



“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.

Do you feel like you face unique challenges as a PUT student? Do you feel supported in these challenges by the university? Do you wish the university community could help you more? 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 your original work and it should be about your own experience.

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.

The submitted essays could help us gain insight into the daily reality and experience of minority student communities within PUT and potentially start a conversation about how to better provide help and support for them and to work towards creating a safer and more equal and inclusive environment for the entire student community at PUT.

All information provided will be kept confidential by the organizers of the competition.



The competition starts on Thursday, 23 March 2023. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, 30 April 2023, 11:59pm.

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>

The best essay winner will receive an attractive prize. The prize will be awarded on **May 18, 2023**, at CLC, during a small celebration event (food included!) to which all essay contest participants will be invited (if the winner is comfortable with it – otherwise the prize will be awarded in the manner of the winner's choosing).

We envision this small get together as a great opportunity for the participants to get to know each other and their experiences, as well as potentially workshop some ideas about the improvements they would like to see in their PUT community.