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Bachelor of Arts in English Language

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❖ PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Program of Bachelor of Arts in English Language is to provide high-quality human resources with professional qualifications and skills to meet the society's labor demands in the linguistic field and a number of interdisciplinary fields. Graduates are equipped with basic knowledge of politics, culture, society and law; in-depth knowledge of English language; and specialized interdisciplinary knowledge in one of the selected career orientations (Translation - Interpretation for Foreign Affairs, English for Economics - Business, or English for Journalism - Communication). Graduates develop the capability to use English fluently in professional activities and a second foreign language in common activities in life and at work. Graduates develop diverse professional and soft skills to work effectively independently and in groups, and to research and self-study for career development. Graduates have political qualities, ethics, social responsibility, and a high ability to adapt successfully in a multicultural and internationally integrated environment.

❖ PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing the Program of Bachelor of Arts in English Language, learners will achieve the following learning outcomes:

| Types of PLOs | PLO description | Level |
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| Knowledge | | |
| PLO 1 | Perceive the general knowledge of social sciences, Marxist-Leninist philosophy, Marxist-Leninist political economy; scientific socialism; Ho Chi Minh's ideology; history of the Communist Party of Vietnam; and state's policies and laws. | 2/6 |
| PLO 2 | Apply foundational knowledge of linguistics, English language and knowledge of culture, literature and society of English-speaking countries to analyze, evaluate, compile and edit English texts, and documents to serve students' career - oriented professional tasks (Translation - Interpretation for Foreign Affairs/English for Economics - Business/English for Journalism - Communication). | 4/6 |
| PLO 3 | Apply knowledge of English for Specific Purposes and complementary knowledge to analyze, evaluate, compile, edit, and translate texts, and documents in professional English and effectively carry out career-oriented professional tasks (Translation - Interpretation for Foreign Affairs/English for Economics - Business/English for Journalism - Communication). | 4/6 |
| Skills | | |
| PLO 4 | Apply fluently English language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing at minimum level 5 on the Six-level Foreign Language Proficiency Framework for Viet Nam, | 5/5 |

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| | equivalent to level C1 CERF, or IELTS score of 7.0. | |
| PLO 5 | Use the second language effectively in basic communication at minimum level 3 on the Six-level Foreign Language Proficiency Framework for Viet Nam, equivalent to level B1 CERF. | 3/5 |
| PLO 6 | Use translation and interpretation skills in students' career - oriented professional tasks. | 3/5 |
| PLO 7 | Combine skills of synthesizing and analyzing information, writing and editing news articles and reports; presenting, paraphrasing, and commenting skills in English to serve career-oriented professional tasks. | 4/5 |
| PLO 8 | Integrate critical thinking skills and research methodologies on linguistics and social sciences into professional work and personal development. | 4/5 |
| PLO 9 | Integrate skills of communication, teamwork, event management, public relations, press relations, interviewing, negotiating, organizing/chairing conferences, etc. into professional tasks in a multicultural and internationally integrated environment. | 4/5 |
| PLO 10 | Apply skills of planning, coordination, leadership and management, problem identification and solving, as well as ability to adapt and integrate in a multicultural environment and international integration. | 3/5 |
| PLO 11 | Master the use of office softwares such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and other updated information technology applications for the future job. | 5/5 |

| Self-reliance and Self-responsibility Capacity | | |
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| PLO 12 | Demonstrate morality, professional awareness, sense of discipline, civic duty, respect to law enforcement, and spirit of serving the people and the country. | 4/5 |
| PLO 13 | Demonstrate self-reliance in work and life, sense of self-study; proactively accumulate experience, and update knowledge to continuously improve professional qualifications. | 4/5 |

❖ PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

1. Program developing principles

Given the variety of students' English proficiency levels upon admission, a comprehensive placement examination is conducted. This evaluation results in students being placed into two English Proficiency level groups: Intermediate level and Advanced level, with details as follows:

a. Intermediate level: based on either of the following two criteria:

- Students who achieve the Intermediate level in the English Placement Tests organized by the English Faculty;
- Students who have an overall IELTS band score of 5.5 or lower or any equivalent international English language certificates recognized in the latest *Internationally - Certified Foreign Language Test Results Conversion Regulations* approved by the President of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.

b. Advanced level: based on either of the following three criteria:

- Students who achieve the Advanced level in the English Placement Tests;
- Students who have an overall IELTS band score of 6.0 or higher or any equivalent international English language certificates recognized in the aforementioned document;
- Students who win prizes in the National/Provincial Excellent Student Contest for English.

Students of Intermediate level are required to complete 02 General English (GE) courses in their first school-year (named GE III and IV), before taking English for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses.

