

A GUIDE TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE FACULTY OF LANGUAGES



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American Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes

The students undertaking American Studies have an opportunity to develop a very good command of English in addition to studying such subjects as history, politics, culture and American literature. They also have a range of optional classes to choose from.

The graduates of American Studies have highly developed soft skills, they are excellent team players with high competence in intercultural communication. They can also effectively search various sources of information. American Studies offer the possibility of obtaining a Bachelor's degree after three years of study and a Master's degree after subsequent two-year course.

The graduates of American Studies will find employment in translation companies, cultural institutions, publishing houses, the media, companies that require knowledge of English and American culture and airlines. The graduates of these studies have no difficulty finding a job in Poland and abroad.

English Studies, teaching major

Full-time BA and MA programmes and extramural MA programme

The BA programme of English Studies (teaching major) enables students to develop language skills in English, attend courses in linguistics and literary studies, classes related to teacher education (pedagogy, psychology, general and detailed didactics, voice emission, information technologies) and the history and culture of Great Britain and the United States. Completion of the BA course enables its graduates to teach English in primary schools. In the MA course, the chosen major is studied in the field of either literature or linguistics. Completion of the MA course enables its graduates to teach English in all types of schools.

The department of English Studies (teaching major) trains English teachers who find employment in all types of public and private schools as well as language schools. Our graduates work in cultural institutions, publishing houses, the media, companies requiring English language skills, British and American culture, in private companies and airlines.

English Studies, translation major

Full-time BA and MA programmes



The BA programme of English Studies (translation major) develops translation skills through practical translation classes run in modern labs. Students improve their language skills, learn translation theories, linguistics, history, the literature and culture of Great Britain and the United States. In the MA course, the chosen major is studied in the field of either specialised translation or audio-visual translation for publishing houses and mass media. We improve the translation skills of the students

and help them get to know the translator's work environment.

The curriculum is adapted to the realities of the market. We train translators who are prepared to cooperate with publishing houses, translation agencies and international institutions.

English Studies, natural language processing major

Full-time MA programme

This major is run in cooperation with the Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science. The students learn the basic linguistic tools used in natural language processing and the basics of programming. They combine language skills with information technology.

A graduate of this major is prepared to work on new technologies, the key element of which is natural language (e.g. mobile phone applications, communicators, intelligent homes, speech synthesizers, software using language as a means of communication between the computer and its user). An additional advantage of the major is cooperation with external companies.

Cultural Communication

Full-time BA and MA programmes in English, paid

The students of BA and MA programme of Cultural Communication Studies develop language skills in English and learn Polish at the basic level. They attend courses in the field of linguistics, literary studies and cultural studies, classes fostering students' competences in analysing complex phenomena of various cultures and societies, as well as developing project management skills and acquiring knowledge of managing cultural institutions. For this purpose, they learn modern information technologies and acquire the ability to create projects and organise artistic activities in socially and politically diverse cultures.

The department of Cultural Communication has been created to meet the demand of the labour market for high-class specialists, capable of practically applying various techniques of cultural communication and soft competences in managing cultural and artistic institutions on an international scale. Graduates will be skilled in efficient intercultural communication in English. The syllabus includes curriculum content and learning outcomes necessary to acquire knowledge, skills and competences in the field of humanities, and prepares graduates to work in international cultural and art institutions.

Arts Administration

Full-time BA programme

Arts Administration (abbreviated as AA) is a BA programme in the course of which students develop language skills in general and business English.

The stage and management major is a combination of studies at the Institute of English and American Studies at the Faculty of Languages of the University of Gdańsk with art education at the Post-Secondary Singing and Acting School at the Musical Theatre in Gdynia. Students of this major, in addition to university subjects, learn the profession of a musical actor (singing, acting, dancing, elocution, and recitation).

The syllabus of the management major includes many more subjects expanding students' knowledge about the world of art, workshops (including art), meetings with famous people and classes preparing for work in various positions. In the course of the studies, students establish many valuable contacts and go through properly selected internship cycles, for example in the European Network of Shakespeare Festivals. The Gdańsk Shakespeare Theatre and the Musical Theatre in Gdynia support the ideas, activities and development of our students.

