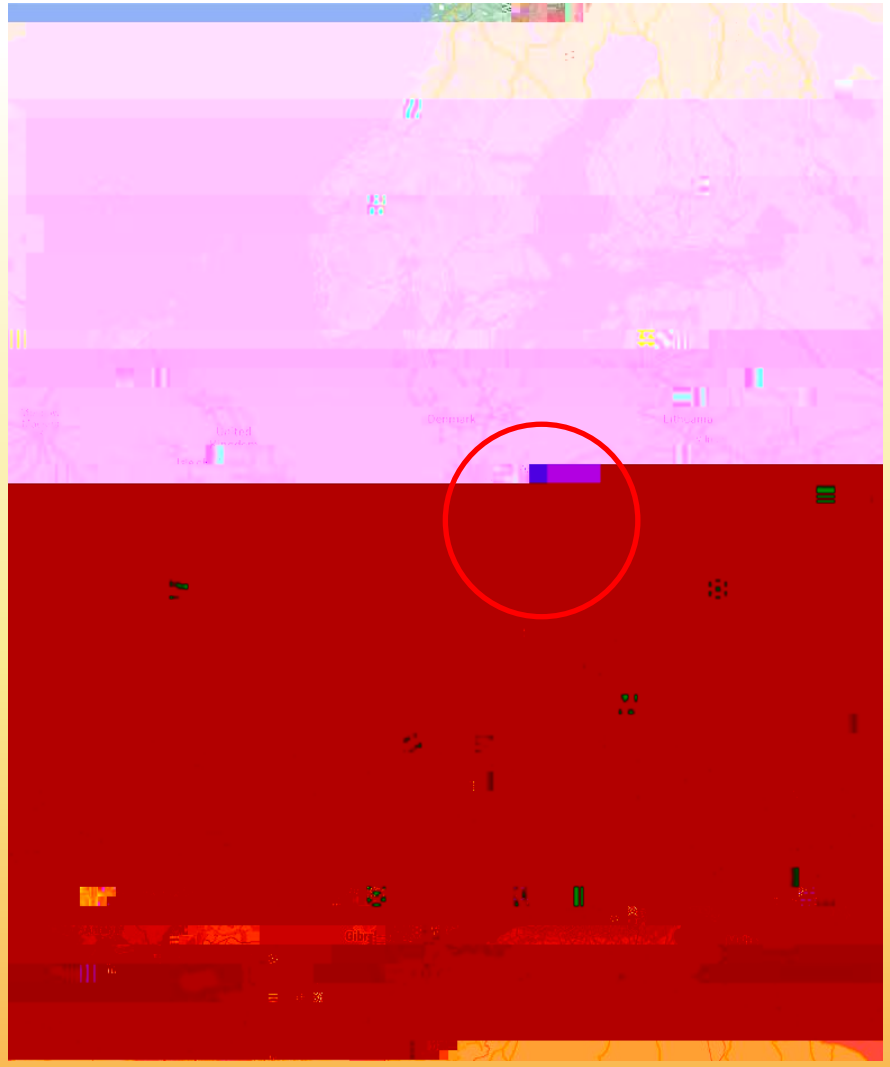
- Population: 38,014,000
  - (#8 in Europe)
- 120,726 mi²
  - 77% of the area of California, #9 in Europe
- Independent since 1918 AD
- 97.6% Polish native language



International student mobility*:

- 25,092 Outbound
- 55,191 Inbound (degree-seeking)

Total Enrollment:

- Secondary: 2,362,297
- Tertiary, non-university: 218,358
- Tertiary, university: 1,430,981

*2019 data (UNESCO)
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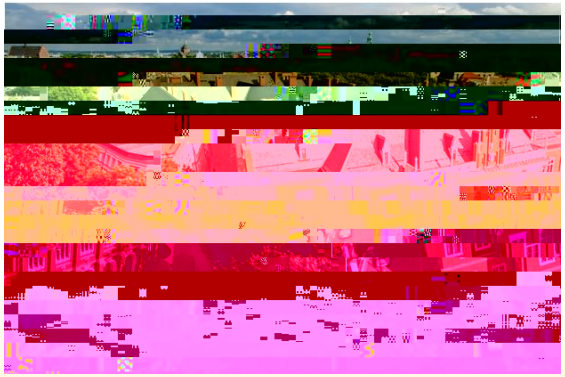
Selected Historical References



- 1364: Krakow University, now known as Jagiellonian University founded May 12, 1364 by Polish king Casimir the Great
- 1569 Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth
- 1795 Polish lands annexed by Kingdom of Prussia, Russian Empire and Austro-Hungarian Empire
- 1918 Independence
- 1939-1989 Soviet satellite state
- 1999 Poland signs the Bologna declaration

