

Our school offers courses of the Polish language on different levels of proficiency. We try to adjust the level of our courses to the needs and skills of students. Also the program, if only possible, is tailored to the needs of the course participants.

The basic information concerning our language courses can be found below.

A course of the Polish language - beginner level

Course description

General information:

The course is addressed to students of at least 18 years of age who have no or little previous knowledge of the Polish language. Students are qualified to the group on the basis of an entry test (written and/or spoken) taken on the first day of the course. Students who participate in the course at this level:

- want to learn basic grammatical and communication structures in Polish
- want to use basic Polish vocabulary
- want to get to know Poland

The course lasts from 50 to approximately 290 hours, depending on the student's preferences.

Aims:

- to teach basic grammatical and lexical structures through written and oral exercises, games and plays;
- to teach listening comprehension and speaking skills through recordings of dialogues and texts that focus on communication structures used in everyday life, and through dialogues with the teacher and other students, as well as individual assignments
- to practice pronunciation
- to teach Polish alphabet and spelling, as well as understanding and writing short simple texts

Students who have passed the final exams:

- can pronounce and read words in Polish
- know basic grammatical and communication structures needed in everyday life
- know basic words
- can say a few sentences about themselves and their interests, ask basic question and understand the answers, understand texts about familiar issues delivered slowly and clearly
- can read short specially prepared texts
- can write Polish words and short texts (50 words) about subjects covered in class

Teaching methods

We offer three types of classes to choose from:

- grammar classes – focus on grammar, lexis, communication; they are based on materials provided at the beginning of the course, as well as additional handouts
- individual classes - oriented towards the student's needs; the program is tailored to the needs of individual students

- speaking classes - focus on speaking skills; their form and content depend on the group's needs. The models of classroom interactions employed during speaking and grammar classes include: group work (whole class and smaller groups), pair work, and individual work. We believe it is important to reach each student, solve their learning problems, and provide additional materials that are of interest to the students and at the same time facilitate knowledge acquisition. Therefore, our teachers care about getting to know the students and finding out about their expectations and learning difficulties. The teachers also monitor students' progress through tests taken during the course (especially during longer courses).

Content

The course consisting of all three modules includes:

- grammar: inflection, sentence structure
- vocabulary: formal and informal
- communication structures
- recordings of texts and/or dialogues
- specially prepared texts

Exam

Each course finishes with a written exam covering the material discussed in class. The teacher informs the students about the form and content of the exam. The diploma is awarded to students who have passed the test (passmark - 60%).

Course materials

Our course is based on materials prepared by the School's experienced teachers. The material is adapted to the needs of particular groups. We also use textbooks published by the companies specializing in teaching Polish as a foreign language.

Dictionaries

Collins English-Polish and Polish-English Dictionary. Collins słownik angielsko-polski i polsko-angielski 1997, Fisiak Jacek [ed.], BGW, Warszawa.

Additional offer:

The course is accompanied by a series of lectures in Polish and English on Poland, covering history, economy, literature, music, and current social and political events. We also invite all students to take part in other activities offered by the school (trips, scrabble games, classes of Polish songs, etc.)

A course of the Polish language - intermediate level

Course description.

General information.

The course is addressed to students of at least 18 years of age who have basic knowledge of the Polish language. Students are qualified to the group on the basis of an entry test (written and/or spoken) taken on the first day of the course. Students who participate in the course at this level:

- have attended or completed Polish courses
- know Polish, although they have never participated in any language courses
- have studied Polish on their own and reached the level sufficient to be qualified for the intermediate level

Students who attend the course should:

- know the basic grammar (theory and/or communication)
- understand simple instructions and general sense of conversations
- be able to hold a simple talks
- know the alphabet

The course lasts from 50 to approximately 290 hours, depending on the student's preferences.