The Arts Administration department cooperates with artists, directors of cultural institutions, specialists from Poland and abroad. We organise meetings with potential employers, help students get traineeships and internships in the most prestigious institutions. Our students also have influence on the curriculum - they submit their proposals for workshops, meetings and optional courses, help in their organisation and learn about the activities of art institutions from the inside, as well as acquire the skills to create projects and organise artistic activities in socially and politically diverse institutions. After graduation, the students receive a Bachelor's degree.

AA graduates are comprehensively educated humanists (history of theatre, art criticism, extensive English language programme) with very practical skills (marketing, advertising and PR, introduction to law, finance, accounting, management, fundraising related to art and art management) and at the same time they gain a lot of art experience. The management major also offers numerous art workshops and classes thanks to which students gain an understanding of contemporary art and its history. The course prepares students for work in various types of institutions, such as theatres and galleries, and for organising art events such as festivals and happenings. Excellent English skills help students in future work with foreign experts and artists and in gaining international experience. We prepare students for work in various positions, for example in promotion and advertising, education, organisation and management of artistic initiatives.

Chinese Studies

Full-time BA programme



Those who decide to attend Chinese Studies will start a fascinating adventure with one of the most unusual languages of the modern world - the Chinese language. This journey through a tangled labyrinth of characters, tones, idioms and grammar structures is admittedly a difficult task, but also

the source of great satisfaction. On the way to mastering this beautiful and extremely useful language, spoken by more than 1.5 billion people around the world, students are supported by experienced lecturers and teachers. Most of them are Chinese and Taiwanese citizens of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan. In addition to language skills, Chinese Studies provide multidimensional knowledge of the history, culture, customs, economy and social life of the Middle Kingdom. The students are prepared for HSK language exams, the passing of which makes them eligible for attractive scholarship programmes, as well as a one-semester or one-year trip to universities in China. Chinese Studies are not only a great intellectual adventure, but also an investment in the professional future.

Knowledge of the Chinese language is an extremely valuable asset in today's world. The dynamics of China's economic development is unprecedented in the latest world history – analysts have no doubt that the Middle Kingdom will become the world's largest economy in a few years. China is present in every corner of the world, it is connected with the Western world by an ever denser network of economic, political and cultural ties. Those who are fluent in Chinese can count on an excellent job related to foreign trade, transport, tourism, diplomacy, education and cultural cooperation.

Eastern Studies

Full-time BA programme

Languages – Culture – Communication – International business is an interdisciplinary model of integrated education, which is applied in the three-year BA programme of Eastern Studies. We offer several majors. Currently, the major taught is Russian with Chinese, in which an intensive course of Russian and Chinese and a specialised course of English are accompanied by studies in the field of history, social and political reality, economy, social and economic geography, spiritual and material culture of Russia and China. The students acquire solid professional competences thanks to such subjects as: introduction to economics, elements of commercial law, management and international economic relations. An important element of education at the Eastern Studies is the development of communication skills acquired in the course of such subjects as negotiation and interpersonal communication techniques or business correspondence in English.

In each didactic cycle, students also attend optional courses which develop their professional knowledge, skills and competences. The new "Silk Road" connecting the East and the West opens up extremely promising business perspectives, Eastern Studies are a response to the current needs of employers, above all of the companies conducting business in Eastern markets, that is in Russia and in the countries lying in the sphere of influence of the Russian Federation as well as China and Taiwan, which are the giants of the global economy. To meet their needs, we train specialists with advanced knowledge of two languages: Russian and Chinese. The graduates of Eastern Studies have a solid knowledge and comprehensive skills useful in performing economic tasks, they are familiar with commercial law issues and various aspects of the Eastern culture. They are well prepared to face the dynamic changes of the modern world.

