

Pommeranian Medical University in Szczecin

ADMISSIONS GUIDE

5 years DENTISTRY • 6 years MEDICINE

FROM THE ACADEMY TO THE UNIVERSITY – OUR HISTORY IN BRIEF

1949

“Academy of the Physicians” was renamed to “Karol Świerczewski’s Pomeranian Medical Academy”

1996

Faculty of Medicine was opened to international students; English Program was introduced

2006

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry was opened to international students

2009-2010

PUM Teenager’s Medical University

2011-2012

PUM Children’s Medical University

20/03/1948

“Academy of the Physicians” was established with I Faculty of Medicine with the Division of Dentistry

1992

“Karol Świerczewski’s Pomeranian Medical Academy” was renamed to “Pomeranian Medical Academy in Szczecin.” Two separate Faculties were established: Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry (in 2007 renamed to the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry)

2001

Faculty of Nursery was established (in 2004 renamed to the Faculty of Health Sciences)

2010

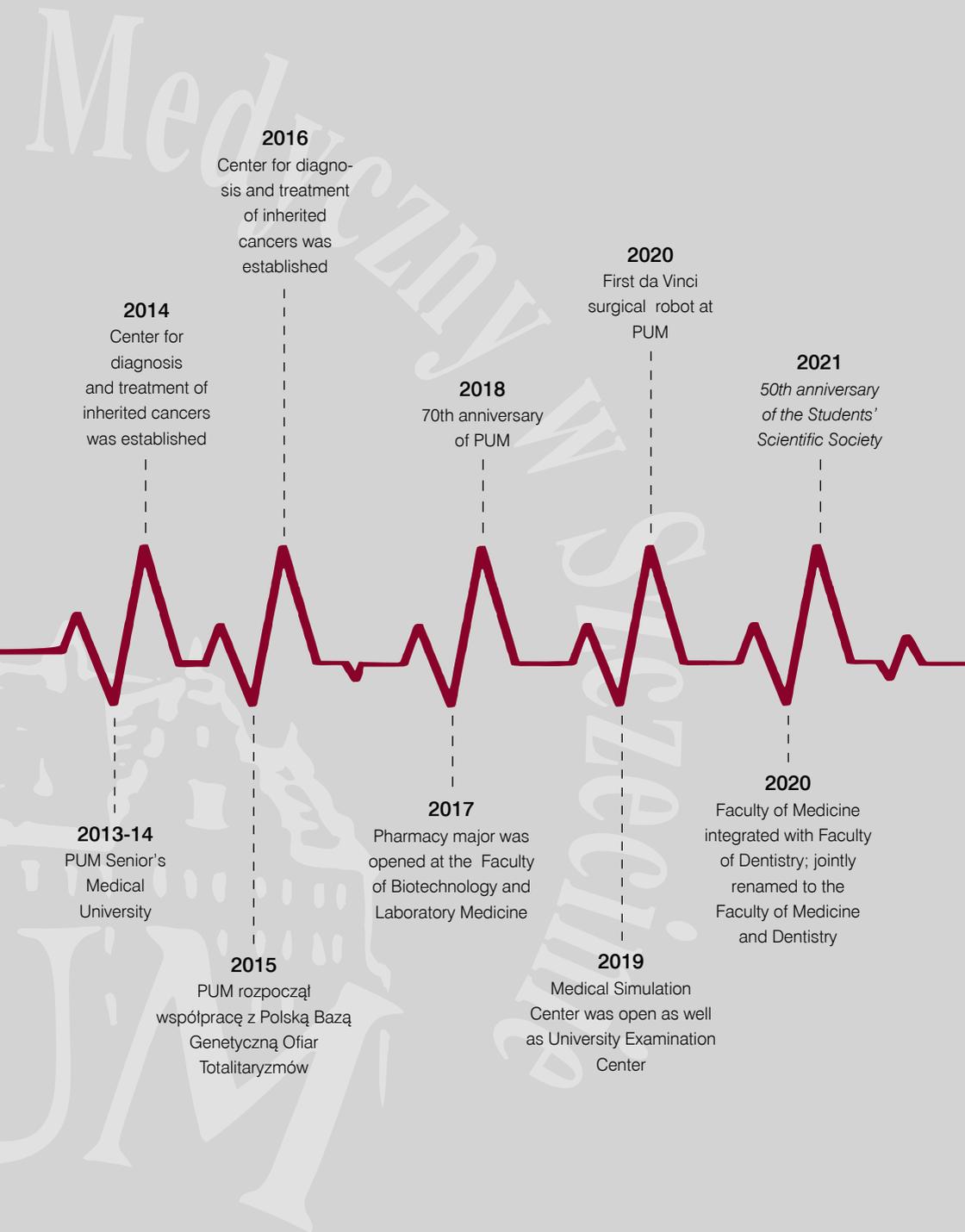
“Pomeranian Medical Academy” earned University’s status and thus was renamed to “Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin”

2008

Faculty of Biotechnology and Laboratory Medicine was established

2013

Asklepios Program was introduced at the Faculty of Medicine



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A FEW WORDS FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Beginning an education at the university level means that a lot of things will be different for you, especially when you compare it to your experiences from secondary education.

The academic work will be more rigorous and demanding. You'll find yourself in a completely new environment - a new country, new settings, new people, and a different way of living. But it's really up to you how well you will manage to embrace those changes.

You'll meet new friends for life, new classmates, new teachers. You'll come up and share new ideas and perspectives. You'll be treated as an adult person who is expected to cope and take responsibility.

A lot of you will experience independence for the first time. No more orders to clean up or to study. No more curfews. No more school bells directing you from one class to another. What you do, when you do it, and how things should be done will be up to you. It means new responsibilities and challenges. Get as much practice as you can with money and time management while you're still in high school. You'll soon realize that time is the most precious commodity you can have.

Here's a sample of what you can expect: schedules will be less structured than those you experienced in high school; some classes take place every day, others two or three times a week, others only once a week. You may also have evening classes for the first time.

Classes are often longer and more intensive. The single forty-five-minute classes you know from the secondary school will take at least twice as long. The group of students attending the same course will also be much bigger.

Some lecture - oriented subjects may be taught in an auditorium setting, with over a hundred students present. This obviously means that the tutor can no longer devote so much of their time only to you.

The volume of work that is required by instructors may be significantly greater than what you are accustomed to in high school. The academic challenges – what you must do to be a successful student will increase by a lot. Higher education is just what the title implies – higher standards, more difficult subject matter, and higher expectations of you as a student.

Can you make it? **Totally.**

After all, you were admitted to the university. If you weren't capable of meeting the academic challenges, you wouldn't be here. Use our tips. Be present on "How to study medicine" course.

Remember – budgeting time and establishing priorities are among the most difficult challenges for new university students. You must learn to arrange your work schedule in such a way that it allows for an appropriate amount of time for leisure and rest.

For further contact, please email us at ep@pum.edu.pl and dent@pum.edu.pl

I. ABOUT POMERANIAN MEDICAL UNIVERSITY IN SZCZECIN

Located in the beautiful port city Szczecin (Stettin), PUM is home to 666,000 undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students across 12 major disciplines in allied health sciences, dentistry, and medicine. The students come from all over the world. International students can choose to study medicine, dentistry, and nursing in English.

As Poland's one of the oldest universities, with its long traditions and diversity of disciplines, PUM embraces its mission to contribute to the vast medical field through world-class research and innovation.

PUM academics are research-active and many are renowned experts in their fields. They're engaged in cutting-edge research on human genomics, well-being, diseases, and ground-breaking therapies, to name a few.

UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION

Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, as a state university, is fully compliant with national strict norms, standards, and requirements in higher education. The university's activities are externally assessed at least once every 5 years by The Polish Accreditation Committee (PKA).

■ The Polish Accreditation Committee is a full member of:

- Central and East European Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA) – since January 2002
- European Consortium for Accreditation (ECA) – since December 2005
- International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) – since May 2007
- European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) - since January 2009

STUDY TIP
Take excellent notes

■ PKA also signed bilateral agreements with:

- ANECA (Spain)
- NVAO (Netherlands)
- ÖAR (Austria)
- ANQA (Armenia)
- SKVC (Lithuania)
- FIBAA (Germany)
- NEAA (Bulgaria)
- CSR (Slovakia)
- AQAS (Germany)

In 2012, the U.S. National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA), conducted a review that confirmed that standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in Poland are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the U.S. That decision was validated in 2021, as an outcome of the subsequent evaluation procedure.



You can find more information on accreditation in Poland on the PKA homepage.

EDUCATIONAL OFFER

PUM offers 12 different majors taught in the following faculties:

■ Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

- Medicine (MD/6-years)
- Dentistry (DMD/5-years)

■ Faculty of Health Sciences

- Nursing (BSN/3-years), (MSc/2-years)
- Dietetics (BSc/3-years, MSc/2-years)
- Physiotherapy (MSc/5-years)
- Cosmetology (BSc/3-years, MSc/2-years)
- Midwifery (BSc/3-years, MSc/2-years)
- Health Psychology (MSc/4-years)
- Emergency Medical Services (MSc/3-years)

STUDY TIP
Use a timer

■ Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical Biotechnology and Laboratory Medicine

- Analityka Medyczna (MSc/5-years)
- Medical Biotechnology (BSc/3-years, MSc/2-years)
- Pharmacy (MPharm/5.5-years)

Students can apply to the first-cycle studies (bachelor), second-cycle studies (postgraduate master), third-cycle studies (PhD), and long cycle studies (graduate master).

PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

■ English Program

Candidates who do not speak Polish can apply to study one of the three programs taught entirely in English:

- 6-year degree in Medicine
- 5-year degree in Dentistry
- 3-year degree in Nursing

■ Asklepios Program

German citizens who speak fluent English can pursue a 6-year MD degree taught in English and German language.

Asklepios Program is run in association with Asklepios Klinikum Uckermark GmbH in Schwedt. Students of this program train in hospitals in Schwedt/Pasewalk during their fourth, fifth, and sixth years of studies. PUM strives to expand the cooperation in the near future and add hospitals in Brandenburg/Havel and Lübben/Teupitz to the list.

The Plan of Studies includes **additional courses** taught in German and by German tutors (check out the full plan of study on p. xx).



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

POMERANIAN MEDICAL UNIVERSITY RECTORATE BUILDING WAS DESIGNED IN 1901-1902 BY WILHELM MEYER-SCHWARTAU AS A BUILDING FOR THE SZCZECIN CITY ADMINISTRATION. THE ARCHITECT DESIGNED A THREE-WINGED BUILDING OF IRREGULAR SHAPE WITH A HIGH TOWER ON THE SOUTH SIDE. IT INCLUDED, AMONG OTHERS, MUNICIPAL SAVINGS BANK, CIVIL STATUS DEPARTMENT, COMMERCIAL COURT, AS WELL AS CITY POLICE OFFICE. MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SURVIVED THE ALLIED BOMBING OF WORLD WAR II, AND SINCE 1948 SERVES FOR MEDICINE.

RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC

Directive 2005/36/EC addresses professionals who are fully qualified to practice a profession in one Member State (i.e. who have completed the required training for access to the profession in that country, which for some professions may include both theoretical and practical training) and who wish to practice the same profession or professional activities in another Member State.

Directive 2005/36/EC applies to EU nationals and to nationals of Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland (based on an international EU-Swiss agreement).

How does this Directive apply to PUM?

The education and training of future professionals at Pomeranian Medical University adhere to the requirements set in article 34 of the said Directive.

PUM graduates can:

- Apply to third-cycle studies (doctoral/PhD).
- Take the Physicians Final Examination or the Dentists Final Examination (Lekarski Egzamin Końcowy or Lekarsko-Dentystyczny Egzamin Końcowy). Both Exams are available in Polish and English languages.
- Start the internship and exercise their profession outside their home country or the country they received their education from.



For the most up-to-date information,
please visit our website



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

SZCZECIN HAS IT'S OWN WITCH. REAL HISTORICAL PERSON
- SYDONIA VON BORK. LOVE STORY WITHOUT HAPPY END.
WHITE LADY OF THE POMERANIAN DUCES' CASTLE.
SYDONIA WAS DECAPITATED IN 1620. CURRENTLY
IN AUGUST ON STAROMŁYŃSKA STREET YOU CAN SEE
FLOWERS LEFT FOR HER BY MODERN FEMALE SUCCESSORS.

II. APPLYING TO POMERANIAN MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



DID YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU SHOULD HAVE A SELFIE HERE



WHAT CAN I STUDY AT PUM?

You can apply to study the following majors in the English language:

■ In the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry:

- 6-year MD English Program
- 6-year MD Asklepios Program
- 5-year DMD English Program

■ In the Faculty of Health Sciences:

- 3-year BSN English Program



WHO CAN APPLY?

We welcome home and international candidates who speak fluent English (min. B2) and who meet our educational criteria. That means, they studied at least two out of four basic sciences in their secondary school. These are:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics

STUDY TIP
Find your sound



Candidates who completed a single subject being a combination of basic sciences, such as:

- (Natural) Science
- Science: Double Award

– are not eligible to apply.

STUDY TIP
Balance study and
pleasure time



In this cases we strongly recommend BMAT exam in order to change this status.

- You must prove that you completed at least one of these courses on an advanced level (i.e., 2 school years/4 semesters).
- The other course may be taught on a standard level (i.e., 1 school year/2 semesters).
- You received positive (non-failing) numerical final grades in both of these courses (“pass” or “credit” are not considered as grades).
- Your NC (Numerus Clausus)* on your Abitur is not lower then 2.7

**applies to candidates who wish to study medicine in English and German (Asklepios Program)*

EXAMPLE:



- Physics (2 semesters/passing grade) + Biology (4 semesters/passing grade) = you qualify to apply
- Biology (2 semesters/passing grade) + Chemistry (5 semesters/passing grade) = you qualify to apply
- Chemistry (3 semesters/passing grade) + Physics (1 semester/passing grade) = **you do not qualify**
- Physics (5 semesters/passing grade) + Chemistry (3 semesters/failed) = **you do not qualify**
- Natural Sciences (6 semesters/passing grade) = **you do not qualify**
- Chemistry (2 semesters/pass no grade) + Biology (4 semesters/passing grade) = **you do not qualify**



HOW CAN I APPLY?

The admission is divided into two Steps. Both of them have **separate deadlines and requirements**, so let's go through each Step... step-by-step!

■ Step 1: Apply online

During Step 1, you submit your electronic application and wait for the decision of the Recruitment Committee.

The deadlines for each Program are as follows:

- **English Program** (medicine, dentistry, and nursing) - the recruitment period usually runs from June until August. Exact dates are published on the website each year.
- **Asklepios Program** (medicine) - the recruitment period usually runs from July until August. Exact dates are published on the website each year.

To apply to any program of your choice, please submit a complete electronic application through our online recruitment platform: <https://apply.pum.edu.pl>.



