



**Polish Culture and Language Centre at the Faculty of Humanities
of the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce**

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The guide

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Basic information about Polish Culture and Language Centre

History

Polish Culture and Language Centre is a faculty unit of the Faculty of Humanities at the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce. It was formed in 2015 according to § 5 sec. 2, point 4 of the Organization Rules of the Faculty of Humanities.

Authorities of CKiJP UJK

The first Head of the Centre was Dr hab. Prof. UJK Marzena Marczevska, who performed her duties from 2015 to 2020. The first Deputy Head was Dr hab. Prof. UJK Stanisław Cygan. Since 2020, Dr hab. Prof. UJK Stanisław Cygan has been the Head of the Centre and Dr Katarzyna Ostrowska has been the Deputy Head.

Our activities

- Didactics: organising classes under the name of a Polish language course for international students of the first year of undergraduate studies and uniform master's studies
- Organising Polish language courses for staying at UJK in Kielce Erasmus Plus students and commercial language courses of Polish as a second language
- As part of cooperation with the Confucius Institute, PC&LC organised Chinese language courses and co-organised classes on various aspects of Chinese culture (theatre, film, etc.), lectures, film screenings, exhibitions, and other cultural events.

- Since its inception, PC&LC focuses its didactic activities on international students, emphasising groups of Ukrainian and Chinese students, organising Polish language classes with qualified teachers for them.
- Organising Polish language courses as part of Erasmus+ programme



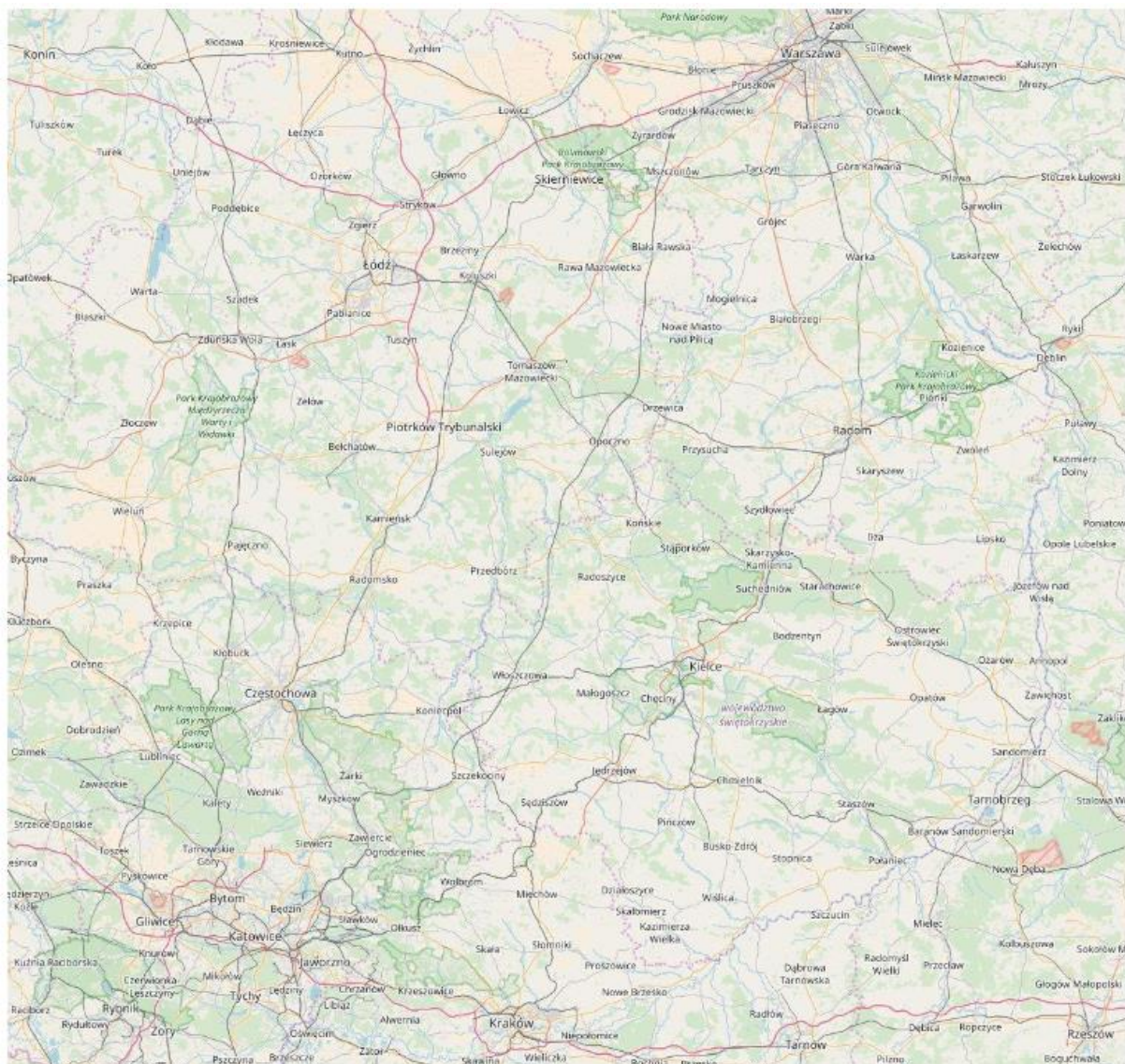
The building of the Faculty of Humanities which is the seat of the Centre

