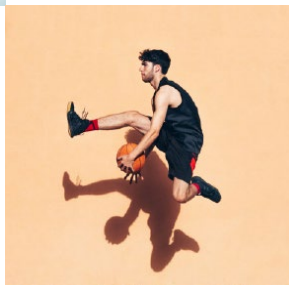
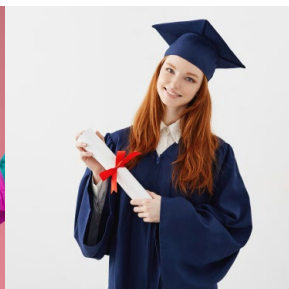
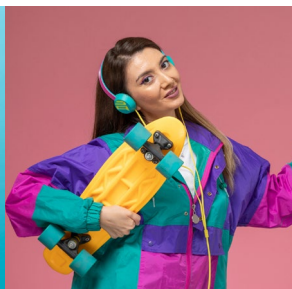
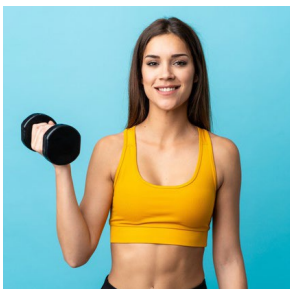




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Educational offer to study in English

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Postgraduate studies



GUPES IN NUMBERS



5
study programmes EN

12
study programmes PL

50
professional coaches

13
gyms

100
professors, researches

2
sports halls

9
sports sections of
the ASA GUPES sports club

1
swimming pool

174
academic teachers

5
laboratories

5
outdoor sports fields

1
sailing centre



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WHY GUPES?

Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport is the only sports university in Pomerania where theoretical and practical classes are conducted by both recognized scientists and highly qualified specialists in the areas relevant to individual fields of study, as well as coaches of Olympic and national teams and outstanding athletes.

The didactic offer of Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport is modern, wide and varied. As part of the field of study, a student may choose a specialisation from a wide range of specialisations designed to meet the needs of the labour market and supplement it with other specialisations offered by the university.

Student life flourishes at Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport, and students can develop their passions and interests, among others, in research clubs, in the Student Self-Government Council, in the ASA GUPES Sports Club, or in the "Neptun" Folk Dance Ensemble.

Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport is one of the best sports universities in Central and Eastern Europe according to the Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments, 2020. In the Perspektywy magazine ranking for 2019, GUPES placed 2nd among all sports universities in Poland; the field of Physiotherapy also ranked 2nd, and the field of Physical Education was recognised as the best one in Poland.



Sport

level / first-cycle

form / full-time

profile / practical

Studying in this field is mainly for those who want to combine a sports career with gaining and extending knowledge in various aspects of sport.

As part of the course, the student undertakes one of the coaching specialties in Olympic sports offered by universities, including: gymnastics, judo, basketball, athletics, handball, swimming, tennis, sailing, football, volleyball, rowing, horse riding and many others.

Classes are conducted by experienced practitioners - coaches with many years of experience working at different levels of sports championships, with extensive experience and methodical workshop. Practical experience is supported by scientific knowledge. Classes are also taught by the best scientists conducting research for the needs of sport, publishing the results in peer-reviewed and high-scoring international journals.

A student of Sport learns the latest training trends, acquires practical knowledge and skills in the field of theory and practice of training in a selected sport, having the opportunity to obtain coaching and instructor qualifications.

The study program also covers the basics of entrepreneurship, management and marketing in sport, allowing graduates to freely navigate the sport market, understanding its basic functions and dependencies. Upon completing this field of study, a student may undertake a club, a sports organization, an independent unit operating within the territorial self-government or a sport-related business, creating added value for recipients and clients in areas related to the commercialization of sports and recreation services, and physical culture.

