



How and when could I sign up for the courses?

- You can sign up for the course by completing an online form available through a link provided on our Foundation's website and the Foundation's fan page on Facebook. You will be able to access the forms and register yourself only during a time period which is previously specified with dates provided on the page: **7 – 9 January 2019 | 6 – 8 May 2019 | 2 – 4 September 2019**
- You can always come to the Foundation's office during the recruitment period, where there will be people who will help with registration

I do not have much free time. Can I still sign up for the courses?

- Our Polish classes are held throughout the week from the morning till the evening in every working day, therefore, there is good a chance that there will be a suitable group for you. Language groups, however, have fixed hours and days (for example, some group would have classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 17:30) and require such availability every week.

How often do the classes take place? For how long the course is?

- After you complete a course, you can then sign up for continuation. At the end of the recruitment period, we will create groups that will meet once or twice a week for 1.5 hours for three months (in one year, we organize three trimesters: February – April, June – August, and October – December).

I've studied Polish language before. Do I have to start learning from the scratch?

- We do teach at all language levels, as long as we find enough people willing to learn on a taken level. We always have beginner groups and at least some continue learning with us at various levels. During the recruitment, it is possible to complete a leveling test, according to which we assign candidates / groups to the appropriate levels.

I have signed up successfully, is there any guarantee that I will be in a group after the recruitment process is finished?

- No, we cannot guarantee any place on the course because the number of people signing up to the courses during the recruitment period usually exceeds our capacities. We create groups according to the number of candidates with the same availability and at the same language level (**for example, if there were 10 candidates starting willing to start learning from scratch declared their willingness to participate in classes at 15:30 on Mondays and Thursdays, and then there were 5 people who declared their willingness to participate in classes on the same level on Tuesdays and Fridays at 15:30, then, we will first create a group for the 10 people**). After creating groups, we look then for a teacher, or teachers, who would be able to teach the group on the assigned dates. However, priority in the allocation of places in groups goes to those who continue learning the language with us.

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I have already registered and completed the registration form, but I got information that there is no group at my level. What does it mean?

- Unfortunately, such information means that the candidate has not been accepted for the course. This could be due to insufficient availability, incorrect completion of the recruitment form (failure to provide all data), or that there was a small number of candidates for classes at these dates, or for the lack of teachers who could accept such a group. In this situation, we strongly encourage you to take part in the next recruitment. Chances of success in recruitment are increased by showing higher availability on the recruitment form.

Are courses free of charge? Will I have to buy textbooks or other materials?

- Our classes are 100% free of charge – you do not have to pay for lessons, for recruitment, or for any materials – materials are provided by the Foundation and given during the lessons. Participants of the courses should only, equip themselves with a notebook and a pen.

I have previously used an “X” textbook. Will teachers at the Foundation use the same textbook?

- Our teachers are free to choose the materials they will use during the classes, so they will not necessarily use the same textbook but you will be provided with everything you will need to study.

I have a planned trip that coincides with the duration of the course. Does this cross my chances?

- If it is not a long trip and if we are informed about it beforehand, then there is no problem. Participants of the courses have the right to **two absences** during the course, but a lot depends on the individual teacher’s opinion and the various situations. During the recruitment process we try to accept people who will potentially be able attend the course as fully as possible.

Is it possible to change the group during the course?

- Yes, there is such a possibility, but only in exceptional cases, that’s why we ask you to fill in the recruitment form carefully.

What conditions must I meet to start learning with you?

- Our courses are directed to foreigners who are above 18 years old and reside in Poland legally (and possess a document confirming that (visa, residence card, etc.). We give priority to those who come from outside the European Union.

I got into the course, but I will not be able to attend classes. Can I resign?

- Of course, you can always resign from the course – this information should be passed to your teacher or directly to e-mail address: polski@ocalenie.org.pl . However, if you stop attending the classes without any justification, then, your name will be crossed out and will not have the chance to sign up for the course again.

I do not speak either English or Russian. Will you find a teacher would speak my language?

- There is a chance that there will be a teacher who would speak your language, but we prefer the method with teacher speaking only Polish from the very beginning. Therefore, the lack of a common language should not be a problem.

Are groups divided by country of origin?

- We divide the groups into Slavic (Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, etc.) and non-Slavic (Vietnam, Syria, Kenya, Argentina, etc.) languages groups. This division is due to the difference in

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methods of teaching used while working with people who speak a Slavic language similar to Polish, and other methods used to teach people who do not speak a Slavic language. In addition, we try to arrange the groups in manner that makes Polish the only common language for the participants of the course.

Does the Foundation organize any additional activities besides the Polish language courses?

- From time to time, we organize specialist courses, additional conversational classes or cultural workshops available to the participants of the courses. Our teachers will keep you informed regarding the availability of additional classes and activities whenever we organize them.

Who teaches at the Foundation?

- Our teachers are volunteers who came to us in order to teach Polish. They are often students or professional teachers, but also often people without teaching experience. All these people are equally trained in the Foundation, where they learn how to teach and work with representatives of different cultures.

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