Russian Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes

The curriculum includes learning practical Russian, linguistics, translation, literature, Russian culture and other courses. The BA programme offers two majors: Teaching Russian, in the course of which students learn teaching methodology, psychology, pedagogy and andragogy and acquire practical skills, language and professional competences; and Translation and Business Language, in the course of which students are prepared for the translator's profession, gain language, cultural and communication skills. They attend classes and workshops on specialist translation (including business documentation) as well as the basics of translation of scientific texts, interpreting (including community interpreting), sworn translation, and text analysis for translation purposes. Classes are run by experienced translation theoreticians and practitioners.

The MA programme also offers two majors. First of all: Teaching, where the syllabus includes general courses (pedagogy, psychology, didactics) and specialist ones (language teaching methodology, voice emission). Students also have compulsory pedagogical internship at school. The other major is Translation and Intercultural Communication, where students learn inter-lingual and intercultural communication in translation: audio-visual, media, literary, scientific and simultaneous. Students get compulsory professional internship and take part in translation competitions. Legal translation is taught by experienced sworn translators. Classes in interpreting take place in laboratories with specialist equipment.

The graduates of the Teaching major are licensed to teach at all levels and in all types of schools, they run specialist language courses. The acquired teaching rights do not expire. Graduates of the Translation major are prepared to communicate freely in oral and written form with partners from the Russian-speaking area and to work as a translator expert involved for example in interpreting and translation of literary, legal, tourist, media, economic or technical texts. They gain a solid theoretical background and practical skills in the field of translation, which allow them to take the state examination for a sworn translator of the Russian language.

Russian Cultural Studies Full-time BA programme



Russian Cultural Studies offer an interdisciplinary educational model. It covers three main areas: language, culture and business, which remain in close interaction with each other during the course of studies. Intensive learning of the Russian language and a second foreign language is accompanied by studies in the field of culture, history, political science, media studies, law, economics, and diplomacy, which explain, among others, the processes of shaping social systems and structures in Russia and in the countries remaining in the sphere of influence of the Russian Federation, the economic, political and legal conditions of these systems, as well as the practical application of standards, procedures and practices in organisations, social and political institutions and the media in Russia. A very important element of education in Russian Cultural Studies is the communication aspect, including interpersonal, group and mass communication, specific to the Russian-speaking parts of the world.

After the first year of studies, the students of Russian Cultural Studies choose one of the two majors: Business and Economics or Media Studies, which allow them to develop their passions and carry out their plans related to future professional activities.

Russian Cultural Studies prepare students for professional work in Polish-Russian economic, cultural and media relations. High competences in the field of Russian, English or another foreign language, knowledge of Russian realities, comprehensive preparation for work in business and culture, as well as courage in taking up challenges and openness to dynamic changes in the modern world make the graduates of this course attractive specialists on the labour market.



Romance Studies

Full-time and extramural BA and MA programmes

The BA programme of Romance Studies includes French-language literature and Romance linguistics and develops practical skills in the field of teaching French as a foreign language in the Teaching major or translation and interpretation in the Translation major. All students study the French language and the culture of French-speaking countries. Completion of the Teaching major enables students to work as teachers, while the Translation major gives them opportunity to learn translation techniques using the latest technologies. Interpreting is conducted in a specialist lab equipped with the Sanako system – the students have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with this simultaneous interpreting system. The students of the Translation major also learn about CAT tools and programs for creating audio-visual translations, while students of the Teaching major learn how to use multi-media tools in foreign language teaching.

The MA programme provides substantive and methodological preparation for research work in the field of Romance linguistics or Romance literature in French or Spanish, depending on the language path chosen. Particular emphasis is placed on the latest literary and linguistic issues, as well as on the anthropological dimension of these disciplines. The general academic education is supplemented by practical aspects of translation or didactics of Romance languages. Graduates of the BA course who acquire teaching rights may expand their professional qualifications at the MA course.

Depending on the major chosen, graduates can find employment in cultural institutions, travel agencies, translation agencies, publishing houses, or become teachers in primary schools. They can also work in one of many French companies operating on the Polish market.



