

Grants and Scholarships

Awarded 11 grants to Ohio State PhD students and faculty to fund academic research, Polish language curriculum development, and a residency at the University of Warsaw

Topics covered include:

- Polish popular film magazines and literature
- Life of Pola Nirenska
- The Battle of Warsaw
- Party politics in Polish parliamentary elections
- U.S. relief to Europe after WWI
- Morphology in Polish heritage speakers
- Cooperation between the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Central Committee of Jews in Poland after WWII

Disbursed 26 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students for study abroad in Poland

- Priority given to Polish languages study
- Average of five scholarships per year



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Mission

The Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) at The Ohio State University was founded in 2012 under the umbrella of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies (CSEES). Its mission is to advance the interdisciplinary study of Poland, support student and faculty research and study abroad, and to organize events focused on Poland.

Language Instruction

CSEES and the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures co-sponsor the instruction of Polish language courses at Ohio State through a .5 FTE lecturer position

- 1st- and 2nd- year levels of the language are normally taught on campus
- Through the Big Ten Academic Alliance CourseShare program, these courses have also been made available as distance learning courses to other schools in the Big Ten
- Students at Ohio State can take 3rd-year courses taught by Indiana University through the Big Ten Academic Alliance CourseShare program

Events

Organize events

- Average of two to three per semester
- Many topics and disciplines have been represented within the humanities and social sciences
- Usually co-sponsored with other units on campus and community organizations such as the Polish American Club of Columbus or Columbus Council on World Affairs
- For example, PSI held a very successful screening of *The Return* in January 2017 followed by Q&A with the filmmaker, Adam Zucker

Faculty Teaching and Research

Several Central and Eastern European content courses have been taught as well, including courses on Polish film and literature. Two faculty members associated with PSI have received Fulbright Research Awards to conduct work in Poland, strengthening ties between Polish institutions and Ohio State scholars and the level of Polish related research at the university.

Future Plans and Goals

- Increase collaborations with heritage community, and national organizations
- Solidify strategic partnerships with stakeholders and other groups active in Polish studies
- Strengthen Ohio State's Polish language program

