



Degree Programmes

This study placement is available for Languages and Social Sciences Students.
Number of places: 2

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk **Deadlines are published on [Aston Futures](#).**

Students can apply for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

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The Jan Kochanowski University (JKU) in Kielce is the only university of Świętokrzyskie region, and one of Poland's twenty universities. The University has the rights to confer doctoral degrees in eleven disciplines, and degrees of doctor habilitated in two disciplines. It has 16,310 undergraduates, 155 doctoral students, and 666 postgraduates. The JKU offers 9 doctoral programmes as well as education in 34 fields of study at first- and second-cycle level, with almost as many as 150 specialties in a variety of disciplines in the humanities, social science, arts, medical science, natural sciences and exact sciences. The University comprises 7 Faculties:

Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Health Sciences, Education and Arts, Management and Administration, as well as Faculties of Language Studies and History, and Social Science at the University's Branch in Piotrków Trybunalski.

The University has been methodically expanding and updating its research and teaching facilities by making efficient use of European Union's structural funds. For example, over PLN 300 million has been used to expand the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, the Centre for Arts Education within the structures of the Faculty of Education and Arts, the Foreign Language Centre at the Faculty of Humanities, the Centre for Business and Entrepreneurship of the Faculty of Management and Administration, and the Main Library. Projects worth almost PLN 40 million, related to comprehensive expansion of the University's ICT infrastructure and implementation of the integrated IT university management system have been completed. Special stress has been laid on providing state-of-the-art equipment for research and teaching faculty laboratories.

The work of the University gives a considerable boost to the region's development by providing education to the young and involvement of the academic circles in the cultural, scientific, economic and social life. These tasks acquire special significance for knowledge-based economy. The University's leading role is that of a centre which brings together and produces intellectual elites, conducting scientific research, inspiring new technological solutions and supporting the building of regional identity: these values are consistently stressed in the fundamental documents which define development strategies for Świętokrzyskie region.

What it is like to study at Jan Kochanowski University

[Video 1](#) [Video 2](#)

Location

Poland

Poland officially the Republic of Poland is a country in Central Europe bordered by Germany to the west; the Czech Republic and Slovakia to the south; Ukraine and Belarus to the east; and the Baltic Sea, Kaliningrad Oblast (a Russian exclave) and Lithuania to the north. The total area of Poland is 312,679 square kilometres (120,726 sq mi), making it the 71st largest country in the world and the 9th largest in Europe. With a population of over 38.5 million people,[8] Poland is the 34th most populous country in the world, the sixth most populous member of the European Union, and the most populous post-communist member of the European Union. Poland is a unitary state divided into 16 administrative subdivisions.



Kielce – the city located in the heart of the Świętokrzyskie (Holy Cross) Mountains is the main centre of business and tourism for the Świętokrzyskie Province. The town is also a centre of the building industry with a long tradition, a cultural centre, and a spot where there are many geological peculiarities. Within the boundaries of Kielce

there are as many as 5 nature reserves. Favourable geographic location, road network and the vicinity of the country's biggest conurbations make it a good place to invest your capital as well as to take a rest. Cycle tracks, many ski lifts, horse riding centres, picturesque hiking routes provide unforgettable experiences to the tourists. The city is also an important centre for fairs and exhibitions. Kielce Trade Fairs, which organize nearly 30 specialized events, often connected with conferences and displays, which creates perfect opportunities to initiate business contacts. Kielce is friendly to business people. Many of them have decided to invest their money just here. Brokerage houses, adviser's offices, a few dozen banks and financial institutions assure efficient consulting and financial services.

Semester/key dates

[Academic Calendar](#)

[Courses Available](#)

Living in Poland

- **Accommodation arrangements**

The university will assist the students in finding accommodation, students can choose between dormitory, to rent a flat or room. For more information on accommodation click [here](#).

- **[Library Services](#)**

The Library of the Jan Kochanowski University offers 9 reading rooms available (Main Library - Reading Room, Main Library - Special Collections Reading Room, Main Library - Reference Reading Room, Modern Languages Reading Room, Pedagogical Reading Room, Management and Administration Reading Room, Mathematics and Natural Sciences Reading Room and History Reading Room), which, altogether, offer 343 sits.

The number of digital periodicals available in the library's databases: over 17000 titles from all over the world.

The library has a register of 205 libraries with which it cooperates within the interlibrary exchange project.

- **Housing and Living**

Student apartments typically consist of 3-5 bedrooms, a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom(s). The rent varies between 150-250 euros per month, depending on the location and the number of tenants. Student apartments are situated around the Kielce area. Students should budget approximately 350–500 euros per month for housing, transportations, food and other daily necessities.

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team

2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination After being nominated by the home universities the students will receive a link to **Online Application form** for Incoming Exchange Students. In addition the students are to provide the International Student Services with the following supporting documents:
 - a. **a photo (passport size)**
 - b. **an official transcript of records**
 - c. **a curriculum vitae**

[For more information](#). Once the application is completed and approved, the students will receive an official **letter of acceptance**.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Jan Kochanowski University, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Poland. For further information, please see the website of the [Embassy of Poland](#) in London.

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