

## COVERING LETTER

### STUDIES FOR FOREIGNERS IN THE HEART OF CRACOW

The Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow is planning to implement, in the academic year of 2019/2020, an international course of study by opening, as part of the master's degree cycle, a major program entitled "Philosophy and Christianity in the Contemporary World" (a two-year master's degree course of study for individuals holding a bachelor's or master's degree). The project is financed with the European Union funds.

In the course of study, the participants will have an opportunity to pursue their interests and acquire competence in the field of philosophy while addressing the issues concerned with contemporary Christian thought as viewed in relation to philosophy, mathematics and life sciences as well as humanities *sensu largo*.

The educational offer put forward as part of the major program entitled "Philosophy and Christianity in the Contemporary World" is targeted primarily at non-Polish nationals who come chiefly from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other countries that used to form an integral part of the Soviet Union. The study programme conducted in both the Russian and Polish language will include lectures and tutorials as well as classes aimed at honing fluency in the Polish language. Besides, the course will be supplemented with a wide variety of integration activities. Embarking on the philosophy study program with the major in "Philosophy and Christianity in the Contemporary World" will be preceded by participation in a summer school in September, offering:

- Polish language classes: development of linguistic (grammatical, lexical, phonological and spelling) competence; text editing and analysis skills.
- integration and culture classes: integration of Polish and foreign students, learning about and improving the knowledge of the Polish history, literature and culture, becoming acquainted with the city and the university, practical preparation for studies in Poland.

The Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of John Paul II is reckoned to be one of the best academic institutions in Poland. Our students are provided with an opportunity to share in the rich tradition of philosophical thought on the surrounding reality. We aim to pursue philosophy in the spirit of research freedom and respect for the latest

scientific findings. We regard as particularly valuable philosophy which opens up to the truth, good and beauty, which inclines towards critical consideration of the persuasions embraced by every person and every culture, and which does not shun dialogue with the contemporary world. Thus, we honour recommendations of our Patron – John Paul II. As the archbishop of Cracow, he was one of those who played a crucial role in the foundation of our Faculty in the previous century.

We provide our students with very good conditions for development. Our educational offer is adjusted to the challenges and needs of the contemporary culture. The classes will be conducted by both the employees of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of John Paul II and competent foreign scholars qualified to work in the international milieu. Non-Polish lecturers will teach almost 500 contact hours. The study programme has been developed to enable our students to enter the job market once they leave university.

The project will provide the means necessary to cover the costs of accommodation and living incurred by foreigners staying in the territory of Poland in the period directly related to the course of study. The number of places is limited – we are planning to start a two-year master's degree course for 25 individuals, 20 places being earmarked for non-Polish nationals. The admissions procedure has been planned for the academic year of 2019/2020 only. Further information on the admissions procedure and the activity pursued by the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of John Paul II can be found on our website: [filozofiaue.upjp2.edu.pl](http://filozofiaue.upjp2.edu.pl) and [rekrutacja.upjp2.edu.pl](http://rekrutacja.upjp2.edu.pl)

Feel free to explore our educational offer. We kindly ask you to pass the information about the projected admissions procedure on to potential candidates. Should you have any questions, please e-mail them at [filozofiaue@upjp2.edu.pl](mailto:filozofiaue@upjp2.edu.pl)

With best regards,

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