Primary and Secondary Education

- 8+4
- 6+3+3 (1999/2000 – 2016/2017)
- 8+4

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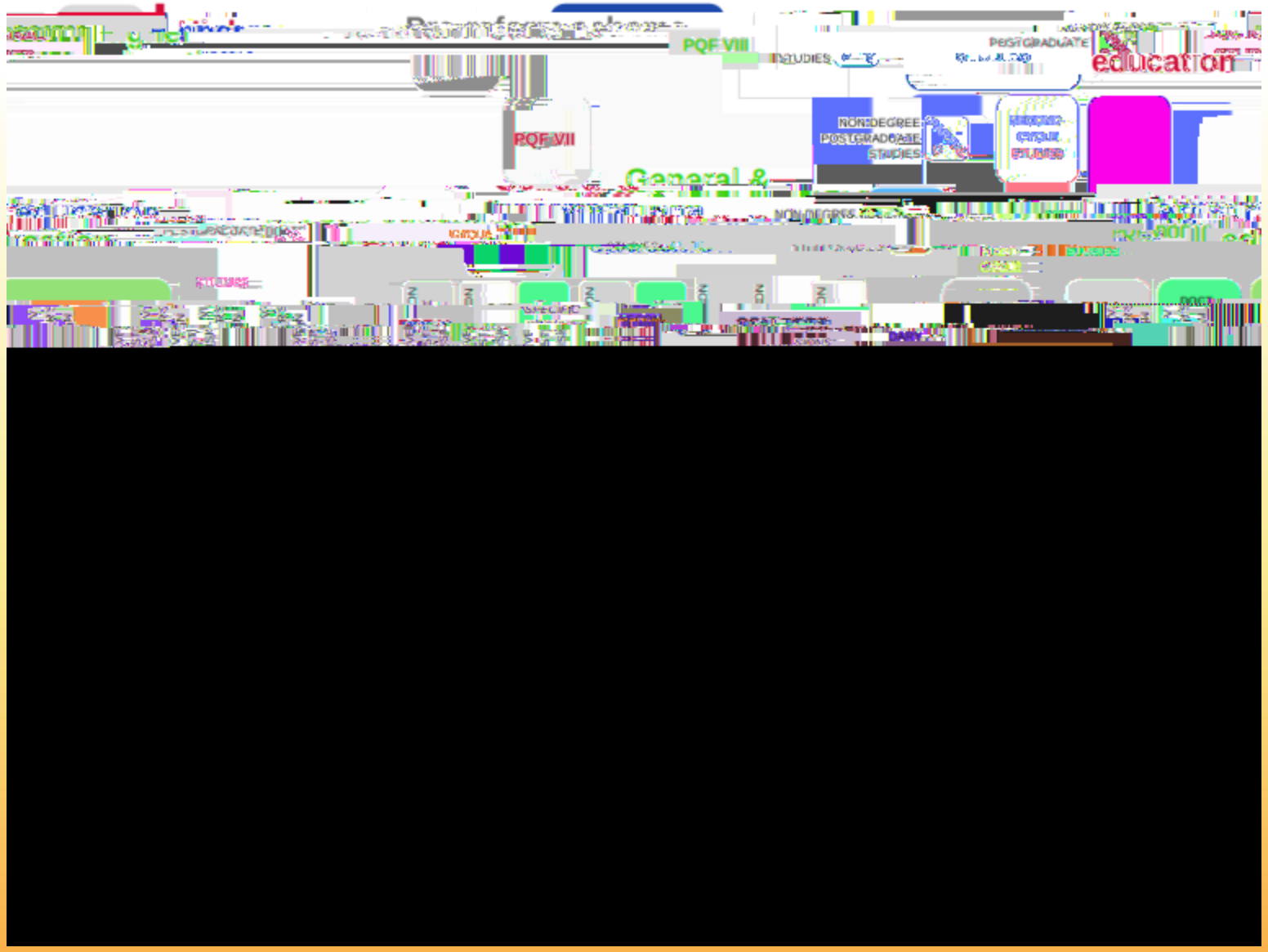
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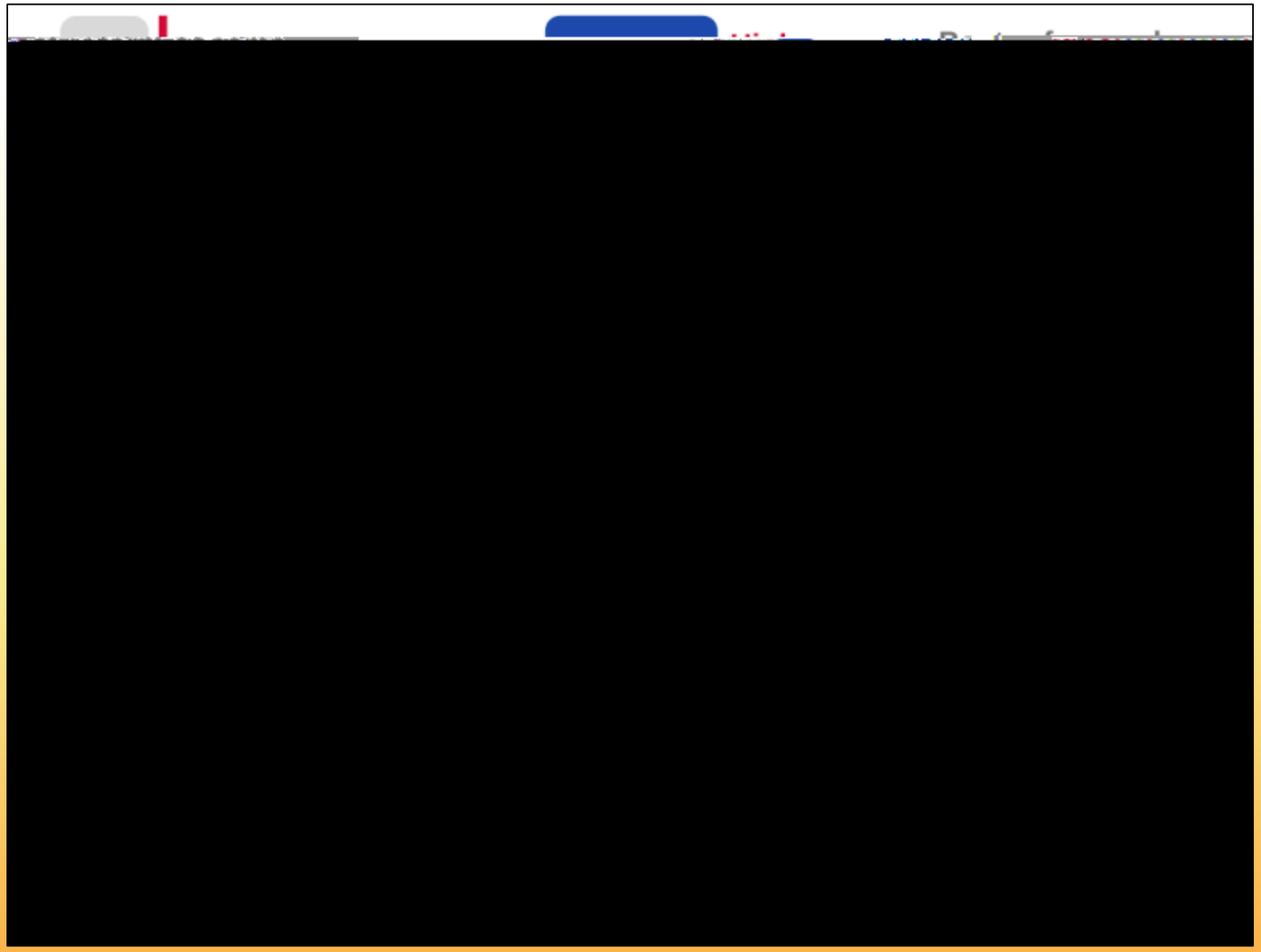

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Post-reform Structure

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Secondary Education Terminology :

