

National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)	
Faculty of Foreign Languages	
S Y L L A B U S	
Course Name	Modern Computer Technologies
Degree Programme	Master of Philology (Track “English for International Business”)
Year of Study	2 year
Semester	Autumn
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	3 (108 hrs)
Instructor(s)	Prof. Tatiana Orlova , Associate Professor, Department of English Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages
Language of Instruction	English
Course Requirements	At least B2 English
Course Overview	The course is intended for postgraduate students interested in the skills of applying computer technologies in business communication. It covers the third semester of the Master`s programme. The required level of English is B2.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use information technologies to acquire new knowledge and apply it to practice, also in new fields of knowledge, not directly connected to professional activity; • Analyze professional information, point out the most important items, structure it and present it in the form of analytical reviews with conclusions and recommendations; • Apply perspective methods of research and solution of professional tasks on the basis of using global trends of computer and information technology development; • Preparing scientific and technical reports, reviews, publications based on the results of the research conducted.
Course unit contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 1. International Relations. Websites article on traits of a nation. Science magazine article on CERN. Ambassadors interviews. Discussing national characteristics. Talking about international organization. Solving crisis in a diplomatic way. • Module 2. Technology and change. Message board. Articles on ideas that will change the world. Magazine article on Google. Discussing the effects of technological changes. Talking about technological innovation. • Module 3. Journalism and media. People in the media. Website article on Mumbai attacks. Discussing new channels for media.
Course Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of contact hours: 18 Seminars: 18 hrs (9 seminars) Individual consultations: 1 hr • Self-study: 85 hrs
Teaching methods	Practical classes, review sessions, students` individual work

Grading System (including segment percentage)	Oral Q&A sessions on practical classes content (10%) Student presentation (30%) Three course tests during the semester (30%) Final oral test (pass-fail) (30%)
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	1. Cotton David. Language Leader Advanced. Course Book and CD-ROM / David Cotton, David Falvey, Simon Kent, Ian Lebeau, Gareth Rees. – Pearson Education (Longman), 2010. – 192 p. 2. Kempton Grant. Language Leader Advanced. Work Book and Audio CD / Grant Kempton. – Pearson Education (Longman), 2010. – 96 p. 3. Kempton Grant. Language Leader. Teacher’s Book with Active Teach Pack. – Pearson Education (Longman), 2010. – 204 p. 4. Longman Active Study Dictionary of English / Editor-in-chief Della Summers. - England: Longman, 1989. – 710 p.

Grading system		
Grade	No. of points	Description
5	86-100	Excellent
4	71-85	Good
3	51 - 70	Satisfactory
2	Below 51 point	Fail