You may apply directly by registering on our online recruitment platform or through one of our international representatives.

■ Applicants from:
Norway, Sweden, Denmark,
Faroe Islands, Finland



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■ Applicants from:
Sweden, Denmark,
Finland



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■ Applicants from: Faroe Islands

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Applicants from:
Germany



Contact: Medizinstudium
www.medizin-studium-ausland.de
info@medizin-studium-ausland.de
+49 (0) 5151 – 60969 – 1354
0800 – 33 80 000

Applicants from:
Great Britain, Ireland



Contact: Medical Poland
medicalpoland.ie
support@medicalpoland.ie
+353 83 383 3426

To successfully submit your online application in Step 1, you will need to do the following:

1. Go to the [online application system](#), choose your program, and hit the Apply button.
2. Fill in your personal details and upload a photo.
3. Pay 85.00 EUR registration fee and upload a scan of the payment slip or the PDF report generated by your online banking system.
4. Upload a scan of your original secondary school certificate (front and back).
 - 4.1 If a full transcript of your grades is not part of your secondary school certificate, please upload a scan of the transcript that explicitly shows that you meet the educational criteria. This document must be stamped and signed by your school.
 - 4.2 If the grading scale is not part of your secondary school certificate, please upload a scan of the document that explains a grading scale used in your school/country. This document must also be stamped and signed by your school.
5. Upload a scan of your eligibility declaration (unless your eligibility to pursue higher education in the country where you completed your education is explicitly stated on your secondary school certificate).
6. Sworn translations of all the documents that were issued in a language other than English or Polish.
7. Upload a scan of your English proficiency certificate.
8. Upload a scan of your passport or national identity card.

As you'll be working on your application, you can save it at any point and come back to it later. So you do not need to worry about uploading all documents in one go.

When you're ready with your application, don't forget to click the Submit button otherwise we will not receive it!

QUESTIONS?

 I'm graduating this year but my secondary school certificate will be issued after the registration deadline. What can I do?

1. If you're expected to graduate from a secondary school in the UK or Ireland:
 - Upload your transcript of predicted grades.
 - Ask your school to issue you the statement that will say what exams you're about to take (course name and level) and when you will receive the results in those exams.

Both documents must be stamped and signed by your school authority. Also should include a grading scale.

2. If you are expected to graduate in the IB program:
 - Upload your formal IB transcript. The transcript may be sent by IBO or issued by your school.

If your transcript is issued by your school, make sure it's stamped and signed by your school authority.

 My secondary education in the subjects required is insufficient. What can I do?

- We accept college or university transcripts if they show that you completed the basic sciences we require.
- We also accept certificates from candidates who successfully completed the basic sciences we require during the premedical course.
- We advise to take BMAT.

We **cannot**, however, accept courses like Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biophysics in lieu of Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

STUDY TIP
Ask questions



My Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur) shows only the latest courses I completed. I studied the subjects you require in previous grades. What can I do?

You may supplement your Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife with Zeugnises from earlier grades (in case only one or none of the subjects required is present on your Abitur).

Please be sure that your certificates from class 9 or 10 cover 2 or 4 semesters (depending which subjects and level you need to prove). So a single certificate from the last semester alone will not be sufficient. If your Zeugnis certificates cover one semester only, you will need to provide two or four individual certificates to satisfy the requirements.

Also, please remember to upload a sworn translation to each additional Zeugnis you would like us to consider.

Can I apply to more than one program?

Yes, you can apply to medicine (English Program or Asklepios Program) and dentistry in one session. You may not, however, apply to the medicine English Program and Asklepios Program at the same time.

- You must submit all of your complete applications before the respective deadlines.
- You must cover a registration fee of 85.00 EURO for each application.
- Please make sure that you marked the right application as a priority

Please note that in case your priority application receives the Conditional Enrolment status, the secondary application will be automatically rejected (as you cannot study two programs simultaneously).

How can I pay the registration fee?

We accept bank transfers made directly to our [EUR account](#).

Payments in EUR should be made to:

Pomorski Uniwersytet Medyczny w Szczecinie

Address: ul. Rybacka 1, 70-204 Szczecin

Bank: Santander Bank Polska S.A

Account no. (IBAN): PL 26 1090 1492 0000 0001 0610 5774

SWIFT (BIC): WBKPPLPP

Please do not send us cash or cheques by post or courier!

Also, please make sure that all transfer fees are covered by the sender (you) so that the amount that reaches us is full and correct. In case someone else is paying your fee, do make sure that your name is mentioned in the transfer description.

What is an eligibility declaration and how can I get it?

Eligibility declaration is a statement proving that the secondary school leaving certificate you were awarded upon completion of your secondary education enables you to pursue higher education at any type of college or university in the country where your diploma was issued.

If your school-leaving certificate was issued by a non-EU or non-OECD country, then you need to submit an eligibility declaration.

You can download the blank form from the Admissions Office website.

You can ask the following authorities to sign the declaration for you:

- the Education Office (Office that supervises pre-university education in a given country)
- the Ministry of Education of the country that has issued you your school leaving certificate

If you hold any of these school leaving certificates, then you **do not** need an eligibility declaration (this is not a full list):

- Norwegian Vitnemal
- Swedish Slutbetyg
- German Abitur der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife
- Irish Leaving Certificate
- British GCE certificates
- Polish Świadectwo Dojrzałości
- International Baccalaureate diploma
- European Baccalaureate diploma



What language proficiency certificates do you accept and why do I need it?

All our programs (including Asklepios Program) are taught in English. We expect our prospective students to prove that their English language skills are at least on level B2 (or higher).

Please check the Admissions Office website for a full list of the certificates we accept.

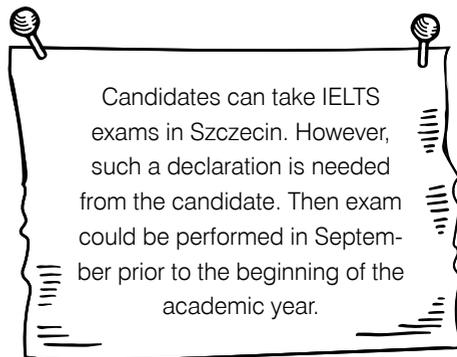
When you submit your complete online application, the Admissions Office staff will add grades to the system based on the documents you uploaded. Then, the system will calculate the grade average from two courses we require (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics).

The rank list is dynamic. It means that one day you may be on position #12 and next day drop to #65, and a few days later to #97, and so on.

Why is that? As long as the registration period is open, other candidates will keep on submitting their applications that might be stronger or weaker than yours. If their average is higher than yours, then, naturally, your position will drop.

It also works the other way round. If candidates resign, your application will go up.

You may monitor your rank position anytime you want by logging into your account. Since there is a definite number of students we can accept to our programs, you can guesstimate your chances of being admitted.



STUDY TIP

Do not procrastinate!

Depending on your average, your application can receive one of the **statuses**:

- **Conditional Offer** - you are one of the top candidates on our rank list; all the uploaded scans are in order; you can move to Step 2.
- **Waitlist** - all the seats are currently conditionally offered to other candidates and you may be offered admission if any of the candidates who received a Conditional Offer resigns or fails to fulfill the admission criteria (see Step 2).
- **Rejected** - your application is rejected.

Only the candidates who received the Conditional Offer status go to Step 2.

