



Polish 1131 Spring 2016  
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Required Textbooks: *Polski krok po kroku 1*, Student's book and workbook  
*Poland - Culture Smart!* by Greg Allen.

A (very) *Short Introduction to Beginning Polish Grammar*: found at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)

Recommended: Polish dictionary

Course Description: The goal of Polish 1131 is to build on the Polish language skills the student was introduced to in Polish 1130. As a second semester course students should have a basic understanding of Polish.

Evaluation: This course uses the + / - grading system.

Class Participation and Attendance	25%
Tests, Quizzes and Homework	40%
Culture Reports	35%
Total	100%

**Class Participation and Attendance:** A major part of learning any foreign language is its spoken usage. A language does not exist in a vacuum. To that end, 25% of your final grade in Polish 1130 will be determined by your attendance and participation in the classroom. Each day will be worth 5 points graded as follows:

- \*5pts – Came to class on time and prepared.
- \*4pts – Came to class up to 5 minutes late but you were prepared, or on time but were unprepared.
- \*3pts – Came to class up to 10 minutes late and unprepared.
- \*2pts – Came to class past 10 minutes late.
- \*0pts – Absent.

#### **Tests, Quizzes, and Homework:**

There will be 3 tests over the most recently reviewed material during the semester as well as a final exam at the end of the semester. There will also be smaller vocabulary quizzes. Assigned homework is expected on the given due date. Late homework will not be graded, no excuses and no exceptions. Part of this grade will also be determined by your work in the workbook, and “Verb Cards” which you will begin turning in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of class. **Unless I am notified in advance you cannot make up quizzes that you miss due to an absence.**

**Workbooks:** Exercises to be handed in from your workbooks will be assigned as we proceed through the semester. You should keep up with the chapters on your own at home. You will also need to bring your workbooks to class as we will sometimes complete exercises from them.

**Final Exam:** The final exam will be cumulative; covering everything we will have studied by then.

**Culture Reports:**

Beginning in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of class you will choose a general subject on Polish culture. I will need to approve your choice before you begin work. Each week you will turn in a 1 page, double spaced report on what new you've discovered on this subject. At the end of the semester you will synthesize these reports into a 4 to 5 page paper.

**A Note on Language Learning: Most of the learning you will do will actually be accomplished on your own at home. Meeting only 5 hours a week can only do so much. You are expected to study and review what has been introduced during class time. If you are serious about learning Polish you will have to do extra work at home!**

Cheating: Don't do it. You're college students after all. If any student is discovered cheating it will result in an automatic failing grade.

Absence Policy: Whether excused or unexcused, after 5 absences your final grade will be docked 5%. After 10 absences you will be given a failing grade for the class. No excuses, no exceptions. In a language class it is vital that you are present and participate in class. If you already know that you will have to miss 10 classes this semester I highly recommend that you take a different class. (Of course this policy will be amended to accommodate religious holidays. Please speak with me if this concerns you.)

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

If you have a disability, you may qualify for special accommodations and auxiliary aids. In order for any needed accommodations to be implemented in a timely fashion, you need to contact the Disability Resource Center – 352-392-8565 – or talk to me as soon as possible. Any communication between students, DRC, and the instructor will be strictly confidential.

**COMPORTMENT POLICY**

While you should feel free to express your ideas, slurs and epithets based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and preference, religious practice, etc. will not be tolerated. Any disruptive, obnoxious, or disrespectful behavior may result in dismissal from the classroom and other disciplinary action. I trust that we can all avoid such situations and create a safe classroom environment. This can be easily achieved through mutual respect for one another.

**DISCLAIMER**

Any part of this syllabus is subject to change, according to the needs and/or progression of the class. This syllabus is not exhaustive; I reserve the right to implement any reasonable methods not included in the syllabus if they serve the pedagogical purpose of the class.

## Calendar:

WEEK 1, Jan 5: Chapter 10

NO CLASS JANUARY 6 and 7, AATSEEL CONFERENCE

WEEK 2, Jan 11-14: Chapter 11

WEEK 3, Jan 19-21: Chapter 12

WEEK 4, Jan 25- 28: **Test 1**, Chapter 13

WEEK 5, Feb 1- 4: Chapter 14

WEEK 6, Feb 8-11: Chapter 15

WEEK 7, Feb 15- 18: Chapter 16

WEEK 8, Feb 21-25: **Test 2**, Chapter 17

>>SPRING BREAK, FEBRUARY 27TH TO MARCH 6TH<<

WEEK 9, March 7- 10: Chapter 18

WEEK 10, March 14- 16: NO CLASS 3/17: SLAVIC CONFERENCE

WEEK 11, March 21- 24: Chapter 19

WEEK 12, March 28- 31: **Test 3**, Chapter 20

WEEK 13, April 4- 7: Chapter 21

WEEK 14, 11-14: Chapter 22

WEEK 15, April 18-20: Chapter 23

Final: TBD