Polish classes in 2022 / 2023

Department of German and Slavic Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba
– Course schedule (as of April 10, 2022) subject to change without notice.

*** All courses are expected to be in-person courses. ***

Polish Language Courses

POL 1890: Introductory Polish (6) A01: MWF 9:30-10:20 (TBA); Labs & Conversation (B01): F 8:30-9:20

This is a basic course for students with little or no knowledge of Polish Language. It provides an elementary command of spoken and written Polish, and an understanding of the language’s grammatical structure. The emphasis will be on practical skills: introductions, describing interests, and responding to questions. Cultural content is introduced during the learning of these skills. Polish is used as much as possible in the classroom to give the students a chance to improve their listening and comprehension. This course is a part of a Polish Minor requirement.

POL 2890: Intermediate Polish (6) A01: WF 14:30-15:45 (TBA)

This is a course for students with a basic knowledge of Polish language. The emphasis will be on further study of Polish grammar, vocabulary building, translation, and mastery of spoken language through conversations and selected readings. Cultural content is introduced during the learning of these skills. This course is a part of a Polish Minor requirement.

Polish Culture Courses

POL 2600: Polish Culture until 1918 (3), M 14:30-17:15 (Winter 2023) (TBA), An introductory survey from the beginnings of the Polish state to 1918. This is a lecture style course devoted to studying the achievements of Polish culture and their impact on world culture. Students will observe the creation of Polish national identity through the examination of documents from literature and culture. Lectures and readings in English. The course counts as the English writing requirement (W). There are no prerequisites for this course. This course is designed for students without prior knowledge of Polish culture. This course can be taken as a part of Polish Minor requirement.

POL 2660: Cultural Representations of Poland in the 20th Century: Toilet Paper Hostages (3), MWF 13:30-14:20 (Fall 2022) (TBA),

Under communist rule, Poland was a country of profound paradoxes in politics, culture, and everyday life. This course examines these paradoxes by analyzing how Poles resisted the totalitarian regime not only through political action, but also through social activities, rock’n’roll, fashion, and art. Through oral history projects, students will collect and analyze the personal narratives and life experiences of those who lived under the communist system and in the years that followed communism’s collapse in Poland. Lectures and readings in English.

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