- General upper-secondary schools (liceum ogólnokształcące)
- Technical upper-secondary schools (technikum)
- Completion Certificate (*świadectwo ukończenia)*
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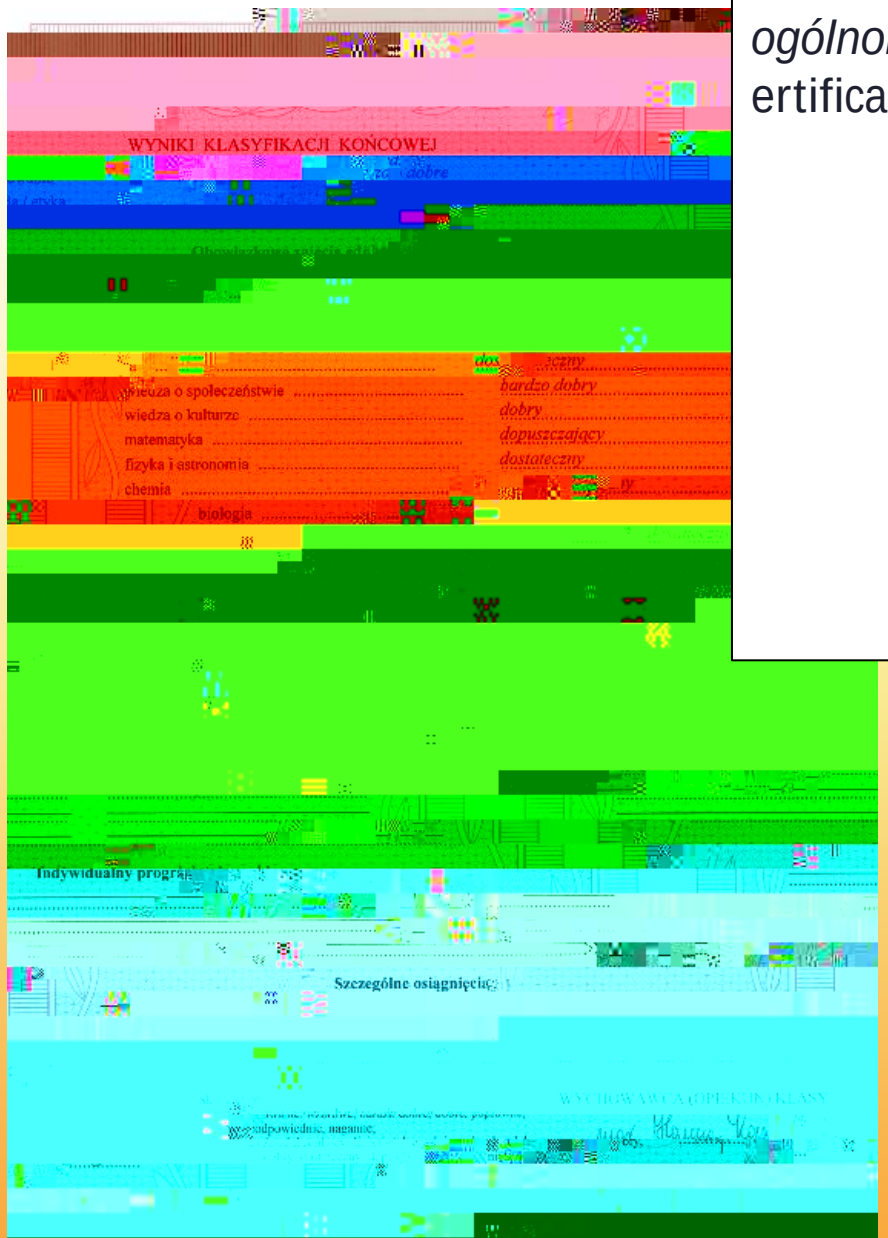
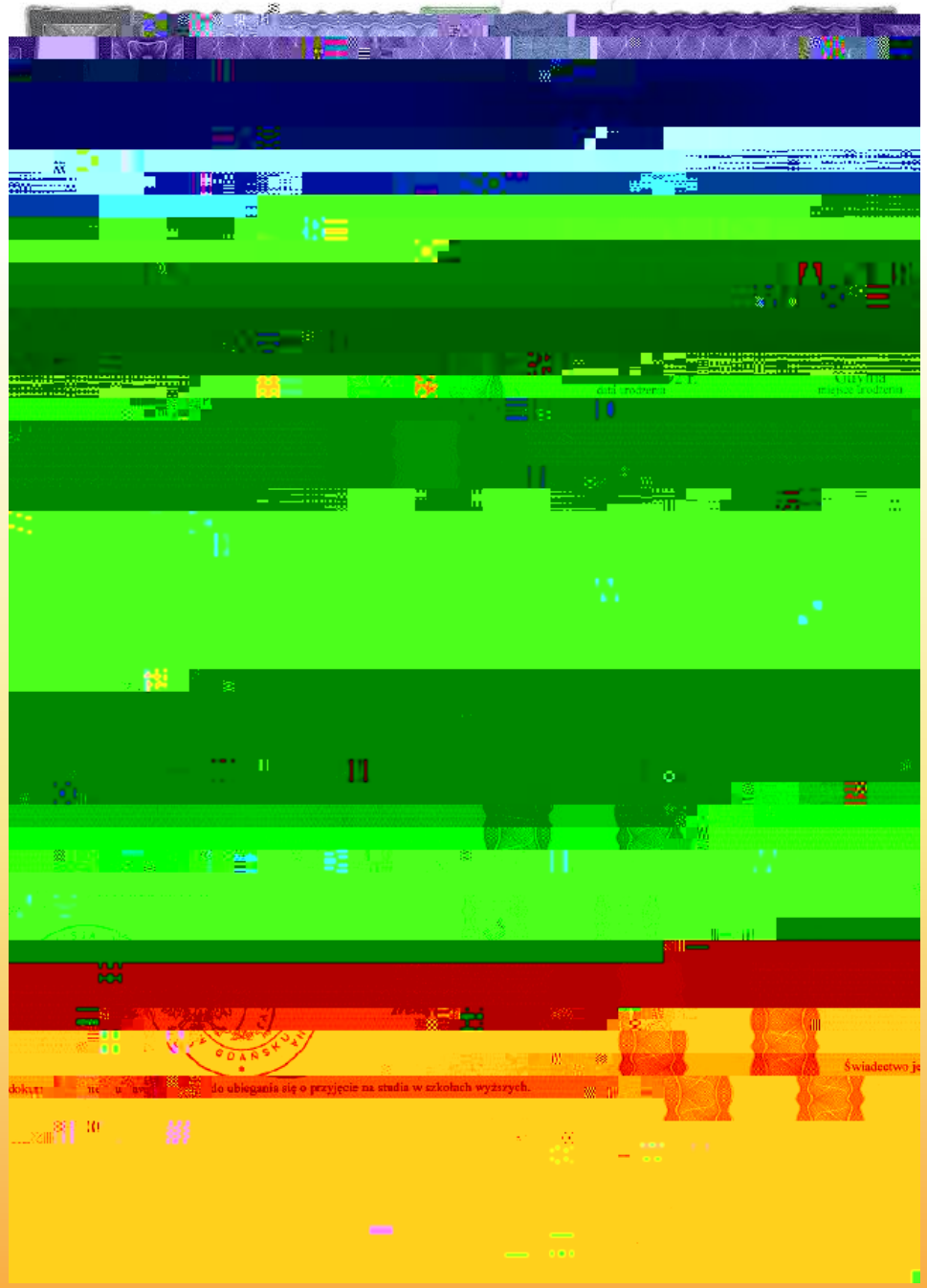
Świadectwo ukończenia liceum ogólnokształcącego (certificate of



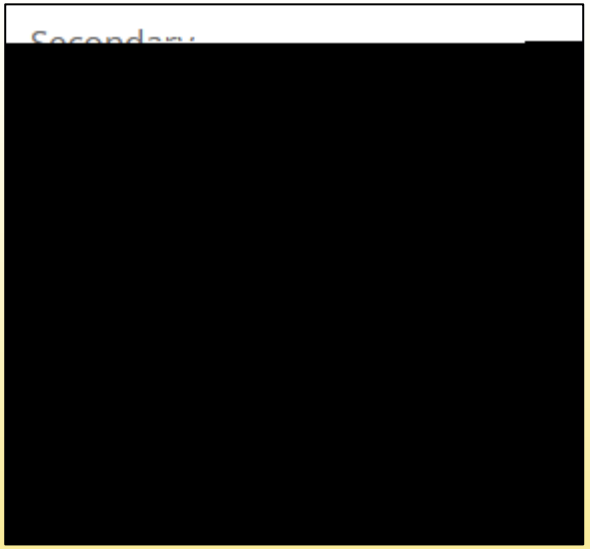
Świadectwo Dojrzałości (maturity certificate)

