# POL1131: Polish Language and Culture 2, Spring 2018 (5 credits)

# **Course Description**

The goal of Polish 1131 is to introduce the student to Polish language and culture. As a course for beginners, it is assumed that the student has little to no prior knowledge of the language.

## **Meeting time:**

MTWRF 9:35AM - 10:25AM

Classroom: Monday and Wednesday RNK 0220 (M.E. Rinker Hall)

Tuesday and Thursday RNK 0106

Friday RNK 0215

## **Instructor:**

Agata Kowalewska, PhD

Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 11AM - noon

Turlington Hall, room 3326B http://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index/0267

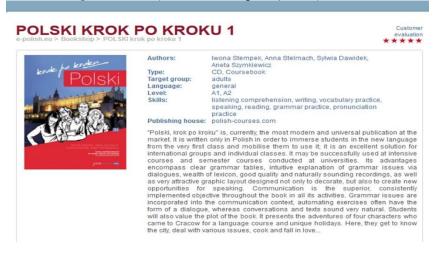
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## **Course Required Textbooks:**

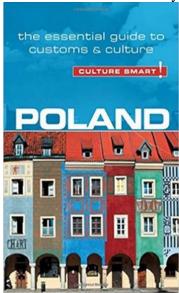
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# Polski krok po kroku 1 (Coursebook/ podręcznik)



Poland - Culture Smart! by Greg Allen.



#### **Course Recommended Books:**

- A (very) Short Introduction to Beginning Polish Grammar: found at www.lulu.com
- Polish dictionary

## **Grading:**

Class Participation and Attendance 20%
Exams 25%
Quizzes and Homework 30%
Final Exam 25%
Total 100%

<u>Class Participation and Attendance</u>: 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 1131 will be determined by your attendance and participation in the classroom. Each day will be worth 4 points graded as follows

#### Attendance:

- 100% attendance on that day came to class on time.
- 50% attendance on that day came to class after 5 minutes
- 0% attendance on that day was absent from class with no excuse
- Everybody is allowed one unexcused absence all others need to follow UF policy.

## Participation (for any assigned work for next day class):

- 2pts prepared for class activity by having assigned homework (not graded) done.
- 1pt participate but not well prepared.
- Opt forgot to do assassin homework.

# **Grading scale**

A	100%	to 90.0%
A-	< 90.0%	to 86.0%
B+	< 86.0%	to 83.0%
В	< 83.0%	to 80.0%
B-	< 80.0%	to 76.0%
C+	< 76.0%	to 73.0%
C	< 73.0%	to 70.0%
C-	< 70.0%	to 66.0%
D+	< 66.0%	to 63.0%
D	< 63.0%	to 60.0%
D-	< 60.0%	to 56.0%
F	< 56.0%	to 0.0%

Absence Policy: Whether excused or unexcused, after 5 absences (other than that one allowed) 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.)

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

#### 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 (on Monday) 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 and give 5-10 min presentation.

**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!

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points. This may be achieved by including a link to the web page:

https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

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.

## **UF HONESTY POLICY**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honorcode/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class

#### 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.

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center:

http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

# **Semester schedule**

	Week starting Monday	
1	Jan 8th	Review material from POL1130 Friday reading
2	Jan 16th	Monday – no class chapter 11 Friday reading
3	Jan 22nd	Tuesday quiz chapter 11 chapter 12 Chapter from <i>Poland</i> Friday reading
4	Jan 29th	Monday quiz chapter 12  Culture Report - topic chapter 13  Friday reading
5	Feb 5th	<b>Test 1</b> - Monday Feb 5: chapters 11-13 chapter 14 Friday <i>Culture Report</i> work and reading
6	Feb 12th	Monday quiz chapter 14 chapter 15 Friday <i>Culture Report</i> work and reading
7	Feb 19th	Monday quiz chapter 15 chapter 16 Chapter from <i>Poland</i> Friday <i>Culture Report</i> work and reading
8	Feb 26th	Monday quiz chapter 16 Revisions chapters 11-16 Friday reading
9	Mar 5th	Spring Break
10	Mar 12th	<b>Test 2</b> - March 16 (chapters 14-16) Polish poets Friday reading
11	Mar 19th	chapter 17 Friday <i>Culture Report</i> work and reading

12	Mar 26th	Monday quiz chapter 17 chapter 18 Chapter from <i>Poland</i> Friday <i>Culture Report</i> work and reading
13	Apr 2nd	Monday quiz chapter 18 chapter 19 Friday reading
14	April 9th	chapter 20 Friday <i>Culture Report</i> work and reading
15	Apr 16th	<b>Test 3</b> - Monday April 10 (chapters 17-19) quiz chapter 20 Friday reading
16	April 23rd	Monday quiz chapter 20 Chapters 11-20
	Thursday, May 3rd 12:30 - 2:30pm	Final exam: regular classroom