Academic discipline: "Introduction to linguistics"

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To acquire oral and written communication skills.
To carry out professional self-education in order to
improve professional activity. To use the termino-
logical apparatus of linguistics, taking into account
the internal structure of the linguistic system, classi-
fy and analyze linguistic units.

Brief content of the academic discipline:

Linguistics as a science and its relationship to other sciences. Aspects and problems of linguistics. The nature, essence and functions of language. The origin of language. Language as a combination of the ideal and material, biological and mental, social and individual. Hypotheses of language origin. The regularities of the historical development of languages. The social conditionality of language development. Types of language contacts. Language as a sign system. Phonetics and phonology. Lexicology and semasiology. Morphemics and word formation. Grammar as a science. Grammatical forms of words. grammatical meanings. Paradigm. **Types** of Grammatical categories. Classifications of languages. Language, speech, speech activity. Writing. Main stages of development of writing and types of writing. Pictography. Ideographic writing. Hieroglyphic writing. Alphabetic-sound writing. Specialized writing systems.