- Awarded by regional examination board
- Grants access to higher education



Secondary School Grading

- Final grades awarded by schools on the *Świadectwo ukończenia liceum*



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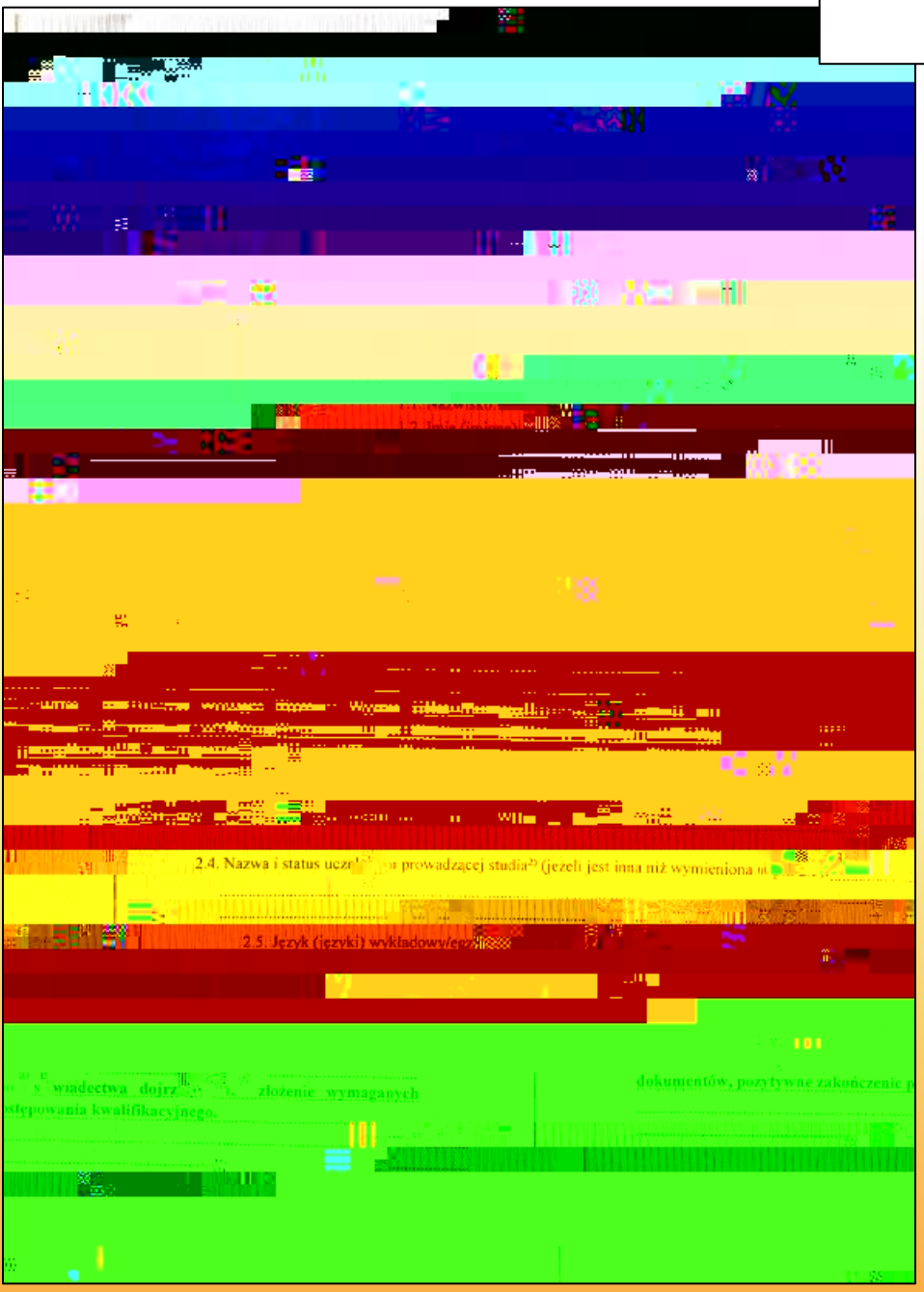
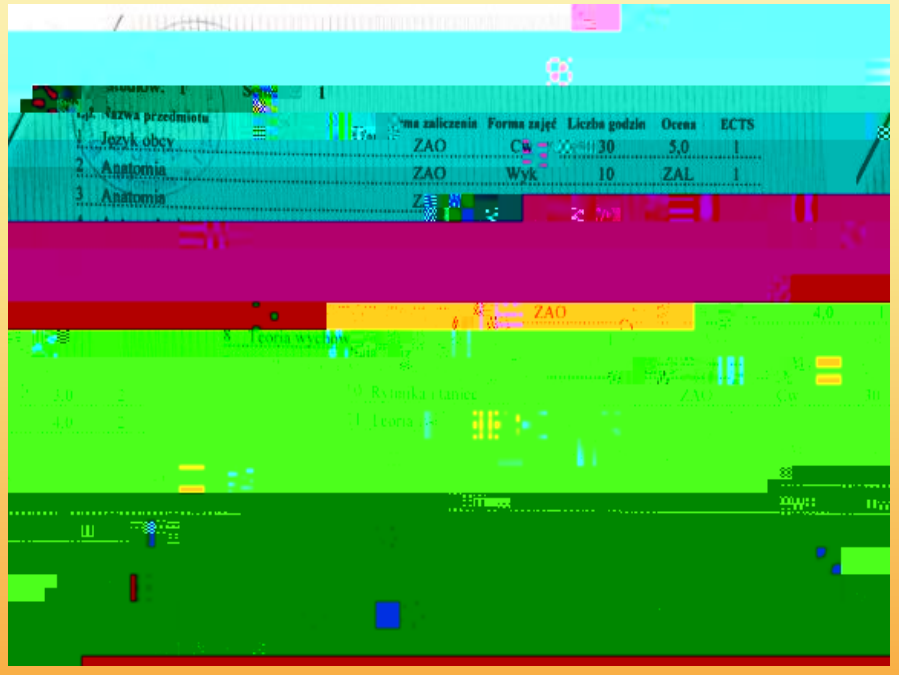
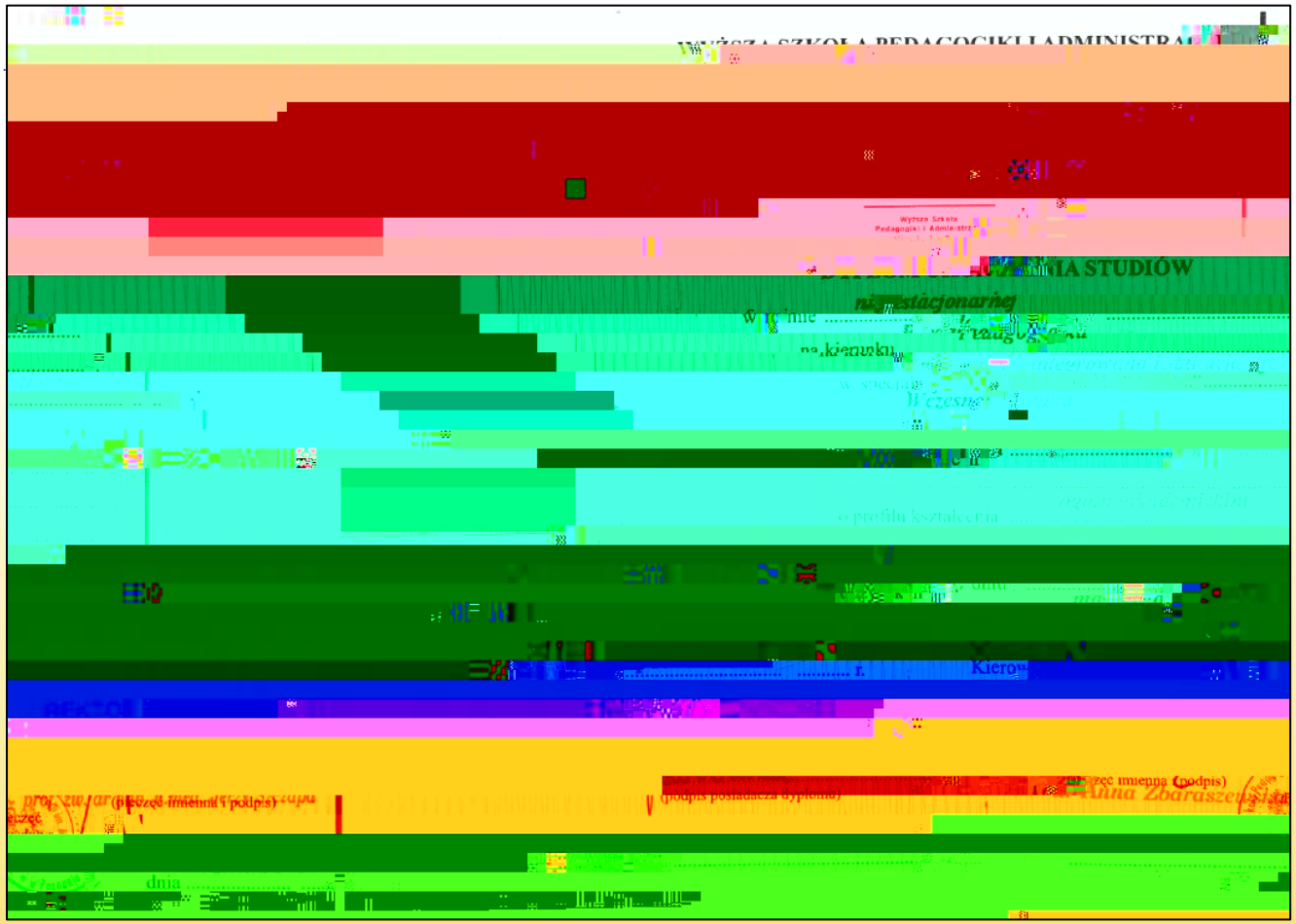
Tertiary Education

