

REGULATIONS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

YUFE Students' Summer Odyssey – a summer school dedicated to students of YUFE universities

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§1 General Provisions

1. These Regulations constitute an annex to the Rules of the Project YUFE Connects – The European Platform for Academic Cooperation of the Nicolaus Copernicus University..
2. The summer school entitled “YUFE Students' Summer Odyssey – a summer school dedicated to students of YUFE universities” (hereinafter referred to as the “Summer School”) constitutes a task implemented within the framework of the project YUFE Connects – The European Platform for Academic Cooperation of the Nicolaus Copernicus University.
3. The organizer of the Summer School is the Institute of Psychology of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, ul. Gagarina 39, 87-100 Toruń, contact: miglow@umk.pl (hereinafter referred to as the “Organizer”). The Academic Coordinator of the Summer School is Professor Maria Lewicka, and the Administrative Coordinator of the Summer School is Dr. Michał Głowczewski.
4. The Summer School shall be conducted over a period of 14 instructional days (comprising 70 contact hours and 80 hours of individual work, equivalent to 6 ECTS credits) during the period from 10 August 2026 to 23 August 2026. Classes shall be held on-site in Toruń (at the Institute of Psychology, Nicolaus Copernicus University, ul. Gagarina 39, 87-100 Toruń) and in Chełmno (as part of field activities).
5. The Summer School shall be conducted in accordance with the programme and schedule of classes published on the website <https://www.geo.umk.pl/yufe-laczy/szkola-letnia/> All classes shall be conducted in English.

§2 Recruitment Rules

1. A participant of the Summer School (hereinafter referred to as the “Participant”) may only be a student or doctoral candidate enrolled at a university that is a member of the YUFE network, who retains such status for the entire duration of the Summer School. Admission to participation is conditional upon confirmation of this status by the relevant dean's office of the Participant's home university.

2. The project is targeted at first-, second-, and third-cycle students who demonstrate significant academic activity, evidenced by documented achievements, a strong motivation for scientific development and collaboration with international scholars, and whose bachelor's, master's, or doctoral thesis is primarily related to disciplines within the social sciences. Participation may also be open to students and doctoral candidates from other fields of study. A Participant must possess English language proficiency at a minimum B2 level.
3. A candidate for participation in the Summer School shall express their interest by completing and submitting the application form (Annex No. 1 to the Summer School Regulations). An application shall be considered complete only if it is accompanied by all required documents referred to in Section 4. All documents must be prepared in English.
4. Candidates for participation in the Summer School are required to submit:
 - The candidate's academic curriculum vitae (CV) (up to two A4 pages), indicating up to three most significant academic achievements; an academic achievement is understood, in particular, as scientific publications, presentations at conferences, participation in research projects, academic awards and distinctions, and other documented forms of scholarly activity,
 - The candidate's motivation letter (one A4 page), specifying the connection between the planned participation in the Summer School – Toruń Summer School of Social and Environmental Psychology and the topic of the candidate's ongoing bachelor's, master's, or doctoral thesis, as well as the expected impact of the Summer School on the candidate's future academic plans,
 - A brief letter of recommendation from the candidate's academic supervisor,
 - A certificate from the candidate's university confirming their status as a student or doctoral candidate.
5. Registration for the Summer School shall be conducted according to the following schedule:

1st Round: 1 December 2025 – 10 December 2025, with recruitment results announced on 20 December 2025

2nd Round: 1 January 2026 – 10 January 2026, with recruitment results announced on 20 January 2026
6. The 2nd round of recruitment shall be announced only if not all places are filled during the 1st round of recruitment.

