



Global Education Solutions

Course Descriptions

Krakow, Poland

2008 July 5-Week (Polish Language & Culture)

The following is a list of courses and/or subject areas that have been offered in the past by the host institution. Please note foreign institutions do not usually finalize course listings until the beginning of the academic year. This list will be updated online as the host institution provides additional information.

2008 July

Course Requirement Summary		
Level	Sem. Credits	Course Structure
All Levels	2 - 9	1 Polish Language Course (Optional) 1-2 Electives

All Levels - Total Possible Credit(s): 2 - 9

1 Polish Language Course (Optional)

Course Title: Breakthrough (Level A 1)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 100
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

The students learn the principles of Polish pronunciation and intonation as well as basic Polish grammar. After this course, students should be able to use Polish in simple everyday situations. Their vocabulary should range from about 500 to 750 words.

Written examination: grammar, vocabulary
Oral examination: short oral presentation

Course Title: Effective Operational Proficiency (Level C 1)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

This curriculum gives the students a firm grasp of Polish grammar. They are taught to function adequately in everyday situations and to participate in Polish conversations. On this level specialized Polish is introduced. The students are prepared to speak and write on specialized topics, and to understand specialized Polish (e.g. lecture note taking). It is assumed that students on this level should use about 6000 general Polish and 500-1000 specialized Polish words.

Written examination: grammar, dictation, reading comprehension, listening comprehension, composition
Oral examination: discussion, communicative situations, presentation

Course Title: Native Speaker (Level C 3)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

This curriculum has been designed for very advanced students of Polish whose proficiency is close to that of a native speaker of Polish.

Written examination: essay
Oral examination: discussion, oral presentation

Course Title: Proficiency (Polish State Certificate Level C 2)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:
Advanced students of Polish are placed in the Proficiency program. The program aims at teaching the students individualized linguistic behavior in all communicative situations and a full range of Polish language structures. The students are also taught to write longer essays and compositions. Achieving a full understanding of written and spoken Polish texts is an important aim of this curriculum.

The following skills will be tested:
a. accuracy (grammar),
b. listening comprehension,
c. reading comprehension,
d. writing,
e. speaking

Course Title: Survival Polish (Level A 0)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 100
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:
This curriculum is carried out during the four-week non-intensive Polish language program for beginners. The students learn the principles of Polish pronunciation and intonation and to use Polish in a set of simple everyday situations. After the course their vocabulary should be about 200-500 words.

Examination only on request.

Course Title: Threshold (Polish State Certificate Level B 1)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 200
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:
This curriculum is meant for the students who come to Poland as pre-intermediate students of Polish. After the course they should attain a basic knowledge of Polish grammar and possess basic communication competence. They should also know about 2000 words of the Polish lexicon, which should enable them to globally understand authentic texts - written and spoken. Composition of simple written texts (e.g. letters) is also part of this curriculum.

The following skills will be tested:
a. accuracy (grammar),
b. listening comprehension,
c. reading comprehension,
d. writing,
e. speaking

Course Title: Vantage (Polish State Certificate Level B 2)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 200
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:
The Vantage curriculum is meant for intermediate students of Polish. The students are taught the structure of the

Polish language and to use it appropriately. This course prepares students to function in most everyday situations and to actively participate in conversations in Polish. The students also practice reading comprehension of longer informative texts and compositional writing.

The following skills will be tested:

- a. accuracy (grammar),
- b. listening comprehension,
- c. reading comprehension,
- d. writing,
- e. speaking

Course Title: Waystage (Level A 2)
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 100
Instruction in: Polish
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

The students are taught to read texts with proper intonation and accent. They learn the basic grammar and are also taught to use Polish in its communicative function in a set of life situations. Using about 1000 words they can speak about themselves and the world around them. They are also taught approximative reading of simple authentic texts in Polish. Beginning students enrolled in the six-week language program attain this level of proficiency in Polish.

Written examination: grammar, vocabulary, text comprehension
Oral examination: reading aloud, communication, oral presentation

1-2 Electives

Course Title: Communism and Post-Communist Transformation in East-Central Europe
Recommended Sem Credits: 2 **Contact Hours:** 30
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Political Science
Other Subject Area(s): Economics
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

The course focuses on historical, political, economic and social dimensions of the major processes that have taken place in Poland and other European countries since the 1980s. The discussion will touch upon the communist system and its collapse, the economy in transition, and social changes in post-communist countries. The focal point of the discussion is Poland. Other countries, most notably Russia and the Czech Republic, will be used for comparative purposes.

Course Title: History of Poland: from Kingdom to Third Republic
Recommended Sem Credits: 2 **Contact Hours:** 30
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: History
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

A survey of Polish history from the Piast dynasty through the period of Jagiellonian rule, the time of the elected kings, 123 years of partitioned Poland, the 1920's and 1930's, World War II, the creation and functioning of the People's Republic, the collapse of the communist system.

Course Title: Polish Art: Past and Present
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 45
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Art History
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

The development of Polish art since the 14th c. Special emphasis will be placed on 19th and 20th century artistic movements, Polish church art, folk art, poster art and architecture. The in-depth art history lectures will be conducted both at the University and in museums. The course will be accompanied by a program of field trips.

Classes will be held in the morning so the students who choose this course should remember that they can only take two hours of Polish language a day (a non-intensive course). Enrollment in this course is limited to two CEA students.

Additional Fee: 80.00
Fee Description: Admission fees and other expenses.

Course Title: Polish Culture: Lessons in Polish Literature
Recommended Sem Credits: 2 **Contact Hours:** 30
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Cultural Studies
Other Subject Area(s): Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

A presentation of some of the most interesting problems in the thousand-year history of Polish culture, with special emphasis on themes related to national existence. Literary masterpieces of the past and present, including poetry of the two Nobel Prize winners - Czeslaw Milosz (1980) and Wislawa Szymborska (1996); Polish Romanticism; culture in a political context; the phenomenon of exiled culture; literature and totalitarianism, and other "great questions" of Polish culture will be discussed.

Course Title: Polish Grammar
Recommended Sem Credits: 1 **Contact Hours:** 15
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Polish Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

A series of lectures on the structure of the Polish language - its morphology and syntax, in English. The lecturer will let you know everything about the Polish grammar you always wanted to know but never had any occasion to ask.

Course Title: The Jews in Poland
Recommended Sem Credits: 2 **Contact Hours:** 30
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: History
CEA Partner Institution: Jagiellonian University

Description:

This course will make students familiar with the long and glorious history of Jewish communities in Poland as well as with the period from 1939 to 1945 (the Holocaust). Post-Holocaust history of the Jews and Jewish culture in Poland will also be covered, with emphasis on Jewish--non-Jewish relations and anti-Semitism, and recent revival of the Jewish life in Poland.
