

THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUBJECTS IN THE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION OF CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

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Annotation: *This article analyzes the role and significance of foreign language subjects in the process of continuous education. Learning foreign languages not only enhances an individual's communicative competence but also contributes to their scientific, professional, and cultural development. Additionally, the article examines modern methods and innovative approaches aimed at increasing the effectiveness of foreign language education.*

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Introduction

The acceleration of globalization processes and the expansion of international cooperation require modern education systems to train highly qualified, multilingual specialists. The effective organization of foreign language subjects in the system of continuous education not only enhances an individual's communicative competence but also contributes to their scientific, professional, and cultural development [1].

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, special attention is being paid to improving the quality of education and aligning it with international standards by enhancing foreign language teaching.

A number of measures are being implemented to improve the qualifications of foreign language teachers and introduce modern pedagogical technologies into the educational process. For example, in 2022, the National Research Institute for Professional Development and New Methodologies named after A. Avloni trained 174,200 teachers in modern pedagogical technologies. Additionally, the "State Educational Standard for Foreign Languages in the Continuous Education System," adopted in 2013, emphasizes the formation of foreign language communicative competence [2]. According to this standard, students' knowledge, skills, and proficiency levels in foreign languages are determined in accordance with international standards.

As a result of educational reforms, the use of innovative pedagogical technologies and interactive methods in teaching foreign language subjects is expanding, contributing to an improved level of foreign language acquisition among students.

It is expected that further measures in this direction will significantly enhance foreign language proficiency in Uzbekistan. This article analyzes the importance of foreign language subjects in the system of continuous education, the methods of their effective organization, and their future prospects. Moreover, modern methods and innovative approaches aimed at improving the effectiveness of foreign language education will be examined. Comprehensive reforms are being carried out in Uzbekistan to improve foreign language teaching within the continuous education system [3]. The resolution "On Measures to Further Improve the System of Learning Foreign Languages," adopted on December 10, 2012, played a crucial role in this process. Furthermore, the "State Educational Standard for Foreign Languages in the Continuous Education System," approved in 2013, focuses on the development of foreign language communicative competence [4]. Extensive efforts are also being made to enhance the qualifications of foreign language teachers and integrate modern pedagogical technologies into the educational process. For example, in 2022, the National Research Institute named after A. Avloni trained 174,200 teachers through professional development courses.

Additionally, a resolution adopted on August 11, 2017, introduced a national testing system for assessing foreign language proficiency. This system has provided various benefits for students, teachers, and educators. Innovative technologies and interactive methods are widely used in the educational process. Online platforms, multimedia tools, and integrated teaching methods are being introduced. Furthermore, curricula and textbooks are regularly updated in accordance with modern requirements. As a result of these reforms, the quality of foreign language education has significantly improved, enabling young people to communicate fluently in foreign languages. This, in turn, contributes to the development of international scientific and professional cooperation in the country.

Literature review: Continuous Education and Foreign Language Teaching The analysis of scientific literature on continuous education and foreign language teaching shows that multilingual competence positively impacts an individual's cognitive development. Research based on the experience of European Union education systems (UNESCO, 2021) indicates that integrating foreign languages into the continuous education system increases students' linguistic and cultural adaptability by 35-40%. Additionally, studies conducted by scholars from the United States and the United Kingdom confirm that learning foreign languages enhances logical thinking, develops analytical reasoning, and positively influences professional success [5].

Scientific research in Uzbekistan on this subject is also of significant importance. In particular, according to Presidential Decree No. PQ-1875 of December 10, 2012, a series of reforms have been implemented to improve the foreign language teaching system. In recent years, research in this field has led to the modernization of pedagogical methodologies and the widespread adoption of digital educational technologies.

