



Språk- och litteraturcentrum

POLA16

List of Literature

**List of Literature for POLA16,  
Polish Literature and Culture from 1939 until Present, 7.5 credits  
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**Primary literature**

**Module 1: Historical Overview**

**Andrzejewski, Jerzy.** *Ashes and Diamonds*. Translated by D.J. Welsh. London: Penguin Books, 1997 or any edition. (First 30 pages, introduction of translator)

**Konwicki, Tadeusz.** *A Minor Apocalypse*. Translated by Richard Lourie. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999 or any edition. (First 50 pages)

**Lem, Stanisław.** *Solaris*. Translated by Joanna Kilmartin and Steve Cox. New York: Mariner Books, 2002 or any edition.

Also: **Lem, Stanisław.** *The Cyberiad*. Translated by Michael Kandel. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 2020 or any edition. (Selection of fragments)

**Miłosz, Czesław.** *The Collected Poems: 1931-1987*. Translated by Czesław Miłosz and Robert Hass. New York: Ecco, 2003 or any edition. (From here: Introduction)

**Szyborska, Wisława.** *View with a Grain of Sand: Selected Poems*. Translated by Stanisław Barańczak and Clare Cavanagh. New York: Harcourt, 1995. (Selection, about 30 pages)

**Module 2: The Memory of Wars**

**Białoszewski, Miron.** *A Memoir of the Warsaw Uprising*. Translated by Madeline G. Levine. New York: New York Review Books, 2015. (Selection of fragments, 30 pages)

**Świrszczyńska, Anna.** *Building the Barricade*. Translated by Piotr Florczyk. Calstock: Arc Publications, 2023 or any edition. (Selection, 30 pages)

### Module 3: The Time of Communism.

**Herbert, Zbigniew.** *Selected Poems.* Translated by Czesław Miłosz and Peter Dale Scott. New York: Penguin Books, 2024 or any edition. (Selection, 20 pages)

**Lipska, Ewa.** *The New Century: Poems.* Translated by Robin Davidson and Ewa Elżbieta Nowakowska. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2009. (Selection, 30 pages)

**Miłosz, Czesław.** *The Collected Poems: 1931-1987.* Translated by Czesław Miłosz and Robert Hass. New York: Ecco, 2003 or any edition. (Selection, 30 pages)

**Szyborska, Wisława.** *View with a Grain of Sand: Selected Poems.* Translated by Stanisław Barańczak and Clare Cavanagh. New York: Harcourt, 1995. (See the selection from Module 1)

### Module 4: Current Voices in Literature

**Masłowska, Dorota.** *Snow White and Russian Red.* Translated by Benjamin Paloff. New York: Black Cat, 2005. (complete, around 250 pages)

**Tokarczuk, Olga.** *Flights.* Translated by Jenifer Croft, New York: Fitzcarraldo Editions, 2017. (First five parts, around 50 pages)

**Witkowski, Michał.** *Lovetown.* Translated by W. Martin. London: Portobello Books, 2010. (complete, around 250 pages)

***The shorter texts will be available online or on Canvas.***

### Secondary Literature

#### Module 1

Miłosz, Czesław (1983). *The history of Polish Literature*, Berkeley-London: University of California Press (about 100 pages)

#### Module 2:

Gluhovic, Milija. *Kantor, Tadeusz, Revolt of Memory in Being Poland: A New History of Polish Literature and Culture since 1918* (2018), ed. Trojanowska, Tamara, Niżyńska, Joanna, Czapliński, Przemysław, Polakowska, Agnieszka. Toronto: Toronto University Press, pp. 579-583. (Available online in LUBSearch)

Kuharski, Allen. *The Dramaturgy of Jerzy Grotowski, in Being Poland: A New History of Polish Literature and Culture since 1918* (2018), ed. Trojanowska, Tamara, Niżyńska, Joanna, Czapliński, Przemysław, Polakowska, Agnieszka. Toronto: Toronto University Press, pp. 584-589. (Available online in LUBSearch)

**Module 3:**

Falkowska, Janina. *History and Grand Narratives (Andrzej Wajda)* in *Being Poland: A New History of Polish Literature and Culture since 1918* (2018), ed. Trojanowska, Tamara, Niżyńska, Joanna, Czapliński, Przemysław, Polakowska, Agnieszka. Toronto: Toronto University Press, pp. 713-717.

(Available online in LUBSearch)

**Module 4:**

Krajewski, Marek, *Popular Culture in Poland*, in *Being Poland: A New History of Polish Literature and Culture since 1918* (2018), ed. Trojanowska, Tamara, Niżyńska, Joanna, Czapliński, Przemysław, Polakowska, Agnieszka. Toronto: Toronto University Press, pp. 739-760.

(Available online in LUBSearch)