

**Terms, procedures, and dates of admission to studies conducted
in English at the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice
in the academic year 2026/2027**

I. General provisions

§1

1. The terms used in the Resolution shall mean:
 - 1) Act – the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571 as amended),
 - 2) University, SUM - Medical University of Silesia in Katowice,
 - 3) Commencement of studies – the beginning of the academic year, which falls on October 1 of a specific academic year,
 - 4) Admission limit - the maximum number of persons who can be admitted to the first year of a given field of study within a specific degree and form of study,
 - 5) URB - University Recruitment Board.
2. The University conducts recruitment for the first year of study for the academic year 2026/2027, for the following fields of study conducted in English:
 - 1) uniform Master's study in:
 - **physiotherapy,**
 - **medicine,**
 - **medicine and dentistry.**
 - 2) first cycle degree program in:
 - **medical biotechnology,**
 - **nursing,**
 - **public health.**
 - 3) second cycle degree program in:
 - **medical biotechnology,**
 - **nursing,**
 - **public health.**
3. Studies conducted in English shall be subject to a fee.

§2

1. Admission limits for studies in English in medicine and medicine and dentistry in the academic year 2026/2027 shall be determined by the minister responsible for health matters in consultation with the minister responsible for higher education.
2. Admission limits to other fields of study conducted in English referred to in § 1 shall be determined by an internal act of the University.
3. For the winter semester, admission is determined up to 65% of the admission limit specified in paragraphs 1 and 2.

§3

1. The recruitment procedure shall be conducted by the URB, the composition, rules and procedures of which shall be determined by the Rector.
2. The admission procedure consists of a qualification procedure and a procedure deciding on the admission to studies.
3. Admission to studies shall be effected by enrolment in the register of students, whereas refusal of admission to studies shall be effected by an administrative decision, subject to par. 5.
4. The decision of the URB may be appealed against to the Rector within 14 days of the delivery of the decision. The Rector's decision shall be final.

5. In the cases specified in the Act, decisions on admission to studies shall be taken by the Rector. A student shall have the right to apply for reconsideration of the Rector's decision referred to in the preceding sentence within 14 days from the date of the delivery of the decision.

II. Rules and procedures of recruitment to studies conducted in English.

§4

1. The recruitment procedure for studies in English may be conducted twice during the academic year,
 - a) for the winter semester: it begins on April 01, 2026 and runs until September 30, 2026.
 - b) for the summer semester: it begins on October 12, 2026 and runs until January 10, 2027.
2. In justified cases, the recruitment procedure for studies at the University may be extended by a decision of the Rector.
3. The detailed timetable and deadlines in the recruitment procedure for the academic year 2026/2027 shall be set by URB and published on the University's website.

§5

1. All information related to the recruitment procedure for studies in English shall be posted on the University's website: www.sum.edu.pl and <https://admission.sum.edu.pl>.
2. The candidates are required to keep up to date with the information provided by the University or otherwise suffer the ensuing negative consequences.
3. The URB shall publish the results of the qualification procedure by posting the list of admitted candidates on the University's website indicated in par. 1.
4. The university reserves the right not to open a field of study if the number of students admitted to a given field of study is less than 20.

§6

1. The following person may be admitted to a qualification procedure for first-year studies for fields of study conducted in English:
 - 1) a person who has graduated from a secondary school and has obtained a certificate giving access to higher education in the country of issue;
 - 2) a person who knows English at least at a language proficiency level not lower than B2;
 - a) in the case of candidates who are citizens of the Member States of the European Union, the Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, and the United Kingdom, applying for admission to studies on the basis of a document issued abroad which, by virtue of law, confirms the right to apply for admission to higher education, or a document issued in a country with which the Republic of Poland has concluded an agreement on the mutual recognition of educational documents, evidence of English language proficiency shall be:
 - a. certificates or attestations demonstrating language proficiency at the required level,
 - b. certificates of graduation from a school in which the language of instruction was English,
 - c. a secondary school leaving certificate from a Scandinavian country, provided that it is obtained in English:
 - by candidates from Norway – grades of at least 4,
 - by candidates from Sweden – grades of at least VG/C,
 - by candidates from Denmark – grades of at least 7,
 - d. certificate of successful completion of an English language course at the required level during higher education studies;
 - b) in the case of candidates who are citizens of the Member States of the European Union, the Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, and the United Kingdom, applying for admission to studies on the basis of a document issued abroad which does not constitute, by virtue of law, a document confirming the right to apply for admission to higher education, or a document issued in a country with which the Republic of Poland has not concluded an agreement on the mutual recognition of educational documents, as well as in the case of a document issued in a country with which the Republic of Poland has concluded the above-mentioned agreement but this document is not covered by it, the documents certifying knowledge of the English language are the documents listed in point 2) subpoint a) letter a. b. d.;

