



Lifelong
Learning
Programme

ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2013-14

- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -

INSTITUTION NAME:	BIALYSTOK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	
ADDRESS:	15-351 BIALYSTOK, UL. WIEJSKA 45A	
COUNTRY:	POLAND	
EILC LANGUAGE	<i>POLISH</i>	
LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:	<i>LEVEL I (BEGINNER) ✓ NUMBER OF COURSES: 2 DATES: 26.08 – 21. 09.2013</i>	<i>LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE) NUMBER OF COURSES: DATES:</i>
WEB SITE		

Please note that all student EILC applications for our EILC should be sent by e-mail to the following address: eilc@frse.org.pl (Erasmus National Agency in Poland).

Students are also required to register on-line at: <http://www.erasmus.org.pl/eilc-poland>

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PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN

- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION

Białystok - where is it?

Population: 300 000

Area: 102,12 km²

Province: Podlasie



It is the largest city in northeastern Poland and the capital of the Podlasie Region, close to the border with Belarus and Lithuania. The city has a warm summer continental climate, characterized by warm summers and long frosty winters. Forests are an important part of Białystok's character, and occupy around 17.2% of the administrative area of the city, which places it as the fifth most forested city in Poland.

Białystok has traditionally been one of the leading centers of academic, cultural, and artistic life in the Podlasie Region and the most important economic center in northeastern Poland. In the nineteenth century Białystok was an important center for textile industry which was the reason for the substantial growth of the city's population. Nowadays, through the infusion of EU investment funds, the city continues to work to reshape itself into a modern metropolis. Over the centuries Białystok has produced a number of people who have provided unique contribution to the fields of science, language, politics, religion, sports, visual arts and performing arts, among others: Field Crown Hetman Jan Klemens Branicki, patron for the arts and sciences, Ryszard Kaczorowski, the last émigré President of the Republic of Poland, Ludwik Zamenhof, the creator of Esperanto, Albert Sabin, the co-developer of the polio vaccine, Jerzy Maksymiuk, world famous composer and conductor and Leon Tarasewicz, one of the the most known and notable Polish contemporary artists.

To learn more about the city, go to: www.visitbialystok.com

- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS

The specific cultural climate of the city is mainly due to the centuries-old multinational and multi-religious tradition. This shaped the city's specificity by its openness, hospitality and friendliness, and contributed to the richness of its cultural life.

Main cultural events in Białystok thorough the year: Annual Review of Dancing Companies (January), "Szorty" Independent Film Festival (February), Białystok Music Spring, Documentary Film Festival (March), Days of Contemporary Art, Juvenalia Students' Festival (May), Jazz Festival – Jazz Deptak, Positive Vibrations Festival, Cathedral Organ Concerts (summer months), The Podlaskie Trade Fairs of Folk Sculpture and Smithing (September), Autumn Blues Festival – All Saints' Day with the Blues (November).

Białystok is also a city of sports.

- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)

How to get to Białystok from the Warsaw F. Chopin Airport?

· By train

The Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport is located about 15 km from the city centre. To reach the Central Railway Station (Dworzec Centralny - located in the heart of the city) you need to take a train from the airport or a regular local bus number 175, 188 or a night bus N32. The bus tickets can be bought in kiosks, ticket machines located at bus stops or you can buy them directly from drivers. Train tickets can be bought at the station or on the Internet. The journey Warsaw – Białystok takes nearly 3 hours.

Timetable information and train tickets prices:

Tel.: 00 48 22 94 36, 00 48 22 511 60 03

<http://www.pkp.com.pl>

<http://www.intercity.pl>

· By bus

Białystok can be reached by bus – PKS buses and Podlasie Express coaches, departures from the coach station at the airport. The journey by bus takes 3.5 hours. This is the most convenient connection.

Timetable and information:

Tel.: 00 48 85 66 33 164

Mobile: 00 48 660 485 656

<http://www.podlasie-express.pl>

· By car

The journey takes about 2.5 hours long and the distance is 198 km.

How to get to the BUT Campus from the Białystok railway and bus station?

· By bus

Take regular bus number 10 (train station) or 19 (bus station)

· By taxi

It is not far, so you will pay about 20 – 25 PLN (5-6 EUR)

- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)

Białystok has a good network of buses which connects all parts of the city. Bus stops are easy to recognize and there are timetables at all of them. The bus timetables are also available on the public transport website:

<http://www.komunikacja.bialystok.pl> and <http://bialystok.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en>

You can buy tickets at kiosks or by sending a text message. Single tickets are valid for one ride. Students under 26 years old are entitled to reduced fares, but they are obliged to present an international student's card ISIC if requested. Beware of pickpockets!

Taxis can be found at taxi ranks or can be ordered by phone. There are many taxi corporations in Białystok. The

most popular ones are the following:: SUPER Taxi – 19191; Radio Taxi OK – 19626; Taxi Kolor – 19622

• SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION

Białystok University of Technology (BUT) is located in the centre of Białystok. It is a public institution of higher education. Our University has a long tradition, over 60-years experience in educating engineers, technologists and scientists. It employs highly-qualified staff who are members of renowned academic committees. Currently there are nearly 14 thousand students studying at Białystok University of Technology within its 7 faculties. It offers a wide range of study courses, a well-developed scientific and research infrastructure. The education process involves three cycles or degrees available in full-time and part-time study programmes, according to the Bologna Declaration.