Spanish Studies

Full-time and extramural BA and MA programmes

Spanish Studies enable students to acquire knowledge and skills preparing graduates to take up the job of a translator (Translation major) or a teacher (Teaching major). In addition to intensive learning of practical Spanish (from the basic level to the C1 level), students also learn Portuguese. Good command of both languages significantly increases the chances of graduates to find work on the Polish and international market, both in companies and cultural institutions. Our goal is primarily to develop practical communication-oriented skills. Students acquire and deepen knowledge in the field of research, didactics and teaching methodology. Subjects such as culture and literature of a given area introduce the necessary social and cultural context. We offer high quality education. Thanks to highly qualified teaching staff, language teaching is adapted to the current standards of foreign language learning in the European Union. Spanish Studies combine practical skills with solid humanistic education as well as specialised expertise.

Spanish Studies provide also a possibility of international exchange within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

The Translation major (on full-time and extramural studies) gives the graduates the opportunity to seek employment as a translator and to work in companies from Spanish-speaking countries or as a literature translator. The Teaching major (full-time studies) gives graduates the opportunity to work in kindergartens, elementary schools or language schools. The Intercultural major (extramural studies) provides knowledge of the realities of post-colonial countries, which, in addition to good command of Spanish and Portuguese, can be a big advantage for an employer cooperating with the countries of Latin America or Africa. After completing a special course, the graduates of each major can work as a guide or tour guide.

Applied Linguistics

Full-time BA and MA programmes and extramural BA programme

Applied Linguistics is a course that allows students to acquire advanced skills in the field of practical English and German (C1 level), as well as in the field of translations in language pairs: Polish - English, Polish - German. Classes, mainly practical speaking and grammar classes, are run at the same level of teaching in both foreign languages. Selected subjects are run by native speakers. In the second year of study, students start learning a third foreign language, French or Spanish. The syllabus also includes classes on the literature, history and the realities of English and German-speaking countries.

Thanks to the Erasmus+ programme, students of Applied Linguistics have the opportunity to study at universities in Germany, Spain and Slovakia.

The Institute of Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies offers also tutorials – one to one classes that enable students to broaden their knowledge and develop their skills in the areas of their interests and individual research needs. The Institute cooperates with employers from Tri-City who recruit people fluent in two foreign languages.

The MA course in Applied Linguistics enables students to obtain language proficiency in the field of English and German at a fully professional level (C2) and acquire advanced translation skills in language pairs: Polish-German, Polish-English and English-German. Practical language and translation classes, including classes in specialist translation, are conducted at the same level of teaching in English and German.

Excellent command of two major foreign languages in the European Union and around the world is the greatest asset of the graduates of Applied Linguistics on the labour market.

German Studies

Full-time and extramural BA and MA programmes



German Studies are a course for people who want to become fluent in German, learn about the history and culture of German-speaking countries and prepare for attractive professional work. The studies include classes in practical German, German literature, grammar and history of the German language, English language classes and information technology. To undertake German Studies, you must know German at an intermediate level. An intensive language course during the entire programme allows you to improve your knowledge and develop skills in your chosen major. The full-time BA course offers three majors:

Teaching, Translation or Business and Economics; the MA course offers two majors: Translation or Teaching.

Completion of the BA teaching programme enables students to teach German and English in kindergartens and primary schools, and the MA programme - to teach German at all stages of education. The Translation major develops the skills necessary to work as a translator. The Business and Economics major helps students master specialist language used in the economic, financial and legal sectors and to acquire professional skills useful in business activities, such as the basics of accounting. The BA extramural course offers the Translation major. At the MA course, you can choose between the Translation and Teaching majors.

Graduates usually work as teachers of German or English. They can work as an interpreter, in international companies, in the media and in cultural institutions. They are offered jobs in the tourist, commercial and marketing industries as well as in public administration. They also find employment in foreign institutions and companies.

Polish Studies

Full-time and extramural BA and MA programmes



Polish Studies cover broadly understood areas in the field of humanities, from linguistics and literature studies, through the theory of literature, to anthropology and culture. Lectures and classes allow students to acquire theoretical knowledge, but are also focused on teaching them multidimensional analysis and interpretation of the literary texts.

