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ERASMUS Exchange to PUM

FAQ

For medical major

What does it mean to be an Erasmus student AT PUM?

Dear Erasmus Student,

thank you for the choosing our Medical University for the exchange program. Hope you will enjoy the study here. Based on our experience with Erasmus students - on the very beginning you might find the whole thing too complicated. Cheer up - everyone before you was able to survive.

Receiving the Student's ID (for one semester or for two) you are becoming PUM student with all the obligations and rights.

All Rules and Regulations apply to you the same way as for any other our student.

We ensure equal academic treatment and the quality of services for the incoming students.

When should I come to Szczecin?

A student should be on time - one or two days before the first classes. We do not print the student's ID before the student's arrival. The ID is needed for the Library; WIFI at the dorms and for discounts for public transport; account for TEAMS platform could be created only after the receiving the ID.

All these thing could not be done in one afternoon.

Missing up to 2 days of the block makes it impossible to follow the group and curriculum.

How the classes looks like?

PUM provides preclinical and clinical education. Preclinical – semester system of education – timetables organized on weekly bases. Clinical classes – block system – practical classes ; seminars lectures start and provide to completion of the subject with final test or exam, then a new discipline (course/subject) starts.

It is not recommended to mix these two systems of education.

All the clinical activities our students have at real hospitals with real patients under the supervision of the dedicated tutors. From Dorms University Hospital Nr 1 (Powstańców Wielkopolskich 72 street) is on walking distance around 7 minutes by foot. To the University Hospital No2 (Unia Lubelska street) you will have to travel by two trams and around 15 minutes by foot from the tram stop to the main entrance of the Hospital. But Some classes are scheduled far from the Szczecin City. You have to take it under consideration while scheduling your time. It may take up to 50 minutes by bus to reach Gynaecology & Obstetrics Department. It is extremely important to have a contact to the group leader before the classes starts. Geography of our building is complicated , you need a guidance at the beginning , but soon you will be travelling easily by public communication around

the city. You always can ask for an advise colleagues from your University, who previously was at PUM.

Why do I need to prepare the Preliminary Plan

Student should be aware about the amount of hours he/she will spend at the Department also should add time needed for preparation/essay writing/ test preparation/ exam preparation. Making individual plan on paper always help to organise time and efforts.

University provides incoming student with a document in WORD format for better understanding - Preliminary Plan – very structured info required. Firstly a student fills in only the subjects copying LA

(to be done before September) later a student worked out a schedule accordingly to available at PUM TIMETABLES (to be done before the fourth of October). Preparing the individual plan may take a student several hours of checking and manipulating for best option. It also may take a day or two and up to several versions before final option of preliminary plan will be created. Dean's Office will check you plan; mark mistakes and point the solutions, if any possible. Sometimes a new LA will be needed. Also the issue of ECTS credits is important. Here at PUM 60 points are required to achieve during the year. It is rare situation that LA contains this amount of points. May be it should be appropriate thing to talk to your Coordinator, what is His/Her advice. Will it be acceptable at your home university one year later in case if you come back with less amount of credits? Please clear this issue, to avoid any complications later.

You are expecting to prepare such a plan on your own before the arrival. The reason of such a request is: you will realize how many didactic hours you have to spend with tutors (mainly in hospitals). Please take under consideration that more or less the same amount you will have to spend in the library. Pay attention for the amount of exams you plan to take. We do not advice to take more the 5 - 6 exams on medicine major.

Based on a Preliminary Plan a Final Plans is done by the Dean's Office.

Final Plan should not be changed.

We do not know what are your requirements towards next year. But we would like you to have a good study period and a pleasant time here.

What subjects can I choose?

Please find the EXCEL for 21/22 subject available for the ERASMUS students.

Rotation - what does it mean?

Some of our courses (especially clinic: oncology; internal diseases; Gynaecology; obstetrics; paediatrics) are organized in between several clinics , a student is obliged to attend all the mentioned in schedule clinics= rotate presence in clinics in order to achieve credit on a subject. It is not recommended to pick up only a part of the block.

Do I need to attend the seminars?

All the scheduled activities (seminars lectures theoretical practical) are obligatory.

All activities shall be evaluated.

Why can I skip the exam?

There are subjects at our curriculum which starts on the 3rd year and finished on the 5th or even 6th . Also some exams consist of two parts (theoretical and practical). Though even brilliant student who come only for one year or one semester is not able to pass such an exam. The list of extremely complicated and complex exams on medical major : Internal Diseases; G&O; Paediatrics; Surgery.

What can I do, if subjects in my preliminary plan overlap in real schedule?

We are not able to guarantee an exchange student that the subjects he/she has chosen will be available. Adopt your expectations to real possibilities here on place. It is better to reduce the plan then at the end of the year receive negative marks on subject you were not able to do. Please use the possibility to change LA. However the changes are to be final with the period of 5 weeks from the moment of your arrival.

If my course overlap 1 day, what should I do?

It will be pointed in you preliminary plan by the Dean's Office that course are overlapping with suggesting to change the plan. We do not advise to keep overlapping. So far bilocation is still an ability prescribed only for saints. The only solution is to make up the class under prior arrangements with the tutors. It is not advices to skip the first day of any block. It is recommended to make up the last day of the block.

Please remember:

-Your private health insurance (where applicable) should cover your medical needs for the entire period you are In Poland.

-University courses usually begin in late September/early October.

-Professors may ask you to sign an attendance sheet to keep track of the students who attend lessons irregularly.

-Textbook requirements and related information for each course are described in the Syllabi, available on the web page. Also you may ask directly your tutor for the obligatory and recommended literature on the subject. PUM's Library have a plenty of books available on-line.

-Settling into a different environment and adjusting to new situations can be challenging.