

POLISH 0020 - Beginning Polish II - Spring 2008

Course meets: MWHF, 12:00-12:50, 1221 Cathedral of Learning

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624-5707. Office hours MW 11:00 or by appointment; Except for Thursdays, I'm almost always glad to see people after 4:00, any day.

Course Description: Congratulations! You have made the sensible choice to continue with the study of Polish until at least the end of the first year. This is a traditional four-skills course (speaking, reading, writing, listening), with emphasis on speaking and learning how to recognize and produce correct grammatical forms. THIS IS A FOUR-CREDIT COURSE. EXPECT TO WORK ACCORDINGLY.

Course Website: <http://polish.slavic.pitt.edu>. From this website you will download the needed computer drills.

Required:

Beginning Polish, lessons 6-10, downloadable from course website.

Lektorek computer drills to Beginning Polish, down loadable from website. You will eventually need the drills to FYPdrills7-12.dbk.

Attendance:

- You are responsible for all material presented in class, including announcements about course procedures. Remember that in a language class, all students benefit from and depend on the attendance of others. Attendance will be taken. More than three unexcused absences will affect the grade. More than seven unexcused absences may be considered grounds for course failure.

Evaluation:

- Examinations: Expect a quiz each Friday. Make-ups only by prior arrangement, with legitimate excuse. In addition, there will be a Midterm and a Final. The Grade will be determined as follows:

Cumulative quiz grade: 25%, Midterm: 25%, Final: 35%, Oral: 15%

- Your work must be your own, including computer homework. DISHONESTY WILL RESULT IN COURSE FAILURE.

Order of Presentation of Material:

We will try to cover lessons 7-12 of First Year Polish, covering approximately one lesson approximately every two weeks. The latter lessons are long, so this may be an optimistic projection.

Computer Homework:

Most homework in this course will be done on computer and submitted to the instructor over the internet. You should keep up with the computerized exercises in the lessons (for the most part, indicated by a loudspeaker icon) without reminding. That is, when we pass from, say, lesson 7.A. to Lesson 7.B., you should have completed and submitted the homework for 7.A. You should submit homework section by section, in a single html file, bu selecting 'Submit' among the save/print options available.

You are not graded on the computer drills, but they must be completed for each lesson. Experience shows that getting behind on them affects your quiz grade. Failure to complete computer homework can result in an incomplete for the course.