Classes are divided into those that give students a general view of the history of Polish and world literature and the history of the Polish language, introduce them to basic philosophical trends and to various research methods and those that allow them to use theoretical knowledge during the analysis of literary works. The students learn to read the meanings inscribed in modern and ancient texts, acquire research skills and write their first research papers.

As part of the Polish Studies, literary workshops are also organised (e.g. on blog writing), as well as trips to exhibitions, performances and meetings with authors.

The course offers various majors: Teaching, Editing, Journalism and Current Affairs, Teaching Polish as a foreign language, and Art and Media Criticism, which allow students to develop their interests and acquire appropriate skills, which are sometimes (as in the case of the teaching major) necessary for their future profession. In addition to scientific development, Polish Studies also enable the students to implement their own artistic projects selected from the rich offer of the Faculty of Languages.

After graduating from the Polish Studies, the job opportunities are varied. They greatly depend on the interests and skills of graduates developed during the studies. The course trains people willing to work in schools, publishing houses, magazines and other cultural institutions, such as theatres, libraries and the media.

Film and Audio-Visual Culture Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes and extramural BA programme



The Film and Audio-Visual Culture Studies, informally referred to as "practical film studies", is focused on developing practical skills related to film, but it also provides typically academic knowledge. The syllabus is divided into three basic

modules: first of all, the students learn the history and theory of the cinema in connection with general cultural knowledge. Secondly, they learn how to disseminate film culture. They attend classes in film criticism, organisation of film events and teaching about cinema. Thirdly, they have classes in film-making, including camera operation, working with an actor, writing screenplays or editing. The students also make their own short films. Workshops are run in cooperation with the Gdynia Film School, by its lecturers and partly in its building.

Many well-known filmmakers began their contact with the cinema from film-making classes at the University of Gdańsk, for example such top Polish directors as Maciej Dejczer, Mirosław Bork or documentary maker Maciej Adamek and Marcin Bortkiewicz from the younger generation. Also today, students or graduates of the Faculty of Languages make successful independent films, awarded at prestigious competitions or festivals.

A graduate of Film and Audio-Visual Culture Studies can work in a number of institutions related to the production and promotion of audio-visual culture (film festivals, advertising agencies, cultural centres, cinemas). Those who completed the BA course also work at film sets of such Polish television productions as "Wataha" or "Ojciec Mateusz". Many of them are also involved in film education and writing reviews for web portals.

Cultural Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes



Cultural Studies have a practical and academic dimension. They give students the ability to understand and interpret the contemporary world, both multicultural and globalised.

The course emphasises cultural diversity, introducing students to cultural anthropology, popular culture, art (film, theatre, music, comics, fine arts) as well as animation and educational activities, among others.

The BA course offers the following majors: Cultural Management and Criticism and Cultural Education, while the MA course: Cultural Administration and Audio-visual Culture. Classes within individual majors are conducted by specialised practitioners and are held in cooperation with cultural institutions. Two research groups operate at the Department of Cultural Studies: "Mosaic" and "LeMonada", whose members participate in field studies and prepare various types of cultural events.

Cultural Studies educate cultural managers, cultural educators, art critics, curators, employees of multimedia libraries and other cultural institutions. The graduates of our courses work, among others, in the press and online portals, museums, multimedia libraries and cultural centres.

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Theatre Studies

Full-time BA programme

Theatre Studies are fascinating studies in a friendly atmosphere for all those who love the theatre.

Our students gain solid knowledge of the history and theory of theatre, learn about the latest, avant-garde and surprising theatre forms and the youngest disciplines related to theatre studies, such as anthropology of performances and performance studies. They also gain a good knowledge of other visual arts,



such as film, new media or fine arts, and explore literature studies. Our lecturers are unquestionable scientific authorities, and at the same time open, kind and uncommon people.