Detailed offer of courses organised by CKiJP UJK

- Erasmus + - 30 hours of language classes, 3 ECTS points,
- Polish language classes for international students – the 1st semester: 60 hours, 2 ECTS points; the 2nd semester: 60 hours, 2 ECTS points
- Commercial Polish language courses (Summer Polish language school)
- Chinese language courses (until 2019)

A brief tourist guide to Kielce

Kielce is a city located in the heart of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains. The Silnica River crosses it. On its territory there are a number of nature reserves, such as: Kadzielnia, Karczówka, Ślichowice, Wietrznia or Biesak-Białogon. Its highest point is Telegraf - 408 m above sea level, while the lowest one is Silnica Valley - 260 m above sea level. Kielce, the city, situated in central Poland, has about 180 thousand inhabitants and covers an area of 110 square kilometres. It is 117 km far from Krakow and 170 km away from Warsaw, the capital of Poland.



How to get to Kielce

You can get to Kielce by bus (PKS) or by train (PKP). If you already have a student ID, you can choose a reduced ticket. The prices for a one-way trip to Krakow or Warsaw range from PLN 25 to PLN 50. Bus service is offered by companies such as Polski Bus or Muszkieter.

(<http://www.polskibus.com/pl/index.htm>), (<http://www.muszkieter.pl/>). You can buy a ticket directly from the driver. However, you do not guarantee to have a seat on a bus then. You can also buy a ticket via the Internet. If you do, you will have a seat guaranteed.

A ticket does not have to be printed; you need to have it on your tablet or phone. If you want to save money - choose rail travel (ticket price around PLN 20- PLN 30). Railway service is offered by Polish Railways Lines (PKP). Tickets can be purchased online at <http://rozklad-pkp.pl> (where you will find all the necessary information about the train timetable), as well as in the Koleo application, and directly from a ticket office at a railway station. The best option is to choose a direct train as you do not have to change trains at a different station.

Public transport

In Kielce, you can move around the city by bus. A common practice is the purchase of a single / 40-minute ticket - its price is: PLN 1.70 – PLN 3.40 or one - hour ticket - its price is PLN1.80 – PLN 3.60.

Bus tickets can be purchased in newsagents near a bus stop, from a ticket machine or directly from a driver on a bus.

Ticket machines accept only small amounts and return the change. If you want to find bus connections you are interested in, visit this website: <http://ztm.kielce.pl>, click the "timetables" tab (searching by bus numbers) or "search connection" (by streets)

Culture

In Kielce, there are many monuments and exciting attractions, such as the Palace of the Krakow Bishops, the Cathedral Basilica, the Zieliński's Palace, and the Laszczyks' Manor House. The representative street of Kielce is Henryk Sienkiewicz Street, which is about 1270 m long and stretches from the railway station (Niepodległości Square) to Moniuszko Square. In the centre of Kielce, there are the following cultural centres:

- Kielce Cultural Centre
- Youth Culture House
- 'Zameczek' Cultural Centre
- theatres: the Stefan Żeromski Theatre, the Puppet and Actor Theatre "Kubuś", the Kielce Dance

Theatre and the museums: The National Museum, the Museum of Toys and Plays, the Museum of Stefan Żeromski's School Years.

Interesting sights (local landmarks)

Kielce is located in the vicinity of the oldest mountain range of Europe - the 500-million-year-old Świętokrzyskie Mountains range, rich in numerous finds of fossils from the time of world-class dinosaurs. The city itself is also full of places worth visiting.

Here are some of them:

Museum of Toys and Plays



Source: https://swietokrzyskie.travel/informator_turystyczny/zabytki/muzeum_zabawek_i_zabawy_w_kielcach
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The address: plac Wolności 2, 25-367 Kielce

The ticket prices: Normal PLN 15 (also includes admission to the Laurens Hamond Museum), reduced PLN 8 (children, adolescents, students, teachers, retirees, pensioners, people with disabilities; (also includes admission to the Laurens Hamond Museum). On Saturday admission free.

The bus station 'Spodek' (Eng. saucer)



Source: <https://www.se.pl/kielce/nareszcie-kielcecki-spodek-oficjalnie-gotowy-kiedy-wjada-pierwsze-autobusy-aa-zPaN-ybA9-kk8g.html>

The address: ul. Czarnowska 12, 25-504 Kielce

The Kadzielna nature reserve



Source: <https://mynaszlaku.pl/kadzielnia-miejsce-ktore-warto-zobaczyc-bedac-w-kielcach/>

Kadzielnia is a picturesque hill in the southwest part of Kielce, built of upper Devonian limestones. In the heart of the reserve there is Szmaragdowe Lake. There is an Amphitheater in Kadzielnia where numerous cultural events take place.

The address: Aleja Legionów 1