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Institution, which organised the event	General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces (AWL)
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Picture 1: Participants of the Opening Ceremony

Photo: General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of the Land Forces

The Opening Ceremony of the International Semester 2025, a part of the Erasmus+ programme framework, took place on March 3rd, 2025. Cadets and students were welcomed by the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs - Lt Col Piotr SZCZEPAŃSKI, PhD Eng. and the Head of the Career and Erasmus Programme Office – Miss Magdalena HRYNIEWICZ, MA. Following with introduction to the military training system of Poland for the international guests by representative from the Department of International Cooperation and Public Affairs – Capt Jacek ZABOŁOTNY.

Alongside the cadets and students from partner institutions, the Opening Ceremony was attended by the Vice-Rector for Didactic Affairs – Col (res.) Norbert ŚWIĘTOCHOWSKI, PhD, DSc Eng., Head of the Department of International Cooperation and Public Affairs – Lt Col Łukasz LASOTA, Erasmus+ programme Coordinator from the Faculty of Security Studies – Col (res.) Mirosław SMOLAREK, PhD and the Career and Erasmus Programme Office staff, AWL’s lecturers and representatives of the Student Union.



Picture 2: Capt Jacek ZABOŁOTNY
Photo: General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces



Picture 3: Magdalena HRYNIEWICZ, MA
Photo: General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces

After the official part of the Opening Ceremony, guests gathered by the monument of General Tadeusz Kościuszko – University’s Patron, for a group photo. Next, the students 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 cadets and students familiar with the details of the International Semester 2025. During the International Semester 2025 cadets and students can select out of 14 courses conducted in English.

They will participate in study visits (as part of the Cultural Programme) organized by the Career and Erasmus Programme Office. This year cadets and 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
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The International Semester 2025 will end with the International Military Leadership Course (IMLC), organized by Faculty of Management and Leadership, Career and Erasmus Programme Office and Department of International Cooperation and Public Affairs. During this event University will host cadets and instructors from international partner institutions at the AWL's Mountain Training Center "Wysoki Kamień" in Szklarska Poręba.

Under the umbrella of Erasmus+ programme, the Military University of Land Forces is hosting 31 cadets and students from 12 countries: Austria, Belgium, Spain, Canada, South Korea, Lithuania, Latvia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Slovakia, the United States, Hungary and Italy.



Picture 5: Students and cadets during Opening Ceremony
Photo: General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces



Picture 6: Cadets during Opening Ceremony
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