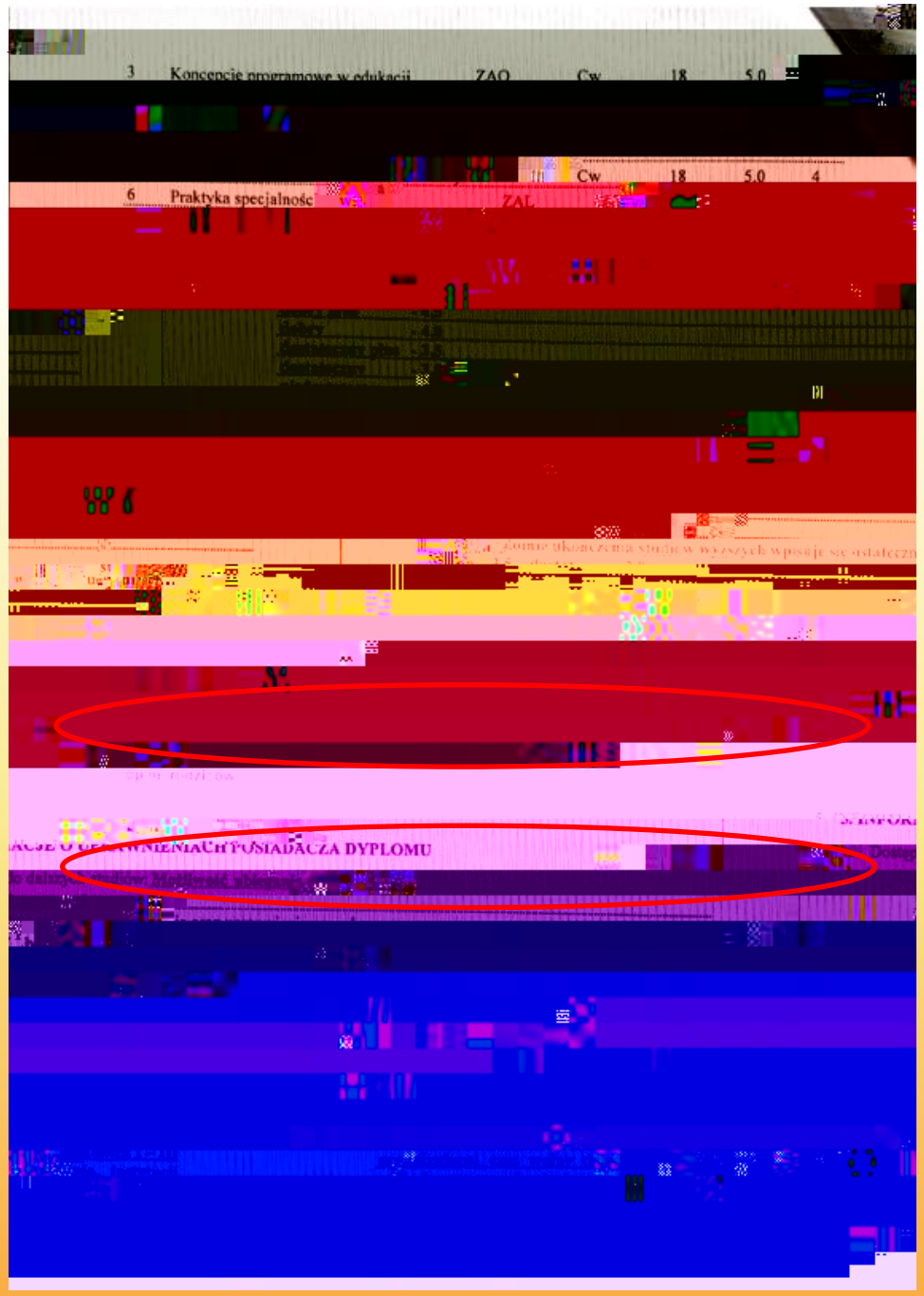
- Changes in secondary education ladder did not affect post







