS include:

- 1) publishing information materials about the university in English and, if necessary, also in another foreign language;
- 2) placing current information in English on the university's website, including in particular information on mobility programmes and current course catalogues containing modules implemented in foreign languages (ECTS catalogues), as well as running a website in English with information and documents to download for those arriving within the Erasmus programme (in particular "Erasmus Incoming Students");
- 3) providing information in foreign languages to foreign students and academics staying at the university;
- 4) placing bilingual descriptions, instructions and programmes in Polish and English on the campus premises;
- 5) participation in foreign educational fairs, during which materials in a foreign language (guides, leaflets and brochures) are provided to those interested in mobility (students, coordinators, employees of partner universities).

Actions to develop and raise language competences of students and university employees

PWSZ AS undertakes activities in the implementation of the following objectives related to improving language competences:

- 1) provide – within the frame of financial and organizational capabilities - additional language courses;
- 2) striving to increase the number of students and employees who have language certificates;
- 3) ensuring conducting major classes for students in English, especially in the form of elective courses;
- 4) encouraging students to use - as part of the subjects taught at the university - supplementary reading in foreign languages, especially in English.