



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to new pages of Głos Politechniki. English is a lingua franca of our contemporary times, therefore, we are introducing articles in English about all matters and events which have happened at PUT.

The first article presents "Polish Week" organized for foreign students who visit PUT and study for one semester or one academic year. This is the first time they listen to Polish, eat Polish food and experience Polish culture. Reading students' opinions is the best evidence for organizing this event twice a year.

The second article gives information about teaching Polish to foreign students. Preparing a syllabus we understand how difficult Polish is but students' opinion stimulates us - teachers with new ideas. Going back home they know some basic vocabulary and expressions.

Last but not least I would like to pay your attention to a new unit in the Department of Modern Languages - a Writing Centre. This is the meeting place for academic staff and students who write articles, presentations and thesis in English.

I wish all readers challenge and pleasure in developing knowledge of English.

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POLISH WEEK

AT PUT

Every semester, a week before the beginning of the term, the Department of Foreign Languages runs Polish Week for foreign students who come to Poznań to study at Poznań University of Technology, benefitting from the European Erasmus-Socrates Programme.

Polish Week is a splendid opportunity to get to know fellow students, break the ice and learn about Polish culture, history and geography. Students take part in different cultural events, enjoy the sightseeing of Poznań and the city neighbourhood and discover the beauty of Poland.

The idea of Polish Week was introduced in 2008, and it has been organized twice a year since then (in February and September).

The recent Polish Week was held between September 27 and October 1, 2010. There were 71 students from all over Europe (Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Finland and Germany) participating in different cultural activities, exploring historical sites and architecture of Poznań and Wielkopolska.

They enjoyed everything that had been planned for them but it was the trip to

Biskupin and Gniezno that they found extremely interesting, whereas the trip to Wolsztyn turned to be the most fascinating – to see steam engine locomotives working was an unforgettable experience.

The time and joy shared together will be remembered for a very long time.

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Great week, to meet new guy, new culture. Nice party. Enjoy Poznań lifestyle. – Simon Louveau from France

I think it's a good idea because we see interesting places of Poland and we 'erasmus' get to know each other better. – Simon Tzanakis from Greece

The Polish week was very well organized and we could see beautiful things and spend a good moment with the other erasmus students. – Remi Vannier from France

Polish Week was great. I liked because now I know a little more the Poland country and culture. During this week only one thing was not very good, the food. – Vitor Astucia from Portugal

When I arrived at Poznań my first impression was: what a cold weather! and can't understand a single word of Polish! Two days after arriving at Poznań Polish week started. It was a great opportunity to meet new people of other countries

and cultures and to know more about the country in which I am going to live during this fall semester. Visiting places like Gniezno and Kornik helped me to learn more about Polish people and their daily life. And of course, night parties were fantastic! – Laura de la Purificacion from Spain

I think that starting my stay in Poland with this welcome week has been the best way to get in touch with my "new" country. I was really well impressed by the organization effort and the kindness of all the foreign languages department staff. I have to say that in my first days in Poland I was a little bit scared because everything is so different and Poles, well, Poles are not so smiley and talkative. But now, little by little I'm starting to understand the Polish way to approach other people and I'm quickly making new friends. The sights we visited during the Polish week were really interesting and in a special way I liked the engines and trains museum and Biskupin prehistoric settlement. Also the Polish course would be useful even if, let me be sincere, you have a really difficult language. – Matteo Trincas from Italy



TEACHING POLISH TO FOREIGN STUDENTS



age course that helps them fulfill the tasks.

Foreign students have a possibility to participate in a multi - level course of the Polish language. The course is designed to take students from their first introduction to Polish up to a fully proficient use of the language.

The 60 hour course includes grammar syllabus that covers the essential language and extensive vocabulary development. A lot of communicative activities provide variety in class and make the course easy and enjoyable. There are all manner of learner tasks ranging from simple matching activities to more complex and involved extended speaking tasks, concerning such topics as: introductions, greetings, asking someone's name, family members, food and drink, sports and activities, likes and dislikes ,body parts, appearance, telling the time,daily routine.

More and more foreign students come to Poznań to study at Poznan University of Technology. The number of students who decide to stay here for a semester or two is steadily growing up. They are all interested in learning Polish.

There is no doubt that they need a stimulating and effective way of learning the language, developing their communication skills and building intercultural competence. The Department of Foreign Languages at PUT provides the students with a langu-

The cross-cultural context of classes provide stimulating input,making learning interesting and relevant to today's world.

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- Carry out individualised appointments with the university staff and students.
- Organise workshops and tutorial sessions with the specialists from Great Britain and USA.
- Prepare for the language exams (written parts) in future.