■ Step 2: Confirm your seat and submit documents

If your application received a **Conditional Enrollment** status, it means that you will be accepted to the university, **on the condition** that you:

- Confirm your seat within 7 days.
- Submit **original hard copies** (i.e., in a paper form) of the following documents before the deadlines set for the given admission period (please check the exact dates on the Admissions Office website):
 1. Application form (printable from your online account) – original
 2. Application fee payment slip - photocopy
 3. School leaving certificate (high school diploma) - Apostilled or legalized*
 4. School leaving certificate transcript (if applicable) - original or certified true copy
 5. School leaving grading scale – original or certified true copy
 6. English or Polish sworn translation of documents mentioned in points 3-5 (if applicable)
 7. Eligibility declaration - original
 8. English language proficiency certificate - original or certified true copy
 9. English or Polish sworn translation of your birth certificate (if applicable) - original
 10. Health certificate* – original
 11. Vaccination card/booklet* – photocopy
 12. Health insurance* - photocopy
 13. Passport or EU national ID card (copy)
 14. 2x passport photos

You can find an up-to-date list of documents at:

www.pum.edu.pl/english/admissions-office/application-requirements

Please send your documents by post, courier,
or deliver in person to the following address:

Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin
Admissions Office
ul. Rybacka 1, 70-204 Szczecin, Poland

■ Step 2: required documents

Some of the documents we require take time (especially HIV tests,
HEPATITUS–B vaccination and English proficiency certificates)
so start arranging them well ahead of time!

Certified/True copies

Certified copies mean that the photocopies you submit are true to the original.

We accept certified copies made by:

- Notary Public
- Diplomatic mission officer (consulate, embassy)
- Court
- Lawyer or barrister
- Other legal institutions authorized to certify public documents

We **do not accept** copies certified by:

- School, college, or university
- Bank
- Post office
- Other public institutions not authorized to certify public documents



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

*JOHANN CARL GOTTFRIED LOEWE AN EXCELLENT COMPOSE
AND ORGANIST CLOSELY RELATED WITH
STETTIN FOR 46 YEARS. HIS HEART IS BRICKED UP
AT SAINT JACOB'S CATHEDRAL.*

Apostille certification and legalization

An Apostille and legalization are two separate procedures that authenticate the origin of a **public document** (e.g., a school-leaving certificate).

How do you know whether your certificate should have an Apostille or be legalized? It depends on the country where your school-leaving certificate was issued.

- If it was issued in a country that is a party to the Hague Apostille Convention - then your school leaving certificate should have an Apostille stamp attached to it.

Hague Apostille Countries - full list

(member countries are in bold, non-member countries are in italics)

<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

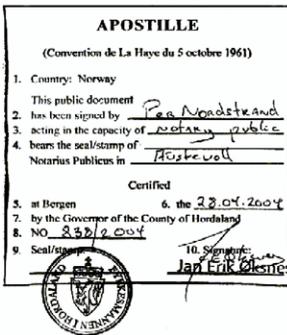
In most of the cases, you can get an Apostille stamp at the **Notary Public** office.

Candidates from the Faroe Islands can have their diplomas authenticated by The Court in the Faroe Islands.

Norway

Germany

Sweden



Examples of Apostille certifications

Please note that not all Apostille stamps are always in English. If your Apostille stamp happens to be in e.g. German, you do not need to translate it.

- Similarly, if the country that issued your school certificate is not a party to the Apostille Convention, your document must be **legalized**.

Since you want to use your documents in Poland, the legalization is done by the Polish consular institutions located in the country where your school-leaving certificate was issued.

Polish Embassies and Consulates abroad - full list

<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/polands-missions-abroad>

Important!

- statements included on your school leaving certificate
- English exam grades on your secondary school leaving certificate
- citizenship of an English-speaking country
- completion of a few courses in English during your secondary education
- completion of a year abroad as an exchange student

– are not accepted in lieu of a formal proficiency certificate.

Health certificate and medical tests

You can download a health certificate blank form from the Admissions Office website. Print it and give it to your family doctor to fill in. Apart from the general information about your health, we also need you to take the following tests:

- Chest X-ray (completed not earlier than 2 years before the date of submission of your application).
- Blood test; complete morphology and AST ALT blood liver test.
- HIV test (completed not later than three months prior to submission of your application).

STUDY TIP

Be involved in discussions

Vaccinations

We expect you to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B before you commence your studies. That's why you are asked to submit a photocopy of your insurance booklet (or any other document) that would prove that you are immunized against that virus.

If you have never taken Hep B vaccinations before, please submit the statement that you oblige to complete the vaccinations soon after you arrive in Poland.

DECLARATION

I, *(name, surname)*....., passport holder no., born on *(dd/mm/yyyy)*, hereby declare that I am not immunized against virus HepB. The immunization will be completed during the first year of studies.

An example of the declaration. You may type it yourself or download and print the form from the Admissions Office website.

Health insurance

Your health insurance, either public or private, should be valid in Poland. EU/EEA/Swiss nationals covered by a statutory social security scheme may apply for EHC (European Health Insurance Card) in their home countries.

Non-EU candidates should provide a copy of their insurance signed with a private or state company. Such a document, proving a scope of medical treatment coverage, should be written (or sworn translated to) Polish or English.

Alternatively, you may submit a written statement saying that you oblige to purchase insurance upon arrival to Poland.



What kind of health insurance is required in Poland?

When you move somewhere new, things like how much you pay for a filling or the cost of a trip in an ambulance are likely to be far from your mind. But what if we are suddenly hospitalised, break our leg while skiing or need to see a dermatologist? In such cases,

if we do not have insurance, we have to pay for all hospital services from our own pocket. And these are large amounts...

Health insurance is mandatory for all students for the whole duration of their stay in Poland. It is important to remember that each student coming to the University even for one semester studies will be asked to show a proof of health insurance upon arrival.



Sample EHIC card

What is covered by the insurance?

This includes access to primary care, specialist out-patient care, hospital treatment, dental treatment, and ambulance transport. Emergency treatment and treatment in the case of sudden illnesses are generally free of charge. In some cases you may be asked to pay upfront, but try not to do so. If you do have to pay, make sure you receive a proper receipt with every treatment listed.

EU/EEA/ Swiss nationals covered by a statutory social security scheme may apply for EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) which is issued free of charge. More information about how to receive EHIC card:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=en>

Main institution in Poland, which is responsible for the health care system is Narodowy Fundusz Zdrowia (abbreviation NFZ). Translation: National Health Fund.

When you seek a help of General Practitioner, you need to present the confirmation of your health insurance, in order to receive a referral to medical specialist.

A referral is a document issued by a doctor who orders tests or allows you to sign up for a specialist doctor. Referrals to specialist doctors are needed as part of NHF care. If you want to consult a specialist doctor free of charge or undergo tests, the referral must also be issued by a doctor under the care of the National Health Fund.

EU citizens without health insurance in their countries of residence and non-EU citizens can sign a health insurance agreement with the National Health Fund (or with one of the private clinics).

Limitations of private insurance are set by the policy you decide on. You can choose a cheap one where you have an access only to basic services, such as visit at general practitioner and some specialist doctors. On the other hand, if you decide on more expensive services, they will most probably include more advanced options, e.g.: hospitalisation, operations, giving birth etc.

Also, please, remember that private companies often set so called delay periods, which means that patients have access to certain services only after longer period of paying the insurance contribution (e.g. 60 days).

That is why we strongly recommend that you obtain the public insurance, which will be respected by Polish National Health Fund.

If you are an international student from a non-EU country, you should purchase health insurance before your trip to Poland. International students are required to present proof of adequate health insurance coverage when applying for a student visa.

