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FACULTY OF E-LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND HUMANITIES

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

AUTUMN SEMESTER 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.