

## 8. INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

### 8.1. Access to the higher education

Total time of education till the moment of finishing school which gives possibility to take the high school final exam (secondary school leaving examination) is 12-15 years. After passing high school final examination (secondary school leaving examination), graduates get baccalaureate certificate which enables them to apply for admission to a university.

### 8.2. System of higher education

System of higher education and the basics of its operation are specified by the Act of 27 July 2005 - Law on Higher Education (Journal of Laws No. 164, item 1365, as amended). The provisions of this Act shall apply to public and private universities, and education is conducted on the same basis and under the same conditions.

Universities, regardless of their status, are divided into academic universities and vocational universities.

The academic university is the university, in which at least one organizational unit has the right to confer doctoral degrees.

The vocational university is the university conducting first or second-level studies or uniform Master's studies not having the right to confer the doctor's degree. Studies at universities are run as first-level, second-level or uniform Master's studies and also doctoral (third-degree/third level) studies. First-level studies may be conducted as licencjat degree studies, which last six or seven semesters, or inżynier degree studies that last seven or eight semesters. The second degree studies lasts three or four semesters. Uniform Master's studies last from nine to twelve semesters. Doctoral studies last no longer than four years. In a separate procedure, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 14 March 2003 on Academic Degrees and Title and Degrees and Title in Arts (Journal of Laws No. 65, item 595, as amended), obtaining a doctoral degree or a doctoral degree in arts.

Higher education studies and doctoral studies can be run as full-time or part-time studies.

### 8.3. Degrees awarded to graduates of higher education

- licencjat, licencjat pielęgniarstwa, licencjat położnictwa, inżynier, inżynier pożarnictwa, inżynier architekt, inżynier architekt krajobrazu - awarded to first-level studies graduates,
- magister and equivalent titles: magister inżynier, magister inżynier architekt, magister inżynier architekt krajobrazu, magister inżynier pożarnictwa, magister pielęgniarstwa, magister położnictwa, magister sztuki - awarded to graduates of the second-level studies graduates
- magister and equivalent titles: lekarz, lekarz dentysta, lekarz weterynarii, magister farmacji, magister sztuki - awarded to graduates of uniform Master's studies.

### 8.4. Credit points

Number of ECTS credits outlined in the plan of study for a semester is 30, while for the year of study - 60. To get the diploma of the first-level studies, a student must obtain at least 180 ECTS credits, second-level studies - at least 90 ECTS credits, uniform Master's studies - at least 300 points in a system of five-year study and 360 ECTS credits in the system of six-year study.

### 8.5. Academic degrees, academic degrees in arts, academic title, academic title in arts

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of 14 March 2003 on Academic Degrees and Title and Degrees and Title in Arts (Journal of Laws No. 65, item. 595, as amended) degrees, degrees in arts and the title of profesor are awarded. The academic degrees are degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany of a specific area of science in a given scientific discipline. Academic degrees in arts are the degrees of doktor and doktor habilitowany in a specific area of arts in a given artistic discipline. Academic degrees and academic degrees in arts are given by organizational units of the university and the Polish Academy of Sciences and research institutes, in accordance with their powers. Academic title is the title of profesor of a specific area of science, degree in arts is a profesor of arts. The title of profesor is given by the President of the Republic of Poland.

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1 In original language.

2 Indicate the status of the higher education institution administering studies: State, non-State/State-recognised; indicate the name of the higher education institution offering the study programme jointly in original language.

3 If necessary additional pages may be added to fill in information in item 4.2-1 .1 and 6 1-6.2.