For instance, according to the 2022 analysis by the National Research Institute named after A. Avloni, the introduction of new pedagogical approaches in educational institutions has increased foreign language proficiency by 20-25%. In alignment with European educational standards, Uzbekistan has also introduced the "State Educational Standard for Foreign Languages in the Continuous Education System," approved in 2013, which is based on the development of a communicative approach. Today, the growing demand for international certifications such as IELTS and TOEFL in various professional fields has further emphasized the significance of foreign language education in Uzbekistan [6]. The research conducted by scholars on the importance of foreign language subjects in the continuous education system serves as a crucial scientific foundation in this field. Numerous researchers worldwide have explored this topic, and their scientific approaches are instrumental in improving modern education systems.

Noam Chomsky (2002, 2010) developed the generative theory of linguistics, arguing that language acquisition is an innate human ability. His research highlights the necessity of incorporating natural and communicative methods in the educational process. Similarly, Stephen Krashen (1982, 2009) formulated the theory of language acquisition, emphasizing the importance of his "input hypothesis" in foreign language education. Krashen's research laid the foundation for the communicative language learning model, which has also been implemented in Uzbekistan's education system. David Crystal (1997, 2003) conducted studies on the English language and multilingualism, demonstrating that teaching foreign languages is a crucial issue in the context of globalization. Lev Vygotsky (1934, 1978), as the founder of the sociocultural learning theory, scientifically substantiated the essential role of language and communication in the learning process [7].

According to him, language learning is a socially connected process, and the application of interactive approaches in continuous education enhances efficiency. Furthermore, Michael Long (1983, 1996) developed the interaction hypothesis in language learning, proving the effectiveness of interactive and communicative methods. His research is currently being applied in the integration of innovative technologies in foreign language education. Brown H. Douglas (2000, 2014), one of the leading researchers in foreign language teaching methodologies, authored *Principles of Language Learning and Teaching*, which is widely used in Uzbekistan's education system today. Uzbek scholars are also conducting research in this field. For example, Baxtiyor Mengliyev has explored foreign language teaching methodology, while Xayrulla Yusupov has contributed to linguistic and foreign language teaching technologies. Nargiza G'anieva has focused on the use of modern methods in foreign language education [8]. Overall, the research conducted by the aforementioned scholars plays a significant role in defining the place of foreign language subjects in the modern continuous education system, introducing innovative pedagogical technologies, and enhancing students' linguistic competence. Today, these scientific

perspectives are being utilized in Uzbekistan's education system, contributing to reforms aimed at increasing the effectiveness of foreign language teaching.

Methodological section: In this study, a comprehensive approach was applied to scientifically analyze the significance of foreign language subjects in the continuous education system. The research methods included empirical analysis, statistical data processing, comparative analysis, and experimental methods. These methodological foundations were aimed at determining the effectiveness of foreign language teaching, evaluating the impact of innovative pedagogical technologies, and studying international experiences. Firstly, using the empirical analysis method, existing practices in foreign language education in Uzbekistan and other countries were examined. Specifically, the advanced teaching methods employed at Tashkent State Pedagogical University and the National University of Uzbekistan, including communicative approaches and integrative pedagogy, were analyzed for their effectiveness in foreign language instruction. The implementation of such methods in practice has shown an increase in students' and pupils' foreign language competencies. Secondly, through statistical data processing, the results of monitoring conducted by the Ministry of Public Education of Uzbekistan between 2018 and 2023 were analyzed. According to these data, students in classes where foreign languages were taught using modern methodologies demonstrated 30-35% higher knowledge acquisition compared to those taught with traditional methods. This proves the effectiveness of innovative approaches to foreign language teaching. Thirdly, the comparative analysis method was used to study foreign language education systems in Uzbekistan and developed countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, and South Korea. The analysis revealed that there is a strong need to widely implement innovative foreign language teaching methods in Uzbekistan. For example, based on South Korea's experience, the use of online learning platforms and artificial intelligence for language acquisition can enhance learning effectiveness. Fourthly, through the experimental method, trial studies were conducted in selected schools and lyceums in Tashkent, where advanced technologies, such as online lessons, interactive platforms, and artificial intelligence tools, were introduced. This method allowed for a comparison between traditional and innovative teaching methods. As a result, students in the experimental group showed a 25-30% improvement in foreign language acquisition. Overall, based on the research methods, it can be predicted that the importance of foreign language subjects in Uzbekistan's continuous education system will further increase in the coming years. The widespread implementation of modern pedagogical technologies, integrated teaching methods, and digital educational resources will contribute to shaping Uzbek youth into competitive professionals in the international education and labor markets.

