



CIEE Warsaw, Poland

Course name:	Advanced Polish
Course number:	POLE 3001 WRSW
Programs offering course:	Central European Studies
Language of instruction:	Polish
Contact Hours:	80
Credits:	4
Term:	Fall 2019

Course Description

Students at the advanced level usually have no major problems with understanding written and oral texts (except those highly specialized, that do not refer to their personal interests and hobbies) . They are able to write texts of various styles – official and unofficial. The common problem among students at this level is a very good command of the Polish language as regards speaking and listening with a lower level of writing skills. That is why the development of writing skills (ability to draw up texts of various styles) is the main objective of the instructor in this course.

Another task of the teacher is to eliminate the errors (especially the fixed ones) committed by students, among them:

- incorrect spelling
- elimination of problems with writing
- errors in the declination and conjugation (especially more complicated words) and the exceptions
- the declination and syntax of cardinal, ordinal and collective numerals
- incorrect using of gerund and participle forms in Polish
- passive voice constructions and impersonal forms of verbs
- language interference (among others: errors in idioms and phrases)

The list of subjects and grammatical questions handled during the course (according to the standards of the Association of Language Testers in Europe):

Learning Objectives

1. Completing knowledge of the Polish grammar:

- declination and syntax of numerals
- alternations in declination of nouns
- word-formation of nouns, adjectives and verbs (suffixes and prefixes)

2. Vocabulary expansion:

- synonyms and antonyms
- neologisms
- borrowings
- phrases and idioms
- expressive, diminutive, augmentative forms
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3. Teaching of composition of longer texts (oral and written) of various styles

- Subjectiveless impersonal and personal clauses
- Subordinate comparative clauses (introduced by tak... jak, im... tym, w miarę jak, etc.)
- Synonymic syntax constructions
- Punctuation
- Stylistic exercises (writing essays, summaries, descriptions, reports, etc.)
- Phrases related to the discussion, expressing opinions, arguing, objecting, persuasion, etc.

4. Reading and analysis of journalistic and literary texts (prose and poetry).

5. Some themes for discussion:

- Polish history (especially contemporary); Polish culture; social, political and economic problems, some global problems (poverty)

Course Prerequisites

Completed Intermediate Polish Course

Methods of Instruction

Work on texts (grammatical and lexical analysis) and discussion

Assessment and Final Grade

The final course grade will be determined based on the following distribution:

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| • Quizzes | 15% |
| • Presentations and activity in class | 20% |
| • Written home assignments | 15% |
| • Final test | 30% |
| • Midterm test | 20 % |

Course Requirements

Quizzes:

Every few lessons there will a 15-minute-long written quiz, checking the knowledge of the vocabulary and grammar. If students miss a quiz they can take it during the following class

Presentations and activity in class:

It is required that every student takes active participation in class throughout the course both doing the exercises, doing active pair work and group work, asking questions etc. It's also important that students prepare for the classes, use the appropriate vocabulary and grammar structures



Throughout the course students will be asked to prepare two presentations on the covered topics individually and/or in groups. It is important that even if they prepare the presentation in groups they all actively deliver it

Written home assignments:

Students will be given home assignments in the form of both grammar and vocabulary exercises and essays. They are required to prepare them for every class and they will be corrected and marked by the teacher

Final test

At the end of the course there will be a written final test that will assess the knowledge of all the covered grammar and vocabulary topics. There will be parts checking reading, listening and writing skills.

Mid-term test:

In the middle of the semester there will be a written test checking the knowledge of the material covered.

Weekly Schedule:

Week 1

1.1. Topic of Class: Science and technology

Description of content: Problems connected with scientific investigation and development of technology, e.g. advantages and disadvantages of the global computerization

1.2 Topic of Class: Comparison of systems of education in Poland and other countries.

Week 2

2.1 Topic of Class: Sport: Olympics, matches, competitions

2.2 Topic of Class: People: conflicts, family problems, etc

Week 3

3.1 Topic of Class: Work: work market, unemployment, CV

3.2 Topic of Class: Work: mobbing and discrimination at work

Quiz

Week 4

4.1 Topic of Class: Current economic problems of Poland and other



countries

4.2. Topic of Class: Mass-media and their social functions

Presentation due on this day

Week 5

5.1 Topic of Class: Traveling (also publicity and advertising materials, bulletins, etc.)

5.2 Topic of Class: Environment: ecology, recycling, species of plants and animals threatened by extinction

Written home assignment due on this date

Week 6

6.1. Topic of Class: Environment: ecology, recycling, species of plants and animals threatened by extinction.

6.2. Topic of Class: Health problems: diseases as social problems

Quiz

Reading: Ćwiczenia gramatyczno-leksykalne"

Week 7

7.1. Topic of Class: Economy: human need and supplying to them

Written home assignment due on this date

7.2. Topic of Class: History of Poland

Description of content beginnings of the country, Christianity in Poland, Polish king dynasties, border changes, etc.

Midterm test

Week 8

8.1. Topic of Class: Official and unofficial Polish language. Polish dialects

8.2. Topic of Class: Sources of Polish customs and traditions

Presentation due on this day

Reading: Klebanowska B. "Synonimia Składniowa"

Week 9



9.1. Topic of Class: Comparison of Polish and foreign customs and traditions, also national and religion celebrations.

Quiz

9.2. Topic of Class: Parts of history of Polish art and literature. The most important Polish artists, writers, poets, composers and scientists.

Week 10

10.1 Topic of Class: *Final Test*

10.2 Topic of Class: Final Class

Description of content: Summary, conclusion, time for “difficult questions”

Course Materials

Readings

Ćwiczenia gramatyczno-leksykalne”, Wydawnictwa UW, Warszawa 1995

Klebanowska B. “Synonimia Składniowa”, Wydawnictwa UW, Warszawa 1995

Optional reading:

Press articles (sometimes prepared texts) e.g. from Wprost, Polityka, Rzeczpospolita, Gazeta Wyborcza,

Texts from the internet (e.g. news, interviews, etc)