Non-EU candidates along with application should provide a copy of their insurance signed with a private/ State company. Such document, proving a scope of medical treatment coverage, should be written (or sworn translated to) Polish or English. Alternatively, a non-EU candidate may submit a written statement saying that he/she obliges to purchase an insurance upon arrival to Poland.

International students and academics are strongly advised to purchase health insurance in their home countries.

Besides the health insurance there is third party liability insurance (obligatory for those who drive a car) and accident insurance, which also may be reconsidered by you.

■ Step 2: You submitted your documents - what's next?

Receive your Certificate of Enrolment

As soon as we receive all of your documents, we will email you your official Certificate of Enrolment. This document will be sufficient for you to apply for a student loan in your home country.

Do you need this certificate in a paper form (for example, to apply for a visa)? Please send us a request by email to recruit@pum.edu.pl.

Alternatively: Receive your Conditional Certificate of Enrolment

Some of the prospective students can be granted conditional enrolment. There are only two instances:

- You submitted all of your documents but are still waiting for your final school leaving certificate (IB, A-levels, Irish Leaving Certificate, etc), you will receive a **Conditional Enrolment Certificate**.
- You submitted all of your documents but are still in progress with your language exam, you will receive a **Conditional Enrolment Certificate**.

- Your secondary school leaving certificate needs to be recognized by our local Kuratorium Oświaty (Education Office), you will also receive a [Conditional Enrolment Certificate](#).

You can read more about the secondary school-leaving certificate recognition process on the [Admissions Office website](#).

In both cases, you will receive a [deadline to complete the paperwork](#). It's very important to fulfill your obligations before the deadline expires, otherwise, we will not be able to grant you a full enrollment and allow you to continue your studies with us.

Please note, that if you failed to submit any other documents on time, then you will not be granted a conditional enrolment.

Answer questions to the online poll

There will be an online poll for you to answer (you'll need to log into your account and navigate to the Tasks tab to see the questions):

1. The first question will be about the Orientation Days - please let us know whether you would like to participate or not.
2. The second question will be about the accommodation in PUM Dormitories - please let us know whether you would like to stay in our Dorms during the Orientation Days (you may stay at the dorms for a short period of time before your studies, but your temporary stay does not entitle you to reserve a place for the whole academic year).

Pay tuition for your studies

Tuition for the academic year can be paid in full or in two installments.

1. The first half of the tuition should be paid by the 1st of October of each year of your studies.
2. The second half of the tuition should be paid by the 1st of February of each year of your studies.



Please check [current fee rates](#) for each program on the university's website.

STUDY TIP
Don't work from your bed



III. BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR STUDIES



Arriving in Szczecin

You can reach Szczecin by sea, land, or air.

By air:

You can fly to Szczecin-Goleniów airport or to any Berlin airport. From there, you can get to Szczecin with various bus companies:

- Berlinia • Interglobus • FlixBus • PKS

By sea:

The closest port cities are Świnoujście and Kołobrzeg. If you're coming from a Scandinavian country, you can take a ferry to any of these cities, and then take a direct train to Szczecin.

You can check the train schedule and purchase online tickets through the PKP (Polish Railways) website:

<https://rozkład-pkp.pl/en>



Getting around Szczecin

Szczecin has very good public transport. You can move around with buses, trams, or taxis. Rental bikes and scooters are also available.

You may find the following journey planner useful in planning your trip around Szczecin (or other cities in Poland):

<http://szczecin.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en>

It will help you to find a nearby bus or tram stop, tell you which line you should pick, when to transfer to get from A to B, and how long your journey will take. All data is streamed live so you'll need access to the Internet.

Shortly after you begin your 1st-year studies, you will be given a Student Card. It will entitle you to a 50% discount on all public transport (including trains). The discount, however, is restricted by the age – students must not be older than 26.



Orientation Days and Pre-Courses

All prospective 1st-year students take part in online preparatory courses that normally take place in September. The main aim of the courses is to refresh student's knowledge in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and to teach some survival Polish.

The courses are subject to an additional fee.



Please check our website for the most up-to-date details [regarding pre-courses and Orientation Days](#).



Dormitory

Each prospective student can stay at PUM dorms during the Summer (until mid-September the latest) to take part in the Orientation Days. You will be charged for each night you spend in dorms.



You can find current prices and regulations regarding [applying for a place in PUM Dormitories on the university's website](#).



Epidemiological tests

As a prospective student of medicine or dentistry, you must complete epidemiological examinations (salmonella shigella stool test).

The examination consists of:

- a visit to a GP
- delivering stool samples to the Sanitary-Epidemiological Station (one sample per day for three consecutive days)

You will receive from the Dean's Office staff all the necessary documents, i.e. epidemiology booklet, referrals, and examination schedule.



Living expenses

Housing

Prices depend on location, apartment size, and apartment standard. Before you move in, be sure that the landlord hands you a contract in English - read it carefully! Also, do check what's included in your rent.

Accommodation	Avg. Price Range
1 bedroom (city center)	1700 - 2000 PLN
1 bedroom (outside center)	1500 - 1900 PLN
2-bedroom (city center)	2300 - 2900 PLN
2-bedroom (outside center)	2100 - 2800 PLN
3-bedroom (city center)	2900 - 4200 PLN
3-bedroom (outside center)	3100 - 3500 PLN

Food

There are several chain store brands present in Szczecin that sell quality and affordable groceries (Biedronka, Netto, Lidl, Kaufland, ABC, Auchan, Groszek, Lewiatan, Carrefour, Stokrotka, Tesco, Żabka, Odidó).

There are also regular markets where you can get fresh vegetables or meat directly from the farmers.

If you prefer a meatless diet, you'll find an increasing number of vegan and vegetarian foods available in Bio shops, selected chain stores (some of them are produced exclusively for the given brand), and restaurants.



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

URBAN PLANNING OF SZCZECIN, FEATURING STAR-SHAPED SQUARES, MIRRORS THE BELT OF THE CONSTELLATION OF ORION

Market/Chain Store Prices	Avg. Price Range
Milk (UHT 3.2%) (1l)	3.29- 4.59 PLN
Milk (UHT 3.2% lactose-free) (1l)	4.49 - 6.49 PLN
Plant "milk" drink (1l)	4.49 - 12.99 PLN
Bread (1 loaf)	3.00- 12.99 PLN
White rice (1kg)	4.99 - 5.99 PLN
Eggs (Free range L/XL) (10)	6.49 - 10.99 PLN
Chicken breast (skinless, boneless) (1kg)	9.99 - 10.99 PLN
Yellow cheese (sliced 135g)	3.99 - 4.99 PLN
Potatoes (2kg)	3.79 - 5.99 PLN
Tomatoes (1kg)	4.99 - 14.99 PLN
Apples (1kg)	3.99 - 5.99 PLN

Utilities & Other expenses

Utilities	Avg. Price Range
Internet (broadband)/mo.	44.99 - 74.90 PLN
Internet (mobile)/mo.	9.99 - 90.90 PLN
Gas (ON, ON+, 98, 95) (1l)	5.76 – 6.00 PLN

Public transport in Szczecin (buses and trams)

Apart from single tickets, you can buy periodical tickets which allow you to travel by buses and trams as often as you want within a set period of time:



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Szczecin contains 15 parks that is the space of 142 ha of green area

- For 1 month
- For 3 months
- For 1 semester

 Current prices: [ZDiTM website](#)



Staying safe

The most common crime is petty theft so carry only what you need and keep your valuables in a safe place.

- Avoid leaving your backpack, computer, purse, suitcase, or wallet unattended in a public place.
- Keep your doors and windows locked or secured, especially when you are away.
- Get to know your neighbors so you can ask them for help (should you ever need it).