The curriculum offers a unique major: Organisation and management of theatre activities, which develops practical skills in all students who want to actively contribute to the cultural life in their city and region. During major-related practical classes, students learn about the theatre culture of Pomerania, the basics of theatre pedagogy, the specificity of theatre for children and youths, the rules for managing cultural and theatre projects. They learn to write critical reviews of theatre performances and participate in a series of acting, directing, stage design and dance workshops run by renowned artists.

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Our students are privileged viewers of the Tri-City theatres, they are members of the Student Theatre Club and make their own theatre called "Teatr NieUGiętych". During student internships, they make valuable contacts with Tri-City theatres and gain practical experience in organising artistic activities. Graduates of Theatre Studies work in theatres, in the media and in many different cultural institutions. They make theatre, write about it and infect others with their enthusiasm. The most talented students continue their education at the MA course in Theatrology.

Theatrology

Full-time MA programme

Theatrology is a course for active and creative humanists, theatre and literature lovers, who would like to link their future professional career with performing arts and cultural institutions.

Our students gain cross-sectional knowledge of old and contemporary theatre, both national and even that of exotic cultures. They learn the theory, history and the latest phenomena in dramatic literature. They gain knowledge of various theatre forms and genres (puppet, music, radio and entertainment theatre), learn about the past and present most important European theatres and performance traditions of the Far East. During the workshops with theatre critics and renowned playwrights, they learn to write texts about the theatre and for the theatre. Studies take place in a friendly atmosphere, under the supervision of unquestionable scientific authorities, open to individual needs and temperaments of the students.

The Dramaturgy and Criticism major helps the students establish cooperation with the Tri-City theatres, in which our students are privileged viewers. The most ambitious students can count on attractive internships, for example at the side of renowned directors.

Our graduates work in theatres, in the media and in many different cultural institutions. They make theatre, write about it and infect others with their enthusiasm. The most talented students continue their education at doctoral studies.

Do you love the theatre? Do you want to be involved in it professionally? Join us!

Classical Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes

Classical Studies focus not only on Greco-Roman antiquity, but the entire European culture. All large libraries and archives are full of books and documents



drawn up in Latin (and in Greek) that have been written from the earliest times to the present. Literature created in national languages, theatre and film, art and architecture, philosophy and law are constantly drawing on the ancient tradition. Only Classical Studies enable us to understand Europe and see it as a whole. The syllabus includes: Latin, Greek, Italian, ancient history, Greek literature, Roman and New Latin literature, the history of Greek and Roman culture, the history of art, ancient philosophy, Latin culture of old Gdańsk, history of books and editing.

Classical Studies develop intellectual skills and prepare students to fully participate in the European culture. Classical Studies are also the best way to prepare for scientific work in all areas of the humanities (including, for example, the history of natural sciences, medicine or pedagogy). Graduates easily adapt to the expectations of the employer, take up jobs in various professions and at various positions. They are great employees of all institutions related to the study, creation and dissemination of culture, such as: libraries, archives, publishing houses, museums, theatres, and cultural centers. They also work in the sphere of domestic and foreign tourism.

Speech Therapy

Full-time BA and MA programmes

Speech Therapy is a science dealing with the issues related to language communication, which it analyses from the point of view of various disciplines and in the broadest medical, linguistic, psychological, pedagogical, artistic scope (from the model, through the standard, to pathology). During



the studies in the field of Speech Therapy, the emphasis is put on developing practical skills in the diagnosis and treatment of speech disorders. A course in Speech Therapy prepares students for work with people of all ages: with children, teenagers and adults. A speech therapist conducts speech therapy in the case of articulation disorders, delays in speech development, dyslexia, stuttering, hearing defects, aphasia, voice disorders, etc. They also cooperate with people who want to improve their communication skills, i.e. people who speak in public, e.g. politicians, journalists or actors. The department of Speech Therapy is co-directed by the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University of Gdańsk.

A graduate of the BA course has the opportunity to continue their studies at a MA course, choosing either Early Speech Therapy Intervention or Neurological Speech Therapy major. They can take up a job as a speech therapist teacher in kindergartens and primary schools. Speech Therapy studies are teacher training studies, whose curriculum includes, apart from the main field of study (speech therapy), another field of study (Polish Studies), which entitles the graduate to work as a Polish language teacher in a primary school.

