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Faculty of E-Learning Technologies and Humanities

Please note! This is a preliminary list of courses. Changes may occur!

SPRING SEMESTER

BACHELOR COURSES

(available only to translation/linguistics field students)

Code	Course name	CP	ECTS
<u>HVD123</u>	Functional Communication (part 2)	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>Development of students skills in speaking and making presentations on professional subjects at conferences. Communication in a foreign language at a conversational level. The content of the course includes developing competence in spoken business language. Presentations are made on the following subjects: professional, economic, cultural, and historical issues.</p>			
<u>HVD156</u>	Fundamentals of Written Speech (part 2)	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>This course provides an introduction to writing clear, accurate messages and to understanding basic writing strategies. It is designed to help students to be more proficient at the kind of writing they need to do. This course will acquaint students with some typical techniques used for effective writing and will give them practice in writing various kinds of business letters, reports, summaries, reviews, abstracts and essays. Students will master vocabulary and terminology of business correspondence..</p>			
<u>VSL716</u>	Advanced Grammar Course (part 2)	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>Study course envisioned for the students in their capacity of competent language service providers and efficient communicators in the global environment. Knowledge of English grammar is acquired through the comprehensive study of theory and extensive practical drills.</p>			
<u>VIA161</u>	Analytical Reading (part 2)	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>The course provides extensive reading and text analysis of professional literature in engineering, culture, economics, etc. Integration of communicative situations to master different skills of work with a text as well as professional situations thereby modelling students' professional activity.</p>			
<u>VTT707</u>	Stylistics and Editing	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>The study course introduces the fundamental notions of stylistics and editing, it covers the main themes of modern stylistics: methods of stylistic analysis, stylistic expressive means and their classification. It enables students to uncover the layers, patterns and levels that constitute stylistic description in the process of translation the texts from the source into the target ones.</p>			
<u>VIA185</u>	Lexicology and Stylistics	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>The course introduces the fundamental notions of Lexicology and Stylistics, it covers the main themes of modern English lexicology and stylistics: language units, word building, semantic changes, phraseology, borrowings, semasiology, neology, lexicography, methods of stylistic analysis, stylistic expressive means and their classification. It enables students to uncover</p>			

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VIA311	Academic Writing (part 2)	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
The second part of the course provides samples of academic writing and appropriate practice materials for students who need to write exam essays, abstracts, summaries, reports etc. in English.			

VIA171	Presentation Practice	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
This course provides the skills needed to plan and deliver polished presentations with confidence. Students learn practical techniques to communicate and reinforce their message, allowing them to focus on audience needs and objectives. Students learn how to assess their presentations critically, comprehend the communicative situation and context, prepare visual aids and handouts, and deliver reports using OHP and PowerPoint programme. Students prepare reports, theses, summaries, organize and maintain debates and discussions on various scientific popular, as well as topical professional themes and subjects, design advertising presentations for their favorite goods.			

VIA166	Political and Economical System of English Speaking Countries	3.0 CP	4.5 ECTS
The course aims at providing students with information and extending their knowledge on political and economic systems of English speaking countries, UK in particular. Simulations, role plays and case studies are used so as to develop students' communicative skills in English. To develop reading and listening skills students are provided with a definite amount of authentic texts for reading and a list of special topics for speaking practice and listening comprehension. Practical classes using pair/group work, discussions, reports, denotative graphs (Mind Mapping), brainstorming, etc. Topics discussed: Structure of governments, parliament, electoral and party systems, media, major sectors of economy.			

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MASTER COURSES

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VIA613	Terminology and Terminography	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
The course aims at providing information on terminology creation, application and translation, as well as terminography management systems. Terminology is prevalent in the translation of special texts, where a translation of a specific term (or group of terms) is required to solve a particular translation problem. The course introduces information about electronic management of terminology, which spans a range of interdependent phases, such as organizing documentation and capturing data from running text, storing, editing, maintaining and updating data using various data structures. Throughout the course, the students are encouraged to broaden their individual knowledge and understanding of the subject as well as to undertake independent reading both to supplement and consolidate what is being taught. Students share the samples of compiling personal term data bank for peer evaluation and discuss successful term creation strategies, common difficulties, and the ways of solving a variety of terminology translation related problems.			

VIA609	Cross-Cultural Aspect of the Language	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
The aim of the course is to provide students with knowledge about the diversity of cultures, develop their cross-cultural awareness in order to strengthen their communication skills. The students' cross-cultural awareness is necessary in order to be able to select a relevant strategy for culture specific text translation. Students are introduced with the methods and approaches to cultural studies. The lectures explore the theory and practice of translation in the context of multicultural environment. Acquisition of the course is through a combination of lectures, guided seminars and practical classes.			

Throughout the course, the students are encouraged to broaden their individual knowledge and understanding of the subject as well as to undertake independent reading both to supplement and consolidate what is being taught.

VTT700	Interdisciplinary Semiotics	2.0 CP	3.0 ECTS
<p>The course is aimed at post-graduate students who will conduct research in some aspect of semiotics. Currently, semiotics is one of the most rapidly developing branches, which creates a scientific approach to the study of language incorporating the study of sign processes and meaningful communication, computer science and engineering..The course in interdisciplinary semiotics explores the study of signs and symbols as a significant part of communications. Along with an introduction to the kinds of methodologies available to modern semiotic science, the course also includes a survey of major theories about human cognition and communication.</p>			

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