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SYLLABUS OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT

«ETHNOGRAPHY»

Elective educational component

Form of education: full-time education

Branch of knowledge 22 «Health Care»

Specialization 221 Dentistry

Educational and professional program «Dentistry»

Second (Master) level of higher education

Second year

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INTRODUCTION

The syllabus of the discipline "Ethnography" is compiled in accordance with the educational professional program (hereinafter - EPP) "Dentistry" and the Standard of Higher Education of Ukraine (hereinafter - the Standard), the second (master's) level, field of knowledge 22 "Health care", specialization 221 "Dentistry"

Course description.

The total workload is 90 hours (3 credits). 10 hours are allocated for lectures, 10 hours for seminars, and 70 hours for independent study by the higher education student. The material is structured into 5 topics. Formation of a strong educational potential, achieving the highest quality of student's training is an important condition for development of modern society. Reforming higher education, the processes of European integration and globalization require health care professionals to take into account specifics of regions, their culture, religion, and worldview for using it in medical activities. Study of this discipline requires from students a creative approach for solving educational problems and the ability to determine their own trajectory of the educational process, which will allow to use teaching hours in the most efficient way.

The subject of study. The subject of the course "Ethnography" is the cultural and everyday life of peoples. Ethnography defines ethnic groups as very complex socio-biological intergenerational human communities that can exist as fully self-sufficient systems. The study of a composition of ethnic groups of Ukraine, their natural habitats, ethnosocial and ethnodemographic study of the population is an urgent task for training of modern specialists. The acquisition of knowledge in ethnography is an important part of their general professional medical education, which should contribute to a deeper understanding of aspects of the behavior of individuals, social groups and ethnic groups in work.

Interdisciplinary connections: The educational component "Ethnography" belongs to subjects with a very broad range of interdisciplinary links, as it lies at the intersection of such fields as medicine, social sciences, pedagogy, psychology, history, and art.

Prerequisites: Studying this educational component presupposes prior completion of subjects that provide basic knowledge about education, such as "History and Culture of Ukraine" and "Philosophy."

Postrequisites: "Ethnography" is integrated with the components that ensure the further training of higher education students.

1. The purpose and objectives of the course

1.1. The purpose of teaching the discipline "Ethnography" is to form appropriate to the current level of ethnographic ideas about the ethnic map of Ukraine, to acquaint students with the ethnographic features of the Ukrainian people, its customs, ethnopsychology and ethnopedagogy.

1.2. The main tasks of studying the discipline "Ethnography" are:

- education of respectful attitude of foreign students to Ukrainian culture and society on the basis of knowledge about cultural and everyday traditions and regional features of Ukraine;

- formation of basic knowledge about scientific approaches to the study of the peoples of the world and assessment of their contribution to world culture;

- formation of critical thinking, based on scientific achievements, conclusions that will be a reliable safeguard against xenophobia and chauvinistic statements and actions;

- mastering the skills of understanding national psychology and the formation of national consciousness based on knowledge about the contribution of peoples to world culture.

1.3. Competences and learning outcomes, the formation of which is facilitated by the discipline (relationship with the normative content of training of higher education, formulated in terms of learning outcomes in the EPP and Standard).

1.3.1. The study of the discipline provides students with the acquisition of competencies:

integral: the ability to solve typical and complex specialized tasks and practical problems in professional activities in the field of health care, or in the learning process, which involves conducting research and/or implementing innovations and is characterized by the complexity and uncertainty of conditions and requirements.

General:

GC1 – Ability for abstract thinking, analysis, and synthesis.

GC2 – Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and comprehension of professional activity.

GC3 – Ability to apply knowledge in practical activities.

GC4 – Ability to communicate in the state language both orally and in writing.

GC5 – Ability to communicate in English.

GC6 – Skills in the use of information and communication technologies.

GC7 – Ability to search for, process, and analyze information from various sources.

GC8 – Ability to adapt and act in a new situation.

GC9 – Ability to identify, formulate, and solve problems.

GC10 – Ability to be critical and self-critical.

GC11 – Ability to work in a team.

GC13 – Ability to act in a socially responsible and conscious manner.

GC14 – Ability to exercise one’s rights and responsibilities as a member of society, to understand the values of a civil (free democratic) society and the need for its sustainable development, the rule of law, and the rights and freedoms of individuals and citizens in Ukraine.