- Second cycle university degree
  - Magister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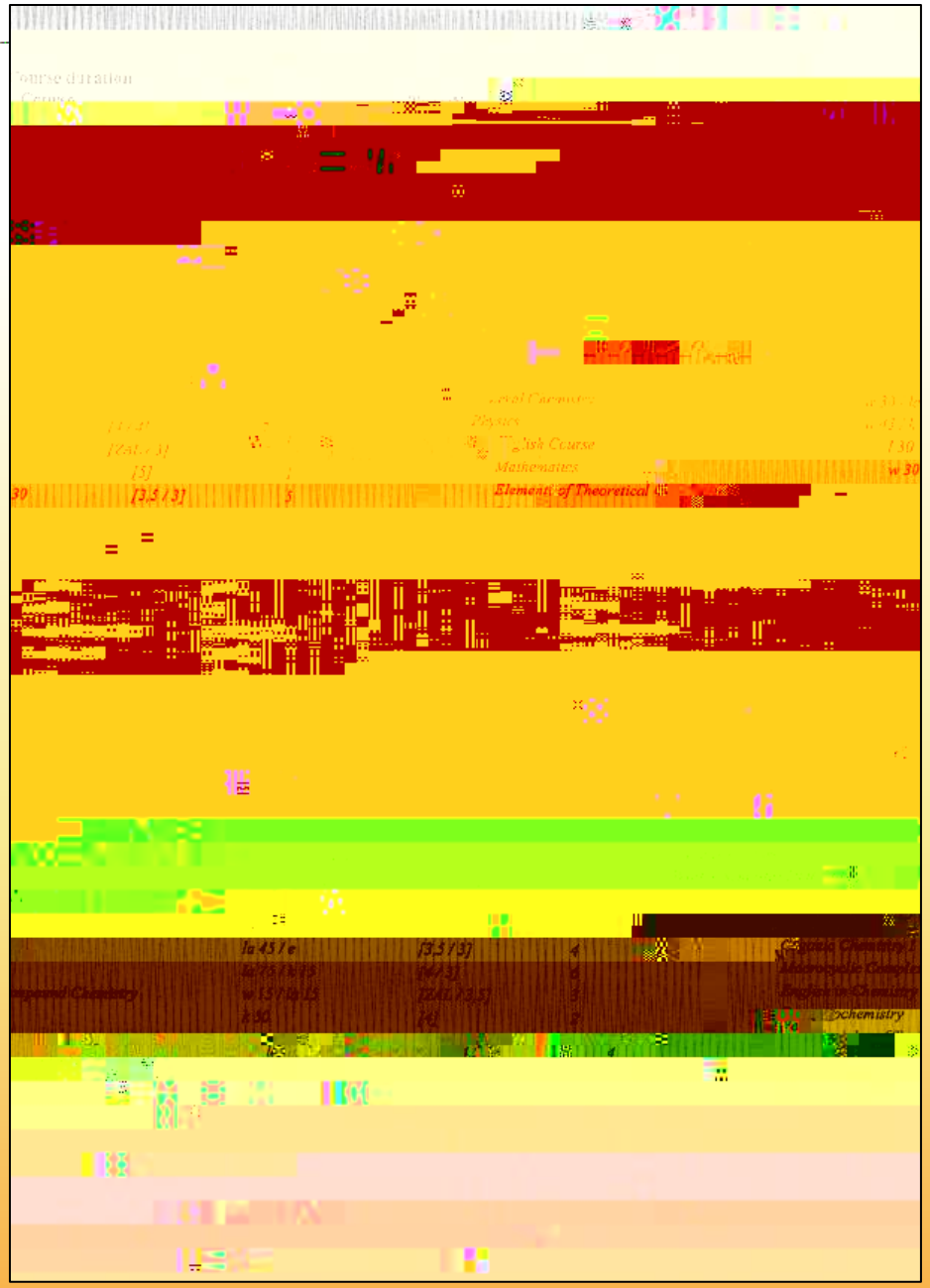
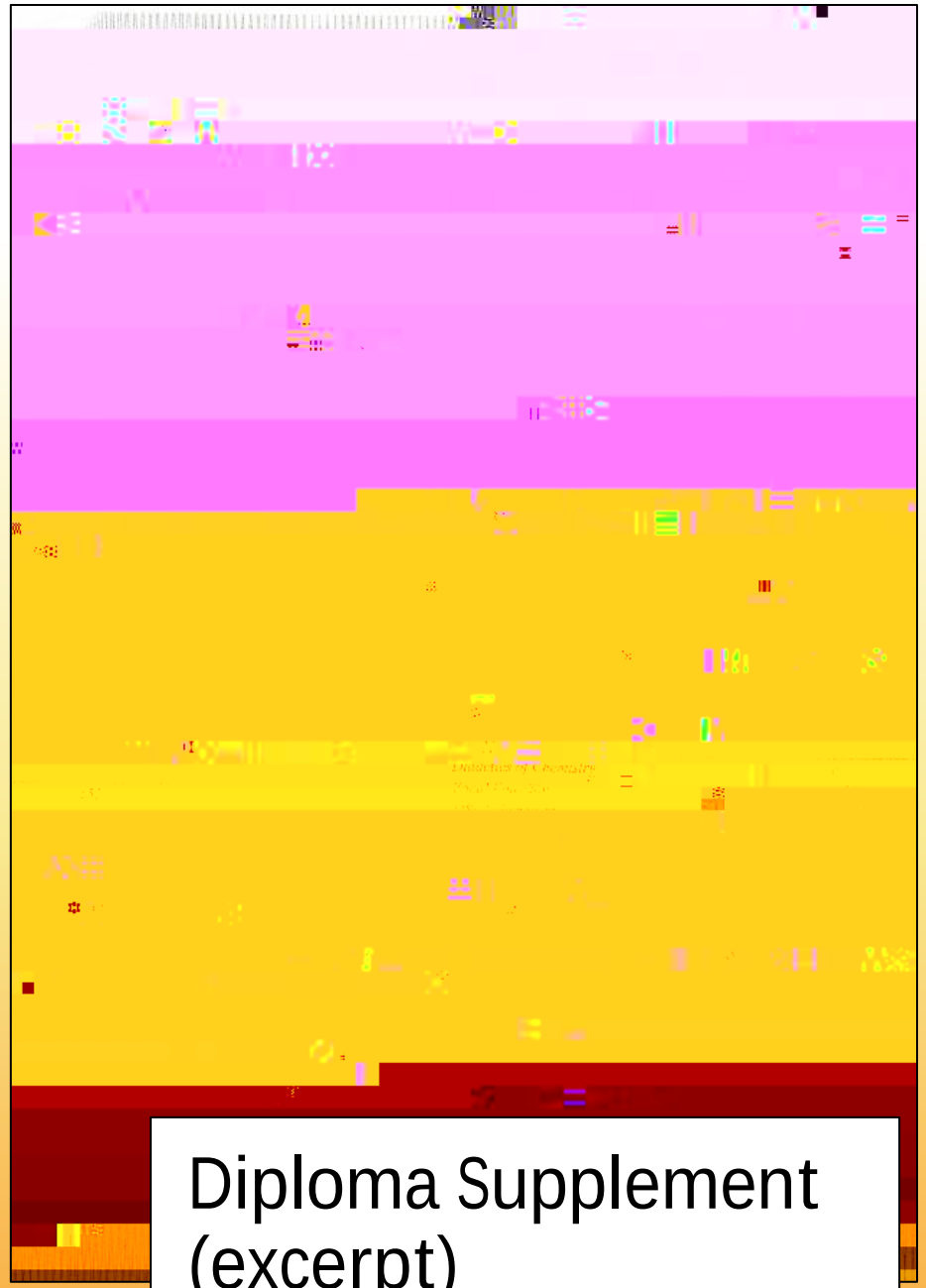
- Long-cycle Magister (5 years)





