

Higher School of Safety

Wyższa Szkoła Bezpieczeństwa (Higher School of Safety), with its seat in Poznań, is the first in Poland and one of the few institutions in Europe whose main focus of academic, didactic and pedagogic activity is the problem of man's security in the present world.

Its history goes back to 17 December 2004 when the school was established on the basis of the Act of the Minister of National Education and Sports. The school acquired legal status as a non-state higher education institution in February 2005 (under no. 168), which marks the first day of the school's academic existence.

WSB provides great chances of intellectual stimulation and personal development in multiple areas of social activity related to promoting social and personal security. The subject of security constitutes the basic field of academic research that involves the students' active participation.

The studies are organized on daily, extramural as well as distant learning basis. Each form has been found to be attractive and enjoys popularity.

At present over 1,000 students attend lectures in the following Faculties:

- Pedagogy
- History
- Management
- National Safety

To qualify for admission to Wyższa Szkoła Bezpieczeństwa, the applicant must hold the Maturity Certificate - świadectwo dojrzałości. The school admits all people who apply irrespective of age.

The courses offered are:

- Bachelor courses – the courses last three years; after successfully completing the bachelor course, graduates are given the Polish Licentiate (Licencjat), which is comparable with the British Bachelor degree.
- Postgraduate courses - these are studies offered to those who have already graduated with an MA degree and wish to supplement knowledge and refine skills.

WSB aspires to the name of an institution open to new challenges and educational needs, promoting modern learning-teaching methods, which makes it possible for the students to take full advantage of what the labour market offers.

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Students Calendar

The Rector settles the precise organization of the academic year:

the academic year consists of two semesters (autumn and summer ones) starting in October and in mid February.

The Higher School of Safety has an academic calendar that starts on the 1st of October and runs for forty two weeks. There are breaks and holidays from 27th of Oct till 4th of Nov, at Christmas (two weeks), at Easter (one week), in May (one week) and summer holidays in July/September (eleven weeks).

During Summer break students need to participate practices.

01 October 2007	Academic Year Inauguration
02 October 2007	Start semester 1
27 October – 04 November 2007	All Saints People Holliday
22 December – 01 January 2008	Christmas vacation
28 January – 06 February 2008	Winter exam session
11 February – 15 February 2008	Additional Winter exam session
18 February 2008	Start semester 2
22 March – 30 March 2008	Easter vacation
26 April – 4 May 2008	May vacation
17 May – 25 May 2008	Spring break
20 June 2008	End of semester
23 June – 11 July 2008	Summer exam session
08 September – 17 September 2008	Additional Summer exam session

Polish Public Holidays:

All Saints' Day- November 1

Independence Day- November 11

Christmas-December 25-26

New Year's Day-January 1,

Easter Sunday and Monday-March/April,

May Day-May 1

Constitution Day-May 3

Corpus Christi Day- Thursday in May or June.

Assessment

There are different types of assessment within a faculty. The common types are:

exam (written or oral): lectures specify their requirements at the beginning of the course.

If a student fails an exam, he/she can take it once more. If he/she does not pass the exam, there is a possibility to take exam (egzamin komisyjny) in front of a commission (lecturer, another specialist from this subject, dean of the faculty) signature-pass (zaliczenie) or fail (niezaliczenie).

Practical information

Smoking and drugs

Smoking is prohibited in most public places in Poland. There is a special smoking room in WSB.

Smoking in classes is not allowed. Soft and heavy drugs are strictly prohibited.

Credit Cards

It is possible to pay by credit card. The most popular are Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Maestro. They are accepted almost everywhere.

VAT

22% or 7% VAT is added to most goods and services. Prices in shops always include VAT.

Telephones

Public telephones require special tokens or magnetic cards which can be bought at Post Office (Poczta) or newsagent (Kiosk).

Emergency Services (free of charge)

Fire Brigade	998
Police	997/ 112 (for mobile)
Ambulance	999