The academic year includes a winter and a summer semester. One semester includes 15 weeks of classes and ends with an examination period.

The Erasmus Intensive Language Courses (EILC) are run by The Foreign Language Centre in cooperation with International Relations Office.

The Foreign Language Centre (FLC) offers courses of English, German and Russian to all home and incoming students. It provides high standards of foreign language teaching. The centre runs general and special purpose courses at all levels. We also offer courses of Polish language accompanied by lectures on Polish history and culture.

Contact:

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Foreign Relations Office
ul. Wiejska 45A, 15-351 Białystok, Poland
tel +48 85 746 90 44, e-mail: m.opacka@pb.edu.pl



• ACCOMMODATION

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK

We guarantee all participants rooms in our Students Residence Halls within the walking distance of our University and city centre. There are single and double rooms available. They have shared bathroom facilities. The cost is 490 PLN (about 120 EUR) per month in a single room and 430 PLN (about 105 EUR) in a double room. The price includes

the costs of gas, electricity, Internet, electric kettle, fridge, duvet and pillow and the change of bed linen. There is a computer spot with Internet access. Self-catered accommodation gives the option of preparing your own meals (there is a kitchen with basic facilities on each floor) or buying inexpensive meals. Nearby there are shops, a post-office, banks with cash machines, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a sports centre and a few parks.

There is also a possibility of finding accommodation in hotels situated near the campus for a reasonable but a little higher prices.

• MEALS

- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)

Our University doesn't have any canteens but there are numerous bars with a variety of budget lunches in the vicinity. They offer traditional Polish cuisine as well as international food (pizza, kebab, gyros), snacks, salads and desserts. The cost of a meal is about 14 – 20 PLN (3,5-5 EUR). Near the campus there are also a few restaurants and other eating venues, including a vegetarian one. The cost of a meal ranges from 30 to 60 PLN (7 – 15 EUR). Our University is close to the city centre so you are not far from pubs and cafes of different types.

There are kitchen facilities on each floor, so meals can be prepared by students themselves.

• RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

- MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)

Before their arrival, students will receive e-mails with information on how to get to Białystok. The first meeting will take place on August 26, 2013 at 10.00 in the assembly hall of a Foreign Language Centre in a new Building of a Centre for Modern Education (CNK Building). Students will be welcomed by the University representatives and the staff working on the EILC project. Participants will receive information package with detailed programme of the course, maps and brochures.

• EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

- SITE VISITS

In and out of town:

- A guided tour of Białystok; The 18th century Branicki Palace with Baroque Gardens, Catholic and Orthodox Churches, Zamenhof's Centre, the Historical Museum and dozens of other attractions.
- Białowieża National Park - the last major refuge of the European bison as well as home to many other rare species and 400-year-old oaks. Białowieża National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve. In the Park there are several tourist attractions like European bison Show Reserve, where visitors can see many animals, especially: Polish Horses, beefalo (a hybrid of domestic cow and European bison), and the Emperor of the Forest – the European bison. Website: <http://bpn.com.pl/>
- Trips exploring multicultural Podlasie:

- Tatar Route: exploring the rich cultural heritage of the neighbourhood may provide visitors with many surprises, including discovering the traces of Muslim presence. Podlasie Tatar Route, with villages like Bohoniki and Kruszyń, is a unique opportunity to get to know the religion and culture of Polish Muslims, and of course, their cuisine.
- Jewish Route: visiting synagogues of Podlasie, encountering the history of Polish Jews.
- Orthodox culture, visiting orthodox churches, monasteries and Museum of Icon Paintings in Supraśl
- Campfire in a horse-riding club, including possibility of riding a horse.
- Concerts (rock, blues, jazz, organ) and clubbing
- Flavours of the Podlasie Region – dining in restaurants specializing in traditional local cuisine.
- The sites of natural beauty: The Biebrza River Valley and the Narew River Valley

The former one is known for its Europe's largest peat bogs and the habitat for elks, wolves, beavers, otters and other wild animals. The Narew River is often called the "Polish Amazon" because of its meandering riverbeds forming a network of swampy streams and channels, making the valley one of the best preserved ecosystems in Europe. Kayak would be the best way to see both rivers' picturesque routes. Website: www.biebrza.org.pl/lang,2, www.npn.eu

- SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)

BUT's Centre for Physical Education and Sport is a modern sports centre located on the campus. It offers a range of facilities - equipment for cardiovascular exercise, aerobics and fitness suite, weight training and indoor and outdoor courts for tennis, basketball, volleyball and other team sports. The campus is surrounded by parks ideal for outdoor recreation. As noise and pollution levels are low in Białystok, students have a chance to enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

There are several municipal facilities such as: sports pitches and a stadium, ice-skating rink, tennis courts, swimming pools as well as a local airport where the Białystok Hot Air Balloon Club and the Aircraft Society of Białystok organize competitions for air sports enthusiasts, paragliding lovers and hot air balloonists.

