

National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)	
Faculty of Foreign Languages	
S Y L L A B U S	
Course Name	Specialized Course in Regional Studies
Degree Programme	Specialist's Degree (Track “Linguistic Support of Interstate Relations”)
Year of Study	2 year
Semester	Spring
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	3 (108 hrs)
Instructor(s)	<u>Prof. Lilia Vereschagina</u> , Associate Professor, Department of Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages <u>Prof. Svetlana Chertousova</u> , Associate Professor, Department of Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages
Language of Instruction	Russian
Course Requirements	At least B1 Russian Previously studied courses "Culture and History of the First Language Country ", "Introduction to the Intercultural Communication Theory ".
Course Overview	The course is intended to prepare the student to understand the patterns of development of society in the context of the relationship between history and modernity, to systematize ideas about the features of the political and economic development of the country under study, its role in the modern world. In addition, another goal of studying an academic discipline is the formation of country studies and linguistic and country studies competencies in students. The required level of Russian is up from B1+
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarization of students with the linguistic and cultural realities necessary for communication, the full transmission of a speech message of any nature; • Enrichment of the student thesaurus with regionally relevant vocabulary, phraseology and terminology and assistance to students in identifying the national specifics of languages and cultures.
Course unit contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeks 1-10. The political system of the first language country • Weeks 11-14. Economic geography of the first language country • Weeks 15-18. Linguistic culture and linguistic picture of the world of the first language country
Course Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of contact hours: 55 • Lectures: 18 • Seminars: 36 hrs (18 seminars) Individual consultations: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-study: 53 hrs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McDowall, David. An Illustrated History of Britain / D. McDowall. -Essex : Longman, 2008. -188 p. • O'Driscoll, James. Britain for learners of English / J. O'Driscoll. -New York : Oxford, 2009. -224 p. • Morgan Dave. A Short History of the British People. Leipzig, 1989.5.O'Driscoll James. Britain. Oxford, 2009. • Леонович О. А. Страноведение Великобритании : учеб. пособие для студ. лингвист. вузов и фак. : рек. УМО по лингвист. образованию Минобразования России / О. А. Леонович. – 3-е изд. – М. : КДУ, 2005. – 256 с. • Михайлов Н. Н. Лингвострановедение Англии = English Cultural Studies : учеб. пособие для студ. вузов, обуч. по спец. "Иностр. яз." / Н. Н. Михайлов. – М. : Академия, 2006. – 206 с. • Нестерова Н. М. Страноведение: Великобритания : [учебное пособие] / Н. М. Нестерова. – Ростов на Дону : Феникс, 2005. – 368 с.

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