Emergency numbers in Poland	
Emergency call center - 112*	Emergency Medical Services (ambulance) - 999
	Fire Brigade - 998
	Police - 997

* This is a general number you can call if you need to contact the police, get the ambulance, or report a fire.



Seeing a doctor

Students of PUM are not health-insured by the university. That's why you need to have proper insurance valid in Poland (arranged in your home country or purchased in Poland). PUM students may see the general practitioner (GP) in the outpatient clinic (located in the same building as the Dean's Office). GPs will help you when you do not feel well or need a referral to the specialist.

If you experience a health emergency, you should go to the emergency room of the nearest hospital. Be aware that waiting times at the hospital can be several hours.

In Poland, some medication is available "over the counter" at pharmacies (not covered by health insurance). Others will require a prescription from your GP.

To see a doctor, you'll need to make an appointment at the registration counter. During your visit, make sure that you have your health insurance card or documents with you, as well as your passport or national ID.

IV. PLAN OF STUDIES

Students of PUM, apart from numerical and non-numerical grades, also receive ECTS points for each completed course.

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is a method of measuring your study program as an academic currency. ECTS is used all over Europe and enables you to easily compare study programs and transfer your academic qualifications from one educational institution to another. Its aim is to make programs and the performance of students of higher education more transparent and comparable European-wide and to replace or complement the different local (national) standards within Europe.

One year of studies corresponds to a min. Of 60 ECTS-credits and one semester corresponds to a min. Of 30 ECTS-credits. On average, 1 ECTS credit point = 25-30 working hours. The number of credits awarded for each course varies depending on the workload.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

6-YEAR MEDICINE

The duration of the whole MD program is 6-years (12 semesters). The curriculum consists of seven educational fields:

- A - Morphological Sciences
- B - Scientific Basis Of Medicine
- C - Preclinical Sciences
- D - Behavioral & Social Sciences With Elements Of Professionalism
- E - General Clinical Sciences
- F - Practical Clinical Sciences (With Treatment)
- G - Legal And Organizational Aspects Of Medical Practice

ENGLISH PROGRAM

major MEDICINE

Year	A - MORPHOLOGICAL SCIENCES	
I	Anatomy	Exam subject
I	Histology with embriology	Exam subject
I	Cythophysiology	
B - SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF MEDICINE		
I	Biophysics	
I	Molecular Biology	Exam subject
I	Chemistry	
II	Biochemistry	Exam subject
I	Computer science with biostatistics	
II	Physiology	Exam subject
III	Pathophysiology	Exam subject
I	Scientific medical information	
I	Basic Medical Procedures	
I-II-III	Electives	
C - PRECLINICAL SCIENCES		
III	Microbiology	Exam subject
II	Immunology	
III	Pathomorphology	Exam subject
IV	Toxicology	
II	Parasitology	
D - BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH ELEMENTS OF PROFESSIONALISM		
III	Medical psychology with elements of professional standards	
I	History of medicine	Exam subject
I	Sociology in medicine	
II	Ethics in medicine with bioethics	
I-II	Foreign language (Polish)	Exam subject
III	Methodology of scientific research	
I	Safety of work training	
I-II	Physical education	
E - GENERAL CLINICAL SCIENCES		
V	Evidence Base Medicine	
III-IV-V-VI	Paediatrics	Exam subject
III-IV-V-VI	Internal diseases	Exam subject
V	Neurology	Exam subject

IV	Geriatrics	
V-VI	Psychiatry	Exam subject
III	Dermatology	Exam subject
V	Oncology with palliative medicine	
IV, VI	Family medicine	Exam subject
IV	Infectious diseases	Exam subject
V	Rehabilitation	
III- IV	Laboratory diagnostics	Exam subject
III-IV	Pharmacology	Exam subject
V	Clinical pharmacology	
IV	Clinical Allergology	
IV	Clinical genetics	Exam subject
IV	Pulmonology Diseases	
V	Neonatology	
IV	Nuclear medicine	
IV	Clinical anatomy with elements of radiological procedures	
IV	Electives	
IV-V-VI	Preparatory course for State Medical Exam	
F - PRACTICAL CLINICAL SCIENCES (WITH TREATMENT)		
IV	General surgery with urology	Exam subject
V	General and oncology surgery	
VI	Surgery	Exam subject
V-IV	Gynaecology and obstetrics	Exam subject
V	Anaesthesiology and intensive therapy	Exam subject
IV	Paediatric surgery	
IV	Otholaryngology	Exam subject
IV	Ophthalmology	Exam subject
V	Neurosurgery	
IV	Radiology	
V	Transplantology	
V	Orthopaedics with traumatology	Exam subject
V-VI	Emergency medicine	Exam subject
VI	Speciality to choose	
V	Electives	
G - LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF MEDICAL PRACTICE		
II	Public health with epidemiology and hygiene	Exam subject
IV	Forensic medicine with law	Exam subject
I	Disaster medicine	
VI	Jurisdiction	

Students are additionally obliged to complete a total of 600h of summer practical training. The 6th year of studies comprises 30 weeks of practical training in seven main fields of medicine.

Students have the possibility to do their 6th practical year in their home countries.



You can find the most **up-to-date plans** of studies at the Dean's Office [website](#).



STUDY TIP
Use mnemonics

ASKLEPIOS PROGRAM

Asklepios Program based on a cooperation with Asklepios hospitals in Schwedt/Pasewalk in Brandenburg/Havel; Lübben/Teupitz; Frankfurt (Oder).

This Program especially designed for German citizens.

Curriculum is the same as or the English Program students, however a gross subject with practical profile are being taught in German language at the German Hospitals.

Clinical subjects starting form the 4th year of studies, which are done at Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin:	Clinical subjects starting form the 4th year of studies, which are done at the German hospitals under supervision of PUM educational staff:
neonatology	surgery
internal medicine	internal medicine
infectious diseases	gynecology & obstetrics
otolaryngology	psychiatry
paediatrics rare diseases	neurology
oncology	radiology
clinical pharmacology	anesthesiology & intensive care
pharmacology	orthopedics
clinical genetics	family medicine
toxicology	pediatrics
forensic medicine	geriatrics
laboratory medicine	
pulmonology	
allergology	



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Griffin – guardian of the City - a mythical creature – body of the winged lion with head of eagle and peaky horse ears. Feathers from wings supposed to cure from blindness. Pomeranian legend truly created and constitutes local identity.

University provides the transportation on daily bases.

Sixth academic year (the eleventh and twelfth semester) comprises 30 weeks of practical training in the following fields of medicine is fully done outside the University premises. Main disciplines of the 6th year:

- Internal Medicine
- Paediatrics
- Surgery
- Gynecology and Obstetrics
- Psychiatry
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- 6 weeks of the specialty/discipline chosen by the student.

STUDY TIP

Test yourself

All the exam a student have to pass with the University supervision.

ASKLEPIOS PROGRAM – FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS

Unfortunately, many financing options are limited to a single semester or a year abroad. Nevertheless, with some research you can still find at least a little financial support for your full studies abroad.

