



“The minority experience: English essay writing competition”

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Centre of Languages and Communication, we invite all students who consider themselves members of a minority group within the larger PUT student community to take part in this English essay writing competition.

This competition is a great opportunity for you to safely write about your experiences (both positive and/or negative) and challenges you face as a PUT student who is also a member of a minority community, be it with regards to gender, ethnicity, sexuality, class or disability.

Students are invited to submit an original essay in English of between 800 and 1200 words. All PUT students are welcome to participate (1st and 2nd cycle students, PhD students).

The essay should be an answer to the following prompt:

Describe your experiences (positive and/or negative) and challenges you have faced while in university as a minority. Write about how you wish the university could help you and what could be done to make the university a more supportive environment in the future, in your opinion.

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 above topic **as a person belonging to a minority group**
- it should refer to **all aspects of the prompt**
- it should have an introduction, development, and conclusion
- it should consist of 800 - 1200 words



- it should be submitted as a Word document
- the essay must be submitted via **submission box in an eKursy course [link below]**

Marking criteria

- the essay will be marked by members of the Organizing Committee
- the essay will be marked with both the content and form in mind:
 - content (Does the essay answer the prompt and does it discuss the topic fully?)
 - 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 Committee decides it has been plagiarized by the author using AI tools

Prizes: The author of the winning essay will receive an attractive prize (one prize)

If the author gives their consent, the winning essay will be published in PUT's 'Głos Politechniki'.

The prize will be awarded on **May 18, 2023**, at CLC, during a small celebration event to which all essay contest participants will be invited. The winner will be notified via email a week before (May 12, 2023).

Please submit your essay as a Word document using the following **eKursy link and submission box**: <https://ekursy.put.poznan.pl/course/view.php?id=31328>