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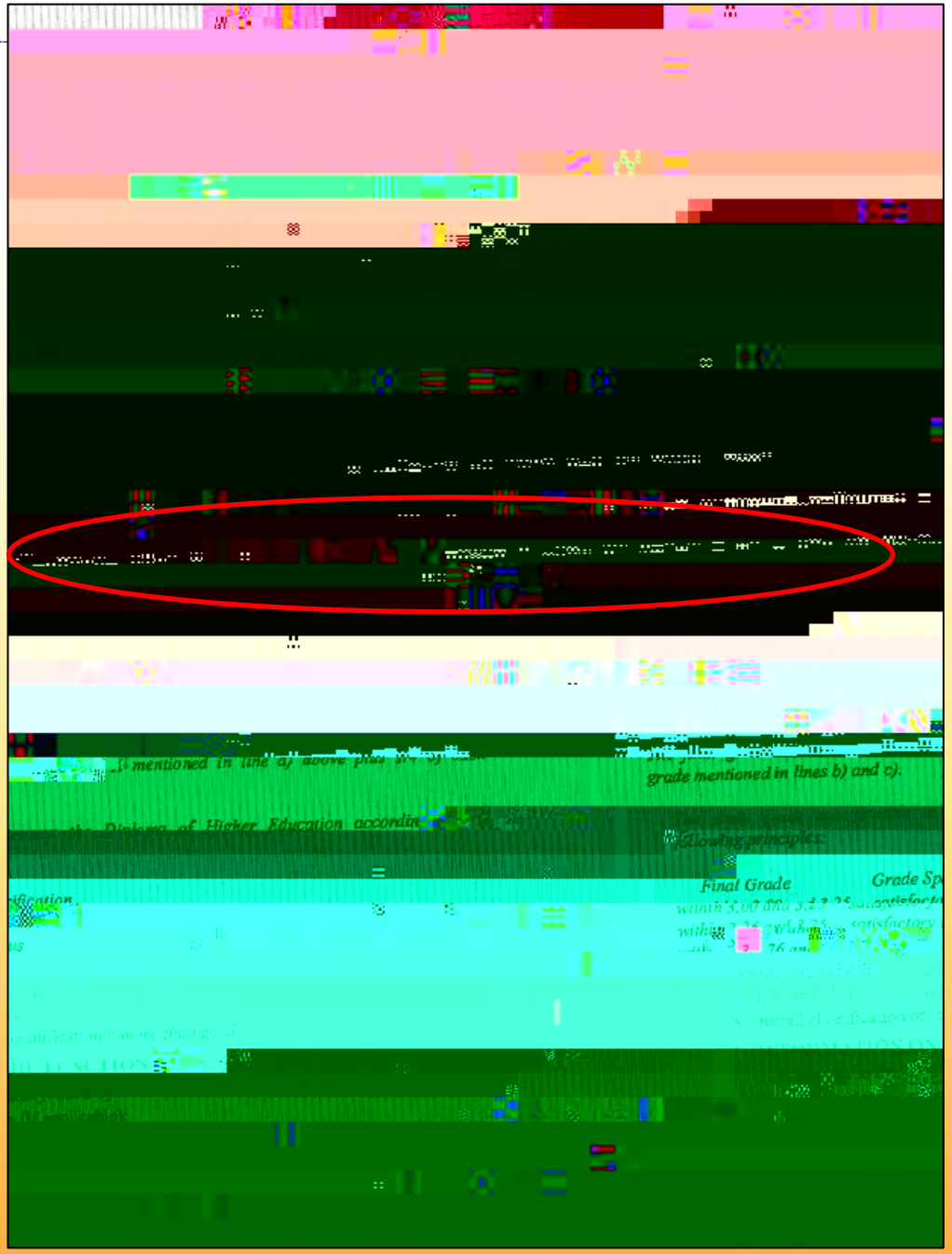
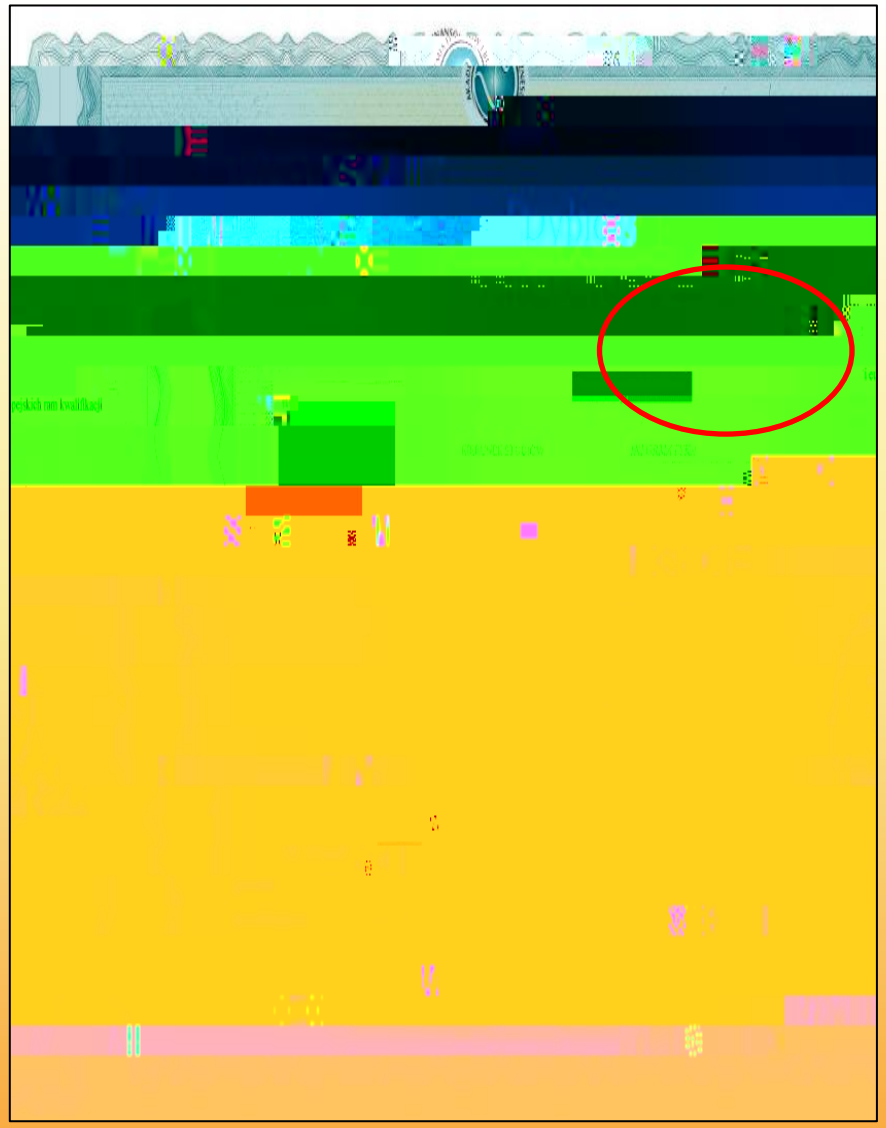
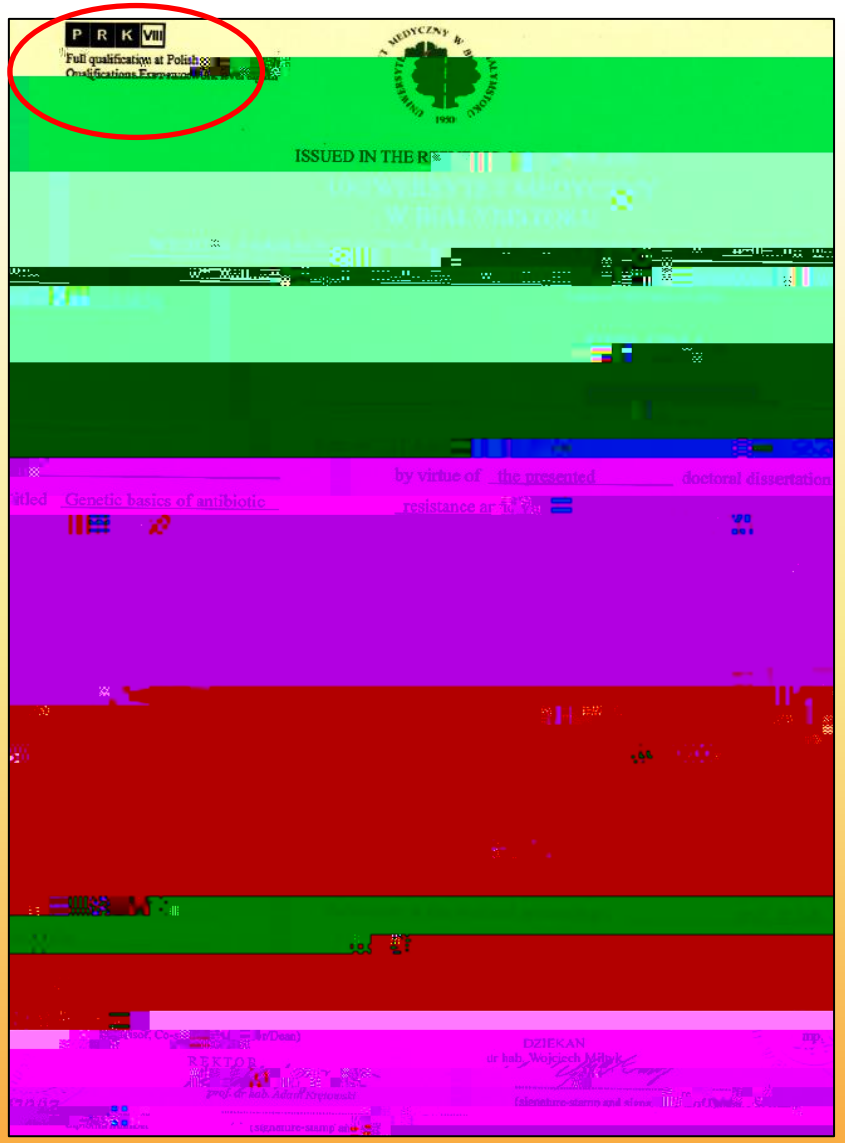


- New format university diploma
  - PRK - Polska Rama Kwalifikacji (Polish Qualifications Framework)
    - Entered into force 2016, level printed on certificates since 2017





