



Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

**POLA16, Polish Literature and Culture from 1939 until  
Present , 7.5 credits**  
*Polsk litteratur och kultur från 1939 fram till idag, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2024-05-24 (U 2024/359). The syllabus comes into effect 2024-06-02 and is valid from the spring semester 2025.

### General information

The course is given as a freestanding course. It can normally be included in a general qualification for both first and second-cycle studies.

*Language of instruction:* English

The course is taught in English with primary literature that can be read in English, Swedish or Polish.

*Main field of  
study*

*Specialisation*

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

### Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

#### Knowledge and understanding

- explain the historical evolution of Polish literature from 1939 until Present,
- describe the literary works studied during the course and place them in a cultural and historical context,

## Competence and skills

- analyze the literary works in relation to relevant literary, philosophical and intellectual contexts,
- critically discuss and interpret course texts in both oral and written forms,

## Judgement and approach

- formulate independent and critical viewpoints on different interpretations and ethical aspects presented in literary works,
- relate these perspectives to contemporary issues and contexts.

## Course content

The course aims to explore Polish literature and culture from 1939 until today. The four modules explore literature in relation to different themes. After a historical overview, the literature is studied in relation to crucial historical events - war and communism - and finally in relation to the present. Through these varied studies of Polish literature, students can gain a deeper understanding of the political and social processes that have shaped Poland's cultural and national identity and how these relate to the broader European context.

The course contains four modules:

Module 1: Historical Overview, 1.5 credits

Module 2: The Memory of Wars, 2.0 credits

Module 3: The Time of Communism, 2.0 credits

Module 4: Current Voices in Literatur, 2.0 credits

## Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars. Four compulsory, assessed seminars are included. Absence is compensated for through written assignments. Peer review may occur.

The course is offered online, and it uses interactive information technology. Students are required to participate on this basis and to have access to a computer with an internet connection, a camera and a microphone.

## Assessment

Module 1: a written assignment supplemented by oral discussion.

Module 2: a written assignment supplemented by oral discussion.

Module 3: a written assignment supplemented by oral discussion.

Module 4: a written assignment supplemented by oral discussion.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

## Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

For the grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded at least this grade on all modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least 5,5 of the course's 7.5 credits and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

## Entry requirements

General requirements

## Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.
- Module names in Swedish:
  1. Historisk översikt, 1.5 poäng
  2. Krigens minne, 2.0 hp
  3. Kommunismens tid, 2.0 hp
  4. Nutida röster i litteraturen, 2.0 hp