

National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)	
Faculty of Foreign Languages	
S Y L L A B U S	
Course Name	Lexicology of the English Language
Degree Programme	Bachelor in Linguistics (Track “Teaching Languages and Cross Cultural communication”)
Year of Study	3 year
Semester	Spring
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	4 (144 hrs)
Instructor(s)	Prof. Elena Babenkova, Associate Professor, Department of English Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages
Language of Instruction	English
Course Requirements	B2 English Previously studied courses "Introduction to Linguistics", "History of the English Language".
Course Overview	The course is intended for undergraduate students interested in lexicosemantic and word-forming characteristics of the English language. The required level of English is B2.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form the scientifically based notion of functional characteristics of the English vocabulary; • Describe lexicosemantic processes in the language as in the structured system phenomenon considering the connection of all its levels; • Operate with correct terminological units while describing linguistic phenomena.
Course unit contents	<p>Module 1. Weeks 1-2. Language and Lexicology. Two approaches to Language study. Branches of Lexicology. The connection of lexicology with other branches of linguistics. Types of lexical units.</p> <p>Module 2. Weeks 3-5. Semantics and Word Structure. Definition of the word. Referential concept of meaning. Types of word meaning. Change of meaning. Definition of the morpheme, allomorph. Classifications of morphemes. The idea of Immediate Constituents. Morphemic types of words.</p> <p>Module 3. Weeks 6-10. Word formation. Derivation (Affixation; Conversion). Compounding: Structure and Classifications. Correlation between Compounds and Free Phrases. Creation by shortening. Blending. Acronyms. Eponyms.</p> <p>Module 4. Weeks 11-15. The vocabulary of a language as a system. Synonyms. Strict and loose synonymy. Distinguishing synonyms. Antonyms. Co-occurrence of Antonyms. Types of Antonyms. Polysemy. Problems inherent in the concept of Polysemy. Homonymy. Types of homonyms. Homonym clashes. Meaning relations. Hyponymy. Meronymy. Lexical gaps.</p>

	<p>Module 5. Weeks 16-17. Etymology of the English word-stock. Loan words in the vocabulary of the English language. Assimilation of loan words. Classification of loan words.</p> <p>Module 6. Week 18. Word groups and phraseological units. Free combinations and set expressions. Definitions. Classification of set expressions. Classifications of phraseological units. The problem of distinguishing between a set expression and a compound word.</p> <p>Module 7. Week 19. Lexicography. The origins of dictionaries. Types of dictionaries. General-purpose dictionaries. Specialized dictionaries.</p>
Course Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of contact hours: 57 Lectures: 18 hrs (9 lectures) Seminars: 36 hrs (18 seminars) Individual consultations: 1 hr • Self-study: 51 hrs
Teaching methods	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning.
Grading System (including segment percentage)	<p>Grading is based on the activities covered within each module. The total of all tasks is 70%.</p> <p>Module 1. Language and Lexicology. (5%)</p> <p>Module 2. Semantics and Word Structure. (16%)</p> <p>Module 3. Word formation. (17%)</p> <p>Module 4. The vocabulary of a language as a system. (17%)</p> <p>Module 5. Etymology of the English word-stock. (5%)</p> <p>Module 6. Word groups and phraseological units. (5%)</p> <p>Module 7. Lexicography. (5%)</p> <p>Final oral test (30%)</p>
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Арнольд, И. В. Лексикология современного английского языка: учеб. для студ. ин-тов и фак. иностр. яз. – 3-е изд., перераб. и доп. – М.: Высш. шк., 1986. - 296 с. 2. Зыкова И.В. Практический курс английской лексикологии. – М.: Издательский центр «Академия», 2008. – 288 с. 3. Лексикология английского языка: учеб. для студ. ин-тов и ф-тов иностранных яз. / [авт. коллектив: Р. З. Гинзбург и др.]. – 2-е изд., испр. и доп. – М.: Высш. шк., 1979. – 270 с. 4. Влавацкая М. В. Лексикология английского языка. Теория и практика. – Новосибирск: НГТУ, 2010 – 242 с. – URL: http://znanium.com/catalog/product/546711. 5. Елисеева В. В. Лексикология современного английского языка (базовый курс): Учебное пособие. – СПб: СПбГУ, 2015. – 232 с. – URL: http://znanium.com/catalog/product/940878. 6. Кругликова Е. А. Лексикология английского языка: Учебное пособие. – Красноярск: СФУ, 2016. – 162 с. – URL: http://znanium.com/catalog/product/978599.