

KYIV NATIONAL LINGUISTIC UNIVERSITY ON THE THRESHOLD OF ITS 60th ANNIVERSARY

Kyiv National Linguistic University is a recognized leader of higher linguistic education in Ukraine. It is a powerful research and academic institution where new methods of foreign languages teaching have been developed, piloted, and applied for about sixty years now, along with fundamental and applied research in many areas: linguistics, literary studies, intercommunication, translation, pedagogy, linguodidactics, cognitive studies, psychology, applied linguistics, computer studies, management, and law studies.

The *national* university status enables KNLU to implement important research projects, introduce new information technologies into the teaching and learning process, develop multiple contacts with universities and research centers of many countries of the world.

Kyiv National Linguistic University is a successor of Kyiv State Pedagogical Institute for Foreign Languages, founded in 1948.

For about 60 years the institution has been developing foreign language teaching in Ukraine, and it gained its wide recognition and great prestige as a higher education establishment in mid-nineties upon, acquiring a university status.

For about sixty years of its activity, the University has trained over twenty-five thousand specialists in teaching, translation, psychology, management. More than 600 persons were granted Doctor of Sciences and Candidate of Sciences Degrees. Among the university graduates you can find famous politicians, writers, legislators, public servants, university/college rectors, vice-rectors, deans, head of chairs, lecturers and researchers, school headmasters and honoured teachers, journalists, and well-known entrepreneurs. The university graduates work at Ukrainian and foreign embassies, consulates, and representative offices. The KNLU Faculty members and graduates provide interpretation for Ukrainian official delegations at the summit level.

Today, over 6 thousand students, including 500 international students, study at the University's 11 departments and 2 institutes. KNLU is the only higher learning institution in Ukraine where students can choose from 11 European languages (English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Modern Greek, Norwegian, Dutch, Finnish, Russian and Ukrainian) and 7 Oriental languages (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Arabic, Persian and Hindi).

The Linguistic University offers Bachelor, Specialist and Master graduation programmes in 8 major specializations. Depending on their individual circumstances and preferences, students can choose most convenient form of education: full-time attendance, evening attendance, learning by correspondence, or external learning.

High quality teaching is provided by 650 faculty members, including 2 Academicians, 18 honoured educators of Ukraine, 59 Doctors of Sciences, Professors, 368 Candidates of Sciences (Ph. D), Associate Professors.

The teaching and research process is administered and coordinated by 37 University chairs.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH trains teachers of English and second foreign language (German, French, Spanish); teachers of English and Ukrainian languages and literature; teachers of the English language and applied psychology; teachers of the English language and applied linguistics;

DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN trains teachers of German and second foreign language (English, French, Spanish).

DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH trains teachers of French and second foreign language (English, German, Spanish).

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH trains teachers of Spanish and second foreign language (English, German, French).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSLATION trains translators and interpreters of English, German, French, Italian, Modern Greek, provides indepth learning of several foreign languages. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS AND LAW trains managers for service industry

and lawyers with a command of two Western European languages. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ORIENTAL LANGUAGES trains interpreters, translators and teachers of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Arabic or Persian language, and one of the Western European languages. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

DEPARTMENT OF SLAVIC LANGUAGES admits international students. It trains teachers of the Ukrainian language and literature, Russian language and literature and a Western European language (English, German, French and Spanish), as well as translators and interpreters of Ukrainian, Russian, English, German, French and Spanish. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT trains teachers of English, German, Spanish and French. Tuition is financed by the state budget or through commercial contract.

DEPARTMENT OF POST-DIPLOMA EDUCATION offers training-internship in foreign languages and teaching methods, and refresher course on "Management of Education". Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

ORIENTATION DEPARTMENT offers orientation classes for senior secondary school students (mainly from rural areas) who are interested in studying foreign languages and plan to enter KNLU. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

INTENSIVE LEARNING CENTRE offers vigorous short-term courses in English, German, French and other languages for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS provides training in Ukrainian and Russian for those who plan to enter a Ukrainian institution of higher learning. Tuition is financed through commercial contract.

Students have at their disposal up-to-date computer rooms, video and language laboratories, where they make use of linguaphone, television and video equipment, pools of audio and video recordings. Educational video laboratory comprises 4 video-classes and a TV-studio. In the computer classrooms the students have access to various computer applications, including word-processing, Internet, electronic mail and educational software.

The University maintains wide contacts with many counterparts: *The Pedagogical Institute of Schwäbisch-Gmünd* and *Dresden Technical University* (Germany), *L'Universite de Picardie Jules Verne*, *L'Universite Blaise Pascal* and *L'Universite Sorbonne* (Paris III) (France), *Lancaster University* and *Birmingham University* (Great Britain), *Cairo University* (Egypt), *Shanghai Foreign Languages University* (People's Republic of China). The University closely cooperates with the *Institute for Pedagogics of Opolie University* and *Krakow Higher School for Pedagogics* (Poland).

Due to the assistance of the Embassies of France, Italy, Japan, Korea and Iran modern Culture and Language Centers of the related countries were established in the University, thus enabling Ukrainian students to get acquainted with the countries' rich cultural heritage, customs, traditions and current political and economic developments.

KNLU is a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU).

The University is a member of the following international scientific and educational organizations: IATEFL – International Association of Teachers of English as Foreign Language (London, England); ESSE – European Society for the Study of English (Köln, Germany); TESOL – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Washington, the USA); AAS – International Association of American Standard Research (Salzburg, Austria); EIAG – European International Association of Germanists (Brussels, Belgium); ADPLF – International Association of the Teachers of French.(Paris, France); AFAL – International French Association of Friendship and Connections (Paris, France).

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