

Below you will find some information regarding the A-level Polish course.

What is covered?

Paper 1: Reading & writing

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- This topic will include reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources, and an individual research project about tourism in Poland: the development of a tourist infrastructure, popular tourist sites/places of interest, and regional gastronomy

Paper 2: Writing

- Written exam: 2 hours
- You will be studying
 - Text: Jarosław Iwaszkiewicz, Panny z Wilka and Brzezina
 - Film: Katyń: Andrzej Wajda (2007)

Paper 3: Listening, reading & writing

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- Listening and responding to spoken passages
- Reading and responding in writing to an unseen target language essay question on a listening passage.

What does the course involve?

The approach focuses on how Polish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally, and how it continues to change.

You will be studying

- aspects of the social context, focusing on issues such as life for those on the margins of Polish-speaking society, as well as looking at the positive influences of diversity
- aspects of the artistic life of Poland
- aspects of the political landscape in Poland, for example looking at the impact of emigration on Polish society and the advantages and challenges of the EU for Poland.

A-level students will be expected to have studied the grammatical system and structures of the language during this course. You will develop both your knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of Poland, and your language skills. You will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in Polish.

Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including Mathematics and a level 5 or above in English.

This course will enable you to develop your linguistic skills alongside your understanding of Polish culture and society.

Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of Poland and learn about the issues and influences which have shaped the country. You will study texts and film and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of your choice.

You need to speak, read and write in Polish at GCSE level.