7. The maximum number of participants in the Summer School is 24. If the minimum number of participants (5 persons) is not reached, the Summer School shall not be launched.
8. The curriculum vitae of a Project participant must accurately reflect the factual record. Providing false information regarding academic achievements may result in disqualification at any stage of the Project.
9. By submitting an application, the Participant consents to the processing of their personal data for purposes necessary to conduct the recruitment process for the Project.
10. Upon commencing participation in the Summer School, the Participant consents to the processing of their personal data for purposes related to the implementation of the Project.
11. Submission of an application by the Participant shall constitute acceptance of these Summer School Regulations.
12. The Academic Coordinator of the Summer School shall appoint a Recruitment Committee consisting of four members: the Academic Coordinator, the Administrative Coordinator, the YUFE Project Coordinator, and one lecturer conducting classes at the Summer School. The Academic Coordinator shall serve as the Chair of the Recruitment Committee.
13. Submitted applications shall be first assessed for formal compliance by the Administrative Coordinator, and subsequently by the Chair of the Recruitment Committee. Only applications meeting the formal requirements shall be evaluated on their substantive merits.
14. The Administrative Coordinator may, via the email address from which the application was submitted, request the applicant to complete the documentation so that the application meets the formal requirements. The application must be completed electronically within a maximum of 3 days.
15. Based on the scores assigned to individual applications, the Recruitment Committee shall prepare a ranking list of candidates for participation in the Summer School, indicating the qualified individuals. Candidates shall be notified of the results individually via email.
16. Decisions made by the Recruitment Committee may be appealed in writing. An appeal must be submitted in writing within 5 days of the announcement of the results and addressed to the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University.
17. Individuals qualified to participate in the Summer School are required to complete the Participant's Declaration available on the website <https://www.geo.umk.pl/yufe-laczy/szkola-letnia/>. Failure to submit a completed and signed Declaration by 15 January 2026 at 12:00 PM shall result in removal from the list of Summer School participants.

§3 Rights and Obligations of the Organizer

1. The Organizer of the Summer School shall have the right to process personal data in accordance with the principles set forth in the information clause included in the application form.
2. The Organizer of the Summer School shall have the right, in justified cases, to modify the dates and times concerning the implementation of the Summer School.
3. The Organizer of the Summer School shall ensure:
 - the implementation of classes in accordance with the programme and schedule published on the website <https://www.geo.umk.pl/yufe-laczy/szkola-letnia/>
 - the participation of academic staff possessing the necessary subject-matter competence to conduct the classes provided in the Summer School programme;
 - class materials in electronic form;
 - a scholarship for Summer School participants fully covering the costs of transportation, accommodation, and meals. Detailed information regarding the scholarship amount, rules of disbursement, and the scholarship agreement template (Annex No. 2 to the Summer School Regulations) shall be made available on the Summer School website;
 - coverage of accident insurance (NWW) costs for Summer School participants;
 - the conduct of an evaluation study regarding the course and outcomes of the Summer School;
 - the issuance of a certificate of completion to participants, confirming the acquisition of competencies specified in the Summer School programme.

§4 Rights and Obligations of the Summer School Participant

1. A Participant of the Summer School shall have the right to:
 - participate in the Summer School free of charge,
 - be absent from classes during the Summer School for up to 10% of the total class hours.
2. A Participant of the Summer School shall be obliged to:
 - familiarize themselves with these Regulations and accept them
 - complete and sign the Participant's Declaration available on the website <https://www.geo.umk.pl/yufe-laczy/szkola-letnia/>
 - actively participate in the Summer School classes in accordance with the programme and schedule published on the website <https://www.geo.umk.pl/yufe-laczy/szkola-letnia/>

- arrive punctually for classes at the times specified in the schedule published on the web-site <https://www.geo.umk.pl/yufe-laczy/szkola-letnia/>
 - confirm their attendance each day of the Summer School by signing the attendance sheet; any absences from individual class sessions shall be recorded by the instructors
 - comply with the requirements for successful completion of the Summer School.
3. The assessment determining the eligibility for the Summer School completion certificate shall depend on the completion of the following tasks throughout the course:
- attendance at classes
 - active participation in classes (e.g., presentations, participation in discussions)
 - preparation and presentation of a group project conducted in Chełmno (field study) using research methods from social and environmental psychology introduced during the Summer School
 - participation in the evaluation study regarding the course and outcomes of the Summer School
4. The standards of requirements, describing the competencies acquired as a result of the Summer School, the criteria for assessing learning outcomes upon completion of the Summer School, and the methods for verifying learning outcomes based on the established criteria, shall be included in the course description in the University Study Management System (USOS).

§5 Final Provisions

1. These Regulations shall enter into force on the commencement date of the recruitment process.