

Polish social and cultural customs

M. Sc. studies *Innovative Chemical Technologies*

2 h / week, 30 h / sem.

4 ECTS

1. Basics and aims of the program (according to *The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR), Council of Europe, 2011)

Strictly speaking, knowledge of the society and culture of the community or communities in which a language is spoken is one aspect of knowledge of the world. It is, however, of sufficient importance to the language learner to merit special attention, especially since unlike many other aspects of knowledge it is likely to lie outside the learner's previous experience and may well be distorted by stereotypes. [CEFR, p. 102]

Knowledge, awareness and understanding of the relation (similarities and distinctive differences) between the 'world of origin' and the 'world of the target community' produce an intercultural awareness. [CEFR, p. 103]

The main aim of the program is to develop above mentioned sociocultural knowledge and intercultural awareness, issues that are of great importance to Polish language learners.

2. Program Content

2.1. The features characteristic of a Polish society and its culture relates to: [CERF, p. 102-103]	EVENTS at the ICE
2.1.1. Everyday living 2.1.2. Values, beliefs and attitudes in relation to such factors as: a. history, especially iconic historical personages and events b. arts (music, visual arts, literature, drama, popular music and song) 2.1.3. Ritual behavior in such areas as religious observances, rites and other occasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polish food and drink – workshops and culinary event • Polish history – lecturers • Polish Film Club• Polish songs contest • Polish wedding – workshop• Traditional St. Andrew's Eve games• Christmas meeting, Polish carols and Christmas and Easter traditions

2.2. Małopolska project – visiting the following places:

- the Wieliczka Salt Mine
- the Wawel Castle, the Wawel Cathedral
- the *Underground Market Square* museum
- the *Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory* museum
- the *Auschwitz-Birkenau* Memorial and Museum