

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY FOR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS

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Abstract: the article discusses some issues of the significance of foreign language proficiency for modern society in general and for oil and gas industry specialists in particular. Some ways of improving the educational process for the study of this discipline in a non-linguistic university are discussed and proposed.

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Currently, knowledge of foreign languages plays an extremely important role in all areas of human and professional activity. Modern society needs highly educated specialists in all areas of production, the oil and gas industry is no exception.

A high-class specialist should have high professional training, independence in making responsible decisions and the ability to predict the consequences of the decision made, be distinguished by a high morale level, mobility, and development dynamics. A specialist with professional skills and experience jobs in the oil and gas sector, besides, having knowledge of a foreign language, is the most in demand on the world market.

It is important to note that knowledge of English at this stage of the development of society is already necessary in everyday life simply because we live in the age of advanced technologies, we all use computers, phones, all kinds of gadgets, where information is provided in English. And proficiency in English, at least at an elementary level, is already just a necessity. Each of us visits supermarkets, where knowledge of English is necessary in order to read and understand any instruction or, when purchasing products, to get acquainted with the composition of this product, etc.

Today's generation has more opportunities to learn foreign languages than in the past. In addition to classes in schools and universities, there is a network of private English schools everywhere language, the opportunity to study with a tutor. But all this is quite expensive, and not everyone has such a financial opportunity.

However, not everyone understands the importance of learning and mastering a foreign language. And some consider it an unnecessary waste of time at all. They motivate this by the fact that there are electronic translators and dictionaries that you can always turn to and use.

It is necessary to convey to modern society the importance of knowledge of a foreign language, to make its study accessible to everyone and to improve the level of teaching a foreign language in all educational institutions, starting from schools and ending with higher educational institutions.

And, of course, there must be a strong personal motivation, which will contribute to mastering a foreign language, will help to understand the meaning of learning and the further prospect of its application. Only then can serious results be achieved.

If a student knows that unlimited employment opportunities around the world will open up to him he will of course try to acquire the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical professional skills, besides knowledge of English, and at an advanced level, will only add to his percentage of competitiveness in employment. The rapid development of all branches of industry and the oil and gas industry, including the increase in production volumes, the opening of new projects has dramatically increased the need for such competent specialists.

Despite the fact that our universities annually graduate a large number of bachelors in the oil and gas field of various profiles, for most oil companies, the task of attracting highly qualified workers, for example, experienced mechanics, engineers, etc., remains urgent to this day.

Statistics show that 71.5% of companies need technical personnel: workers are required by 29% of companies, engineers - 49% of companies. Perhaps there is a high demand for qualified specialists, for example, experienced engineers and drillers with knowledge of a foreign language. It is connected with the expansion of production facilities, the opening of new locations, and the arrival of foreign companies on the Uzbek market [1. p. 82].

It follows that a modern future specialist should have in his arsenal, in addition to theoretical knowledge and practical professional skills, also knowledge of English, if he wants to feel confident and it is comfortable working together in Uzbekistan with invited foreign specialists, or abroad. Specialists who speak a foreign language at a high level, capable of thinking and expressing your thoughts in a foreign language are very much in demand nowadays. In addition, in the light

of the new requirements for the level of bachelor's degree, the ability to perform messages or reports in a foreign language after preliminary preparation is also added. This provides for the participation of specialists in international conferences, where they must make a presentation in a foreign language and must be able to conduct a discussion on a given topic and answer any question.

In addition to the above, it should be added that currently there is a growing demand for specialists with knowledge of international business approaches, knowledge of a foreign language and experience from 8 to 10 years in the oil and gas industry. The industry needs experienced managers who are able to lead certain areas in international or joint ventures and ensure the convergence of Uzbek and foreign approaches [2. p. 229].

A survey was conducted among the students of the Karshi Institute of Engineering and Economics of the Faculty of Oil and Gas on whether it is necessary to study a foreign language at all and whether it really is it is necessary for specialists of the oil and gas industry. Participated in the survey one group consists of 16 students. The survey results showed that all students (100%) recognize the importance of learning English and its application in the modern world, as well as in their future profession. Moreover, 89% consider foreign language proficiency necessary for oil and gas specialists, and only 11% believe that it is not. Consequently, the overwhelming majority of students consider it important to know a foreign language, both for his profession, and for the whole life.

Currently, English is being taught from kindergarten, they continue to study it in schools, then in universities, and only a few have good knowledge and even fewer people use them in life. Among the students of the same group, a survey was conducted regarding what level of knowledge of the English language, in their opinion, they possess, i.e. they were asked to evaluate themselves. The survey showed that 50% of the surveyed students believe that they have a basic level of knowledge of the language, 25% have a level below basic, 18.8% have a good and only 6.2% have a high level of knowledge. As can be seen from the above results, only a small percentage of respondents believe that they have a sufficiently high level of knowledge.

In order to increase the level of knowledge of a foreign language, we need to change a lot, and first of all in our mentality, everyone should to decide for himself whether he wants to know a foreign language at the proper level or not. After all, this is a lot of work and systematic independent work.

Also, to improve the educational process, it is necessary to increase the level of teaching, taking into account modern requirements for the knowledge of students and the use of new educational technologies. It is necessary to conduct classes in classrooms equipped with the latest technology, with interactive whiteboards for feedback from students, with high-speed Internet so that you can have access to the necessary educational programs in the classroom.

According to the results of the survey of students of the above group, the level only 37.5% of students are completely satisfied with teaching a foreign language, 56.3% of students are satisfied, but not completely, and only 6.3% of students are categorically not satisfied.

Based on the surveys conducted, it can be concluded that changes and improvements in the educational process are required. Taking into account the students' desire to improve the system of the educational process and the best assimilation of the material in a foreign language, the following recommendations are offered:

- Increase the number of hours to study this discipline.
- A foreign language as a discipline must be present at each course and always end with an exam.
- Take into account the opinion and wishes of students on the use of teaching methods.
- A business foreign language should be taught not one semester, but at least 4 semesters, along with a foreign language.
- Use interactive teaching methods more often.
- Apply more creative individual tasks in the classroom to stimulate the brain of students in a foreign language.

For more successful mastery of a foreign language, students are recommended the following activities:

- Watch modern movies or TV series with subtitles.
- To translate popular foreign songs.
- Translate excerpts from famous foreign books or scientific

journals.

- Communicate with native English speakers on the Internet.

Summing up the above, it should be noted that English language is the language of the present and the future. A modern highly qualified specialist with the necessary complex of professional skills, fluent in a foreign language will be required in any field, in any country and at any time.

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