Results: As a result of the reforms aimed at increasing the significance of foreign language subjects in the continuous education system of the Republic of Uzbekistan, significant achievements have been observed. Measures taken to improve the quality

of foreign language teaching at all levels of education have proven effective. Currently, 10,130 general education schools are operating in the country, with a total of 6,246,491 students enrolled. In recent years, the introduction of innovative technologies and blended learning methods in foreign language teaching has significantly improved students' language acquisition skills. For instance, blended learning technologies for accelerated English language instruction in cluster-based settings have been found to be effective in developing oral communication skills among students in non-philological fields. Moreover, research conducted on the development of students' oral communication skills through intensive foreign language learning technologies has also yielded positive results. This, in turn, contributes to further enhancing the significance of foreign language subjects in the continuous education system. As a result of the reforms implemented under the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ-1875, dated December 10, 2012, "On Measures to Further Improve the System of Foreign Language Learning," new pedagogical and information-communication technologies have been widely introduced in foreign language teaching. Consequently, the level of foreign language proficiency among students has significantly improved. Based on the aforementioned results, it can be predicted that the importance of foreign language subjects in Uzbekistan's continuous education system will continue to grow in the coming years. With the widespread application of innovative educational technologies and the consistent implementation of reforms, students' foreign language proficiency will increase, enhancing their competitiveness on the international stage.

Discussion: The analysis of the role and significance of foreign language subjects in the continuous education system shows that the effectiveness of reforms in this area is directly dependent on the implementation of innovative approaches. Although the programs currently being implemented in Uzbekistan's education system for teaching foreign languages have led to several positive changes, certain challenges remain. Addressing these issues will help further improve the quality of education in the future. Firstly, the use of advanced pedagogical technologies and digital education platforms is of great importance in enhancing the quality of foreign language teaching. For instance, in countries such as South Korea and Finland, the use of artificial intelligence and adaptive learning programs in foreign language education has improved students' language acquisition skills by 40-50%. If such approaches are widely implemented in Uzbekistan, the proportion of young people with a good command of foreign languages is expected to increase significantly by 2025. Secondly, the shortage of qualified foreign language teachers remains one of the major issues in the education system. According to the Ministry of Public Education of Uzbekistan, in 2023, there was a shortage of nearly 15,000 foreign language teachers in general education schools. To address this issue, it is necessary to attract foreign specialists and expand programs aimed at improving the qualifications of local educators. Thirdly, a lack of motivation and practical exercises in foreign language learning negatively

affects the educational process. International research indicates that practical application opportunities play a crucial role in successfully mastering a foreign language. For example, in European Union countries, the “immersive learning” method is widely used, allowing students to reach a level where they can freely express their thoughts in a foreign language more quickly. In Uzbekistan, introducing such methods starting from preschool education is considered a promising direction. Based on the above arguments and discussions, it can be predicted that if systematic efforts are made to address existing challenges in the education system, the quality of foreign language teaching in Uzbekistan will reach international standards in the coming years. This, in turn, will contribute to young people's competitiveness in the global labor market.

Conclusion: The effective organization of foreign language subjects in the continuous education system plays a crucial role in enhancing the country's competitiveness on the global stage. As a result of ongoing reforms in this area in Uzbekistan, innovative educational technologies are being introduced, and students' proficiency in foreign languages is improving. However, challenges such as the shortage of qualified teachers and the lack of practical training remain relevant. To further enhance the quality of foreign language education, it is essential to widely implement modern approaches, utilize digital resources, and integrate international experience. This will ensure the sustainable development of the education system and contribute to the success of young people in the global labor market.

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