

**THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

	<p>PLSH 204/205 (Honors)</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE</p> <p>POLISH I</p> <p>FALL SEMESTER, 2018</p>	
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Class meetings: MWF 10:00-10:50

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CLASS DESCRIPTION

This class is designed for students who have successfully completed the Elementary Polish course. It continues to introduce the basic concepts of the Polish grammar and develop students' listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. The course also aims at expanding students' vocabulary and improving their communicative competence in Polish.

***PLSH 205 Honors students progress faster through the course objectives by completing additional assignments and working individually with the instructor.**

Upon successful completion of this course, you should be able to:

- 1) Describe someone's personality
- 2) Discuss job related issues
- 3) Relate the history of your family
- 4) Talk about your future plans
- 5) Compare the educational systems in Poland and America
- 6) Describe and discuss city life
- 7) Describe and discuss life in the country

TEXTBOOKS

- Agnieszka Burkat, Agnieszka Jasinska - *Hurra!!! Po polsku 2: Podręcznik studenta* (textbook), Kraków: Prolog, 2006 (required)
- Bielec, D. – *Basic Polish*. A grammar and workbook, Routledge, London and New York, 2005 (recommended)
- Janecki, K., *301 Polish Verbs*, Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2000 (recommended)

- Pocket Polish-English/English-Polish dictionary (recommended)

CLASS ATTENDANCE, PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION

This course is designed to have students acquire communicative competence in Polish. Since communication presumes both speakers and listeners and interaction between them, all students benefit when everyone comes to class, is prepared, and participates actively in class activities. Therefore, your regular attendance, preparation and active participation will be evaluated as part of your course grade. If you need to miss a class for medical reasons, religious holidays, or an emergency, notify your instructor (preferably in advance by e-mail) and provide official documentation. These absences may be excused, and therefore not affect your grade. More than **five** unexcused absences will lower your course grade by one letter (e.g. from an A to a B). More than **eight** unexcused absences will result in failing the course regardless of your prior work or test grades. Absent students are responsible for acquiring the information and instructional materials for the missed classes. Students are expected to be in class for the tests and the exam.

HOMEWORK

Regular homework assignments will be distributed in class and/or posted on Blackboard. Students must submit their homework at the beginning of every class session. Like attendance and participation, homework is an important part of learning Polish. It gives you an opportunity for additional practice of the material studied in class. The homework will be graded on a 10-point scale. You have to turn in complete assignments in order to receive full credit. Late homework will receive half credit.

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| 8-10 | Homework is completed with minimal errors and exceptional creativity or effort; student clearly understands the material. |
| 4-7 | Homework is completed with minimal or moderate amount of errors. |
| 0-3 | Homework is incomplete or student shows lack of effort or understanding of the material. |

*PLSH 205 Honors students complete extra reading and writing assignments and hold weekly individual speaking sessions with the instructor on topics of the current lesson. The speaking sessions are scheduled at the student's convenience and last 20 minutes.

VOCABULARY QUIZZES

5-minute vocabulary quizzes will be given at the beginning of every class session. The vocab list for each test will be compiled from the words and expressions studied in the previous lesson and will be posted on Blackboard. Expanding your Polish lexicon is one of the primary goals of this class and this test will encourage you to keep track of the new vocabulary and study it consistently.

COMPOSITIONS

You will write 3 short essays (one after every two lessons) on topics from the covered lessons. The essays will be graded on a 10-point scale (a grading rubric will be provided along with the prompt). If you are dissatisfied with your grade, you can earn extra points by submitting your re-worked essay within a week.

TESTS (WRITTEN AND ORAL)

There will be three tests in this course (check the schedule for details). They will consist of listening comprehension, grammar, reading comprehension, and oral tasks. The tests are meant to check your understanding of material and keep you on track. They also will give you an opportunity to gauge your progress.

REFLECTION ESSAY

You will write a reflection essay in English in which you will consider some cross-culture communication issues brought up by Laura Klos-Sokol in her essay collection Shortcuts to Poland.

CULTURAL ESSAY & PRESENTATION

You will be asked to identify a Polish object/custom/practice and its American equivalent and research their meaning, function, history, etc. You will summarize your findings in a short essay in Polish and present the highlights of your research project in a PPT presentation.

EXTRA CREDIT (5 points)

- Regular attendance of the bi-weekly Polish Conversation Table
- Attendance of the Polish film nights and a short report the day after the screening

GRADING

The grade for this course will be based on the following components:

- Class attendance, preparation and participation – 10%
- Homework – 10%
- Vocabulary Quizzes – 5%
- Compositions – (3x5%) – 15%
- Written Tests (3x 10%) – 30%
- Oral tests – 5%
- Reflection essay – 10%
- Cultural essay and presentation – 15%

A	100-93	B+	89-88	C+	79-78	D+	69-68
A-	92-90	B	87-84	C	77-74	D	67-64
		B-	83-80	C-	73-70	D-	63-60
						F	59 and below

OFFICE HOURS

Feel free to take advantage of the office hours. It is a good time to practice speaking or reading Polish and to ask questions about assignments and upcoming tests and exams.

The Academic Achievement & Access Center (AAAC) coordinates accommodations and services for all KU students who are eligible. If you have a disability for which you wish to request accommodations and have not contacted the AAAC, please do so as soon as possible. Their office is located in 22 Strong Hall; their phone number is 785-864-4064 (V/TTY).

Information about their services can be found at <http://disability.ku.edu>. Please contact me privately in regard to your needs in this course

IMPORTANT DATES PLSH 204/205 – INTERMEDIATE POLISH I

Sept. 3 Labor day – no class

Oct. 15 Fall break – no class

Nov. 21-23 – Thanksgiving break – no class

Final exam: December 14 Friday, 7:30-10:00 a.m.