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| Name of the event                      | <b>Opening of the International Semester</b>                               |
| Institution, which organised the event | <b>General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces (AWL)</b> |
| Country of the organiser               | <b>Poland</b>  |
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**Picture 1:** Participants of the Opening Ceremony  
**Photo:** General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces

The Opening Ceremony of the International Semester 2026, a part of the Erasmus+ programme framework, took place on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Cadets and civilian students were welcomed by the Vice-Rector for Students Affairs and the Head of the Career and Erasmus Programme Office. Following with introduction to the Polish military training system for incoming cadets and students by the representative from the Department of International Cooperation and Public Affairs.



**Picture 2:** Magdalena HRYNIEWICZ, MA  
**Photo:** General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University  
of Land Forces



**Picture 3:** Capt. Jacek ZABOŁOTNY  
**Photo:** General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University  
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After the official part of the Opening Ceremony, participants of the International Semester gathered by the monument of General Tadeusz Kościuszko – Patron of the University, for a group photo. Next, the guests visited the University’s Hall of Tradition, where they could learn more about the history of AWL. Then cadets and students were acquainted with military unit’s rules and available educational facilities. Also Q&A session was conducted to get students familiar with the details of International Semester 2026. During the International Semester 2026 students can select out 14 courses in English.

They will participate in study visits (as part of the Cultural Programme) organized by the Career and Erasmus Programme Office. This year students will visit locations of significant importance to the Polish culture and history – Cracow, Auschwitz – Birkenau Concentration Camp, and the “Wieliczka” Salt Mine.



**Picture 4:** Students during visit in University’s Hall of Tradition  
**Photo:** General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of the Land Forces

Cadets will participate in the Mountain Course and in the International Military Leadership Course (IMLC) at the AWL's Mountain Training Center "Wysoki Kamień" in Szklarska Poręba.

AWL will conduct new course – Wargaming. The course objectives are to get students familiar with the theory of wargaming in military education and decision-making process, also to develop the command skills.

Under the umbrella of Erasmus+ programme, the Military University of Land Forces is hosting 41 cadets and students from 13 international Institutions. From Europe: Austria, Belgium, Greece, Spain, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Italy.



**Picture 5:** Participants  
**Photo:** General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces



**Picture 6:** Participants  
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**Picture 7:** Participants  
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**Picture 8:** Participants  
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