A graduate of the MA course receives a diploma of higher education and a Master's degree in speech therapy. They are fully qualified to work as speech therapists in all institutions employing speech therapists and have the right to run a private speech therapy practice. Speech therapists may work in specialist clinics, speech therapy rooms, neurological wards in hospitals, research institutions and research and development centers. The offer of the Department of Speech Therapy addressed to graduates includes also specialised postgraduate courses in nine fields of study.

Scandinavian Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes

The BA course offers learning one of the Scandinavian languages – Swedish, Norwegian or Danish – from the beginner’s level (A1) and mastering it at the intermediate level (B2), and a simultaneous English course. The curriculum also includes general and methodological education subjects (including linguistics, literary studies, Scandinavian culture as well as historical, social, political, media and economic issues of the Nordic countries). During the studies we train practical communication skills and introduce students to the basics of the profession of a translator. The MA course provides an opportunity to improve the students’ command of a selected Scandinavian language – Swedish, Norwegian or Danish – and master it at an advanced level (C2). The curriculum includes methodological subjects and classes improving cultural competences concerning Northern Europe. MA studies are not devoid of practical aspects: students learn the secrets of conference interpreting - both consecutive and simultaneous (taking place in the translation booth) – as well as selected variants of written translation.

The rich network of international agreements concluded by the Institute of Scandinavian Studies makes it possible for its students to complete some of the courses from the curriculum at universities in Denmark, Norway and Sweden (Erasmus+ programme), as well as deepen their cultural and language competences at summer courses organised by Scandinavian universities.

A graduate of Scandinavian Studies is a specialist on the labour market, well up on the specificity and cultural realities of Northern Europe. They have the unique communication skills desired by employers. They have language, translation, editorial and cultural competences necessary to feel comfortable in the world of business and the media, especially in areas focused on Polish-Scandinavian relations. They are the employees sought by companies dealing in economic contacts between Poland and Scandinavia. They also find employment in language schools, tourist companies, publishing houses, cultural institutions, non-governmental organisations and local administration bodies. After completing the MA course, they become fully skilled translators. They can run their own translation company or cooperate with translation agencies and publishing houses that publish Scandinavian literature.

Scandinavian Studies

Specialisation: The language, culture and economy of Finland

4-year full-time BA programme, enrolment every two years

This specialization is a rarity in Poland. Thanks to experienced lecturers, it allows students to master the Finnish language at a high level, gain a thorough and comprehensive



knowledge of literature, culture, social and economic realities of Finland, as well as develop valuable skills in intercultural communication and translation. Contact with the Finnish culture is provided by the representatives of Finnish diplomacy, cultural institutions and Finnish companies, as well as students' scientific circles: Finnish Research Club "Routa" and "Wandering Lexemes of the North" club. Students of the Finnish Studies actively participate in interesting events concerning the contemporary cultural, literary and economic life of Finland. They also go to Finland for summer language courses, take language internships there, participate in student exchanges within the Erasmus+ programme. Graduates of this specialization have the opportunity to take advantage of many interesting job offers, including jobs in Finnish company branches. Thanks to their high language, translation and communication skills, they find employment in foreign trade enterprises, the public sector, administration bodies, diplomatic posts, cultural institutions, the media, non-governmental organizations, translation companies, airlines and tourist companies.