GC15 – Ability to preserve and enhance moral, cultural, and scientific values and achievements of society based on an understanding of the history and patterns of development of the subject area, its place in the general system of knowledge about nature and society, and in the development of society, technology, and engineering; as well as to use various types and forms of physical activity for active recreation and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Special (professional):

PC13 – Ability to assess the impact of the environment on the state of health of the population (individual, family, population).

PC15 – Processing of state, social and medical information.

1.3.2. The study of the academic discipline ensures that students of higher education acquire the following program learning outcomes:

PRT 14 - Analyze and evaluate public, social and medical information using standard and computer approaches information technologies.

PRT 16 - To form goals and determine the structure of personal activity on based on the result of the analysis of certain social and personal needs.

PRT 18 - To be aware of and be guided in one's activities by civil rights, freedoms and responsibilities, to raise the general educational cultural level/

In accordance with the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ukraine) decision of June 21, 2022 on the historical and cultural component of the educational process, the study of historical and cultural processes should provide such program learning results that the student of higher education is ready to independently determine patterns and analyze social processes that took place in the past and are taking place now, to understand their connections and draw historical parallels.

1.3.3. The study of the discipline provides students with the following social skills (Soft skills): communication skills, leadership, responsibility, ability to work in critical conditions, resolve conflicts, work in a team, manage their time, make decisions independently, think critically.

2. INFORMATION SCOPE OF THE COURSE

Name of indicators	Field of knowledge, specialization, educational and qualification level	Characteristics of the discipline	
		full-time education	evening form of study (absent)
Number of credits - 3	Branch of knowledge: 22 "Health care"	Elective	
The total number of hours is 90	Specialization: 221 "Dentistry"	The year of preparation:	
		2 nd	-
		Semester	
		3 rd or 4 th	-
Hours for full-time study: classrooms - 20 individual student work 70	Educational and qualification level: II master's level EPP "Dentistry"	Lectures	
		10	-
		Practical, seminar	
		10 hours	-
		Laboratory	
		-	-
		Individual work	
		70 hours	-
Individual tasks:			
-			
		Type of control: current, credit	

2.1 Description of the discipline

2.2.1 Lectures

№	Topic title	Quantity of hours	Types of lectures
1	Introduction. Subject and tasks of the course "Ethnography". History of	2	Introductory, Review, Problem-based, Binary

	ethnographic science in the world and in Ukraine.		
2	Origin and ethnic development of Ukrainians. Ethnic territory and modern ethnic processes in Ukraine.	2	
3	Traditional branches of production of Ukrainians. Arts and crafts.	2	
4	Folk architecture. Ukrainian national dress. Traditions of national food.	2	
5	Community. Family customs and rituals. Folk knowledge, beliefs, customs, and rituals.	2	
	Total	10	

2.2.2 Seminars

№	Topic title	Quantity of hours	Teaching methods	Forms of control
1	Introduction. Subject and tasks of the course "Ethnography". History of ethnographic science in the world and in Ukraine.	2	problem-based learning, business games, brainstorming, group work, developmental learning,	Oral interview, test survey in the MOODLE system
2	Origin and ethnic development of Ukrainians. Ethnic territory and modern ethnic processes in Ukraine.	2	multilevel learning, heuristic conversations, discussions and debates, presentation method, project-based learning	
3	Traditional branches of production of Ukrainians.	2		

	Arts and crafts.		method, organization of excursions to museums and exhibitions	
4	Folk architecture. Ukrainian national dress. Traditions of national food.	2		
5	Community. Family customs and rituals. Folk knowledge, beliefs, customs, and rituals.	2		
	Total	10		

2.2.3 Practical classes are not provided

2.2.4. Laboratory classes are not provided

2.2.5. Individual work

№ 3/II	Topic title	Quantity of hours	Teaching methods	Forms of control
1	Introduction. Subject and tasks of the course "Ethnography". History of ethnographic science in the world and in Ukraine.	5	problem-based learning, group work, multilevel learning, presentation method, project learning method	Oral interview, test survey in the MOODLE system, participation in scientific conferences
2	Origin and ethnic development of Ukrainians. Ethnic territory and modern ethnic processes in Ukraine.	14		
3	Traditional branches of production of Ukrainians. Arts and crafts.	14		
4	Folk architecture. Ukrainian national dress. Traditions of national food.	17		
5	Community. Family customs and rituals. Folk knowledge, beliefs, customs, and rituals.	20		
	Total	70		

Teaching methods. During lectures and practical lessons it is recommended to use such pedagogical methods: problematic education, business games, «brain storm», work in groups, developing education, multilevel training (taking into account the abilities of different students), heuristic conversations, debates and discussions, preparing report-presentations, method of project training (preparing by student the independent research project), excursions to museums and exhibitions.

