

Course: Polish Culture

I semester: 30 hours

SEMESTER 1	
Prerequisites	none
Course aim and skills acquired	<p>After 30 hours of the course, the student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- knows basic information about the Warsaw University of Technology and can find the most important buildings on the Campus (Main Building, buildings where they have classes, their future faculty, etc.),- knows basic information about Poland (name, borders, official symbols, population, largest cities, neighbouring countries etc.),- has some knowledge about the geography of Poland and can point to the most important spots on the map (Warsaw and larger cities, the Baltic Sea, the Tatras, Mazury, the Vistula etc.),- knows the most important places and monuments in Warsaw, can recognize them in photos and can get there (the Old Town, the Palace of Culture and Science, the Łazienki Park, Warsaw University, Warsaw University Library, Wilanów Castle, etc.),- knows the Polish weather conditions, seasons etc. and can prepare for them well (e.g. choose clothes),- knows the largest Polish cities (Warsaw, Kraków, Wrocław, Gdańsk, Poznań, Łódź), can point to them on the map and briefly describe them,- has some knowledge about the Polish cuisine, knows at least a few traditional Polish foods (barszcz, rosół, pierogi, bigos, gołąbki, etc.),- knows the basic Polish festivals and traditions (All Saints Day, Independence Day, Andrzejki, Christmas, Fat Thursday, Easter etc.),- can describe in detail traditions related to Christmas and Easter (e.g., list traditional dishes, ways of spending the festivals, decorations, symbols, etc.),- is prepared to take part in celebrations of some festivals,- knows the most famous Poles (Maria Skłodowska-Curie, Mikołaj Kopernik, Fryderyk Chopin, Robert Lewandowski, Lech Wałęsa, etc.) and can give the most important information about them,- knows basic facts from the history of Poland (e.g., Warsaw Rising, political transformation of 1989),- can act appropriately in everyday situations (saying hello and goodbye, letting others through the door, giving up seats on public transport, etc.).
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- basic information about the Warsaw University of Technology,- basic information about Poland (name, borders, official symbols, population, largest cities, neighbouring countries, geography, etc.),- basic information about Warsaw,- basic information about the largest Polish cities (Warsaw, Kraków, Wrocław, Gdańsk, Poznań, Łódź),

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- basic information about the climate and weather in Poland,- Polish cuisine,- Polish festivals and traditions (All Saints Day, Independence Day, Andrzejki, Christmas, Fat Thursday, Easter etc.),- Christmas and Easter traditions,- basic information about Polish history (e.g., partitions, Warsaw Rising, political transformation of 1989),- profiles of some of the most famous Poles (e.g., Maria Skłodowska-Curie, Mikołaj Kopernik, Fryderyk Chopin, Robert Lewandowski, Lech Wałęsa),- basic information about cultural differences and conduct in everyday situations.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- videos "Get to know about Poland" (General Information, Polish Society, Regions and Cities, The Political Transformation of 1989),- presentations prepared by the teacher and participants,- internet websites of cities, universities, museums, monuments, etc.,- selected materials from the website culture.pl,- additional materials (recordings, video, own materials or from other sources) adapted to the course syllabus and the needs of the participants.
Foundation Year students input: 30 hours of classes + 30 hours of students' own work (including project preparation, class preparation, preparation for the final examination).	
Assessment criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ class attendance (2 unjustified absences are allowed),▪ getting at least 60 points out of 100, which can be obtained during the whole semester:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 30 points for short tests,- 40 points for work in class (presentations, projects, active class participation),- 30 points for the final examination.