

ELEMENTS OF DISTANCE EDUCATION AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF FORMING FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE OF FUTURE LAWYERS AND POLICE OFFICERS

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The society is looking for new ways of development in the context of the pandemic and martial law in Ukraine. Modern conditions of society development have a direct impact on the educational process. It must continue to be safe and of high quality. In this case, the latest information educational technologies come to the rescue. These technologies are constantly improving and evolving. They are an integral part of the educational process at all faculties and departments of higher education institutions.

The use of elements of distance education in foreign language classes is a severe necessity. The goal of teaching a foreign language at a higher education institution is to master a foreign language as a means of communication, and to acquire professionally oriented foreign language competence for the successful performance of further professional activities. Foreign language communicative competence is an important component of the communicative culture of a modern specialist. Future law enforcement officers and lawyers are no exception.

To ensure the educational process, various courses are developed in Moodle. There are several types of such courses. This includes, for example, interdisciplinary courses designed to study effectively disciplines that complement each other (the discipline "Roman Law" and "Latin"). Courses within the same discipline, consisting of both a basic course and an auxiliary one should also be noted. A similar course is designed for students of the third (scientific) level of education and it represents the discipline "English Language for Academic Purposes". The basic course has been prepared on the Moodle website. It contains the methodological complex of disciplines and special literature. Two content modules contain the following topics: "Academic terminology of legal texts", "Analysis of scientific literature and other English-language sources on the topic of scientific research", "Exchange of scientific information based on reading texts in specialty", "Writing a scientific article, abstracts, theses of a report", "Presenting the results of scientific research at scientific events" and "Employment (creating a resume, etc.)". Tasks for each lesson on the relevant topics are uploaded to the website. In order to organize the individual work of students effectively, the additional practical course in the mentioned discipline is offered. The students must be able to prepare a scientific text, written or oral message (speech, abstract, summary, theses, etc.) on a professionally oriented topic in a foreign language. Therefore, the exercises for the formation of foreign language communicative competence are developed in the H5P format [1; 2]. A workshop was developed with this free tool for creating, sharing and reusing interactive multimedia educational content. The use of various types of exercises (flash cards, test questions of various types - missing words, drag and drop and their final summary, multiple choice), uploading the English-language texts and links makes individual work interesting and motivates students to study English. The specified types of work allow post-graduate students to study lexical material on relevant topics and prepare for writing a resume, an abstract, and participating in scientific events in a foreign language.

Foreign language competence provides a certain cultural level of oral and written speech and non-verbal speech behavior. The foreign language communicative competence forming among students of higher education institutions of various types at the current stage of the world community development should be considered as an obligatory component in general professional training.

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