■ General information about financing your study abroad

- <https://www.college-contact.com/finanzen>
- <https://www.thieme.de/viamedici/vor-dem-studium-infos-zum-medizinstudium-1493/a/infos-zum-medizinstudium-finanzierungsmoeglichkeiten-medizinstudium-3682.htm>
- <https://www.studentenwerke.de/de/content/studium-im-ausland>
- <https://www.studieren-in-polen.de/>
- www.foerderdatenbank.de

STUDY TIP

Use pictures

■ Auslands-BAföG

- <https://www.bafög.de/de/ausland---studium-schulische-ausbildung-praktika-441.php?et=EUR>
- Responsible department for country of education: Poland
Studentenwerk Chemnitz-Zwickau
Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts
- Amt für Ausbildungsförderung -
Postfach 10 32
09010 Chemnitz
Tel.: 0371 / 5628450
E-Mail: auslands.bafoeg@swcz.de
Internet: <http://www.studentenwerk-chemnitz-zwickau.de>
- It is possible to apply for funding of a full study abroad (in EU countries) if the conditions for entitlement are met.

■ Scholarships

- www.stiftungen.org
- www.scholarship.eu/
- <http://medizinernachwuchs.de/category/foerdermoeglichkeiten/auslandsstipendien>
- <https://www.praktischarzt.de/auslandsstipendium-medizin/>
 - Each year, 2 scholarships worth 500€ are awarded.
- <http://www.thinkpoland.org/art/scholarships#start>
 - Government Scholarship: Application through Polish consulate or embassy in your home country.



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Szczecin is the 3rd largest city in Poland. The total area 300,55 km². ¼ of territory is under the water.

■ Credit financing and Education fund

- <https://studienkredit.de/>
 - **Careful:** Student loans are often only granted if student is still enrolled in Germany.
- <https://bildungsfonds.de/studienfinanzierung/>
 - amount of the repayments depends on the duration of the support and the amount of the respective payments; conditions are determined individually
 - usually, **between four and ten percent** of monthly earnings are to be repaid
 - complete transparency before signing the contract as to the minimum and maximum amounts you will have to repay (<https://bildungsfonds.de/faq/>)
- <https://www.deutsche-bildung.de/de/studienfoerderung/>
 - amount and also the duration of the later repayment phase will be agreed with you today
 - personal requirements (subject, university, industry and more) and amount of payment are included in the offer; percentage and repayment period are calculated individually
 - you pay **3 to 10 percent** of your gross income back to the study fund over a fixed number of months (3 to 10 years)
(<https://www.deutsche-bildung.de/de/studienfoerderung/faq/>)

STUDY TIP

Ask for help from a tutor

5-YEAR DENTISTRY

The duration of the whole DMD program is 5-years (10 semesters).

The curriculum consists of eight educational fields:

- A - Morphological Sciences
- B - Scientific Basis Of Medicine
- C - Preclinical Sciences
- D - Behavioral Sciences With Elements Of Professionalism
- E - General Clinical Sciences
- F - Practical Clinical Sciences (With Treatment)
- G - Legal And Organizational Aspects Of Medical Practice
- H - Additional

ENGLISH PROGRAM

major DENTISTRY

Year	A - MORPHOLOGICAL SCIENCES	
I	Anatomy	Exam subject
I	Histology, embriology with cythophysiology	Exam subject
B - SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF MEDICINE		
I	Biophysics	
I	Biology	
I	Chemistry	
II	Clinical genetics	
II	Biochemistry	Exam subject
II	Physiology	Exam subject
C - PRECLINICAL SCIENCES		
II	Microbiology and immunology	Exam subject
III	Pharmacology	Exam subject
II	Dental materials and equipment	Exam subject
II	Pathophysiology	Exam subject
II	Pathomorphology with oral pathology	Exam subject
D - BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES		
II	Clinical psychology	
V	Bioethics	
V	Medical law	
I	History of dentistry	Exam subject
II	Social dentistry	
IV	Law and ethics in dentistry	Exam subject
II	Management and economics	
I	Research methodology	
I	Propaedeutics of addiction medicine	
E - CLINICAL SCIENCES		
II	Propaedeutics of oncology	
III	Anesthesiology and resuscitation	
III	Surgery and oncology	Exam subject
III	Internal diseases	Exam subject
III	Infectious diseases	
III	Dermatology and venereology	
II	Physiology of pregnancy	
IV	Neurology	Exam subject
III	Ophthalmology	
IV	Otholaryngology	Exam subject

III	Paediatrics	Exam subject
I	First aid	
III	General and dental radiology	
IV	Dental radiology	
IV	Rehabilitation	
IV	Clinical pharmacology	
IV	Allergology	
V	Emergency medicine	
V	Neurosurgery	
F - PRACTICAL CLINICAL SCIENCES		
III-IV-V	Oral surgery	
IV-V	Maxillofacial surgery with oncology	
IV-V	Mucous membrane diseases	
III-IV-V	Periodontal diseases	
III	Preclinical endodontics	Exam subject
III	Occlusion norms and functions of stomatognathic system	Exam subject
I	Physiology of stomatognathic system	Exam subject
III-IV-V	Orthodontics	
III-IV-V	Dental prosthetics	
V	Integrated education	
II	Preclinical conservative dentistry	
III-IV-V	Paedodontics and dental prophylaxis	
III-IV-V	Conservative dentistry with endodontics	
II	Oral microbiology	
IV-V	Geriatric dentistry	
G - LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF MEDICAL PRACTICE		
II	Emergency and disaster medicine	
IV	Forensic medicine	
V	Jurisdiction	
I	Public health	
I	Basic computer science with biostatistics	
I	Ergonomics / health and safety at work	Exam subject
II	Oral health promotion	
H - ADDITIONAL		
I	Safety of work training	
I-II	Foreign language (Polish)	Exam subject
I	Physical education	
I	Scientific Medical Information	
I-IV	Electives	

Additionally to the required curriculum hours, students are obliged to complete 480h of summer practical training.

 You can find the most [up-to-date plans of studies](#) at the Dean's Office [website](#).



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Central Cemetery of Szczecin occupies 163 ha and is the biggest in Poland and the 3rd large in Europe.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The PUM University is planning to start the nursing program taught in English language. The degree program in Nursing will prepare for a valuable profession in which an alumni will be working with clients of different age groups promoting their health and wellbeing and treating their diseases.

3-YEAR NURSING

Nursing curriculum at PUM consist of four educational fields, which student has to pass during the three years of studies:

- A - Basic Sciences
- B - Social Sciences With Foreign Language
- C - Sciences In The Field Of Fundamental Nursing Care
- D - Sciences At The Level Of Specialized Healthcare

Year	A - BASIC SCIENCES	
I	Anatomy	Exam subject
I	Physiology	Exam subject
I	Pathology	Exam subject
I	Genetics	
I	Biochemistry and Biophysics	
I	Microbiology	
I	Parasitology	

II	Pharmacology	Exam subject
II	Radiology	
B - SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH FOREIGN LANGUAGE		
I	Psychology	Exam subject
I	Sociology	
I	Pedagogy	
I	Public Health	Exam subject
II	Law in Medicine	
I,II	Foreign language: Polish	Exam subject
C - SCIENCES IN THE FIELD OF FUNDAMENTAL NURSING CARE		
I	Ethics in Nursing Profession	Exam subject
I	Health Promotion	
I	Fundamentals of Nursing	Exam subject
I	Nosocomial Infections	
I,III	Primary Healthcare	
II	Physical Examination	Exam subject
II	Organizational aspects of Nurse's Office Work	
II	Dietetics	
II	Information System in Healthcare	
II	Elective Courses: Sign Language; Healthcare Teams' Cooperation	
D - SCIENCES AT THE LEVEL OF SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE		
II	Obstetrics and Gynaecology /Obstetric and Gynecological Nursing	Exam subject
II	Internal Medicine and Internal Medicine Nursing	Exam subject
II	Geriatrics and Geriatric Nursing	Exam subject
II,III	Surgery and Surgical Nursing	Exam subject
II	Fundamentals of Rehabilitation	
II	Palliative Nursing Care	
II	Scientific Research in Nursing	
II	Fundamentals of Emergency Medicine Services	
III	Paediatrics and Paediatric Nursing	Exam subject
III	Neurology and Neurological Nursing	Exam subject
III	Psychiatry and Psychiatric Nursing	Exam subject
III	Anaesthesiology and Nursing Care with Life Threatening Conditions	Exam subject
III	Palliative Care	
III	Interdisciplinary Course	
III	Diploma Seminar	

Professional Practices – summer practical trainings, covering knowledge gained on 13 subjects, are obligatory after each academic year.

