

**SCHOOL OF POLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AT THE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN, POLAND**

**The on-line course of the Polish language – intermediate level (B1)
Syllabus**

Course time: July 6 – July 31, 2020 / August 3 – August 28, 2020

4 week (80 academic hours) – intermediate level (B1)

Number of participants in a group: 5

Course description

General information:

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

- have already 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.

Prerequisites:

Students who attend the course:

- know grammatical structures and be able to use them mostly correctly,
- understand most instructions and conversations they hear,
- are able to discuss simple topics,
- can read and write in Polish.

The course lasts 80 hours (5 days a week per 4 academic hours).

Aims:

Students who have passed 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),
- developed grammar and lexical skills through exercises practicing given structures, assignments expanding vocabulary of interest to the members of the group,
- developed 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,
- are able to express their opinions on simple topics, especially connected with their interests,
- are able to read simple authentic texts and understand simple press articles,
- have improved their writing skills and are able to write a text in Polish (approx. 150-200 words).

As a result of the educational process, the student should:

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- identify and create the forms of nouns, adjectives, personal and possessive pronouns in Nominative, Instrumental, Accusative, Genitive, Locative, Dative and Vocative case in singular and plural form;
- create forms of the tenses: Present, Future Imperfective, Simple Future Tense, Past Imperfective, Past Perfective; Verb Forms, create Comparison of Adjectives and Adverbs; create forms of Imperative mood and Conditional mood, know elements of Syntax;
- create the clock hours, dates, permission and prohibition;
- know the vocabulary, speaking and writing about: interests, hobbies and favorite activities, everyday life, meeting people and making introductions; traveling and foreign countries, nationalities; shopping; food preferences, education, job and professions;
- express opinions and emotions; discuss housing and living arrangements; talk about one's health and wellness, describe people and things; discuss people's personalities and human interactions; making comparisons; describe one's family and friends; looking for a job.

Teaching methods

We offer classes focusing on: grammar, vocabulary, speaking, listening, reading, writing skills; they are based on materials provided at the beginning of the course, as well as additional handouts. The models of on-line interactions employed during classes include: group work, 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 given as a homework.

Content:

The course consists of all five areas including:

- grammar: inflection; sentence structure,
- vocabulary: formal and informal, idioms, word formation,
- communication structures,
- recording of texts and/or dialogues, audiovisual materials,
- original press articles, internet texts.

Exam

Every week ends with a test that checks the learned vocabulary and grammar issues given as a homework. After 4 weeks there is a final exam which checks the grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing skills. 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 (pass mark – 50%).

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.