

## КАФЕДРА ІНОЗЕМНОЇ МОВИ

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### A VALUE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES FOR LAW STUDENTS

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To know many languages means to have many keys to one lock

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The study of foreign languages for our society has huge value, in fact language, as means of intercourse helps people from many countries to understand, but not to feel, like they were from different planets. In particular at this stage of development knowledge of English language competence has a great value, by the way, this competence is becoming more and more prestigious.

Note that a language is prestigious not only because of the amount of people using it. Though more than a milliard of people speak Chinese, it is not considered a prestigious language.

Sometimes the language prestige is provided by its functioning in a particular sphere. For example, Italian has been the most prestige language in the world of music almost for a few centuries.

A language prestige is often related to its sacral usage: like Sanskrit in India, Latin and Old Church Slavonic in Europe, Arabic – in the countries of moslem world. The separation of the language from prestige functions, for example, from being an official language, reduces its authority and diminishes its resistance to penetration of foreign elements. For example, all languages were officially banned in fascist Spain, except for Kastil language (Spanish).

A language prestige is a variable category. In history there were many examples of languages prestige raising and falling. It depends not on the language, but on the society which is a transmitter of the language, its place and role in mankind progress. There are two methods of increasing a language prestige.

First – through comprehensive development of society on the way of its progress. Second – through squizing other languages by political, military and economic pressure. The prestige of English is determined by the first method.

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