

POLICE OFFICERS' FORMATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE THROUGH THE PRISM OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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According to the draft Law «On the Use of the English Language in Ukraine» No. 9432, all police officers who apply for the positions of prosecutors, middle and senior police officers of the National Police of Ukraine, senior positions of other law enforcement agencies, senior positions of the civil protection service, the list of which is established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine [2] should know English very well.

At the moment, the study of English by the employees of the National Police of Ukraine is an extremely urgent task, because given the political views of our country, which is on the path to European integration, one of the conditions for Ukraine's accession to the European Union will be to provide the executive authorities with employees who speak English. This is all related to the fact that all units and employees of the National Police of Ukraine will be checked for compliance with European standards, and this includes the financial support of police officers and their working conditions, however, after Ukraine's entry into the European Union, all police officers must possess in English [1].

It is very hard to eliminate the existing problem, because it is quite difficult to force a police officer who is simply not interested in studying English. In the educational institutions of the system of internal affairs, extremely few hours are given to study English, but it should be noted that every police officer will have an extremely strong motivation, because with the entry into the European Union, all law enforcement officers must have their salaries equalized.

In order for police officers to study English at the level required by the European Union, they really need to understand that knowledge of foreign languages is not only an opportunity for successful employment or simply an opportunity to move freely through Europe and the world, but first of all, it is a change in outlook. Today, it is impossible to imagine higher professional education without high-quality foreign language training. The challenges of the modern world encourage us to revise and improve the priorities and areas of professional training future policemen and specialists in the legal sphere, to the formation of the

necessary skills, among which the knowledge of a foreign language occupies a special place. And it is true that at the moment English is a secondary discipline, it is necessary to turn it into a discipline that will occupy a greater part of the hours allocated to the study of the discipline in the curriculum, because the English language broadens one's worldview, gives a certain confidence in one's abilities and can really be needed in practical activities [1].

For this purpose, the Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs with specific training conditions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine places special emphasis on studying foreign languages while training future specialists in the field of legal and law enforcement activities.

Teachers of Foreign Languages Department have developed an extensive system of additional training of cadets in foreign languages:

- Discussion Club;

- Independent work of applicants on the educational online platform «Help» from the Council of Europe;

- Outgoing binary classes with a native speaker;

- Additional lessons (optional activity) for preparing applicants for passing the master's degree exam;

- CEPOL webinars;

- Creation of electronic courses for applicants;

- Creation of educational videos in a foreign language;

- NATO Language Standard;

- Essay competitions in foreign language;

- Thematic colloquiums in foreign language.

Summarizing all of the above, it should be noted that main goals of studying foreign languages at Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs are : the formation of such a personality, who will need a foreign language to communicate in real situations and who will be able to communicate effectively with representatives of other cultures for the European Union, this goal is the main one in law enforcement agencies; the formation of foreign languages communicative competence, which is an indicator of foreign language proficiency; expansion of professional vocabulary.

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