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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
PLH120

Corequisites

Co-badge status

Unit description
This distance education unit is designed for non-native speakers of Polish who already have a
very basic knowledge of the Polish language and who wish to foreground and expand their
Polish language skills at the introductory level before venturing onto the more difficult
Intermediate program. It focuses on a variety of everyday essential topics to increase the
students’ knowledge of the Polish language and builds upon PLH120 unit outcomes.
Throughout the course students will be further developing speaking, listening, reading and
writing skills, and will gain an overview of Polish grammar, which ultimately prepares them for
PLH220/221 Intermediate Polish I and II. Much of the unit practice of listening skills and lexis
is through oral exercises and activities. The unit uses a variety of delivery modes with a view
to encouraging the students to take a proactive role in their learning. The delivery modes
include: • printed materials, • online Audio Lectures (mp3 format), • online Course Notes, •
scheduled Skype sessions, • on-campus session (voluntary course revision), • online course
revision material, and • online mediated communications (Discussion Forum and Coffee
Lounge).

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are
available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates
Learning Outcomes

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3. Writing: Ability to write short, simple and comprehensible text to describe daily activities or past events by producing grammatically correct sentences in a short loosely organised paragraph; and to write a series of simple phrases and sentences incorporating a typical format for writing dates, adverbs of frequency, and simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

4. Spoken Interaction: Ability to engage in simple conversations in a variety of common and basic situations with reasonable ease; to manage routine exchanges with increased grammatical accuracy in predictable everyday situations to do with work and free time; and to participate in face-to-face conversations to describe daily events, activities and personal experiences.

5. Spoken Production: Ability to briefly describe studies, employment, weather, daily routines and basic people daily interactions through a series of short simple sentences.

6. Effective Communication: Ability to effectively participate in online sessions, on campus sessions and associated activities.

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Due: **Week 5**
Weighting: **10%**

Written assignment

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Assignment 2

Due: **Week 7**
Weighting: **10%**

Written assignment

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- **Writing:** Ability to write short, simple and comprehensible text to describe daily activities or past events by producing grammatically correct sentences in a short loosely organised paragraph; and to write a series of simple phrases and sentences incorporating a typical
Assignment 3

Due: Week 10
Weighting: 10%

Written assignment

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Assignment 4

Due: Week 13
Weighting: 10%

Written assignment

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Oral test
Due: Week 11
Weighting: 10%

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Final test
Due: Exam period (TBA)
Weighting: 50%

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**Delivery and Resources**

**Prescribed Texts**

The course notes prescribed for PLH121 are: "ELEMENTARY POLISH FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING STUDENTS" by Edmund A. Ronowicz and Ronald F. Feldstein (*the same course notes as for PLH120*). The course notes are available in the online unit.

**Recommended Texts**

Apart from the above course notes, we recommend that each student should have three other books, also available from The University Co-op Bookshop:

1. A Pocket Polish-English, English-Polish Dictionary (other dictionaries are also available)
2. 301 Polish Verbs by Klara Janecki
3. Polish-An Essential Grammar by Dana Bielec
4. Discovering Polish-A learner’s Grammar by L. Madelska

Additionally, students will be sent CDs with lessons recorded in class and in the studio, as a substitute for live participation in class. They are also in your online unit.

**Online Unit**

Login is via: [https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/](https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/)


The online unit includes: Student Handbook, Study Plan Schedule, Course Notes, Audio Lessons, Assignments 1 to 4, Key to the Exercises, Review On Campus, Key to Review On Campus, and Polish Educational Scholarship Forms.

You will also find links to Placement Tests on the Polish Studies website.

**Technology**

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

- For technical support go to: [http://mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help](http://mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help)
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: [http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/guides.htm](http://mq.edu.au/iLearn/student_info/guides.htm)

**Unit Schedule**

A recommended study plan including assignment/test due dates called Study Plan
Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

Results

Results shown in iTLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Effective Communication
We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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**Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens**

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible
We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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**Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative**

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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