

## UNIC BIP Summer School in June/July 2026

# MIGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

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### About this Programme

The UNIC alliance (led by the University of Łódź) is offering an interdisciplinary UNIC BIP Summer School titled “**Migration and International Protection in the Global Context.**”

This blended learning experience brings together students and academics from across Europe to explore current migration challenges from legal, policy and human rights perspectives. It offers an excellent opportunity to engage with international experts and build a European network of peers interested in migration studies.

The summer school course combines academic theory with practical application. It includes both in-person teaching and innovative online learning formats. The physical mobility phase allows for direct exchange and hands-on experience, while the virtual component supports deeper topic exploration and research development.

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### What to Expect

The Summer School Course consists of:

- **5 days of in-person learning in Łódź (Poland)**
- **2 days of virtual learning (online)**

#### **In-person Phase (8-12 June 2026, Łódź)**

Five days of interactive lectures and workshops covering topics such as:

- Migration governance
- Border policies
- The Common European Asylum System
- Human rights of migrants
- Intersectional perspectives on migration

Afternoon activities include study visits and practical sessions addressing migration-related issues in Poland.

### **Virtual Phase (14-15 July 2026, Online)**

Students will present their research papers as part of the final assessment.

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## **Key Information**

- **In-person component:** 8–12 June 2026 (Mon–Fri), Łódź, Poland
- **Virtual component:** 14–15 July 2026 (Tue–Wed), online
- **Target group:** MA students and advanced BA students with relevant academic background
- **Language of instruction:** English
- **Assessment:** Presentation of a research paper (during the virtual phase)
- **ECTS:** 3 ECTS

Please contact your faculty regarding credit recognition. For RUB law students: The course may count towards the Foreign Language Certificate (§ 7 (1) No. 3 JAG NRW).

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## **Programme Structure**

### **Physical Mobility Component:**

- Daily sessions (Mo-Fri): approx. 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Additional afternoon workshops where required

### **Virtual Mobility Component:**

- Development of a final research project
- Online presentation of research findings

Academic staff from UNIC partner universities will contribute their expertise during both the in-person and virtual phases, ensuring comprehensive coverage of all programme components.

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## **Draft Programme**

### **1. Migration and International Protection in the Global Context (Monday)**

- Session 1: Introduction to migration: causes and trends.
- Session 2: Migration profiles and cultural diversity
- Session 3: Economic and social impact of migration.

### **2. Border Policies (Tuesday)**

- Session 1: Sovereignty vs. Human Rights.
- Session 2: Immigration policies and border security.

- Session 3: Emerging technologies in border management.

### **3. Forced Displacements: Common European Asylum System (Wednesday)**

- Session 1: Legal framework of asylum in the EU.
- Session 2: Procedures and Challenges in Asylum Applications
- Session 3: EU Response to Refugee Crises

### **4. Navigating Diversity and Rights in Migration: Policy, Inclusion and Legal Perspectives (Thursday)**

- Session 1: Key components of effective reception systems
- Session 2: Psychological and mental health challenges.
- Session 3: Addressing discrimination and social stigma.

### **5. Autonomy and Subjectivity of Migrant Individuals (Friday)**

- Session 1: Exploring migrant subjectivity - migration as gender equality issue
- Session 2: Personal narratives and the migration journey.
- Session 3: The role of culture and identity in shaping subjectivity.

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## **Funding**

Within the framework of **Erasmus+**, students participating in Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs) are eligible for financial support. Funding includes:

- **€79 per day** (up to 5 days) for the in-person stay in Łódź
- **€309 travel allowance**

If you have any questions regarding Erasmus+ funding, please contact:  
[erasmus@rub.de](mailto:erasmus@rub.de).

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## **Interested in Participating?**

If you would like to apply, please submit the following information (maximum one page) to [unicteam@rub.de](mailto:unicteam@rub.de) by **12 March 2026**.

Please use the subject line for your email:

“Application – UNIC BIP Migration and International Protection in the Global Context”

### **Please include:**

1. Full name
2. Email address
3. Faculty and field of study

4. Your study status in the summer semester 2026 (Bachelor's, Master's or PhD student)
  5. A brief statement explaining why you would like to attend this UNIC BIP course
  6. A short explanation of how the course will support your current studies/work and your future professional development
  7. How you learned about this UNIC BIP course
  8. Current Transcript of Records (attached)
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## Questions?

- Questions about the programme or ECTS recognition → [unicteam@rub.de](mailto:unicteam@rub.de)
  - Questions about Erasmus funding → [erasmus@rub.de](mailto:erasmus@rub.de)
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## What is UNIC?



Ruhr University Bochum is part of the **international university consortium UNIC – The European University of Cities in Post-Industrial Transition**. This is an association of ten universities dedicated to promoting student mobility, joint innovative teaching, and new perspectives in research and transfer.

More information about UNIC's offers for students:

- UNIC website: <https://unic.eu/en/mobility>
- UNIC @ RUB website: <https://uni.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/en/unic-students>
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