The curriculum for the bachelor's degree requires a diploma thesis.

TYPES OF COURSES, EXAMS, AND TEACHING APPROACHES

Lectures

Lectures usually range from 45 to 90 minutes and may involve up to 150 students. This type of a course is fairly formal. Although professors may have different expectations, it is generally acceptable to, for example, have a beverage on the desk.

During longer lectures, you are allowed to leave the classroom for washroom breaks without asking for permission. If you arrive late, take a seat as quietly and quickly as possible without disrupting the class. When you have to leave before the lecture finishes, let your tutor know before class begins.

Whenever you're in doubt about the accepted classroom etiquette, ask your tutor/professor during their office hours.

Seminars/Tutorials

Seminars provide an opportunity for a discussion in smaller groups. You will usually be expected to participate in these group discussions. In some cases, you will be graded for your active participation and presentations.

Labs

Preclinical subjects are taught at the laboratory (lab), which includes hands-on practice (in addition to lectures or tutorials). Labs are conducted in small groups under the supervision of a tutor. In some courses, you must pass the lab in order to get the grade or credit. Labs and tutorials are usually mandatory. In some cases, you will receive a grade for active participation.



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

IN SZCZECIN THERE IS THE OLDEST CINEMA IN THE WORLD.

"PIONIER" IS 15 MINUTS WALKING DISTANCE FROM

THE PMU RECTORATE BUILDING



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

*There are 100 km from Szczecin to the Baltic Sea.
Anyway Szczecin has it's own four beaches:
Dąbie, Głębokie, Dziewoklicz, Miedwie.*

Problem-based learning (PBL) classes

PBL approach applies to clinical courses. In a PBL class, rather than listening to a lecture, you will solve problems that you may face in real-life situations. Students mainly deal with real patient' cases. Most of the time, you will work in small groups under the general guidance of your tutor.

Online lectures (LMS Moodle e-learning)

Some courses will be streamed online so that the students can safely continue their studies without the need of sitting in a classroom.

CET (Center for Theoretical Exams / University Examination Center)

CET is an interfaculty unit where students can sit their test-based exams fully online. They can do it on-site or remotely at home. The rule to perform exam on-site and from home are different. The center can accommodate 67 students at once.

STUDENT EVALUATION

The are three main methods of evaluation at PUM:

- Class participation
- Assignments
- Tests
- Exams (oral, written, and practical)

On the first day of class, your instructor/tutor will hand out a course outline (or a syllabus), which will include such information about the course as the booklist, topics that will be covered, forms of assessment, and requirements for passing the course.

In Poland, university students are expected to take charge of their own learning and success, so be sure to ask your tutor for the syllabus if you missed the first lecture. You are responsible for following all instructions in the syllabus. The professor is also not responsible for any lecture material you may miss during the term due to your absence.

Participation during the classes

In many classes, you will be expected to actively participate by joining the discussions, throwing in your ideas and point of view related to coursework, readings, and assignments. In some cases, you may be graded based on your participation in class.

Assignments

Essays and presentations are very common ways of assessment. Tutors may assign you a term paper that typically is a 10-15 page essay. A term paper is a major undertaking, so make sure you begin working on yours several weeks before it is due. Other kinds of assignments include group projects, oral presentations, and labs.

Tests

The frequency of the tests depends on the subject and your year of studies. On average, you can expect to have 2-5 tests per week.

Final course exams

Students can sit their one exam three times (1 main attempt + 2 retakes). Exams are either theoretical, practical, or both (i.e., you need to pass practical and theoretical exams to complete the course).

You can sit for only one exam per day. If you achieve very good results in a given course, you may be exempt from sitting an exam (this regulation depends on the conditions set by the department that is responsible for a given course).

There are four grades you can get, where 5 is the excellent grade and 2 is a failing grade.

- 1) Excellent - 5.0
- 2) Very good - 4.5
- 3) Good - 4.0
- 4) Satisfactory - 3.5
- 5) Sufficient - 3.0
- 6) Insufficient / failed - 2.0



PUM ACADEMIC NOMENCLATURE

Academic Calendar

The Academic Year Calendar specifies the events that take place during the Academic Year (didactic periods, i.e., Summer and Winter semesters, seasonal breaks, and Summer break).

Academic Year

One academic year equals one full year of study and consists of two semesters (Winter Semester and Summer Semester).

Bursar's Office

The bursar's office is responsible for collecting and analyzing all student charges and fees. It is also responsible for areas including accounts payable, travel claims, as well as invoicing and receipt of all payments.

Credit

A passing mark awarded for satisfactory completion of coursework. Credit is necessary to entitle you to sit the exam (if the course finishes with an exam).

The course is not considered as passed in case you have earned credit but failed the exam.

Depending on the course, you can receive credit with a grade or without a grade. In case your performance during the course was not satisfactory, you can receive two types of credit conditions:

- Green condition (no credit) = no credit awarded by the end of the didactic period
The course is not failed and the credit may be still awarded if the student compensates for whatever they are missing before the end of the given academic year.
- Red condition (no credit) = no credit awarded by the end of the academic year
The course is failed. If the course finishes with an exam - the student is not entitled to sit it. The course is to be repeated next academic year.

Dean

The person who acts as the head of a Faculty.

Vice Dean

The person elected by the students whose main responsibility is to support students in administrative matters.

Dean's Leave

A gap semester or a gap year. During the Dean's Leave, a student does not participate in educational or any studies-related activities. A Dean's Leave is granted on a student's written request addressed to the (Vice) Dean of the respective Faculty.

Students may be granted a one-semester or one-year leave twice during the whole course of studies. The basis and conditions for a Leave are prescribed in PUM Rules and Regulations of Study.

Graduation Ceremony

An official ceremony that is held for the students who have successfully completed their studies. Graduates receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony.

Professor

Senior academic staff. Often the head of a Chair, Department, or Unit.

Rector's Day

A day off from any didactical activities (no classes, no exams).

Repetition of a Year

When you fail an exam course or a few selected credit subjects, you will not be promoted to the upper year of studies. To continue your studies (as the student of the same year of studies during which you failed a course), you may submit a written request to your (Vice)Dean to receive permission to repeat the year of studies.

Students are allowed to repeat only once the year which was previously failed. The basis and conditions for the repetition of a year are prescribed in PUM Rules and Regulations of Study.

Semester

A semester is one half of an academic year. The academic year at PUM is divided into two semesters: the Winter semester (runs from September to January) and the Summer Semester (runs from February to June).

Syllabus

A syllabus is a basic document for teaching. It outlines the basic elements of a course including what topics will be covered, a weekly schedule, and a list of tests, assignments, and associated weightings. The syllabus lays out the expectations for the quality of work expected from you as a student and shows you how you should prepare for class.

Transcript

An official copy of a student's academic record. It lists all the courses you have taken so far and the grades you have achieved.



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