

DIGITALIZATION IN TEACHING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT UNIVERSITIES

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In today's interconnected world, proficiency in a foreign language is not just a desirable skill but often a necessity. As Universities strive to equip their students with the tools necessary for success in a globalized society, the role of digital technologies in language education has become increasingly prominent.

It should be noted that the use of digital technologies without the support of the learning process by the teacher cannot be effective, as such technologies are only a means of teaching foreign languages. They do not act as an analogue of a teacher, but only improve and expand teaching opportunities. In addition, the use of digital technologies is possible and appropriate for students of any age group. Such technologies are especially effective when combined with project-based learning, as in this case foreign languages can be learned naturally, using thematic learning activities and different academic disciplines.

Thanks to digital technologies, distance education in higher education institutions is successfully implemented using the most modern online platforms, such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Google Meets, etc.

NTU "KhPI" uses the Microsoft Teams digital platform to organise the learning process. This platform allows students to present multimedia material, distribute system audio and video materials on a computer. For teachers, it is important that information can be presented in a virtual classroom with a simultaneous demonstration of the teacher's computer screen. The Microsoft Teams online platform offers the following options for conducting classes: support for multi-party conversations and discussions in a virtual classroom, file sharing, formulation of personal tasks, receiving and checking student assignments in a single browser window on any electronic device.

Thus, the use of digital technologies in traditional foreign language classes at higher education institutions can diversify the learning process, make it more intensive and effective, which will allow students - future professionals - to become more competitive in the modern labour market.