The parks and forests are an ideal place for joggers. There are numerous bicycle lanes in the city and in the outskirts.

- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)

The Białystok's night clubs and discos are popular night spots, especially during the weekends.

In the last few years the Białystok's nightclub scene has updated extremely and has become even more exciting. Therefore, if you want to visit all kinds of nightlife venues: discos, bars, pubs or live music clubs – prepare yourself for fun.

More information on www.visitbialystok.com

Białystok is famous for its Puppet Theatre with great repertoire for adults and one of the best galleries of modern art in Poland – Arsenal.

PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION

COURSE NO: 1 AND 2

LEVEL:

I: Beginner course

	FROM...	TO...
PERIOD:	26 AUGUST 2013 (ARRIVAL DAY SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2013)	21 SEPTEMBER 2013

• LANGUAGE COMPONENT

- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS

<p>Intensive language courses of Polish language aim at:</p> <p>a) developing in students the following language and cognitive skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the basic ability to communicate in typical everyday situations- the acquaintance with Polish art, culture, contemporary socio-economic and political problems and elements of geography and history- raising interest in Polish culture and language <p>b) integration of overseas and Polish students through their participation in attractive cultural and sightseeing programme</p> <p>c) presenting the system of higher education in Poland</p> <p>d) promotion of the Polish language, culture, customs and manners.</p> <p>Methodology of teaching Polish language is based on communicative approach. Students will develop all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) simultaneously. Students will work in small groups, in pairs or with the whole class, and individually as well. The working language in the classroom is Polish, but if necessary, the instructions will be repeated in English.</p>

- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS YES NO

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

IF YES, SPECIFY:

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- DURATION

Total number of classes	92 h.
Hours in classroom	60 h.
Hours of practice conversation/language laboratory	10 h.
other (please specify)	

1. Lectures in English on socio-economic, cultural, historical, geographical matters, etc. This module will end with a multiple choice test.	10 h.
2. Language and thematic workshops: singing (popular Polish songs), cuisine (combined with cooking of regional dishes), film (watching of a Polish film or series with subtitles), outdoor language games, artistic workshops (handcraft, drama, dancing) – workshops to choose from (students are obliged to complete 12 hours).	12 h.

- ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)

Students who pass the final language exam and meet attendance requirements receive a Bialystok University of Technology Polish Language Certificate as well as a Certificate of Attendance. They obtain **5 ECTS** on completion of the course and passing of the written and oral exam at A1 level. Students will be assessed through a combination of mid-term tests, coursework attendance and a final examination.

The final grade is based on the sum of the following scores:

Classes	1 st mini test	2nd mini test	3rd mini test	Oral tasks/projects	End-of-course examination	Total
25%	5%	5%	5%	20%	40%	100%
-Attitude -Effort -Attendance -Homework	- Use of language - Correctness - Vocabulary and grammar			- Effectiveness in communication - Correctness - Vocabulary and phrases	- Use of language - Correctness - Vocabulary and grammar - Fluency	

The following grading system is used:

- 94-100 A excellent/bardzo dobry
- 87-93 B+ very good/ dobry +
- 78-86 B good/dobry
- 69-77 C+ satisfactory/dostateczny +
- 60-68 C sufficient/dostateczny
- 0-59 F fail/niedostateczny

• COURSE FACILITIES

- TEACHING AIDS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS
<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPARENCIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER : (SPECIFY) MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR, INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD

- LIBRARY

YES X NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

TIMES	9:00 – 15:00
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY - FRIDAY
ADDRESS	CNK Building, Zwierzyniecka 16, 15-333 Białystok

- LANGUAGE LABORATORY**YES X NO** **IF YES, SPECIFY:**

TIMES	8.00 – 15.30
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY - FRIDAY
ADDRESS	CNK Building, Zwierzyniecka 16, 15-333 Białystok
COST	FREE OF CHARGE

• CULTURAL COMPONENT**- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS**

<p>We offer a variety of entertainment, social events and a sightseeing programme for the participants. Through the programme students encounter Polish culture and practice the language.</p> <p>Programme components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a welcome meeting - a guided tour of Białystok - a day trip to the Białowieża National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) - a day trip to explore the cultural heritage of Polish Tatars (Kruszyniany, Bohoniki) - exploring the scenic nature of the Podlasie Region (The Narew River Valley – Polish Amazon) - a tour along the Jewish route and historical towns around Białystok - discovering orthodox culture, a visit to the Museum of Icon Paintings in Supraśl <p>Optional activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - peculiarities of the local cuisine (visits to restaurants serving local food) - concerts (depending on personal preferences; organ, jazz, blues music) - “outside the box” activities, we’ll take you by surprise <p><i>Organizers do not cover the costs of meals or drinks.</i></p>

- DURATION

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	Approximately 45 hours
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• TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

	NUMBER OF...
<input type="checkbox"/> TEACHERS	6
<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATORS	3
<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENTS	4