

POLISH 0030 - Intermediate Polish - Fall 2009

Course meets: MWF, 10:00-10:50, 1432 Cathedral of Learning.

Instructor: Oscar Swan, 1417 Cathedral of Learning (Slavic Languages Department), 624-5707. Office hours T H 4:00-5:00 or W 1:00 (or, preferably, by appointment).

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Course Description: A traditional four-skills course (speaking, reading, writing, listening), with emphasis on speaking and learning how to recognize and produce correct grammatical forms. THIS COURSE IS A CONTINUATION OF POLISH 0020.

Required Materials:

- Beginning Polish, Lessons 9-12. Print needed lessons from the website (see below).
- Krystyna, Pawel i Reks , downloadable from website under Other Materials > Short Stories. Also on the interactive dictionary (see below).
- Polish Grammar in a Nutshell, downloadable from website under Other Materials > Nutshell
- The Polish-English, English online dictionary will be adequate for all of your needs: <http://polish.slavic.pitt.edu/~swan/beta/>

Order of Presentation of Material:

We will proceed through lessons 9-12 of First Year Polish, covering approximately one lesson every two weeks. Since lesson 9 is a review, we will go through that lesson more quickly. In addition, we will cover approximately one "story" per week in Krystyna, Pawel i Reks. In the last few weeks of the course we will read a "Christmas" short story, "Żurek" by Olga Tokarczuk, answer questions on it, and view a Ryszard Brylski movie made on the basis of the story.

Course Website.

The textbook to this course is also available in pdf format on the course website:

<http://polish.slavic.pitt.edu>

Select First Year Polish, then select Lessons. The lessons are in pdf format and can be downloaded individually. You will also use the course website to download the computer program and the computer homework (under First Year Polish > Computer Drills. Follow the instructions found there.

Texts to Krystyna, Pawel i Reks are found under Other Materials > Opowieści

Computer Homework:

Much of the homework for this course will be done on computer and submitted to the instructor by email (swan@pitt.edu). The homework is computer-corrected, but you must submit your results to the instructor. You should keep up with the computerized exercises in the lessons (indicated by a computer icon in the text) without reminding. That is, when we pass from, say, lesson 9.A. to Lesson 9.B., you

should have completed and submitted the homework for 9.A. ZIP YOUR FILES FOR THE GIVEN LESSON-PART TOGETHER WHEN SUBMITTING IT. It is all right not to do a drill through to the end, but only until you understand and are confident with it. Five or six items minimum.

HOMework UP TO THE GIVEN POINT IN THE COURSE MUST BE COMPLETE BY THE TIME OF THE MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS.

Class 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 the attendance of others. More than three unexcused absences will affect the grade by a half a grade-point. More than seven unexcused absences may be considered grounds for course failure. PLEASE RE-READ THE LAST TWO SENTENCES.

Evaluation:

- Computer homework is required, but not graded. Most people do the homework over and over until they are scoring at least 90 percent on it, and you should too. Lower than that and you probably do not understand the material well enough.
- Examinations: Quizzes will be announced, but will be on an approximately weekly basis. Makeups only by prior arrangement, with legitimate excuse. In addition, there will be a Midterm and a Final. Grade will be determined as follows:

Cumulative quiz grade and class performance before Midterm:	25%
Cumulative quiz grade and class performance after Midterm:	25%
Midterm:	20%
Final:	30%
Total:	100%

- Your work must be your own. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL RESULT IN COURSE FAILURE.

Polish 0030 - Intermediate Polish - Fall 2009 – Day-by-Day Assignments

PLEASE DO WRITTEN WORK ON A COMPUTER. DOUBLE SPACE.

Wednesday, September 9

- a. Read in class KP&R 2: **Rodzina, koledzy, przyjaciele.**
- b. Review forms of personal pronouns (pp. 407-408).
- c. Rewrite in 3rd person (to hand in): Conversation 9.E.
- d. Go over and hand in questions to KPR 1.

Friday, September 11

- a. Present a synopsis of your news article (in Polish). Base your synopsis on the news of September 10
- Write at least 10 questions to KP&R.2 **Rodzina, koledzy, przyjaciele.** Be prepared to answer your questions and discuss the reading.
- d. No-Fault quiz on pronouns.

Monday, September 14

- a. Prepare Conversations 10.A.1 and 10.A.2. Answer the questions to them in writing, and hand in.
- b. Review plural-only nouns; Polish money, and plurals of time periods with numbers 2, 3, 4 (**Gramatyka 10.A**)
- c. Computer Drills 10.1-10.4

Wednesday, September 16

- a. Prepare Conversations 10.B. **Co to jest za pies?** Write answers to the questions.
- b. Read the behind the story.
- c. Read and study **Gramatyka 10.B.** (plural of nouns and adjectives, non masculine persons)
- d. Computer drills 10.6.-10.10
- e. Listen in class to **KP&R 3: Mieszkanie Krystyny i Pawła**

Friday, September 18

- a. Present the synopsis of your news article.
- b. Computer drills 10.11-10.16.
- c. Read **KP&R 3: Mieszkanie Krystyny i Pawła** and prepare 10 questions on it to hand in and discuss in class.
- d. Quiz (for real) on plural of nouns and adjectives (non-masculine personal).

Monday, September 21

- a. Prepare Conversations 10.C.1. and 10.C.2. Write out to hand in answers to the conversations, and be prepared to answer them in class.
- b. Read **Gramatyka** 10.C.
- c. Computer drills 10.21-10.25.

Wednesday, September 23

- a. Everyone: Prepare Conversation 10.D. **Imieniny**. Write answers to the questions and be prepared to answer the questions to the conversation orally.
- b. Look over carefully **Gramatyka** 10.D. on the plural of masculine personal nouns and adjectives.
- c. Computer drills 10.25-10.28 (as many as you can comfortably do: there are a lot of items in them).
- d. Listen to **Krystyna, Paweł i Reks 4: W stołówce**

Friday, September 25

- a. Present the synopsis of your news article.
- b. Read and prepare 10 questions for **KP&R 4: W stołówce**, to hand in and to discuss in class.
- c. Quiz on masculine personal nouns and adjectives.

Monday, September 28

- a. Prepare Conversation 10.E. **Sąsiedzi**. Answer the questions to Conversation 10.E. to hand in.
- b. Read **Gramatyka** 10.E, which is mainly a review of personal pronouns and relation-names.
- c. Computer drills 10.29-10.31

Wednesday, September 30

- a. Fill-in-the-blanks computer drill (10.33)
- b. Work with supplementary conversations.
- c. Sentence pairs (10.32) in class.
- d. Listen to **KP&R 5: Paweł czeka na Krystynę**

Friday, October 2

- a. Present your article synopsis.
- a. Write at least 10 questions to **KP&R5: Mieszkanie Krystyny i Pawła** (and hand in)
- c. Quiz on Lesson 10, including conversations.