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RUDN University**

Law Institute, Foreign Languages Department

educational division (faculty/institute/academy) as higher education programme developer

COURSE SYLLABUS

Academic Writing

course title

Recommended by the Didactic Council for the Education Field of:

40.03.01. Law

field of studies / speciality code and title

The course instruction is implemented within the professional education programme of higher education:

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

higher education programme profile/specialisation title

Moscow 2026

1. COURSE GOAL(s)

The main purpose is to introduce students to the academic writing environment, to equip students with knowledge, skills and abilities to operate as University-caliber writers.

The course focuses on the requirements to produce research papers in English and provide for academic papers translation of deliverable quality.

Special emphasis is laid on the skills that are required to develop original academic arguments, use appropriate textual evidence to support these arguments, to use counter-arguments to temper and strengthen ideas, and develop a sophisticated and up-to-date academic writing style.

The course covers genre-based writing skills training and translation techniques instruction.

The course makes students aware of the academic writing specificity, its nature, principles, procedures, conventions in respect of academic writing and its translation. The course includes detailed coverage of academic discourse vocabulary, grammar, stylistic and structural characteristics that are revealed and analysed from a comparative English – Russian perspective.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Mastering the course is aimed at the Bachelor's students' formation of the following competencies (part of competencies):

Table 2.1. List of competences that students acquire through the course study

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Competence formation indicators (within this course)
GC-4	GC-4. Student can communicate in interpersonal and intercultural interaction in Russian as a foreign and foreign language(s) based on the possession of interconnected and interdependent types of reproductive and productive foreign language speech activities, such as listening, speaking, reading, writing and translating in everyday life, sociocultural, educational, professional, official, business and scientific spheres of communication	GC-4.1. Student chooses the style of business communication depending on the language of communication, the purpose and conditions of the partnership;
		GC-4.2. Student adapts speech, communication style and body language to interaction situations;
		GC-4.3. Student searches for the necessary information to solve standard communicative tasks in Russian and foreign languages;
		GC-4.4. Student can translate the professional texts from a foreign language into Russian and vice versa;
		GC-4.5. Student conducts business correspondence in Russian and foreign languages, taking into account the peculiarities of the style of official and unofficial letters and socio-cultural differences in the format of correspondence;
		GC-4.6. Student uses dialogue for cooperation in academic communication of communication, taking into account the personality of the interlocutors, their

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		communicative-speech strategy and tactics, the degree of formality of the situation;
		GC-4.7. Student forms and argues own assessment of the main ideas of the participants in the dialogue (discussion) in accordance with the needs of joint activities

3.COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course refers to the **elective** component of (B1) block of the higher educational programme curriculum.

* - Underline whatever applicable.

Within the higher education programme students also master other (modules) and / or internships that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as results of the course study.

Table 3.1. The list of the higher education programme components/disciplines that contribute to the achievement of the expected learning outcomes as the course study results

Competence code	Competence descriptor	Previous courses/modules*	Subsequent courses/modules*
GC-4	GC-4. Student can communicate in interpersonal and intercultural interaction in Russian as a foreign and foreign language(s) based on the possession of interconnected and interdependent types of reproductive and productive foreign language speech activities, such as listening, speaking, reading, writing and translating in everyday life , sociocultural, educational, professional, official, business and scientific spheres of communication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foreign Language 2. Language and Law 	1. Foreign Language for Legal Purposes

* To be filled in according to the competence matrix of the higher education programme.

4. COURSE WORKLOAD AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1)The total workload of the course is 2 credits (72 academic hours).

Table 4.1. Types of academic activities during the periods of higher education programme mastering (**full-time training**)*

Type of academic activities		Totalacademic hours	Semesters/training modules			
			5	6	7	8
<i>Contact academic hours</i>		30			14	16
Seminars (workshops/tutorials) (S)		30			14	16
<i>Self-studies</i>		30			19	11
<i>Evaluation and assessment (exam/passing/failing grade)</i>		12			3	9
Course workload	academic hours	72			36	36
	credits	2			1	1

5. COURSE CONTENTS

Table 5.1. Course contents and academic activitiestypes

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activitiestypes
1.Literature, Translation and Science	Topic 1.1. The idea of translation in the discourses on science, in history and philosophy of science	S
	Topic 1.2. Practice: Case study. Writing and translation Assignments	S
2. Philosophy, Translation and Science	Topic 2.1. The philosophical concern with translation, specificity in regard to the notion of original	S
	Topic 2.2. Preoccupations of science with the categories of verification and approximation, and of global and local discourses	S
	Topic 2.3. Practice: Reading and Discussion. Case study. Writing and translation Assignments	S
3. Concept of academic discourse, register specificity	Topic 3.1. The nature of the scientific discourse, as a multiple semiotic system	S
	Topic 3.2. The differences between literary and scientific texts.	S
	Topic 3.3. Practice: Case study	S
4. Principles of Academic Writing and Academic Writing Genres Conventions	Topic 4.1. Academic writing as mediation.	S
	Topic 4.2. Differences in the conventions of academic writing.	S
	Topic 4.3. Academic Writing Genres	S

