



FACULTY OF E-LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND HUMANITIES

Please note! This is a preliminary list of courses for the study year 2017/2018. Changes may occur!

SPRING 2017 BACHELOR COURSES

VIA161 Analytical Reading (Part 1)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

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.

VIA161 Analytical Reading (Part 2)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

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HVD144 Basic Grammar Course (Part 1)

3.00 CP (4.5 ECTS)

Acquisition of basic English grammar skills by applying them in written and oral speech (in reports, conversations, summaries, essays). Knowledge of English grammar is acquired through the study of theory and practical drills.

HVD144 Basic Grammar Course (Part 2)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Acquisition of basic English grammar skills by applying them in written and oral speech (in reports, conversations, summaries, essays). Knowledge of English grammar is acquired through the study of theory and practical drills.

HVD118 English Speaking Countries (Part 1)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Geography, history, culture, traditions, holidays, political and economic situation, applied information on customs and way of life in the USA and UK are covered within the framework of the course. Students complete oral and written tasks. Students work individually, in pairs, in groups, present their achievements to their colleagues. Regular work with different tasks; individual, independent work with the textbooks; analysis of the new material. Students discuss situations in any sphere of life, compare processes and problems in the USA, Europe and Latvia. Discussions, reports and essays on the course topics.

HVD118 English Speaking Countries (Part 2)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Geography, history, culture, traditions, holidays, political and economic situation, applied information on customs and way of life in the USA and UK are covered within the framework of the course. Students complete oral and written tasks. Students work individually, in pairs, in groups, present their achievements to their colleagues. Regular work with different tasks; individual, independent

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VIL167 Introduction to Linguistics

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

The content of subject: In the lectures and seminars the essence of language is considered, as well as its structure and functioning, the origin and development of language, the diversity of world languages, their classification and methods of research.

VIA151 Introduction to Translation Theory

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

The course aims at familiarizing students with theoretical fundamentals of translation theory; introduction of the basic concepts of translation, which also involves the application of these to authentic translation assignments. The course provides opportunity to analyse and study the characteristic features of operational languages (Latvians, Russian, English, German), provides knowledge of culture, competence in the communicative aspects of translation, knowledge of language for special purposes, as well as knowledge of translation theory and linguistics.

HVD123 Functional Communication (Part 1)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Development of student's 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.

HVD123 Functional Communication (Part 2)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Development of student's 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.

VIA310 Development of Listening Comprehension Skills (Part 1)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Development of speaking, reading, and listening skills. Situational communicative, pseudo-professional and professional communicative situations are used to develop listening skills in the English language. Students study definite issues developing oral and written speech, as well as listening skills. Discussion topics: professional, popular scientific, social economic, scientific technical issues. Practical classes based on various tests, communicative – situational tasks, pair / group work, discussions, denotative graphs (logical schemes of the text), brainstorming, regular listening practice, etc.

VIA310 Development of Listening Comprehension Skills (Part 2)

4.00 CP (6.0 ECTS)

Development of speaking, reading, and listening skills. Situational communicative, pseudo-professional and professional communicative situations are used to develop listening skills in the English language. Students study definite issues developing oral and written speech, as well as listening skills. Discussion topics: professional, popular scientific, social economic, scientific technical issues. Practical classes based on various tests, communicative – situational tasks, pair / group work, discussions, denotative graphs (logical schemes of the text), brainstorming, regular listening practice, etc.

VIA166 Political and Economical System of English Speaking Countries

3.00 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, etc.

VIA150 Development of Listening Comprehension of Monologues, Dialogues and Professional Texts (Part 1)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

Students listen to interviews, reports, and surveys. Business and professional situations in English are used in order to develop listening comprehension skills. Students make oral summaries of the texts they have listened to, comment on them, and perform various communicative tasks. Students use the skills and competences acquired to express their opinion, argue for and against, as well as present information.

HVD156 Fundamentals of Written Speech (Part 1)

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

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. Practical classes at which different types of letters, pieces of academic writing are analyzed, new vocabulary is mastered, writing and translating skills are developed. A short introduction into different types of business letters is given. Both individual and group work is implemented. Independent work of students is encouraged.

VIA185 Lexicology and Stylistics

2.00 CP (3.0 ECTS)

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 the layers, patterns and levels that constitute stylistic description in the process of translation the texts from the source into the target ones.