National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)  Faculty of Foreign Languages			
Course Name	General linguistics		
Degree Programme	Specialist's Degree (Track "Linguistic Support of Interstate Relations")		
Year of Study	5 year		
Semester	Autumn		
ECTS	5 (180 hrs)		
(36 hrs per ECTS)			
Instructor(s)	Prof. Natalia Zakharova, Associate Professor, Department of		
T 0	Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages		
Language of Instruction	Russian		
Course	At least B1 Russian		
Requirements	Previously studied courses "Introduction to Linguistics", "Phonetics		
requirements	Theory", "Lexicology", "Grammar Theory".		
Course Overview	The course is intended to sum up the results of the linguistic study		
Course Overview	disciplines, starting with the course "Introduction to Linguistics"; to		
	acquaint students with the problems of modern theoretical trends in		
	linguistics and methods of language research; expand and deepen the		
	general linguistic theoretical training of students, preparing them for		
	writing a qualifying work, for independent professional and creative		
	activities after graduation from university training. The required level of		
	Russian is up from B1+		
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	• Introduction to the main problems of the language theory: the essence		
	and nature of the language, its structure, the systemic nature of the		
	language, the functions and forms of the language;		
	Consideration of fundamental issues as the interaction of language		
	and society, language and thinking, language and history of society,		
	language and personality, as well as issues of language in an		
	interdisciplinary aspect, i.e. in relationship with logic, psychology, sociology, cultural studies and other sciences;		
	<ul> <li>Students' understanding formation of a pluralistic approach to the</li> </ul>		
	problems posed;		
	<ul> <li>Providing students with the theory and practice of modern methods</li> </ul>		
	of language research, which will allow a fuller and deeper		
	understanding of such a complex object as language.		
<b>Course unit contents</b>	• Weeks 1-10. Language/speech as an object of linguistics.		
	Theoretical Linguistics. Private linguistics. Applied Linguistics.		
	Typological linguistics.		
	• Weeks 11-14. The essence of language and speech (F. de Saussure,		
	V. von Humboldt, L. Elmslev, L. V. Shcherba, etc.), their		
	relationship. Communicative linguistics and pragmalinguistics.		
	Concepts of the system and structure of the language.		
	<ul> <li>Lingvosemiotics: language as a sign system. Linguistic semantics.</li> <li>Weeks 15-18. The relationship of language and thinking from the</li> </ul>		
	standpoint of cognitive linguistics. The subject and tasks of		
	sociolinguistics: the relationship of language and society. The		
_	subject and tasks of linguoculturology. The subject and tasks of		

	psycholinguistics. Methodology and methods of linguistics. Structural typology. The concept of "language type".
Course Structure	<ul> <li>Total number of contact hours: 57</li> <li>Lectures: 18</li> <li>Seminars: 36 hrs (18 seminars)</li> <li>Individual consultations: -</li> <li>Self-study: 87 hrs</li> </ul>

Teaching methods	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning
Grading System (including segment percentage)	Oral Q&A sessions on lectures content (20%) Student presentation (10%) Three course tests during the semester (40%) Final oral test (pass-fail) (30%)
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	• Общее языкознание : [Учеб. пособие для пед. ин-тов по спец. № 2101 "Рус. яз. и лит.] / Березин, Федор Михайлович, Головин, Борис Николаевич М. : Просвещение, 1979 416с.
	• Основы общего языкознания: учеб. пособие для студ. филол. спец. пед. интов / Степанов, Юрий Сергеевич 2-е изд., перераб М.: Просвещение, 1975 271 с.
	• Общее языкознание : учеб. для студ. филол. спец. ун-тов и пед. ин-тов / Кодухов, Виталий Иванович М. : Высш. шк., 1974 303 с.
	• Общее языкознание: учеб. пособие для студ. пед. ин-тов по спец. "Рус. яз. и лит." / Березин, Федор Михайлович, Головин, Борис Николаевич Репринт. воспр. изд. 1979 г М.: Альянс, 2014 416 с.
	• Основы изучения языкового менталитета: учебное пособие / Радбиль, Тимур Беньюминович М.: Флинта: Наука, 2010 326 с.
	• Лекции по общему языкознанию : [Учеб. пособие для филол.спец.ун-тов] / Рождественский, Юрий Владимирович М. : Высш. шк., 1990 381с.

Grading system				
Grade	No. of points	Description		
5	86-91	Excellent		
4	71-85	Good		
3	51 - 70	Satisfactory		
2	Below 51 point	Fail		