

ABSTRACTS

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DISTANCE LEARNING IN TEACHING ENGLISH IN THE PROCESS OF FUTURE LAWYERS' PROFESSIONAL TRAINING: CURRENT STATE AND PROSPECTS

The article describes the state of English distance learning in vocational training of students majoring in law. It enumerates the advantages and disadvantages of distance learning for students, teachers, and higher educational establishments. It also provides the perspectives of developing distance learning courses and theoretical grounds for their development.

The integration of Ukraine into the European and world structures as well as rapid development of information technologies affect all the areas of our life, the educational sphere is not an exception. Nowadays the modernization of the Ukrainian higher education is mostly connected with the development of distance learning which is regarded as one of the most essential factors of ensuring competitiveness at the educational market. Being outside the world's educational processes may cause the outflow of students from the Ukrainian universities, because it is more likely that they may choose modern and convenient foreign open universities.

Distance learning has advantages and disadvantages but the analysis shows that the advantages prevail. The creation of distance learning courses is a complex and rather time-consuming process which involves the development of fundamental theoretical grounds. It should be done gradually and consistently starting with the introduction of separate aspects of distance learning into the educational process of students of full-time and part-time programs. Some elements of distance learning may be effectively implemented in the student's independent work.

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