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**FOREIGN LANGUAGE AS A NECESSARY COMPONENT FOR  
SUCCESS OF UKRAINIAN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS  
ABROAD**

Introduction. Knowledge of a foreign language has always been considered a very useful skill. Today, the international language is considered to be English, not only in the world, but also in Ukraine. Nevertheless, it does not mean that with the English language all doors are opened for the whole world. Today we will talk about foreign languages as a necessary component for success of Ukrainian higher education students abroad.

The purpose of the work is to analyze one's own experience of the importance of foreign language proficiency for a student studying abroad.

A man of today should know well at least one foreign language, because an international understanding is of great importance for cooperation. This cooperation is almost impossible without a good command of a foreign language. Various forms of international communication are now developing: international meetings, exhibitions, sporting events, and joint business [1, p.25].

English is becoming a global language or standard world English. And as such, it no longer associates with native speakers, but exists separately, on its own, no longer as American or British. It is the second language for European citizens with a population of almost 500 million. Experts say the English-speaking world is nearly 1.5 billion people [2, p.144].

Let's start with the fact that if you are going to study abroad, then in any case you need a foreign language, especially English. The English language unites foreign students, helps in solving problems and helps to improve your general knowledge of the world. Also it's good to know English when you are going to study in Great Britain, the USA or in Canada. But the majority of

Ukrainian students choose European countries. So, if you are going to study in EU countries, such as Poland, the Czech Republic, Germany, France and so on, then education in English in these countries will cost you a lot. And education in the language of the country you choose will be free in most cases. Moreover, knowing the language of the country, where you are going to study, will help to make your life and communication with others more comfortable, making friends and finding student's job easier.

In this context, I would like to share my own experience. When a large-scale war in Ukraine began, I was forced to leave Ukraine and go to Germany. At that time, I already knew English. And this helped me quickly find my first friends, first flat and solve problems with documents.

By May 2022, I had already finished the 11<sup>th</sup> grade of school in Ukraine and realized that I needed to get higher education. I found out that studying in English in Germany costs about 10,000 Euros per year and studying in German with level C1-C2 is for free. I understood that I had no opportunity to study in English. So I decided to start learning German and I am still learning it.

Though, it was not only the price that pushed me to learn German, but also my stay in Germany. Every month the country implies that you need to learn the German language, as English is known mainly by emigrants or educated Germans. Most conservative Germans do not know or even want to communicate in English.

In addition, I can say that despite of learning German and maybe studying in the future in German at a German university, English will still be a part of me and my life. Now I am studying by correspondence according to the educational program «Secondary Education: English Language and Literature» at Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design. A parallel learning English with German helps me not to forget the English language and to improve my grammar and vocabulary skills.

Conclusion. Having considered the above mentioned, one can conclude that studying a foreign language by Ukrainian students is very important for

successful higher education abroad. Moreover, not only English proficiency, but also the language of the country where you are going to study remains an important factor. An additional language will help you not only with profitable and high-quality education, but also with a detailed study of the country, its culture, people and comfortable life in this country.

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