Specialisations

- The didactic offer of Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport is modern, wide and varied. As part of the field of study, a student may choose a specialisation from a wide range of specialisations designed to meet the needs of the labour market and supplement it with other specialisations offered by the university
- during the studies, the student chooses one of the coaching specializations offered by the university
- apart from choosing a coaching specialization, the student takes up at least 1 additional specialization – of an instructor in another sport or another specialization, increasing his or her competences and competitiveness on the labor market.

Training specializations

- Gymnastics, Judo, Basketball, Bodybuilding, Athletics, Football, Handball, Volleyball, Swimming, Sport and dynamic shooting, Tennis, Sailing, Board sailing (windsurfing and kiteboarding), Motor preparation.

Instructor and other specialisations

- Gymnastics, Judo, Basketball, Bodybuilding, Athletics, Football, Handball, Volleyball, Swimming, Sport and dynamic shooting, Tennis, Sailing, Board sailing (windsurfing and kiteboarding), Fitness – weight exercises, Fitness – modern forms of gymnastics, Motor preparation, Motor preparation in martial arts, Personal trainer, Sport Analytics, Sport Devices, Sport Communication and Journalism, Wellness, Business Models, Sport Management, Organization of sport events.
- NOTE: The launch of a given specialization depends on the registration of the required number of applicants.

Competencies

- bachelor's degree in sports
- diploma of sport trainer in the discipline being the subject of specialization
- preparation of programming, organization and implementation of the sports training process, management of sports organizations

The conditions for admitting to studies in English:

- effective registration in the IRK system
- meeting the formal requirements, attaching a complete set of documents in the IRK system within the required period
- confirmation of English language skills at the level required for the relevant cycle of study (1st cycle – B2)

* a detailed list of requirements is available on the official website of the University.

Recruitment deadline in the IRK system

- from March 16, 2026 until September 9, 2026

Tourism and Hospitality

level / first-cycle studies

form / full-time

profile / practical

duration of study / 3 years

The proposal to study in this field meets the market demand for qualifications acquired in the tourism and hotel industry, awakened in the declining period of the pandemic. A graduate is to be a person of comprehensive competences, both social and relating to the acquired knowledge and skills manifested on its basis. On the one hand, the study program is to guarantee the acquisition of universal skills, enabling professional implementation in many sectors of the tourism and hotel space, and on the other - to prepare for specialized business activities, without the need for additional preparation outside the course of studies. The course is distinguished by highly qualified teaching staff and a significant number of practical classes in tourist institutions and hotel facilities.

Our strength is the research and teaching staff which includes both scientists conducting research and publishing results in highly scored peer-reviewed international journals, as well as specialists-practitioners in the field of tourism and recreation.

Specialisations

- Tourism
- Hospitality

Competencies

- Bachelor's degree in Tourism and Hospitality
- competences in the field of preparation and organization of all types of individual and collective tourist trips
- competences with regard to individual elements of customer service
- efficient use of modern technologies at the workplace
- competences in the field of promotion and sale of hotel services
- the ability to understand comprehensible, professional interpersonal communication, which is the basis for effective cooperation in a team
- competences in the field of registration, effective management and proper settlement of own economic activity in the tourist and hotel space.
- competence in the use of foreign languages, namely the knowledge of foreign language relating to a particular line of business and industry

Career and work

- travel agencies
- tourist associations
- Wellness and Spa facilities
- hotels and other hotel facilities

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Sport Management

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- GUPES is one of the best sports universities in Central and Eastern Europe according to the Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments, 2020-2023. In the Perspektywy magazine ranking for 2019-2023, GUPES placed 2nd among all sports universities in Poland.
- Studies in the field of sport management focus on work in sport industry – in managing sport organizations and teams, managing sport infrastructure as well as in organizing sport events.
- The graduate will be prepared to work both with professional sportsmen and all other people who want to practice sport. Thanks to combining academic knowledge and practical skills, our graduates will stand out from graduates of similar faculties, especially the faculty of sport and the faculty of management and marketing. This is because we mainly focus on practical aspects of functioning of sport activities.