Methods of control (only those used in teaching the discipline are given):

Current control. During the current control methods of individual and face-to-face interviews, written testing, writing creative works (essays, reviews, reviews, own statements), microphone method, problem solving, work with sources and scientific literature, watching movies with further discussion are used, work in groups, verification tests.

Final control is carried out at the last lesson in the form of the final lesson, which includes control of all types of training provided by the curriculum. According to the results of educational activities, a test is set on a two-point scale "credited" - "not credited". A grade on a traditional scale is also given.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1. Evaluation of the success of students' education is carried out on the basis of "Instructions for evaluating the educational activities of higher education students in KhNMU" (Table 2).

Table 2

Recalculation of the average score for current activities in a multi-point scale (for disciplines ending with a credit)

4-point scale	200-point scale	4-point scale	200-point scale	4-point scale	200-point scale
5	200	4.22-4,23	169	3.45-3,46	138
4.97-4,99	199	4.19-4,21	168	3.42-3,44	137
4.95-4,96	198	4.17-4,18	167	3.4-3,41	136
4.92-4,94	197	4.14-4,16	166	3.37-3,39	135
4.9-4,91	196	4.12-4,13	165	3.35-3,36	134
4.87-4,89	195	4.09-4,11	164	3.32-3,34	133
4.85-4,86	194	4.07-4,08	163	3.3-3,31	132
4.82-4,84	193	4.04-4,06	162	3.27-3,29	131
4.8-4,81	192	4.02-4,03	161	3.25-3,26	130
4.77-4,79	191	3.99-4,01	160	3.22-3,24	129

4.75-4,76	190	3.97-3,98	159	3.2-3,21	128
4.72-4,74	189	3.94-3,96	158	3.17-3,19	127
4.7-4,71	188	3.92-3,93	157	3.15-3,16	126
4.67-4,69	187	3.89-3,91	156	3.12-3,14	125
4.65-4,66	186	3.87-3,88	155	3.1-3,11	124
4.62-4,64	185	3.84-3,86	154	3.07-3,09	123
4.6-4,61	184	3.82-3,83	153	3.05-3,06	122
4.57-4,59	183	3.79-3,81	152	3.02-3,04	121
4.54-4,56	182	3.77-3,78	151	3-3,01	120
4.52-4,53	181	3.74-3,76	150	Less than 3	Not sufficient
4.5-4,51	180	3.72-3,73	149		
4.47-4,49	179	3.7-3,71	148		
4.45-4,46	178	3.67-3,69	147		
4.42-4,44	177	3.65-3,66	146		
4.4-4,41	176	3.62-3,64	145		
4.37-4,39	175	3.6-3,61	144		
4.35-4,36	174	3.57-3,59	143		
4.32-4,34	173	3.55-3,56	142		
4.3-4,31	172	3.52-3,54	141		
4,27-4,29	171	3.5-3,51	140		
4.24-4,26	170	3.47-3,49	139		

The maximum amount of points for the course is 200 points, the minimum acceptable for credit - 120 points.

3.2. Test questions:

1. Characterize methodological principles and methods of ethnographic research.
2. Identify the main tasks and functions of Ethnography.
3. Give a detailed description of research schools and directions in Ethnography.
4. Give characteristics of ethnic features of ancient Rus people.

5. Indicate features of the formation and development of the Ukrainian nation. Give examples of names of Ukraine and the Ukrainians.
6. Describe ethnic processes and interethnic relations in Ukraine.
7. Identify features of historical and ethnographic regions of Ukraine.
8. Name the subethnic and ethnographic groups of the Ukrainians.
9. Describe the ethnic composition of population of Ukraine.
10. Describe traditional tools, methods of soil processing and recycling of harvest by ethnic Ukrainians.
11. Characterize traditions of animal husbandry and cattle breeding in Ukrainian countryside.
12. Describe auxiliary occupations of the Ukrainian population: hunting, fishing, and beekeeping.
13. Describe decorative and applied arts of Ukrainian people.
14. Name types and forms of settlements in Ukraine.
15. Describe a folk architecture of rural residential complexes.
16. Describe Ukrainian traditional national dress and name regional differences.
17. Describe the system of food and cooking.
18. Describe traditional Ukrainian social forms of labour, communication, and leisure.
19. Identify special features of a Ukrainian family and marriage.
20. Explain traditional family customs and rituals.
21. Describe the worldview and beliefs of the Ukrainians.
22. Describe calendar and household rituals and stages of their formation.