- c) in the case of candidates who are not citizens of the Member States of the European Union, the Member States of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, or the United Kingdom, the documents certifying proficiency in the English language shall be those specified in the list of documents determined, by way of a regulation, by the minister competent for higher education and science.
- 3) a person who has registered and submitted an application form together with the required documents referred to in paragraph 2 in the electronic recruitment system within the time limit set by URB.
- 4) a person who has paid the recruitment fee by the deadline set by the URB, in the amount set by the minister responsible for higher education and made public on the University's website.
2. Candidates applying for admission to study in English are required to submit the following documents:
 - 1) *a personal questionnaire*, in accordance with the template constituting Annex No. 2 to these Terms and Conditions,
 - 2) the original or notarized copy of the secondary school leaving certificate, entitling one to apply for admission to higher education in the country of issue (applies to candidates applying for admission to first-cycle studies and uniform master's studies),
 - 3) certification of the legalization of the document referred to in point 2), if it was issued in a country that is not a party to the Hague Convention,
or
certification in the form of an “apostille” – in the case where the document referred to in point 2) was issued by an institution operating within the education system of a state that is a party to the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961, abolishing the requirement of legalization of foreign public documents,
 - 4) in the case of a document referred to in point 2) that is not recognized in Poland by virtue of law, or that was issued in a country with which the Republic of Poland has not concluded an agreement on the mutual recognition of educational documents, as well as in the case of a document issued in a country with which the Republic of Poland has concluded the above-mentioned agreement but the document is not covered by it, the candidate shall submit, during the recruitment process, within the deadline set by the URB:
 - a) decisions of the educational superintendent regarding secondary education and the entitlement to apply for admission to higher education,
or
 - b) a written statement regarding the certificate issued by the director of NAWA, confirming the entitlement to apply for admission to higher education,
 - 5) identity document (for viewing),
 - 6) two colour photographs, meeting the requirements for a ID card or passport photo, signed on the back with the student's given name and surname,
 - 7) a document confirming the knowledge of the English language referred to in paragraph 1 item 2),
 - 8) proof of payment of the recruitment fee,
 - 9) the original or a notarised copy of the diploma of the first-cycle degree program (applies to candidates applying for admission to the second-cycle degree program),
 - 10) in the case of a document referred to in paragraph 2, point 9), which is not recognized in Poland by virtue of law as entitling the holder to continue education at the second-cycle (Master's) level, and which has also not been recognized as equivalent to the corresponding Polish diploma under an international agreement or through the nostrification procedure, candidates are required, during the recruitment process and within the deadline set by the URB, to submit a written statement regarding the diploma issued by the director of NAWA, confirming the entitlement to apply for admission to studies, as well as a document certifying proficiency in the English language at a level not lower than B2, in accordance with the list of types of documents specified, by way of regulation, by the minister competent for higher education and science,
 - 11) certificate of nostrification of the first-cycle diploma (applies to candidates applying for admission to second-cycle studies).
3. Documents originally issued in a language other than Polish or English should be accompanied by a sworn translation into Polish or English.
4. The deadline for payment of the recruitment fee is considered to have been met if the funds are received in the University's bank account within the required deadline.
5. The fee referred to in par. 1 item 4) shall not be refunded, subject to paragraph 6.