Competencies

- Master's degree in sport management
- The graduate will gain the skills to manage various types of sport organizations, to design and build a sports brand, select and implement marketing activities in sport, organize sponsorship and use Public Relations tools techniques in managing sport organizations, set up independent business and social activities in sport
- The graduate will know a foreign language at the B2 proficiency level of the Common European framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe and will be able to use a specialist language, which will enable him or her communication in his/her professional activity

level / second-cycle

form / full-time

profile / practical

duration of study / 2 years

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- confirmation of English language skills at the level required for the relevant cycle of study (2st cycle – B2)

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- from March 16, 2026 until September 9, 2026

Sport

Studies in this field are primarily aimed at people who want to combine a sports career with gaining and expanding knowledge in the field of various aspects of the functioning of sport.

As part of the field of study, the student chooses one of the coaching majors in Olympic sports offered by the University, including: gymnastics, judo, basketball, athletics, handball, swimming, tennis, sailing, football, football volleyball, rowing, horse riding and many more.

Specialisations

- The didactic offer of Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport is modern, wide and varied. As part of the field of study, a student may choose a specialisation from a wide range of specialisations designed to meet the needs of the labour market and supplement it with other specialisations offered by the university.

During the studies, the student takes up:

- one of the coaching specialisations offered by the university or,
- instead of 1 training specialisation, the student can choose 2 instructor specialisations or instructor and other specialisations, increasing his competences and competitiveness on the labor market.

Training specialisations

- Gymnastics, Judo, Basketball, Bodybuilding, Athletics, Football, Handball, Volleyball, Swimming, Sport and dynamic shooting, Tennis, Sailing, Board sailing (windsurfing and kiteboarding), Motor preparation.

Instructor and other specializations

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- Fitness – weight exercises, Fitness – modern forms of gymnastics,
- Motor preparation, Motor preparation in martial arts, Personal trainer,
- Sport Analytics, Sport Devices, Sport Communication and Journalism, Wellness, Business Models, Sport Management, Organization of sport events.
- *NOTE: The launch of a given specialization depends on the registration of the required number of applicants.*

level / second-cycle

form / full-time

profile / practical

period of study / 2 years

Competencies

- professional title of magister (Master of Arts) in sport
- diploma of a coach or sports instructor in a discipline resulting from the specialisation
- preparation to program, organise and implement the sports training process, being a member of the coaching / specialist staff
- management of sports clubs and organizations

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- in sports and recreational facilities
- in entities operating in the field of tourism and recreation, such as hotels, travel agencies, spa salons, dietary clinics
- as member of coaching staff for players and sports teams
- in the media
- self-employment
- health care units (hospitals, sanatoriums, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation clinics)
- centers for people with disabilities
- physiotherapy offices
- health-promoting centers (wellness, spa)
- hotels with physiotherapy and wellness facilities
- schools and kindergartens that provide integrative and special teaching
- cosmetology salons

LEARN ABOUT GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

- 1952** - founding the Technical School of Physical Education
- 1957** - launching the physical education teacher's training programme at TSPE
- 1969** - transforming TSPE into the Higher School of Physical Education
- 1973** - assigning the patronage of Jędrzej Śniadecki to TSPE
- 1981** - transforming TSPE into the Academy of Physical Education
- 1992** - obtaining the right to confer the degree of doctor of physical culture sciences
- 1999** - obtaining the right to confer the degree of habilitated doctor of physical culture sciences
- 2001** - changing the name from the Academy of Physical Education to Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport
- 2014** - completing the thermal modernisation of the campus
- 2015** - expansion of the marina at the dr. Krzysztof Zawalski GUPES National Sailing

- 2018** - opening the Leszek Blanik Gymnastic Hall. GUPES Innovation and Implementation Centre
- 2019** - establishing the Faculty of Physical Culture

HISTORY



Folk Dance Ensemble "Neptun"

It was set up in 1984 out of love of dance and the need of the heart. Throughout 35 years, over 500 musicians, dancers and students have left their hearts in the Ensemble. Participation in such a great undertaking as cultivating national traditions through involvement in the Ensemble was and is motivated by the desire to represent the City of Gdańsk, the Pomeranian region, and, above all, Poland in various festivals, concerts and meetings promoting our country.