Slavonic Studies

Full-time BA and MA programmes

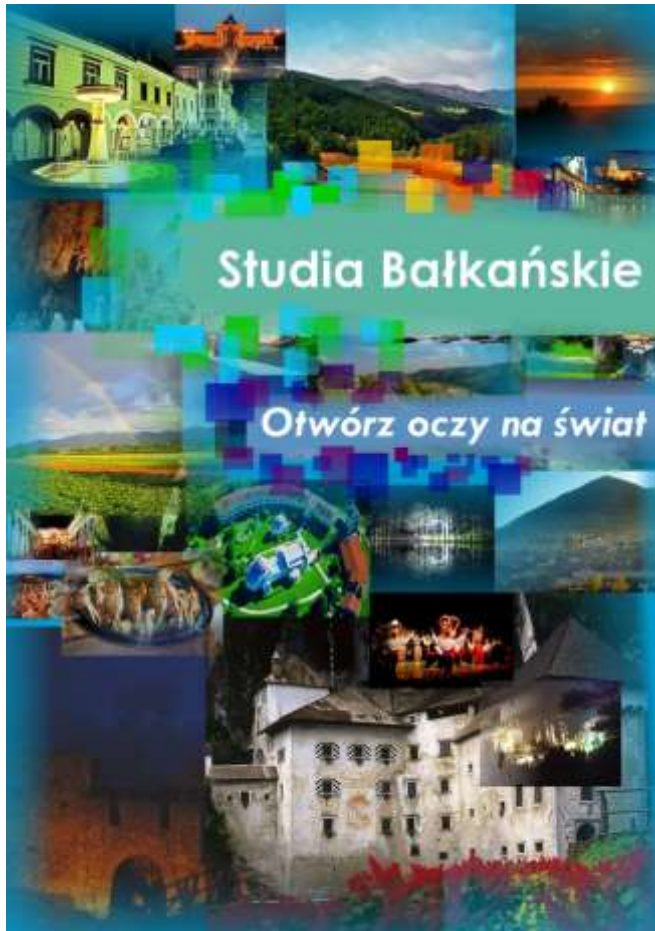
The BA course focuses on the disciplines of language studies, literature and linguistics, but also offers knowledge in the area of cultural studies and the history of the Western Balkans region. Learning one of the two major languages – Serbian or Croatian (690 hours), the second Slavic language - Russian or Slovenian (120 hours) – and English helps the students acquire advanced language skills. During the studies, students will also get acquainted with issues related to translation, tourism, life and institutions, Balkan film, and audio-visual arts, thanks to which they gain a broad language and cultural perspective. Slavonic Studies enable students to develop in-depth academic insight through a system of regular tutorials with lecturers. Foreign languages are taught by native speakers. The language syllabus at the higher years of study also includes the thematic areas that meet the needs of the labour market.

The MA course deepens the knowledge gained at the BA programme in the fields of Slavonic Studies and Balkan Studies. Practical subjects - translation of written and spoken texts and audio-visual translation - offer the student the competences necessary for the translator's profession, while lectures and classes in the field of language studies are interdisciplinary, thanks to which the acquired knowledge is comprehensive. The graduates of Slavonic Studies are versatile specialists who can fully use their acquired skills and competences in professional work.

The graduates of Slavonic Studies find employment in cultural institutions, tourism, and the media. Intensive expansion of Polish business into the Western Balkan markets makes them attractive candidates for managerial positions in foreign branches of Polish companies, because they have high language competences and skills in intercultural communication. Also, multinational corporations operating in the Tri-City gladly recruit employees from among our graduates.

Balkan Studies

Full-time BA programme



Balkan Studies focus primarily on language competences and practical skills in such areas as: economics, diplomacy, law and economy, but at the same time they offer knowledge in the field of literary studies, intercultural communication, cultural studies and life and institutions of the Balkan region. Learning one of the two major languages – Serbian or Croatian, second South-European language – Italian or Turkish, as well as classes in diplomacy and business in English help the students acquire high language skills. The students also get acquainted with the basics of written and oral translation, contemporary literature of the Balkan countries, film

and audio-visual arts, thanks to which they gain a broad language and cultural perspective. These studies enable students to develop in-depth academic insight through a system of regular tutorials with lecturers. Foreign languages are taught by native speakers, and language courses at higher years also include the thematic areas that meet the needs of the labour market.

The graduates of Balkan Studies find employment in cultural institutions, tourism, and the media. They are sought for managerial positions in foreign branches of Polish companies due to their high language competences, knowledge of Southern European markets and intercultural communication skills. The multinational corporations operating in the Tri-City also eagerly hire our graduates, appreciating their comprehensive knowledge.

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