

PLW 4905 (SECTION 8748) POLISH I–FALL 2004 (PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS)

MONDAY-FRIDAY 3RD PERIOD

LOCATION: NPB 1200

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Learning a new language can be lots of fun and I hope you will approach the course in this spirit. Polish XXXX is an intensive, introductory language course for beginning students. The goal of the class is to work toward active language usage through systematic conversational practice, oral drills, listening exercises, and reading and writing assignments. An introduction to the everyday culture and traditions of Poland is incorporated into the classroom through culture presentations, film, and music.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- *Cześć, jak się masz?* by Władysław Miodunka (Kraków: Wydawnictwo Universitas, 2001)
- Coursepack
- *Wiedza Powszechna Compact Polish and English Dictionary*, ed. Janina Jaślan and Jan Stanisławski (Lincolnwood, Illinois: NTC Publishing Group, 1996) (The small pocket dictionary published by Langenscheidt is also fine.)
- *301 Polish Verbs* by Klara Janecki (New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2000)

All texts are available at XXXX. The coursepack will be available at XXX.

WEB SITES / REFERENCES:

- [my home page, coursetools]
- http://www.lsa.umich.edu/slavic/dept/WebBased_Language/Polish/index.html

OFFICE HOURS: Feel free to take advantage of office hours. It's a good time to ask questions about class work and homework assignments, to practice speaking or reading Polish or to let me know what you think of the class, in general.

AUDITORS: Auditors are requested to complete assignments and prepare for class as if they were registered as regular students. If an auditor does not fulfill these requirements, he/she will be asked to withdraw from the course.

GRADING:

1. Class Participation/Attendance (25%)
2. Homework (20%)
3. Quizzes (10%)
4. Tests (25%)
5. Oral Exam (5%)
6. Final Exam (15%)

CLASS PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE (25%): The only way to learn to speak Polish is to come to class, so regular attendance is essential. Absences will be reflected in your grade as follows:

1-4 absences:	no effect on your grade
5-10 absences:	your grade will be lowered one "notch" (from an A to an A-, for example) for <i>each unexcused absence</i> .
11-15 absences:	your <i>participation grade</i> will be an E
15 or more absences:	you will receive a <i>failing grade</i> (E) in the course

If you miss class for medical reasons, religious holidays, or for any other reason you consider valid, notify your instructor *in advance* (when possible). Be prepared to provide written documentation to explain your absence. These absences might be excused, and therefore would not affect your grade.

Two late arrivals by more than 10 minutes count as one absence.

HOMEWORK (20%): Like attendance, homework is an important part of learning Polish and you should complete it as it is assigned.

Homework will be posted daily on coursetools, which can be accessed through the following web addresses:

<http://coursetools.ummich.edu/2003/winter/polish/122/001.nsf>
<http://coursetools.ummich.edu/mycourses>

Every effort will be made to post homework by 2:00 p.m.

Deadlines:

Homework is due the following day after it is assigned (unless noted otherwise). After the **fourth** missed assignment, your homework grade will be lowered based on the following scale.

1-4 missing assignments:	no effect on your grade
5-10 missing assignments:	your grade will be lowered one "notch" (from an A to an A-, for example) for <i>each</i> missing assignment.
11-15 missing assignments:	your <i>participation grade</i> will be an E
15 or missing assignments:	you will receive a <i>failing grade</i> (E) in the course

Late Assignments:

For every **four** late assignments, your homework grade will be dropped by half (eg.: from an A to an A-). Late assignments must be completed no later than **3 days** after they are assigned. If you fail to turn in an assignment within those 3 days, it will be counted as a missed homework.

Incomplete Assignments:

Three incomplete assignments are equal to **one** missed homework. Incomplete assignments can be redone for an improved grade in **3 days** after they have been marked "incomplete" by your instructor.

Grading: Homework will be graded as follows:

√ +	100%	A	Homework is completed with minimal errors and exceptional creativity or effort; student clearly understands material.
√	85%	B	Homework is completed with a minimal to moderate amount of errors.
√ -	75%	C	Homework is incomplete or student shows lack of effort or understanding of material. Homework can be redone for an improved grade, provided all errors are corrected.

QUIZZES (10%): There will be 5 scheduled quizzes (on Tuesdays) throughout the semester, plus occasional pop-quizzes and periodically graded dictations. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

TESTS (25%): There will be 6 one-hour tests throughout the semester (approximately one every two weeks). If you receive a B- or lower, you can correct your test at home. If the rewrite is satisfactory, your grade will be raised by half (for example, from a C+ to a B-).

ORAL EXAM (5%): There will be an oral exam at the end of the semester. The format will be an oral presentation based on the composition and/or dialogs done throughout the semester.

FINAL EXAM (15%): The final exam is worth 15% of your grade; however, if you receive a D+ or lower on the final exam, your final grade will be lowered by an entire grade.

The final exam is scheduled for XXX, December XX, 2004 from 00:00-00:0 a.m. in room XXXX.

PERCENTAGE SCALE:

A 95-100
A- 90-94
B+ 87-89
B 83-86
B- 80-82
C+ 77-79

C 73-76
C- 70-72
D+ 67-69
D 63-66
D- 60-62
F 0-59