Academic Sports Association

ASA is the largest sports association in Poland that has been operating continuously for over a century. Thanks to its rich history, it has become the most numerous student organisation operating at Polish universities. The biggest stars in the past were, among others, Halina Konopacka, Waldemar Baszanowski and Jacek Wszola, as well as our excellent Olympic medallists such as Leszek Blanik, Adam Korol, Tomasz Tomiak, Maciej Łasicki, Ania Rybicka, Sylwia Gruchała, Magda Mroczkiewicz, Ryszard Sobczak or Cezary Siess.



Student Self-Government Council (RSS)

RSS represents all GUPES students in general. The student council tries to solve all problems encountered by students, and it also organises many events so that each graduate remembers studies at GUPES as the best and unique time in his/her life.



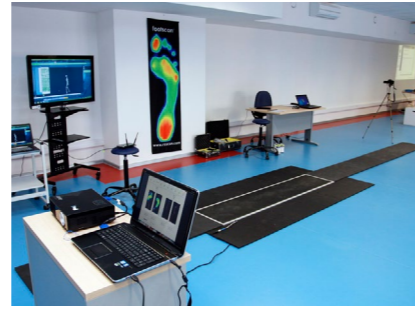
Careers Centre (ACK)

GUPES ACK provides counselling that allows professionally diagnosing the optimal career development paths, as well as offers practical knowledge and develops skills that ensure appropriate behaviour on the labour market, so as to increase the chances of university graduates to be employed by a selected employer.

GUPES FACILITIES



The Leszek Blanik Gymnastic Hall
GUPES Innovation and Implementation Centre



Laboratory of Physical Effort and Genetics in Sport



Conference rooms



Sports and Training Centre in Radun

GUPES FACILITIES



GUPES Sports and Entertainment Hall



GUPES National Sailing Centre
in Gdansk-Gorki Zachodnie



Team game halls



Martial arts halls



Dormitory - Student's House



Swimming pool



Athletics stadium



FIFA 1 approved football pitch



Dance halls



Indoor athletics track



Canteen - Bar Sonia

STUDY AND LIVE IN TRICITY



HISTORY



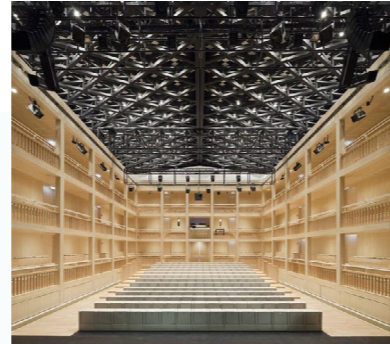
CULTURE



The Baltic Philharmonic



The Baltic Opera (photo. K. Mystkowski)



Shakespeare's Theatre



The City Theatre in Gdynia



The European Solidarity Centre (photo. Grzegorz Mehring)



The Forest Opera in Sopot



The Second World War Museum in Gdańsk



The Experiment Science Centre in Gdynia



The Summer Stage of the City Theatre in Gdynia

SPORT



Gdańsk Stadium



Ergo Arena



Gdynia Arena gdyniasport.pl



Hippodrome in Sopot



City Stadium in Gdynia gdyniasport.pl



Olivia Hall in Gdańsk



Tennis courts in Sopot



Aquapark Sopot

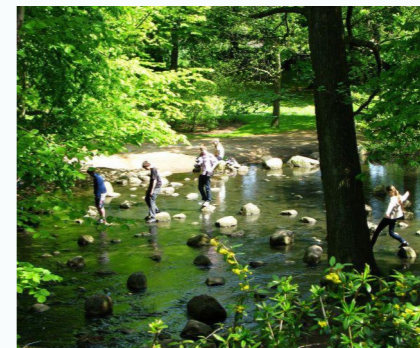


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