3.3. Test questions for seminars

Topic 1.

1. The essence and content of Ethnography, its object, subject, basic concepts.
2. Methodological principles and methods of Ethnography.
3. The main tasks and functions of ethnography.
4. Origin and establishment of Ethnography as a separate scientific discipline. Schools and directions in ethnography.

Tema 2.

1. Ancient Slavic people as autochthonous natives of Eastern Europe. Ethnic features of the ancient Rus people.
2. Formation and development of the Ukrainian nation. Name of Ukraine and Ukrainians.
3. Ethnic processes and interethnic relations in Ukraine. Historical and ethnographic regions of Ukraine.
4. Subethnic and ethnographic groups of Ukrainians. Ethnic composition of population of Ukraine.

Topic 3.

1. Farming. Instruments and methods of soil processing and recycling of harvest.
2. Traditions of animal husbandry and cattle breeding in Ukrainian village.

3. Auxiliary activities of population: hunting, fishing, beekeeping.
4. Traditional crafts and trades. Decorative and applied art of the Ukrainian people.

Topic 4.

1. Types and forms of settlements in Ukraine.
2. Folk architecture of rural residential complexes.
3. Ukrainian traditional national dress. Regional complexes of traditional Ukrainian clothing.
4. Food system and folk cuisine.

Topic 5.

1. Traditional public communities. Social forms of labour, communication, and leisure.
2. Family and marriage. Family customs and rituals.
3. Folk knowledge, worldview and beliefs of the Ukrainians.
4. Calendar and household rituals: stages of formation.

4. DISCIPLINE POLICY

Discipline requirements

Written assignments and homework must be submitted in time. In case of questions students can contact the teacher personally or by e-mail which the teacher will provide in the first practical lesson.

During the lecture students are recommended to compose the lesson's summary and keep a sufficient level of silence. It is welcomed to pose the questions to a lecturer.

It is important to follow next rules:

- respect to colleagues;
- tolerance toward others and experience of people;
- receptivity and impartiality;
- ability to respect the person even in a case of disagreement with its thoughts;
- thorough reasoning of own opinion and courage to change it under the influence of counter arguments;
- self-expression when the person avoids the unnecessary generalizations, describes own feelings and forms expectations relying on own thoughts and emotions;
- obligatory work with the recommended sources of information.

The creative approach in its different forms is welcomed. In particular it is a participation in scientific conferences.

Attendance and behaviour

The students are expected to attend all lectures and practical lessons. In a case of skipping the class it is necessary to work off it according to the department's schedule.

Actions that are allowed during lessons:

- Leave the classroom for a short time in case of necessities and with a permission of teacher;
- To take a photos of presentations;
- To take active part in a course of the lesson.

Prohibited:

- Eating (except people whose special medical situation requires the opposite – in that case the medical confirmation is needed);
- Smoking, consuming of alcohol;
- Rude behaviour, expression of obscenities and offend someone's dignity;
- Gambling;
- To damage the university equipment;
- To make a noise or listen a music in classrooms or corridors during the lessons.

Using of electronic gadgets

Using of electronic gadgets during studying is allowed without restriction except those cases when it may interfere with the ways of objective assessment of students' knowledge.

Policy for people with the special educational needs

The studying is carried out taking into account the requirements of modern Ukrainian legislation in relation to persons with special educational needs and is regulated by the university.

Recommendations for successful mastering the discipline

In the process of preparation for practical classes students should study the recommended literature. Active participation during the discussion in the classroom is welcome, students should be ready to understand the material in detail, ask questions, express their point of view, discuss.

Incentives and penalties

According to the "Instructions for the evaluation of educational activities in the European credit-transfer system of the educational process in the KhNMU" students can increase the grade for the module by performing individual tasks (making the reports, participation in scientific conferences, competitions, preparation of reviews, etc.) in case of success gives 10 points as an incentive.

Safety precautions

The first lesson includes an explanation of the basic principles of labour protection. Every student should know the location of nearest evacuation exit, the fire extinguisher, how to use it, etc.

Procedure for informing about changes in the syllabus

The possible changes in the syllabus will be announced on the department page of the of the official website of KhNMU, in the department's directory in Moodle, and at the dean-office

5. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

One of the elements of academic culture that the university instills is the student's understanding of the inadmissibility of any borrowing without proper references. Given this, the main task of teachers is to form students' skills of independent work, interest in learning and socially significant values. The first sessions will provide information on what to consider plagiarism and how to properly conduct a research search.

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