

**The University of Texas at Austin  
Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies  
FALL 2012**

**First Year Polish  
POL 506**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

<b>Class meetings:</b>	<b>MTWTHF 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CAL 22</b>
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<b>Office Hours:</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Friday 2:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or by appointment</b>
<b>Textbook:</b>	<b>„Krok po kroku” Polski Level A1 Iwona Stempek, Anna Stelmach Glossa, Krakow, Poland</b>
<b>Course description:</b>	<b>This course is the first semester of the Polish language instruction. This course will be of assistance in mastering grammar, the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing), and Polish culture.  No prerequisite! No auditing allowed.</b>
<b>Course Requirements:</b>	<b>You are expected to be in class and arrive on time, participate, do all homework, take quizzes and exams.</b>
<b>Grading:</b>	<b>30% Quizzes (grammar, vocabulary, listening, reading) 10% Written assignments</b>

10%	Culture presentation
10%	Attendance and participation
10%	Midterm Oral
20%	Homework
10%	Final Oral Interview

### Quizzes

You will have vocabulary, grammar, and quizzes checking your listening and reading comprehension through the semester.

The instructor reserves the right to not announced quizzes. Come prepared to class! You can make up the quiz if you are absent, but you need to arrange with me the make up in my office ASAP.

### Midterm Oral

You will be scheduled to meet with me to have a conversation in Polish.

### Culture presentation

The instructor will provide a list with topics for your culture presentation in English.

Look for the rubric for grading and schedule calendar later in the fall.

### Homework

All assignments must be handed in on the day they were assigned for. If you miss the class, turn in your homework ASAP.

They are not graded for correctness.

You must print your homework from the internet platform of the textbook.

Exceptions: You will have written assignments. You need to turn it in by the deadline, no later since I want to monitor your progress. You will be assigned a grade for some of the written paragraphs. Some will be just for practice.

### Attendance/ Participation

This course meets five days a week for 50 minutes. Attendance is very important.

You may miss a total of 4 class meetings without occurring any penalty. Further absences will count against your participation grade.

You will miss one point from your final grade points for every additional absence.

Please, be on time. The tests and quizzes will start and finish for all students at the same time. If you show up late, you have lost time – and I will not repeat instructions or oral questions that you have missed. You have to finish the test or quiz at the same time as other students.

## Final Exam

This is going to be a final oral interview conducted in Polish in my office.

## Extra Credit:

I would like you to reach out to the Polish Community in Austin.

I will announce events organized by Austin Polish Society. You can check out their website [www.austinpolsishsociety.org](http://www.austinpolsishsociety.org)

Try to attend at least on event this fall. It will give you the opportunity to meet native speakers, taste our Polish food, practice your language skills, and expand your culture knowledge.

The maximum allowed extra points is three.

A few reminders on courtesy:

- No eating, drinking chewing gum in class
- No texting during class
- No use of laptops, iPods, or other electronic devices
- Don't talk to other students if a student is asking a question, or I'm responding to this question, or if I'm addressing the whole class
- Put you cell phone into SILENT mode. If your phone goes off during a test or quiz, you will lose 5 points on that test or quiz.
- Be on time! Don't interrupt.

## Grades

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59 and less	F

No plus and minus.

## Academic Dishonesty:

Please, check Registrar Office Honor Code Chapter 11. Student Discipline and Conduct

“Academic dishonesty” or “scholastic dishonesty” includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts, and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student (such as, but not limited to, submission of essentially the same written assignment for two classes

**without the prior permission of the instructor), or the attempt to commit such an act.**

### **Students with Disabilities**

**Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the SSD.**

### **Religious Holidays:**

**A student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day should inform the instructor as far in advance of the absence as possible, so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.**

## **COURSE SCHEDULE (\*\*subject to change)**

**In Polish 506 we will cover lessons 1-13 from the Textbook “Krok po kroku”**

### **Week 1**

Introduction to course

**Lesson 1** greetings, farewells, introduction, alphabet, numerals 0-10

### **Week 2**

**Lesson 2** How are you? Where are you from? Personal pronouns, verbs conjugation (-m, -sz), verb to be, numerals 11-29

### **Week 3**

**Lesson 3** Who is it? What is it? Objects in the classroom, adjectives, colors, nominative case singular of nouns and adjectives

### **Week 4**

**Lesson 4** Description of you and other people, verb conjugation (-ę, -isz/-ysz)

### **Week 5**

**Lesson 5** How old are you? Professions, numerals 20-100, instrumental case singular

### **Week 6**

**Lesson 6** Hobbies, sport, possessive pronouns my and your

### **Week 7**

**Lesson 7** How much is it? Shopping, accusative case singular of nouns and adjectives, numerals 100-1000

### **Week 8**

**Midterm Oral Interviews**

### **Week 9**

**Lesson 8** What do you like to eat? Meals, food, instrumental plural of nouns and adjectives

### **Week 10**

**Lesson 9** Shopping for food, nominative and accusative plural of non personal nouns

### **Week 11**

**Lesson 10** Going to a coffee shop and restaurant, possessive singular, negation, personal pronouns in instrumental

### **Week 12**

**Lesson 11** Family, parts of the day, how often, when, possessive adjectives

**Week 13**

**Lesson 12** Inviting, making plans, days of the week, hour, ordinal numbers 1-24

**Week 14**

**Lesson 13** How do you spend your free time? Past tense

**Week 15**

Polish Christmas traditions

Christmas party

**Final Oral Interviews**