Course module title	Course module contents (topics)	Academic activities types
	Topic 4.4. Theses, Introductions/Conclusions, Instructions and manuals, Report, Research paper, Abstracts	S
	Topic 4.5. Practice: case study	S
5. Translation of Academic Discourse	Topic 5.1. Issues of academic writing translation	S
	Topic 5.2. Practice: case study	S

* - to be filled in only for **full**-time training: *LC* - lectures; *LW* - lab work; *S* - seminars.

6. CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Table 6.1. Classroom equipment and technology support requirements

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
Lecture	A lecture hall for lecture-type classes, equipped with a set of specialised furniture; board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi, specialized software: Trados
Lab work	A classroom for laboratory work, individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and machinery.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi, specialized software: Trados
Seminar	A classroom for conducting seminars, group and individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment; equipped with a set of specialised furniture and technical means for multimedia presentations.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi, specialized software: Trados
Computer Lab	A classroom for conducting classes, group and individual consultations, current and mid-term assessment, equipped with personal computers (in the amount of 30 pcs), a board (screen) and technical means of multimedia presentations.	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector Marker board WiFi, specialized software: Trados
Self-studies	A classroom for independent work of students (can be used for seminars and consultations), equipped with a set of specialised furniture and computers with access	A set of specialized furniture; technical means: Monoblock Multimedia projector Screen for projector

Type of academic activities	Classroom equipment	Specialised educational / laboratory equipment, software, and materials for course study (if necessary)
	to the electronic information and educational environment.	Marker board WiFi, specialized software: Trados

* The premises for students' self-studies are subject to **MANDATORY** mention

7. RESOURCES RECOMMENDED FOR COURSE STUDY

Main readings:

1. Bailey, S. (2014). *Academic writing: A handbook for international students*. Routledge (republished).
2. Murray, R. (2014). *Writing in social spaces: A social processes approach to academic writing*. Routledge (republished).
3. Ganobcsik-Williams, L. (2017). *Teaching academic writing in UK higher education: Theories, practices and models*. Bloomsbury Publishing.

Additional readings:

1. Cargill, M., & Burgess, S. (Eds.). (2017). *Publishing Research in English as an Additional Language: Practices, Pathways and Potentials*. University of Adelaide Press
2. Ramadhanti, D., Ghazali, A. S., Hasanah, M., & Harsiati, T. (2019). Students' Metacognitive Weaknesses in Academic Writing: A Preliminary Research. *International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning*, 14(11).
- . Philipot Sarah. *Headway Academic Skills. Reading, Writing, and Study Skills : student's Book. Level 3 / S. Philipot, L. Curnick ; Series Editors: Liz and John Soars. - Книга на английском языке. - Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2011. - 80 p. : ill. - ISBN 978-0-19-474161-3 : 1129.04. .*

Internet sources

1. Electronic libraries (EL) of RUDN University and other institutions, to which university students have access on the basis of concluded agreements:
 - RUDN Electronic Library System (RUDN ELS) <http://lib.rudn.ru/MegaPro/Web>
 - EL "University Library Online" <http://www.biblioclub.ru>
 - EL "Yurayt" <http://www.biblio-online.ru>
 - EL "Student Consultant" www.studentlibrary.ru
 - EL "Lan" <http://e.lanbook.com/>
 - EL "Trinity Bridge"
 - Academic Writing – URL: http://www.hectorortiz.cl/articulos/academic_writing_2008.swf
 - Academese. – URL: <http://grammar.about.com/od/ab/g/Academese.htm>
 - Documentation. – URL: <http://grammar.about.com/od/d/g/Documentation.htm>
 - Plagiarism. – URL: <http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/plagiarismterm.htm>
2. Databases and search engines:
 - electronic foundation of legal and normative-technical documentation <http://docs.cntd.ru/>
 - Yandex search engine <https://www.yandex.ru/>
 - Google search engine <https://www.google.ru/>

- Scopus abstract database <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/scopus/>

Training toolkit for self- studies to master the course *:

* The training toolkit for self- studies to master the course is placed on the course page in the university telecommunication training and information system under the set procedure.

8. ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT AND GRADING SYSTEM* FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' COMPETENCES LEVEL UPON COURSE COMPLETION

The assessment toolkit and the grading system* to evaluate the competences formation level (competences in part) upon the course study completion are specified in the Appendix to the course syllabus.

* The assessment toolkit and the grading system are formed on the basis of the requirements of the relevant local normative act of RUDN University (regulations / order).

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