

Course Description

Discipline/ Course: “Reading Scientific and Technical Texts”

Training programme: “English for Science and Engineering”

Department of Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages

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Learning Outcomes:

Course Objectives and Content:

The objective of the course “Reading Scientific and Technical Texts” is to develop skills of reading English texts on scientific and professional topics. By the end of the course, the content teachers will be able to employ different strategies while reading texts on scientific and professional topics in English.

Course Outline:

Section 1. Speed Reading Scientific Texts.

Section 2. Stylistic and Genre Peculiarities of Scientific Texts.

Section 3. Strategies for Reading and Understanding: Searching Information in a Scientific Text.

Section 4. Strategies for Reading and Understanding: Scanning Scientific Texts.

Section 5. Strategies for Reading and Understanding: Skimming Scientific Texts.

Section 6. Strategies for Reading and Understanding: Commenting the Events of Scientific Texts.

Section 7. Describing Graphs, Tables and Charts included in Scientific Texts.

Section 8. Summarizing Data and Facts of Scientific Texts.

Section 9. Expressing Opinion after Reading a Scientific Text.

Course Delivery: 36 hours (18 in class teaching hours and 18 hours of independent work)

Prerequisites: level of English Language Proficiency B1 in compliance with “The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.”

Co-requisites: disciplines of the training programme for university staff “English for Science and Engineering”.

Final Assessment: pass/ fail test

Course Developer: Vera V. Golubeva