

Course descriptions

Polish as a foreign language: this intensive course of practical Polish comprises 6 semesters and is divided into stages, each focusing on particular language skills and abilities. Each academic year ends with a final examination which evaluates students' progress in particular language skills. The exam consists of the oral and written part. The course aims at bringing students up to level C1 in all five language skills: listening, reading, speaking, interaction and writing. Students should extend and develop their linguistic and communication competences to the level that will enable them to interact fluently in everyday situations, in writing and speaking. Also, adequately to the level, students will develop proficiency in using the language for research purposes (Polish for academic purposes).

Foreign language course: the course comprises 4 semesters of English or German. It aims at developing students' grammar and vocabulary skills to the level that enables them to communicate in everyday situations, as well as improving accuracy and fluency and enhancing skills necessary to use media and literature sources.

Descriptive grammar of Polish: the course encompasses particular systems of the Polish language: phonetics and phonology, inflection and information on parts of speech and syntax. The Polish grammar is also presented in the contrastive approach. The course aims at developing students' specialist knowledge on the system of contemporary Polish language.

Introduction to Polish literature: the course encompasses information on periods and trends in the history of Polish literature, as well as on the most outstanding authors and representative works of literature presented against the background of history of western literature and culture. The course aims at developing students' general understanding of the specific field of Polish literature and culture and familiarizing them with basic terminology used in literature studies (period, movement, genre, literary convention, etc).

Introduction to linguistics: the course presents the role and scope of linguistics and introduces specialist terminology. It aims at preparing students to develop their knowledge in general linguistics and Polish language studies.

Lexicology and lexicography: the course introduces students to the scope of studies, major lexicological terminology and basic types of contemporary Polish language dictionaries. The aim of the course is preparing students to use different types of dictionaries necessary to learn and study the Polish language and culture.

History of Polish literature: the course comprises seminars, tutorials and lectures focusing on particular periods in Polish literature, presented in the cultural context against the background of parallel phenomena in western literature and culture. Major literary movements and phenomena are discussed as well as representative authors and their works. The course aims at acquainting students with Polish literature from the diachronic perspective and developing their ability to read a literary text.

Historical development of the Polish language: the course comprises basic issues of historical grammar and history of the Polish language. It aims at acquainting students with the specificity

of the Polish language in the diachronic approach.

Sociolinguistics: the course presents the main terms and methods of language sociology as well as social and geographical differentiation of the contemporary Polish language. The course aims at developing students' ability to recognize and use the varieties of Polish.

History of Poland: a series of lectures on Polish history from the most ancient to most contemporary times in the European context and with particular focus on the history of culture. The course aims at enhancing students' understanding of historical and contemporary sociocultural phenomena in the historical context.

Philosophy: a series of lectures presenting the terminology and trends in western philosophy. The course aims at developing students' general humanistic knowledge.

Polish writing: a practical course in writing various types of texts.

Introduction to translation studies: the course combines the terminology and methods of translation theory with practical translation exercises (translation from and into the Polish language). It aims at developing students' basic translation skills.

Methodology of teaching Polish as a foreign language: the course presents the methods of teaching Polish as a foreign language with the consideration of both the language system and language skills. It involves the presentation of coursebooks, teaching techniques and various types of language practice exercises. The course aims at the introductory preparation of students to work as teachers of Polish as a foreign language.

Information Technology: the course aims at developing students' basic skills of using the terminology, equipment, software and methods of information technologies. IT is presented as a medium in the work of Polish studies specialist. The course aims at preparing students for the extensive use of information technologies in their work.

Diploma seminar: the seminar topics focus on issues related to literature studies, linguistics and culture. Particular topics are chosen by a tutor and students. The seminar aims at preparing students to write the diploma thesis and pass the final examination.