

Topics for Foreign Applicants to the University of Economics in Katowice

1. Geography (Economic and Social)

- Location and significance of natural resources worldwide (oil, gas, coal, metal ores)
- Main types of economies (agricultural, industrial, service-based) – with examples
- Urbanization and suburbanization – definitions and socio-economic consequences (with examples)
- Geography of Poland – administrative divisions, population, largest cities, main natural resources

2. Contemporary History (20th and 21st Century)

- World War II – political and economic consequences in Europe and worldwide
- The Cold War – division of the world, NATO vs. the Warsaw Pact, arms race
- The dissolution of the USSR and political transformations in Central and Eastern Europe after 1989, including Poland – political transition, accession to NATO and the EU
- European integration – the formation of the EU and the eurozone
- Global crises of the 21st century's second and third decades – the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, migrations, geopolitical conflicts (Ukraine, the Middle East)

3. Economy and Politics

- Basic economic concepts (GDP, inflation, unemployment, demand and supply)
- The concept of the business cycle and its phases
- The concept of economic policy and its types
- International organizations: IMF, WTO, World Bank, OECD, UN, NATO, EU
- Globalization – causes, effects, and impact on labor markets and national economies
- Basic political ideologies (liberalism, conservatism, social democracy) – their impact on economic policy

4. Society

- Social structure and social classes
- Civil society – definition and examples of activities
- Social phenomena: unemployment, poverty, social exclusion
- The impact of new technologies on society and the labour market
- Human capital in social and economic development