The University at Austin
Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies

First Year Polish
POL 506
Fall 2011

COURSE SYLLABUS

Class meetings: MTWThF 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CAL 422
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Textbook: Cześć, jak się masz? Spotkajmy się w Polsce by Władysław Miodunka

Course description: 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.

Course Requirements: You are expected to be in class and arrive on time, participate, do all homework, take quizzes and exams.

Grading:

40% Four tests (reading, writing, culture, speaking)
20% Quizzes (grammar, vocabulary, listening)
10% Attendance and participation
20% Homework
10% Final Exam
Four tests

There are two in class written tests. One will check your reading comprehension, the second one your writing skills.
The third one is going to be a mid-term oral exam.
The fourth one is a culture paper. You will get the list of topics from your instructor.

Final Exam

This is going to be a comprehensive grammar test on the last day of classes.

Quizzes

You will have vocabulary, grammar, and quizzes checking your listening comprehension through the semester.
The instructor reserves the right to not announced quizzes. Come prepared to class!
You can’t make up the quiz if you are absent.

Homework

All assignments must be handed in on the last day of covering a particular chapter. They are not graded for correctness.

Attendance/ Participation

This course meets five days a week for 50 minutes. You may miss a total of 4 class meetings without occurring any penalty. Beginning with the fifth absence, your participation grade will drop by half a letter grade (5 points). Please, be on time.

Grades

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No plus/minus grades will be assigned for the final grade.
COURSE SCHEDULE (**subject to change)**

In Polish 506 we will cover lessons 0-6. Approximately 10 hours are going to be devoted to teach one unit lesson.

**Week 1 (August 26),** Introduction to course

**Week 1, 2 and 3, Lesson 0,** Introduction to Polish pronunciation and spelling

**Week 4 and 5, Lesson 1,** Identifying people and things, number and gender, case, nominative singular of nouns and adjectives, present tense

**September 25, Culture paper due (conferences)**

**Week 6 and 7, Lesson 2,** Numbers, asking for age, greetings and farewells, personal pronouns, informal style

**October 12, Reading comprehension test**

**Week 8 and 9, Lesson 3,** Countries, nationalities, conjugations of verbs, diminutives of names, double negation, introducing oneself and other people

**Week 10 and 11, Lesson 4,** case forming, accusative singular of nouns and pronouns, family

**October 28 and 29, Oral proficiency exam**

**Week 12 and 13, Lesson 5,** past tense, instrumental singular and plural of nouns, pronouns, and modifiers, characteristics of people, expressing surprise and disappointment

**November 13, Writing test**

**Week 14 and 15, Lesson 6,** more numbers, forming adverbs from adjectives, asking for information, asking for an object, place, time, cause, manner, yes/no questions

**Week 16,** Polish Christmas traditions, review for final exam

**December 4, Final Exam during last day of classes**