- The Polish Qualification Framework (PQF) has 8 levels
- Aligns with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)
  - Levels 1-4 = general qualifications
  - Levels 6-8 = typical higher education
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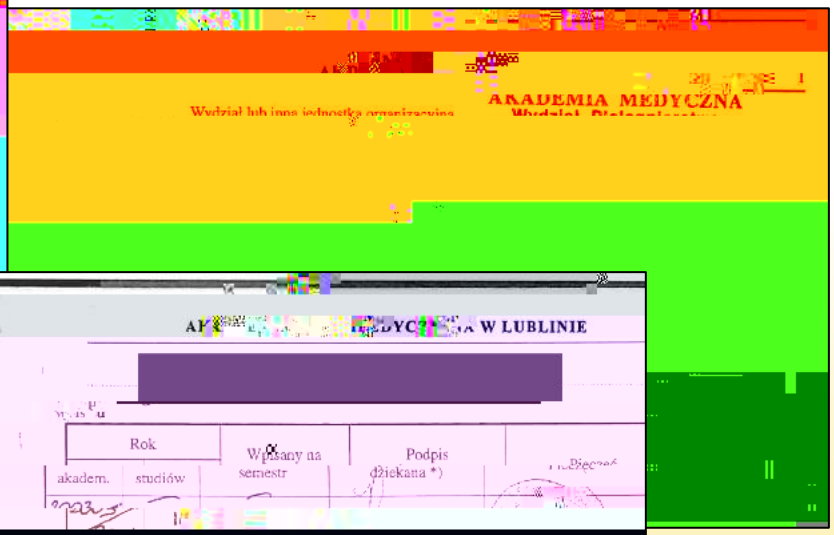
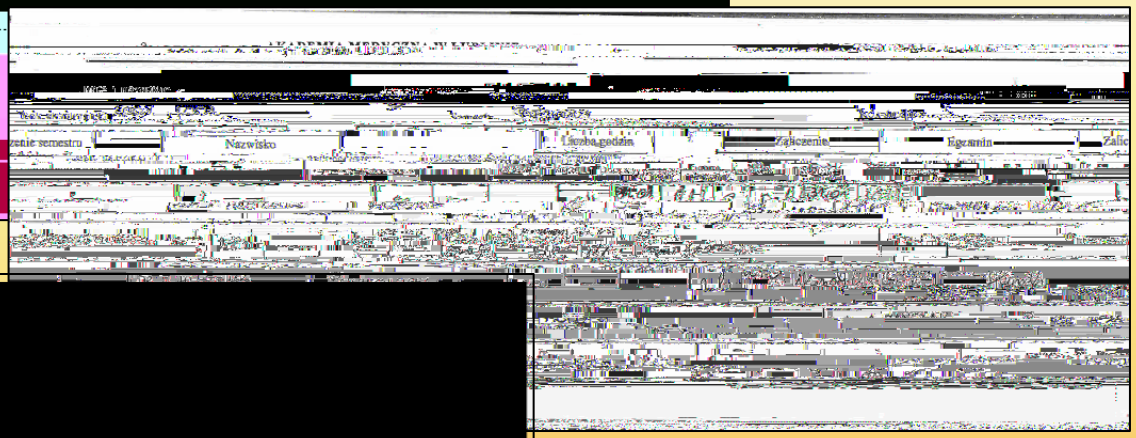
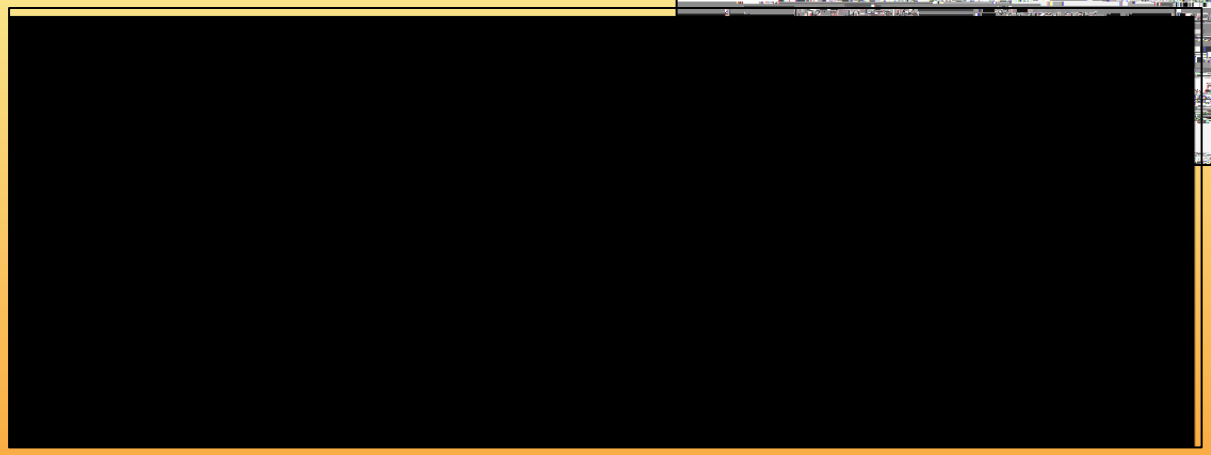
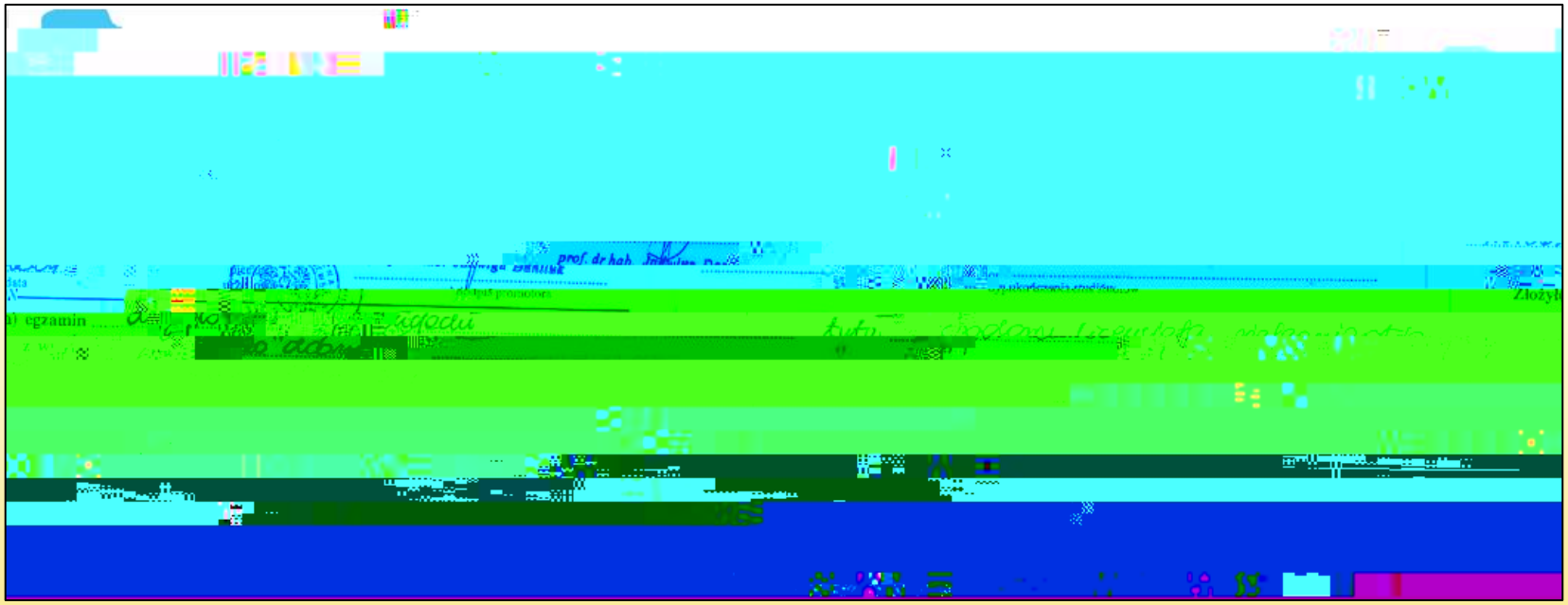






Study Books - An evaluators friend



- Licentiate (*licencjat*) degree
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