6. The University shall only refund the recruitment fee if:
 - 1) the field of study has not been launched,
 - 2) a double fee was paid for the same field of study,
 - 3) the candidate has resigned from the recruitment process before undertaking an activity by URB.
7. The refund of the recruitment fee referred to in paragraph 6 shall be made only at the written request of the candidate.
8. The university does not exempt from the application fee.
9. The recruitment process is conducted in the electronic recruitment system of the Silesian Medical University in Katowice at <https://apply.sum.edu.pl/>.
10. Candidates applying for admission to studies conducted in English shall submit the documents referred to in paragraph 2 in the University's electronic recruitment system within the deadline set by the UKR.
11. The date of receipt of documents in the University's electronic recruitment system is decisive for the acceptance of documents for the qualification procedure. Failure to submit documents on time constitutes a basis for refusing admission to studies.
12. After obtaining the status of qualified on the ranking list, the candidate is obliged to submit the original documents referred to in paragraph 2, in person or by post at the time and place designated by UKR.
13. Failure to submit original documents within the deadline referred to in paragraph 12 is tantamount to the candidate's resignation from applying for admission to studies and results in the removal of his/her name from the list of persons qualified for admission to studies.

IV. Rules of recruitment to studies taught in English.

§7

1. Candidates applying for admission to studies conducted in English who have a school leaving certificate or a secondary school leaving certificate issued outside the Republic of Poland (other than the IB and EB certificates) issued in a Member State of the European Union (EU), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or in a country with which the Republic of Poland has concluded an agreement on the mutual recognition of educational documents shall be qualified on the basis of the results of the secondary school leaving examination in the subjects covered by the recruitment procedure, converted into qualifying points.
2. The grades entered in the school leaving certificate or a secondary school leaving certificate obtained abroad, as referred to in section 1, shall be calculated using the grade-point conversion factor for a given subject according to Appendix 1 to these Conditions.
3. Candidates who hold a certificate referred to in par. 1 and do not have the grades from the secondary school leaving certificate in the subjects required for the chosen field of study may take an entrance examination organised by the Medical University of Silesia in English at a date designated by URB, during which the candidate's knowledge of the subjects covered by the recruitment procedure, as defined in §8, shall be assessed.
4. In the absence of the conversion table referred to in paragraph 2, the results on a foreign school-leaving certificate or matriculation certificate shall be converted by the URB according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Exam result}}{\text{Maximum grade in the exam}} \times 100$$

5. In the case referred to in paragraph 4, appropriate qualification points shall be assigned to the grades in the subjects, determined for a grading scale comparable to the scale indicated on the candidate's certificate.
6. For the purpose of converting results on a letter grading scale, appropriate numerical values shall be assigned to the grades.
7. In the case where a grade covers more than one subject (a module of subjects), the University Recruitment Committee (URB) shall consider the matter individually, deciding on the number of points recognized and converted in the qualification procedure.
8. In the case where the level at which the candidate took the exam in a given subject is not indicated on the certificate, the University Recruitment Committee, when deciding on the determination of the level, may take into account the number of hours completed by the candidate in that subject.

9. The candidate is required to provide the UKR with information regarding the grading scale used on the document entitling them to undertake studies.
10. The University Recruitment Committee shall make the final decision on the conversion of grades from the required subjects submitted by the candidate and considered for the selected field of study.
11. Candidates applying for admission to studies conducted in English with a school leaving certificate or a secondary school leaving certificate issued outside the Republic of Poland in countries other than member states of: the European Union (EU), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation, shall be qualified on the basis of the results of an entrance examination conducted by the University in subjects covered by the recruitment procedure, converted into qualifying points.
12. The examination referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 may be conducted online. Decision about the possibility, rules and manner of conducting such an examination shall be taken by the URB and it shall be communicated to the relevant candidates.
13. The examination referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be graded on a 0-100 point scale, for each subject required for the recruitment process referred to in § 8.
14. Candidates applying for admission to studies conducted in English, with a secondary school leaving certificate issued in the Republic of Poland shall be qualified on the basis of the results of the secondary school leaving examinations in the subjects covered by the recruitment procedure and converted into qualifying points.
15. Candidates who are U.S. citizens or have U.S. residency status applying for admission to the uniform master's degree program in medicine are required to submit a certificate of their score on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).
16. The result of the secondary school leaving examination referred to in paragraph 7, expressed as a percentage, shall be given by the candidate as a score expressed in points according to the rule 1%=1 point.
17. Candidates holding the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma (International Baccalaureate) and the European Baccalaureate (EB) diploma shall be subject to the qualification procedure according to the same rules as the candidates holding the new secondary school leaving certificate in Poland.
18. Grades entered in the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma shall be converted by the candidate using the following conversion factor for the points obtained in a given subject:

Subject grade on the IB diploma	Points for level	
	Basic (SL)	Extended (HL)
7	100	100
6	90	90
5	80	80
4	70	70
3	45	45
2	30	30

19. The result of the European Baccalaureate (EB) examination should be converted into points by the candidate according to the following rule: result x 10.
20. Candidates who have undertaken the secondary school leaving examination as referred to in paragraph 9, in the event of the necessity to convert scores from the advanced level to the basic level, shall calculate the point total from the matriculation exam according to the following principle:
 - Score on the matriculation exam from 0-29 points - conversion 1% x 1,
 - Score on the matriculation exam from 30-100 points - conversion 1% x 1.5.
21. Individuals intending to undergo the International Baccalaureate (IB), European Baccalaureate (EB), or any other foreign secondary school leaving examination in the academic year 2026 are obligated to submit, within the timeframe stipulated by the university, an attestation of their examination outcomes duly issued by the competent authorities. Failure to promptly furnish the original certificate of maturity immediately upon its reception, and no later than the 20th of September 2026, shall result in the non-admission of candidates to the academic pursuits.
22. Persons studying a given field of full-time studies at Medical University of Silesia in Katowice cannot begin studies in the same field of full-time studies.
23. A student of the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice may apply/study in more than one field of study

at SUM if he/she is accepted to each of the fields in the recruitment procedure.

§8

1. Admission to uniform Master's studies in **physiotherapy** shall be based on the results from the secondary school leaving examination or from the entrance examination organized by the Medical University of Silesia in biology, in the basic or extended scope converted to the basic level.
2. Admission to uniform Master's studies in **medicine** and **medicine and dentistry** shall be based on the results from the secondary school leaving examination or from the entrance examination organized by the Medical University of Silesia from the following subjects taken at the extended level:
 - 1) biology - obligatory subject
and
 - 2) chemistry, or
physics, or
mathematics
- one subject of the candidate's choice.
3. Applicants may apply to study medicine or medicine and dentistry if they have obtained at least 100 points in the required subjects, including at least 40 points in biology, however the Rector may lower this threshold if the limit of places referred to in § 2 has not been exhausted.
4. Admission to the first cycle degree program in **medical biotechnology** shall be based on the results from the secondary school leaving examination or from the entrance examination organized by the Medical University of Silesia in one of the following selected subjects taken at an extended level:
biology, or
chemistry, or
mathematics, or
physics
-one subject of the candidate's choice.
5. Admission to the first cycle degree program in **nursing** shall be based on the results from the secondary school leaving examination or from the entrance examination organized by the Medical University of Silesia in biology in the basic or extended scope converted to the basic level.
6. Admission to the first cycle degree program in **public health** shall be based on the results from the secondary school leaving examination or from the entrance examination organized by the Medical University of Silesia in one of the following subjects:
biology, or
chemistry, or
mathematics, or
physics, or
civics
-one subject of the candidate's choice in the basic scope.
7. The qualification procedure for the second-cycle degree program in **medical biotechnology** shall be based on the grade point average obtained during the whole period of the first cycle degree program in biotechnology, or medical biotechnology, or biology (the grade point average calculated as an arithmetic average of the results of all examinations, credits ending a subject, obtained throughout the study period).
8. The qualification procedure for the second-cycle degree program in **public health** shall be based on the grade point average obtained during the whole period of the first cycle degree program (the grade point average calculated as an arithmetic average of the results of all examinations, credits ending a subject, obtained throughout the study period).
9. The qualification procedure for the second-cycle degree program in **nursing** shall be based on the grade point average obtained during the whole period of the first cycle degree program in nursing and obstetrics (the grade point average calculated as an arithmetic average of the results of all examinations, credits ending a subject, obtained throughout the study period).
10. The candidates shall be admitted to studies in English within the limits of admission referred to in § 2, based on the established ranking list. The place on the ranking list shall be determined by the sum of points obtained in the qualification procedure.
11. The number of points required for admission, as well as the reduction in the number of points if there are still vacancies available, shall be determined by the University Recruitment Board.
12. Information obtained from the candidate during the recruitment process - may be processed for statistical purposes in an anonymised form - to which the candidate agrees by entering the recruitment process.

