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# Educational-methodical complex of the discipline

###  ”Reading in Specialty”\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Speciality Code** \_”050502”-Political Science\_\_\_\_\_\_

(code, speciality)

Education Form \_\_full-time\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Considered and recommended at the chair sitting of Politology

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Recommended at the methodical Council (bureau of the faculty)

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**Preface**

**A brief description of the course.**

At this stage of teaching the 2nd year Bachelor's Degree students of specialty "050502-Political Science" continue their learning of socio-political lexis on the topics: "Signing treaties, agreements; summits; the issues on strengthening and maintaining international peace and security; the RK within the frame of international developments, etc. Besides, the students start learning the topic in conformity with the plan: " Reading in Specialty. The American Political Sysytem. Origins of Democracy. Branches of Power. Constitution. Political Powers.

 **Purposes of teaching the discipline:**

The practical purposes of this course are:

To develop language proficiency the learners need in order to attain communicative competence;

To enlarge their vocabulary on socio-political topics;

To satisfy students needs and develop reading skills for getting information related to the theme: "History, political set-up and foreign policy of the USA".

 **Tasks and Objectives:**

Language - learning objectives like other learning - objectives, are defined in terms of practical acquisition of a foreign language, namely, to learn and know the essential vocabulary in order to enable them to express their own points of view on the events at home and abroad;

To study the history and foreign policy of the USA in the contemporary context.

 **The main forms of competence of thr 2 year BD students**

In teaching the course "The English language. The American Political System learning -objectives must be geared toward student's needs to develop their competence in the following:

- to pronounce correctly geographical and proper names in the texts on History and political set-up of the USA;

- to know the essential vocabulary specified by the curriculum;

- to consolidate and to use correctly the socio-political lexis;

**To sum up: a successful Bachelor Degree student is expected to have the following skills and practice:**

**-** To be able to read and translate the texts, to ask and answer the questions, giving additional information on the suggested topic;

- To be able to organize class discussions using the active vocabulary from the topics which will be dealt with;

-To be able to express their own points of view on the issues envisaged by the content of the course;

- To be able to render and comment verbally and in writing on newspaper articles in the original (from American and British press);

- To use correctly problematic grammar structures (non-finite constructions)

The structure of the course:

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| week | Lexical and Grammar Topics | Hours | self-study Topics |
|  | Module 1 |  |  |
| 1 | 1. Introduction. Origins of Democracy. New World.2. **Grammar.** Tense Forms.Types of Questions. | 3 |  |
| 2 | 1. War and Independence. Articles of Confederation.2. **Grammar.** Tense Forms.Active & Passive Voice. | 3 |  |
| 3 | 1. Constitution. US Bill of Rights.2. **Grammar.** The Complex Object. | 4 | Prepare a short report (oral presentation) in writing on the topic: Cultural life of Americans. (American theatre, cinema, music, art, painting). |
|  | Module 2 |  |  |
| 4 | 1. Branches of Power: The Legislative Branch.2. **Grammar.** Types of Sentences. Tense Forms. | 4 | Prepare a short report in writing on the topic: Higher Education in the USA. |
| 5 | 1. Branches of Power: The Executive Branch. The President.2. **Grammar.** Subjunctive Mood.  | 6 |  |
| 6 | 1. Branches of Power: The Judicial Branch. Checks and Balances.2. **Grammar.** Reported Speech. | 4 | Prepare a short report on the topic: Famous public figures (presidents, diplomats, etc.) |
| 7 | 1. Major political parties of the USA.2. **Grammar.** Revision of all Tense Forms.3. Get ready for Test №1 | 6 |  |
|  | Module 3 |  |  |
| 8 | 1. Major political parties of the USA. The Democratic Party. The Republican Party.2. **Grammar.** Sequence of Tenses. Complex Object with the Verbs of Sense Perception.  | 4 | Prepare a short report on the topic: American National holidays and traditions (Memorial Day, Independence Day, religious holidays) |
| 9 | 1. The USA in the first part of the XXth century.2. Grammar. Modal Verbs and their Equivalents. | 3 |  |
| 10 | 1. The USA in the second part of the 20th century.2. Grammar. Modal Verbs in the Passive. | 4 |  |
| 11 | 1. The USA in the 21st century Presidential Election.2. Grammar. Sequence of Tenses. | 3 |  |
|  | Module 4 |  |  |
| 12 | 1. The USA and NATO. NATO in Crisis Management.2. Grammar. The correct usage of ‘to be used’ | 4 | Prepare a short report on the topic: The USA and the world community. |
| 13 | 1. Worldwide Foreign Policy.Concepts, goals and Strategies.2. Grammar. Revision of all Tense Forms (Active and Passive). | 3 |  |
| 14 | 1. The Nature of Foreign Policy of the USA p.49 The Bush doctrine.2. Grammar. Revision of all the forms of the Subjunctive Mood. | 4 | Foreign Policy of the USA. Joint project. Round table discussion. |
| 15 | 1. National Symbols of the USA. The American Flag, Liberty Bell. The Great Seal.2. Revision of Grammar.3. Get ready for Test №2. |  |  |

**Recommended Literature**

**Obligatory sources:**

* Richard Pawelek. Educational Texts on the US Foreign Policy.
* Diplomatic Handbook R.G. Feltham.
* Reader for Students of International Relations Department. Kairbaeva R.S., Makisheva M.K.
* Radovel V.A. Political Structure of the USA.
* A guide to Better Grammar. Barabash T.A. "Международные отношения", Москва

**Additional literature:**

* British and American newspapers and magazines (Economist, Newsweek, The Times).
* English Dictionary. Oxford University Press.
* Monographs by English and American authors
* English Grammar in Use. R.Murphy
* Improve your grammar. Л.А. Дуйсеева

**Forms of proficiency knowledge tests**

1. Midterm tests - 2

2. Self-study topics - 7

3. Final examination (Winter)

**Examination Requirements**

1. Read and translate the marued passage from the text in specialty (700p.s.)

2. Answer the given Question.

3. Dwell upon the topic

**Evaluation criteria, scores %**

* Attendance
* Active and productive involvement in the academic process
* Effective use of obligatory and additional literature
* Fulfilment of all the self-study tasks in due time

**A rating scale:**

30% -for 7 weeks

60% -for 15 weeks

40% - for an examination

A 95-100% - excellent

**A- 90-94%**

B+85-89% -good

B 80-84%

**B- 75-79%**

C+ 70-74% -satisfactory

C 65-69%

**C- 60-64%**

D+ 55-59%

**D 50-54%**

**F 0-49% -unsatisfactory**

**The code of academic behavior and ethics:**

**Be tolerant, respect the others' points of view;**

Be correct in formulating your arguments;

Any form of indecent behavior is inadmissible (plagiarism, prompting, copying, using cribs. attempts to pass an exam for another student, etc.);

Don't be late for classes and don't miss your classes under a lame excuse;

Fulfill your home assignments thoroughly and in due time;

Follow the requirements of adequate behavior and ethics;

Cell phones must be switched off;

Be actively involved in the academic process.

Help: Keep in touch with your teacher on any matter you are interested in during office hours.

Considered at the Chair meeting on

Protocol

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