National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)  Faculty of Foreign Languages			
Course Name	Translation Theory		
Degree Programme	Specialist's Degree (Track "Linguistic Support of Interstate Relations")		
Year of Study	2 year		
Semester	Autumn		
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	4 (144 hrs)		
Instructor(s)	Prof. Alexander Zlobin, Associate Professor, Department of Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages  Prof. Alina Ivleva, Associate Professor, Department of Speech Theory and Translation, Faculty of Foreign Languages  Prof. Natalia Zakharova, 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 "Editing", "Practical Translation Course of the First Foreign Language", "Practical Translation Course of the Second Foreign Language".		
Course Overview	The course is intended to form students' understanding of the main principals of the general translation theory, create a theoretical basis for mastering practical skills in the field of oral and written translation, develop students' basic skills and abilities in translating texts of various functional styles. The required level of Russian is up from B1+		
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>Familiarization of students with the features of interlingual and intercultural communication using translation, to form students' understanding of the theoretical apparatus of translation studies and the laws of the translation process;</li> <li>Creation of an idea about the classification of translations, the concept of adequate translation, translation equivalence, levels of translation equivalence, translation models (denotative, semantic, transformational), pragmatic, semantic and stylistic aspects of translation, main translation errors and ways to overcome them;</li> <li>Consideration of the possibility of translating the most complex lexico-grammatical and stylistic phenomena of a foreign language that do not have correspondences in the Russian language or differ in terms of functions and pragmatic potential in the text;</li> <li>Formation of basic skills and abilities of translating texts of various functional orientations (informative texts, expressive texts).</li> </ul>		

<b>Course unit contents</b>	• Weeks 1-4. Introduction to the foundations of translation theory.		
	The translation theory in the circle of other scientific disciplines.		
	Main types of translation. The problem of translation.		
	Weeks 5-7. Pragmatic aspects of translation. Equivalence in		
	translation. Translation correspondence. Theoretical problems of the		
	translation process.		
	Weeks 8-11. Operational structure of translation actions. Linguistic		
	models of translation activity. Normative aspects of translation.		
	Classification of translation errors.		
	• Weeks 12-14. Translation strategies and competencies. Ethics of		
	translation activity.		
	Weeks 15-16. The milestones in the development of the translation		
	theory in Western European culture.		
	Weeks 17-18. Communicative-functional approach to translation:		
	pro et contra.		
Course Structure	Total number of contact hours: 75		
	• Lectures: 36		
	Seminars: 36 hrs (18 seminars)		
	dividual consultations: 2		
	Self-study: 42 hrs		

Teaching methods	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning	
Grading System (including segment percentage)	Oral Q&A sessions on lectures content (30%) Student presentation (10%) Three course tests during the semester (30%) Final oral test (pass-fail) (30%)	
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	<ul> <li>Алексеева И.С. Введение в переводоведение: учеб. пособие для филолог. и лингвист. фак. вузов / И.С. Алексеева. – М.: Академия; СПб.: Филол. фак. СПбГУ, 2004. – 325с.</li> <li>Теория перевода: Лингвистические аспекты / Комиссаров, Вилен Наумович М.: Высш. шк., 1990 256с.</li> <li>Теория перевода : учеб. пособие для студ. вузов, обуч. по гуманит. спец.: доп. Минобразования России / Тюленев, Сергей Владимирович М.: Гардарики, 2004 336 с.</li> <li>Захарова Н. В., Ивлева А. Ю., Седина И. В. Теория перевода: материалы для практических занятий: учебнометодическое пособие Саранск, 2014 132 с.</li> <li>Злобин А.Н. Методические указания к спецкурсу «Перевод прагматических текстов». – Саранск, 1995. – 34с.</li> <li>Латышев Л.К. Перевод: проблемы теории, практики и методики преподавания. – М.: Просвещение, 1988. – 160с.</li> <li>Латышев Л.К. Технология перевода. Уч. пособие по подготовке переводчиков (с нем. яз). – М: НВИ. – Тезаурус, 2017 – 280с.</li> <li>Теория перевода : учеб. для студ. учрежд. ВПО / Семенов, Аркадий Львович 2-е изд., испр. и доп М.: Академия, 2013 218 с.</li> </ul>	

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