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## STUDENT INDEPENDENT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES THAT DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

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Today's world and society is changing. Young generation is becoming more independent, creative and initiative. The aim of education is to provide students with all the skills necessary to become a successful personality. That's why developing students' leadership skills and abilities is a very important issue of today.

We will consider implementing the education activities that develop leadership qualities of Ukrainian students at Sumy State University using foreign languages (for example, English).

Leadership activities for students may include organizing, writing and presenting information to others, such as participation in conferences or making speeches; solving problems and thinking critically, for example, preparing projects. Extracurricular clubs or participation in international programmes are also popular activities that develop students' leadership qualities. At the Foreign languages department of Sumy State University there is a Student Leadership Office in foreign languages. Every week students meet for regular sessions and try to make speeches, organize debates in English, discuss famous leaders and their ways to communicate with people. We would like to mention that activities for students are enjoyed more if they are held in a way of a game. For example, a game "ice breaker" can help us reinforce our relationships. Such games as "true that double true", "silent line up", "memory game (remembering famous leaders' faces)", quizzes on facts from the lives of famous

leaders and others can help us try the role of a leader and learn to work in a team. After a while students can create their own games and organize them, thus showing the acquired leadership skills.

Another important aspect of such activities is that they help to develop students' talents and gifts providing they are given more freedom of choice while studying and their independence and initiatives are encouraged.

But who is a leader? Using heuristics students try to come up with their own definition of a leader. According to some definitions, a leader is a person who makes the wright decisions. A leader must be confident, responsible, and smart. Enabling others to act and being independent are also important qualities of a leader.

So, we consider weekly sessions of Student Leadership Office in foreign languages which are organised by the Foreign languages department of Sumy State University to be an important extracurricular activity that stimulates students' independence, leadership skills and abilities using the language of international communication. Students of technical majors have an opportunity to practice their English and other necessary skills to become a successful personality.