

INFORMATION ON THE ENGLISH C1 ACADEMIC COURSE (BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 2026) AND THE C1 ACADEMIC EXAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM FIRST-CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

During your first-cycle studies, you are required to:

- complete 180 hours of language courses, and
- pass the C1 Academic Exam.

Students who already hold an accepted C1 certificate

If you have one of the certificates listed below, you are exempt from both the C1 Academic course and the C1 Academic Exam. You may therefore start taking other language courses immediately.

Please note that exemption from the C1 Academic course and exam does not reduce the total requirement of 180 hours of language courses. You are still required to complete 180 hours of language courses in accordance with your Faculty curriculum, including any compulsory Polish language classes (60 hours for international students, where applicable).

The following certificates are accepted:

- IELTS – 7.5 or above
- TOEFL – 100–120
- C2 certificates (CPE, TELC) – pass or above
- C1 certificates (CAE, TELC) – grade B or above
- GCE A Levels (including a grade for English), SAT (above the benchmark), US High School Diploma or IB Diploma

No other certificates are accepted.

Your certificate must be registered before the beginning of the semester. Please send a scan of your certificate, together with your student number, Faculty and semester of study, to Joanna.Szymanska@pw.edu.pl.

Course and exam pathway

Students with an accepted C1 certificate

Semester 1:

Students are exempt from the C1 Academic course and exam and enrol in other language courses from Semester 1.

Students without an accepted C1 certificate

Semester 1:

C1 Academic course (30 hours – the first part of the 60-hour course).

Students who are sufficiently prepared may take the C1 Academic Exam after Semester 1.

Semester 2:

C1 Academic course (30 hours – the second part of the 60-hour course).

Students who have not yet passed the exam normally take it at the end of Semester 2.

Semester 3:

Students who have passed the C1 Academic Exam continue with other language courses.

Students who have not passed (or have not taken) the exam continue the C1 Academic course until they pass.

Registration for language courses

Registration for language courses is expected to open on 25 September 2026.

Classes begin in October 2026.