



Call for Applications

German Ukrainian Summer School in Wrocław

The **University of Jena**, the **Ivan Franko National University of Lviv**, **Ukrainian Catholic University**, and the **National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**, invite applications for an interdisciplinary Summer School to be held in Wrocław, Poland from 19 – 25 July 2026.

Theme: Political and Cultural Resilience - Concepts and Practice

Across many academic disciplines **resilience** has become a key concept for understanding how individuals, communities, institutions and societies respond to crises, upheavals and change. In the broadest sense, resilience refers to the ability to persevere, adapt, recover and transform in the face of external shocks or long-term stress. Whilst the term was originally associated with the natural sciences and psychology, it has gained increasing prominence in the humanities, social sciences and economics. The Summer School brings together students and scholars from Ukraine and Germany to explore the concept of resilience from historical, cultural, political, and socio-economic perspectives.

Participants will take part in interdisciplinary discussions on resilience, memory, and social change predominantly in Central and Eastern Europe in the 20th and 21st century. As part of the programme, we will examine experiences of displacement and exile, cultural memory and commemoration, as well as alternative forms of opposition and dissent under socialism. We will explore how digital cultural heritage initiatives help to preserve cultural memory and expand access to cultural heritage in times of crisis and change in today's Europe.

During the summer school we will also examine societal responses to environmental disasters under different political regimes, Ukraine's financial resilience in times of war – including the role of banking institutions and international support – and the evolving relationship between Ukraine and the European Union.

Participating disciplines

Applications are welcome from bachelor or master students, as well as from early-stage doctoral students, from the following disciplines:

- Literature and Cultural Studies
- International Relations
- European Studies
- Economics
- History
- Digital Humanities

Students from neighbouring disciplines with a keen interest in the topic are also encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants will receive the full programme of the summer school, including reading material and instructions on how to prepare for it

Eligibility

Applicants should demonstrate the following:

- enrolment at one of the participating universities
- an academic interest in the topic of resilience
- a desire to engage in interdisciplinary and international exchange
- a good command of English

Application Requirements

Please submit:

- A short CV
- A motivation letter (max. 1 page)
- Current transcript of records or proof of enrolment

Application Deadline & Acknowledgement

Applications must be submitted electronically as a single PDF file by **28 June 2026** (midnight on Sunday) to Snizhana Lysiuk (snizhana.lysiuk@uni-jena.de), project coordinator in the International Office at Jena University.

Participating students will receive a certificate of attendance stating the number of hours spent on preparation and attending classes. On this basis, the awarding of credit points can be arranged with their home universities.

Location and Dates

Wrocław, Poland

19 – 25 July 2026 (arrival day is 19 July, departure day is 25 July; academic schedule of the summer school is 20 – 24 July)

Costs and Funding

Based on the funding provided by the DAAD/German-Ukrainian University Networks programme, the University of Jena organises accommodation and meals for participating students and teachers and will reimburse travel expenses. No participation fees will be charged.

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