

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XSJKNB018		Name: Sign Language Grammar 1	
Cover: Department of Slovak Language and Literature			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Seminar		Number of credits: 4	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/1 For term of study: ZS 46,23			Study grade: Bachelor
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year WT	Slovak for Deaf Sign Language Users (XSjvKN-D1)		
3.year WT	Slovak for Deaf Sign Language Users (XSjvKN-E1)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course:			
Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination			
Continuous evaluation: a) passing a written test on the theory of sign language grammar (max. 40 points; min. 21), b) implementation of the non-contact part of the subject - self-study. This part is mainly realized by studying the recommended literature and preparing for a practical test aimed at identifying grammatical phenomena of sign language through video recordings.			
Final evaluation: The final assessment is based on the completion of the mid-term assessment and the final written test at the end of the teaching period, which is designed to test mastery of the theoretical knowledge of grammatical phenomena of sign language (60 points; min. 30 points). A minimum of 91 points is required for an A grade, a minimum of 81 points for a B grade, a minimum of 71 points for a C grade, a minimum of 61 points for a D grade and a minimum of 51 points for an E grade.			
Finished:			
Learning outcomes: A student can: VV 1: explain and describe the basic concepts of morphology and syntax of sign language in a comprehensible way, VV 2: analyse lexical units of Slovak sign language for individual morphemic structures, VV 3: use three-dimensional signing space in sign language, VV 4: characterize the lexical and grammatical categories of sign language, VV 5: distinguish between 3 types of verbs in sign language - simple, identical and spatial verbs, and demonstrate them with examples, VV 6: explain the functions of deictics and pronouns in sign language, VV 7: identify and use numerals according to the meaning of the noun, VV 8: use classifiers and specifiers as a specific verbal type of sign language, VV 9: explain the views of linguists on the classification of word types in sign languages, VV 10: reproduce and explain linguistic typology - synthetic and analytical language.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Morphology - part of grammar: morpheme, morpheme in sign language, morphemic structures, flexion, flexion in sign language. 2. Syntax - part of grammar: sentence construction (sentence article, syntax). 3. Grammar in space - use of three-dimensional signing space. 4. Lexical and grammatical categories - person, verb number, tense, manner, aspect, nominative number. 5. Verbs in sign language - simple verbs, verbs of agreement, spatial verbs. 6. Deictic pronouns in sign language. 7. Numerals - basic numerals, ordinal numerals, multiple numerals and iconic numerals. 8. Classifiers and specifiers in sign language. 9. Verbal types of sign languages. 10. Classification and typology of languages.			
Recommended reading: 1. ARVENSISOVÁ, M.: Semantic-syntactic and sociopragmatic peculiarities of Slovak sign language interpretation. Banská Bystrica : Belianum, 2017. 172 p. 2. BAKER, A. - van den BOGAERDE, B. - PFAU, R. - SCHERMER, T. (eds.): The Linguistics of Sign Language: An introduction. Amsterdam Philadelphia : John Benjamins Publishing Co., 2016. 378 p. 3. BELÁKOVÁ, M.: Slovak language in primary education 1. Trnava : Faculty of Education, University of Trnava, 2013. 89 s. Available at: < https://pdf.truni.sk/e-ucebnice/sjvpv1/ >. 4. CSONKA, Š. - MISTRÍK, J. - UBÁR, L.: Frequency dictionary of sign language. Bratislava : Slovenské pedagogické nakladateľstvo, 1986. 304 p. 5. DİKYUVA, H. - MAKAROĞLU, B. - ARIK, E.: Turkish Sign Language Grammar. Ankara : The Republic of Turkey Ministry of Family and Social Policies, 2017. 318 p. Available at: < http://turkishsignlanguage.enginarik.com/turkish-sign-language-grammar >. 6. DINGOVÁ, N. - NOVÁKOVÁ, R. et al.: Multimedia exercise book for the subject Czech Sign Language. [DVD]. Prague : Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, 2011. Available at: < https://ujkn.ff.cuni.cz/cs/aktivita/cd-a-dvd-2/ >. 7. JIRÁKOVÁ, K.: Information about personal pronouns in the descriptions of four sign languages. Diploma thesis. Prague : Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, 2019. 130 p. 8. LIŠKOVÁ, K.: Distinguishing between nouns and verbs in Czech Sign Language. Bakalárska práca. Prague : Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, 2020. 64 p.			

9. MACUROVÁ, A.: Towards a typology of sign languages. In. 21, no. 1, pp. 1-7. Available at: < <http://dspace.specpeda.cz/bitstream/handle/0/194/01-07.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>>.
10. MACUROVÁ, A. - ZBOŘILOVÁ, R. et al.: Languages in Deaf Communication: Czech Sign Language and Czech. Prague : Karolinum, 2018. 315 p.
11. ONDRÁŠKOVÁ, Z.: Sign language corpora. Bachelor thesis. Prague : Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, 2017. 131 p.
12. QUER, J. - CECCHETTO, C. - DONATI, C. - GERACI, C. - KELEPIR, M. - PFAU, R. - STEINBACH, M.: SignGram Blueprint: A Guide to Sign Language Grammar Writing. Berlin : Walter de Gruyter GmbH, 2017. 896 p.

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Course evaluation:

Assessed students in total: 58

A	B	C	D	E	FX
16%	34%	16%	17%	10%	7%

Lecturers:

PaedDr. Bc. Roman Vojtechovský, lecturer, examiner, instructor

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