Aims:

- to develop grammar and lexical skills through exercises practicing given structures, through games and plays, assignments expanding vocabulary of interest to the members of the group
- to develop comprehension and speaking skills through recordings focusing on listening for general and specific information, through dialogues with the teacher and other students, individual assignments, and free expression of own opinions and views
- to accustom students to read and write in Polish, teach them to read even if they do not fully understand the texts. Students practice spelling and they write short texts in Polish

Students who have passed the final exams:

- have fewer problems with pronunciation
- have revised grammar constructions and learn their new applications
- know new formal and informal words and expressions
- can speak about themselves, their interests and general topics
- can read short texts and have general comprehension of press articles
- have improved spelling and are able to write a short text in Polish (approx. 100 words)

Teaching methods

We offer three types of classes to choose from:

- grammar classes – focus on grammar, lexis, communication; they are based on materials provided at the beginning of the course, as well as additional handouts
- individual classes - oriented towards the student's needs; the program is tailored to the needs of individual students

- speaking classes - focus on speaking skills; their form and content depend on the group's needs. The models of classroom interactions employed during speaking and grammar classes include: group work (whole class and smaller groups), pair work, and individual work. We believe it is important to reach each student, solve their learning problems, and provide additional materials that are of interest to the students and at the same time facilitate knowledge acquisition. Therefore, our teachers care about getting to know the students and finding out about their expectations and learning difficulties. The teachers also monitor students' progress through tests taken during the course (especially during longer courses).

Content:

The course consisting of all three modules includes:

- grammar: inflection; sentence structure
- vocabulary: formal and informal
- communication structures
- recording of texts and/or dialogues, audiovisual materials
- specially prepared texts and original press articles, internet and literary texts

Exam

Each course finishes with a written exam covering the material discussed in class. The teacher informs the students about the form and content of the exam. The diploma is awarded to students who have passed the test (passmark - 60%).

Course materials

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A course of the Polish language - advanced level

Course description.

General information.

The course is addressed to students of at least 18 years of age with good knowledge of the Polish language. Students are qualified to the group on the basis of an entry test (written and/or spoken) taken on the first day of the course. Students who participate in the course at this level:

- have already attended / completed Polish courses
- know Polish, although they have never participated in any language courses
- have studied Polish on their own and reached the level sufficient to be qualified for the advanced level

Students who attend the course should:

- know grammatical structures and be able to use them correctly
- understand most instructions and conversations they hear
- be able to discuss different topics
- read and write in Polish

The course lasts from 50 to approximately 290 hours, depending on the student's preferences.

Aims:

- to develop grammar and lexical skills through exercises practicing given structures, through games and plays, assignments expanding vocabulary of interest to the members of the group and suggested by the teacher
- to improve comprehension and speaking skills through real-life materials teaching listening for general and specific information, through dialogues with the teacher and other students, individual assignments, and free expression of own opinions and views
- to improve reading and writing skills through various texts, writing on different topics with focus on stylistic differences

Students who pass the final exams

- do not have pronunciation problems
- have revised different grammatical structures, learn new applications and structures characteristic of formal and written language
- have learnt new vocabulary items (idioms, word formation and transformations)
- are able to express freely their opinions on different topics, especially connected with their interests and with the topics covered with in the media
- are able to read authentic texts and understand press articles
- have improved their writing skills and are able to write a text in Polish (approx. 200-300 words)

Teaching methods

We offer three types of classes to choose from:

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 - individual classes - oriented towards the student's needs; the program is tailored to the needs of individual students
 - speaking classes - focus on speaking skills; their form and content depend on the group's needs. The models of classroom interactions employed during speaking and grammar classes include: group work (whole class and smaller groups), pair work, and individual work.
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Content

The course consisting of all three modules includes:

- grammatical structures: participles, verbs of movement, impersonal verbs, prefixes, numerals, single and compound sentences, transformations
- vocabulary: formal and informal, idioms, word formation
- formal and informal communication structures
- recordings of original texts, audiovisual materials
- press articles, internet and literary texts

Exam

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