



Calling all language enthusiasts!

**To celebrate its 70th anniversary, the Centre of Languages and
Communication is holding an essay writing competition**

“The role of languages in building identity” open to all PUT students.

Candidates are invited to submit an original essay in English of between 800
and 1,200 words on one of the following topics:

- 1) ‘The more languages you know, the more human you are.’ - Tomáš G. Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia after WWI. Discuss.
- 2) ‘A knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom.’ – Roger Bacon, English philosopher. Discuss.
- 3) It is said that through learning a new language and experiencing another culture we discover new aspects of ourselves. What did you discover about yourself after participating in an international exchange?
- 4) In the modern workplace, an engineering graduate should know at least one foreign language. Discuss.
- 5) Learning a foreign language as part of my studies at PUT has given me an invaluable tool for the future. Discuss.

What you need to know

Essay criteria:

- the essay must be written in English
- it should be an original work
- it should clearly communicate your view on the topic
- it should include the chosen essay title, paragraphs, and a list of references (if any) at the end



- it should consist of 800 - 1,200 words
- it should be submitted as a Word document
- the essay must be accompanied by a scanned copy of a completed and signed **Entry Form**.

Marking criteria

- the essay will be marked by members of the Essay Writing Committee and CLC staff members
- the essay will be marked with both the content and form in mind:
 - content (Does the essay answer the question or discuss the issue well? Does the essay show creativity?)
 - form (range of language, accuracy, cohesion & coherence - the structure should reflect the writer's logical flow of thought)
- the essay may be disqualified from the competition if the assessors consider that the writer has plagiarised or used AI technology to write it.

Prizes: 3 prize winners – **the 3 best essays will win attractive prizes.**

The top prize winner will also have their essay published in PUT's '*Głos Politechniki*'.

The prizes will be awarded during CLC's 70th anniversary conference on 26 May. The winners will be notified via email a week before the conference (19 May).

Please submit your essay as a Word document to: writing@put.poznan.pl

Remember also to send a scanned copy of a completed and signed **Entry Form**.