

<b>National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)</b>	
<b>Faculty of Foreign Languages</b>	
<b>S Y L L A B U S</b>	
<b>Course Name</b>	Practical Phonetics of the First Foreign Language
<b>Degree Programme</b>	Specialist's Degree (Track “Linguistic Support of Interstate Relations”)
<b>Year of Study</b>	1 year
<b>Semester</b>	Spring
<b>ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)</b>	2 (72 hrs)
<b>Instructor(s)</b>	<u>Prof. Elena Vekhova</u> , Associate Professor, Department of Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages <u>Prof. Irina Arzhanova</u> , Associate Professor, Department of Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English, German, French, Russian
<b>Course Requirements</b>	At least B1 English/German/French
<b>Course Overview</b>	The course is intended to teach the phonetic norms of the first foreign language and to develop students' practical skills in phonetically correct foreign language speech in oral and written forms. The required level of Russian is up from B1+
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquaintance with the system of basic phonetic phenomena and patterns of functioning of the studied foreign language, relying on various sources of information;</li> <li>• Formation of students' practical skills of phonetically correct foreign language speech in oral and written forms.</li> </ul>
<b>Course unit contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weeks 1-5. Basic concepts of phonetics. The structure of the speech apparatus, breathing, voice formation, articulation, levels and units of the oral form of speech. Levels and units of oral speech. The specifics of the phonetic system. Sounds of speech. Vowel system. Sounds of speech. Consonant system.</li> <li>• Weeks 6-11. Ways of graphic designation of sounds (transcription). The combination of sounds in a speech stream. Syllabification and syllable division. Word stress. accent group. Syntagma.</li> <li>• Weeks 12-18. Interrogative intonation. Intonation of the incentive sentence. Positional-combinatorial changes in phonemes and alternation of sounds. Intonation. Prosody. Pronunciation styles.</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of contact hours: 37</li> <li>• Lectures: -</li> <li>• Seminars: 36 hrs (18 seminars)</li> <li>Individual consultations: -</li> <li>• Self-study: 35 hrs</li> </ul>

<b>Teaching methods</b>	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning
<b>Grading System (including segment percentage)</b>	Three course tests during the semester (70%) Final oral test (pass-fail) (30%)
<b>Textbooks and Mandatory Reading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Практическая фонетика английского языка : учеб. для студ. вузов, обуч. по напр. и спец. "Филология": рек. Минобразования России / [авт.: М. А. Соколова [и др.]]. - М. : ВЛАДОС, 2005. - 382 с.</li> <li>• Курашкина, Н. А. Основы фонетики английского языка. The Essentials of English phonetics [Электронный ресурс] : учеб. пособие / Н. А. Курашкина. —М. : ФЛИНТА, 2013. — 140 с. <a href="http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=462806">http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=462806</a></li> <li>• Практический курс английского языка. 1 курс : учеб. для студ. вузов / Аракин, Владимир Дмитриевич [и др.] ; под ред. В. Д. Аракина. - 6-е изд., доп. и испр. - М. : ВЛАДОС, 2015. - 536 с.</li> <li>• Фонетика английского языка. Нормативный курс / В. А. Васильев [и др.]. -2-е изд., перераб. - М. : Высш. шк., 1980. - 256 с.</li> <li>• Ершова, О. В. Английская фонетика: от звука к слову[Электронный ресурс] : учеб. пособие по развитию навыков чтения и произношения / О. В. Ершова, А. Э. Максаева. - М. : Флинта : Наука, 2011. - 136 с. <a href="http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=429173">http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=429173</a></li> </ul>

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