§9

1. A condition for commencing studies is obtaining a place on the ranking list referred to in § 8, paragraph 10, and submitting to SUM a medical certificate confirming the absence of any contraindications to undertaking studies in the chosen field and form of education.
2. A referral for medical examination for candidates is issued by the University Recruitment Committee.
3. The medical certificate referred to in paragraph 1 point 1 should be submitted by 30 September 2026.

Converting the results of the secondary school leaving examination taken abroad for particular countries*:

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Austria

Grade entered in Reifeprüfungszeugnis (basic level)	Number of points (basis level)	Grade entered in the Reifeprüfungszeugnis (extended level)	Number of points (extended level)
1	100	1	100
2	80	2	80
3	60	3	60
4	40	4	40
5	0	5	0

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Belarus

Grade entered in Atestat (basic level)	Number of points (basis level)	Number of points (R) from the CT matriculation exam (advanced level, scale 1–100)
10	100	R = score in the CT subject
9	90	
8	80	
7	70	
6	60	
5	50	
4	40	
3	30	

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in the Czech Republic

Grade entered in Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce (Maturita) (basic level)	Number of points (basis level)	Grade entered in the Vysvědčení maturitní zkoušce (Maturita) (extended level)	Number of points (extended level)
(1) Excellent	100	(1) Excellent	100
(2) Very Good	80	(2) Very Good	80
(3) Good	60	(3) Good	60
(4) Satisfactory	40	(4) Satisfactory	40
(5) Fail	0	(5) Fail	0

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in France

Grade entered in the secondary school leaving examination – <i>Baccalauréat Diplôme du baccalauréat général</i>	Number of points
20	100
19	94
18	87
17	80
16	74
15	67
14	60
13	54
12	46
11	40
10	33

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Greece

Grade entered in the Panellinies	Conversion into the Polish scale	
Numerical scale	Numerical scale	Percentage scale
19.00 – 20.00	6	100
17.00 – 18.99	5	80
14.00 – 16.99	4	75
11.00 – 13.99	3	50
10.00 – 10.99	2	20
0.00 – 9.99	1	0

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Ireland

Grade entered in the <i>Ardteist Ordinary</i> (basic level)	Grade entered in the <i>Ardteist Ordinary</i> (basic level)	Grade entered in the <i>Ardteist Higher</i> (extended level)	Number of points (extended level)
O1	100	H1	100
O2	89	H2	89
O3	79	H3	79
O4	69	H4	69
O5	59	H5	59
O6	49	H6	49
O7	39	H7	39
O8	0	H8	0

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Germany

Grade entered in the <i>Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife</i> (basic level, scale 1-6)	Number of points (basic level)	Number of points (R) from the secondary school leaving examination (extended level, scale 1-15)
1	100	$R = (\text{result of the secondary school examination} : 15) \cdot 100$
2	83	
3	67	
4	50	
5	33	
6	0	

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Norway

Norway	Conversion into the Polish scale	
Numerical scale (1-6)	Numerical scale (basic level)	Percentage scale (extended level)
6	100	100
5	80	80
4	75	75
3	50	50
2	30	30
1	0	0

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Slovakia

Grade entered in the school leaving certificate (basic level)	Number of points (basic level)	Grade entered in Vysvedčení o maturitnej skúške (Maturita) (extended level - vyššia úroveň)	Number of points (extended level)
(1) Excellent	100	(1) Excellent	100
(2) Very good	80	(2) Very good	80
(3) Good	60	(3) Good	60
(4) Satisfactory	40	(4) Satisfactory	40
(5) Fail	0	(5) Fail	0

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Ukraine

Grade entered in the <i>Atestat</i> (basic level)	Number of points (basic level)	Number of points (R) from the ZNO/NMT secondary school leaving examination (extended level, scale 100-200)
12	100	R = result from ZNO/NMT subject - 100
11	90	
10	80	
9	70	
8	60	
7	50	
6	40	
5	30	
4	20	

Secondary school leaving certificate awarded in Great Britain

Grade entered on <i>AS-Levels</i> (basic level)	Number of points (basis level)	Grade entered on <i>A-Levels</i>, Cambridge, Edexcel, AQA (extended level)	Number of points (extended level)
A	100	A*	100
B	80	A	90
C	60	B	80
D	40	C	60
E	20	D	45
-	-	E	20

* In the case of a different grading scale or a country not covered by the Appendix, the University Recruitment Committee (UKR) shall individually convert the results obtained by the candidate on the matriculation certificate into qualification points.