

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE AS A PART OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN LEGAL AREA**

Our time is marked by globalization of economy, integration of political, cultural and legal life leading to strengthening of relationship between countries in different areas. In order to be a highly skilled specialist, besides deep professional knowledge, it is necessary to have a command of foreign languages.

A modern specialist has to read the literature he is interested in not only in Ukrainian but also in foreign languages to be aware of the last achievements. It is important to have both reading and translating skills, and communicative abilities to take part in international conferences and symposiums.

Linguistic culture is an integral and essential part of human culture on the whole.

Educational and self-educational functions of foreign languages have considerably grown as well as their professional importance at school, college or university, at the labor market giving rise to motivation for learning of languages as a means of international communication.

Without knowledge of a foreign language (especially, English) it is practically impossible at the present day to apply for higher official status, and moreover find a prestige, well-paid job. That's why students' monumental desire to learn speech activity in foreign languages is comprehensible. Practical foreign language classes in a higher educational establishment can certainly help them.

A foreign language is objectively a public value; therefore its inclusion into the higher education program is a social order of society. A foreign language, as well as native, does not exist independently in a society and cannot live its own life. It is closely related to all spheres of vital functions of society: economics, law, politics, art, education, military sphere etc., reflecting mentality and culture of certain country.

In addition to interpersonal attitudes a foreign language serves as a means of international, intergovernmental and interethnic intercourse.

It should be noted, undoubtedly, the beneficial impacts of learning foreign languages on communication standards, speech activity in native language. Thus, forming of speech abilities in a foreign language aids development of all levels of students' speech ability: auditory, visual and motor sensations. Students study to plan their speech behavior, correlating the aims of every act with the expressed content and available language means.

It, certainly, facilitates to increase not only speech but general culture as well.