

Polish Studies Association (PSA) 2026 Syllabus Award

Call for submissions

The Polish Studies Association (PSA) is happy to announce its 2026 syllabus award competition. Our goal is to collect ideas and good practices from around the world that showcase innovative approaches to teaching Polish Studies within transnational and global contexts. The Syllabus Award carries a \$500 stipend, which is made possible through membership fees. The prize-winner will be announced at the 2026 ASEES convention.

The syllabus competition is open to everyone, and all submissions will be considered for the prize. Those who are currently not members of the PSA are encouraged to become members and support our organization, but membership is not a requirement. Entries may include syllabi of courses specifying a schedule of sessions and reading lists, as well as descriptions of learning activities that do not fit the traditional notion of “course.” Syllabi must be in English or Polish; syllabi in other languages are considered if they are accompanied by an English or Polish translation. Anonymous course evaluations or student comments may be included, but they are not required.

We are, for example, looking for syllabi that:

- apply a comparative lens to the study of Poland and/or examine Poland and Polish culture within global contexts
- approach Polish Studies through multiple fields and open up conversations with other disciplines
- highlight how traditional teaching methods and materials can be adapted in the digital age
- feature innovative assignments and creative projects
- include productive combinations of canonical and/or mainstream sources with new and unexpected sources, including in other languages and new media

Please submit your syllabus by September 1, 2026 to the three committee members: Nikolas Weyland (nikolasweyland@g.harvard.edu), Agata Tumilowicz-Mazur (at1968@nyu.edu), and Karolina May-Chu (maychu@uwm.edu).

The winner and other applicants may be invited to participate in a virtual teaching roundtable in Spring 2027. In addition, we may ask for your permission to share your syllabus on H-Poland, where we aim to build a robust repository of resources for scholars in Polish Studies, including teaching resources (please see <https://networks.h-net.org/group/9669/pages/91476/h-poland-resources>).

Feel free to e-mail us with any questions. To find out more about the PSA and to become a member, we also invite you to visit our website: <https://polishstudiesassociation.org/>. We are looking forward to your submissions!