

# GCSE POLISH IMMERSION COURSE



# ABOUT THE GCSE POLISH IMMERSION COURSE

The GCSE Polish immersion course is aimed at school students who would like to take GCSE Polish in 2010 but have not been able to receive any formal tuition. The course will run from Wednesday 14 April to Friday 16 April 2010.



Morning sessions will focus on group work; all participants will be working together under the close supervision of tutors who have extensive experience in teaching and examining for GCSE Polish. In the afternoon, you will work on your own performance with the assistance of the tutors and/or university students. You will be asked to identify your strengths and weaknesses and to apply strategies that could help you attain better results.

You will be encouraged to improve the four central language skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing, as well as your examination-taking skills. You will be given past papers and specially tailored practice material to help build your skills and experience.

On the last day, you will meet with AQA's Chief Examiner for GCSE Polish to learn more about the examination requirements. Parents and teachers will also be invited to the meeting.

Additionally, participants will be invited to a careers session involving professionals, who will speak about the advantage of a good foreign language competence as an asset to enhancing your employment prospects.

#### Quick facts

- UCL is located in the Bloomsbury district at the very centre of London.
- The course runs from Wednesday 14 April to Friday 16 April 2010.
- Each day starts at 9.30am, finishing at 4.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday.
- On Friday the day will finish at 7.00 after a certificate ceremony which parents and teachers are invited to attend.
- Attendance at the course is free of charge. Lunch, refreshments and materials are also provided.



# HOW TO APPLY

## Eligibility

The immersion course is open to school students who:

- are planning to take GCSE Polish in the 2010 examination round
- will have achieved at least an intermediate command of Polish by the beginning of the course (equivalent to National Qualification Framework (NQF) Level 2 or Languages Ladder Intermediate Stage 7-9). If you are unable to determine your level, contact us for help with assessment
- are committed to participating in all of the activities of the course
- live in the London area (the course is non-residential).

## How to apply

Please complete the enclosed application form, and ask your parent/guardian to complete their section. Then pass the form to your teacher so that they can complete their reference and send the form to us.

The application needs to be accompanied by a deposit of £30 to reserve a place (cheques to be made out to UCL). The deposit will be refunded to the participants at the end of the course. If a student is accepted but fails to attend the course, the deposit will not be refunded.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 26 March 2010**.

## Further information

For more information, please contact

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# ABOUT UCL AND CAPITAL L

## About UCL

UCL (University College London) was the first university in England to admit students irrespective of race, class or religion, and the first to admit women on equal terms with men. Throughout its history UCL has sought to be a beacon of liberal and enlightened thought, influencing the development of university education in the UK and beyond.



Today it is an outstanding world-class, multifaculty university. This has been recognised by being ranked fourth in the *Times Higher Education* – QS World University Rankings (2009).

## About Capital L: Routes into Languages

The GCSE Polish immersion course is sponsored by Capital L: Routes into Languages. The Routes programme is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Capital L is a partnership of eight London universities working together to encourage young people to continue to study languages by offering them appropriate support.



Our vision is that we would like every 13- to 19-year-old Londoner to have a positive experience of language learning. We aim to achieve that by working with schools and colleges to deliver masterclasses, special presentations by student ambassadors, and a range of other activities that bring languages and the cultures of the countries where they are spoken alive.

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# ABOUT UCL SSEES



The UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) is one of the world's leading specialist institutions, and the largest national centre in the UK, for the study of Central, Eastern and South-East Europe and Russia.

SSEES has an unrivalled range of expertise and degree programmes for the study of Central, Eastern and South-East Europe and Russia in language, literature, culture and film, history, politics, economics and business.

Besides Polish, fifteen other languages are taught at the school. SSEES' languages form a major part of the UCL/SOAS Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) – Languages of the Wider World.

# THE PROGRAMME

	Wednesday 14 April	Thursday 15 April	Friday 16 April
9.30-10.00	Registration	Registration	Registration
10.00-10.15	Welcome and icebreakers	<b>Skills testing</b> Writing 1 Group work	<b>Skills testing</b> Speaking 1 Group work
10.15-10.45			
10.45-11.15	Introduction to GCSE Polish		
11.15-11.30	Break	Break	Break
11.30-12.30	<b>Skills testing</b> Reading comprehension Group work	<b>Skills testing</b> Writing 2 Group work	<b>Skills testing</b> Speaking 2 Group work
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.30-14.45	<b>Skills testing</b> Listening Comprehension Group work	Individual work	Individual work
14.45-15.00	Break	Break	Break
15.00-16.00	Individual work	Individual work	<b>Careers session</b>
16.00-16.15			Evaluations
16.15-16.30			<b>Meeting with the AQA's Chief Examiner for GCSE Polish</b>
16.30-17.00	Finish	Finish	Certificate ceremony
17.00-19.00			Finish
19.00			



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