Students of Advanced level are exempt from GE courses, and eligible to take ESP courses from the first semester of their first school-year; thus will have to take 02 additional Specialized Professional Knowledge courses of their choice (elective).

2. The program's structure and learning workload

| No. | Modules | Number of credits for Inter. level (**) | Number of credits for Adv. level (***) | Number of compulsory credits | | Number of elective credits | |
|-----|---|---|--|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Inter. level | Adv. level | Inter. level | Adv. level |
| 1 | General Knowledge (GK)* | 22 | | 22 | | | |
| 1a | General Knowledge on Foundational Politics and Law | 13 | | 13 | | | |
| 1b | Second Foreign Language (SFL) | 09 | | 09 | | | |
| 1c | Digital Competence, Physical Education, National Defense Education* | | | | | | |
| 2 | Professional Knowledge | 90 | | 57 | 51 | 33 | 39 |

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| 2a | General Professional Knowledge (GPK) | 14 | | 14 | | | |
| 2b | Foundational Professional Knowledge (FPK) | 15 | 09 | 15 | 09 | | |
| 2c | Specialized Professional Knowledge (SPK) | 28 | | 28 | | | |
| 2d | Career - oriented Professional Knowledge (C-O PK) | 18 | 24 | | | 18 | 24 |
| | <i>Complementary Professional Knowledge</i> | <i>09</i> | <i>09</i> | | | <i>09</i> | <i>09</i> |
| | <i>Major - related Professional Knowledge</i> | <i>09</i> | <i>15</i> | | | <i>09</i> | <i>15</i> |
| 2e | Professional Skills (PS) | 15 | | | | 15 | |
| 3 | Graduation Preparation (GP) * | 10 | | 10 | | | |
| | Total* | 122 | | 89 | 83 | 33 | 39 |

**The total number of credits (122) excludes the credits of the following modules: Digital Competence, Physical Education, National Defense Education, Career Orientation and Internship. Students are required to complete those modules to qualify for graduation but their scores are not included in the cumulative GPA.*

*** For students of Intermediate level only*

**** For students of Advanced Level only*

3. The program content

3.1. General Knowledge*: 22 credits (all compulsory)

a. General Knowledge on Foundational Politics and Law: 13 credits

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Marxist - Leninist Philosophy | FC.001.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 2 | Marxist - Leninist Political Economy | FC.002.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 3 | Scientific Socialism | FC.003.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 4 | Ho Chi Minh's Ideology | FC.004.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 5 | History of Vietnamese Communist Party | FC.005.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 6 | Introduction to Law | IL.003.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |

b. Second Foreign Language: 09 credits

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Second Foreign Language (I) | | 03 | Foreign Language |
| 2 | Second Foreign Language (II) | | 03 | Foreign Language |
| 3 | Second Foreign Language (III) | | 03 | Foreign Language |

c. Digital Competence, Physical Education, National Defense Education*

| So. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Digital Competence* | IT.002.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 2 | Physical Education* | AAD.001.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 3 | National Defense Education* | AAD.002.08 | 08 | Vietnamese |

* Students are required to complete the modules of Digital Competence, Physical Education, and National Defense Education to qualify for graduation but their scores are not included in the cumulative GPA.

3.2. Professional Knowledge*: 90 credits

a. General Professional Knowledge: 14 credits (all compulsory)

| No | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | History of World Civilizations | FC.007.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 2 | Introduction to Psychology | FC.008.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 3 | Introduction to Sociology | FC.009.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 4 | Introduction to Linguistics | E.001.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 5 | Vietnamese in Use | E.002.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 6 | Contrastive Linguistics | E.003.02 | 02 | Vietnamese |
| 7 | Language, Culture and Society | E.050.02 | 02 | English |

b. Foundational Professional Knowledge (all compulsory):

- For student of Intermediate level: 15 credits (Learning GE III and IV courses in the first year)
- For students of Advanced level: 09 credits (Learning ESP I and II courses in the first year)

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|-----|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | General English (GE) III** | E50.03.03 | 03 | English |
| 2 | GE IV** | E50.04.03 | 03 | English |
| 3 | English Pronunciation in Use | E.004.03 | 03 | English |
| 4 | Theoretical Grammar of English | E.010.02 | 02 | English |
| 5 | English Phonetics and Phonology | E.011.02 | 02 | English |
| 6 | Pragmatics | E.012.02 | 02 | English |

** For students of Intermediate level only.

c. Specialized Professional Knowledge: 28 credits (all compulsory)

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|-----|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | British and American Literature | E.008.02 | 02 | English |
| 2 | Anglo and American Studies | E.009.02 | 02 | English |
| 3 | Discourse Analysis | E.051.02 | 02 | English |
| 4 | Research Methods in Applied | E.005.02 | 02 | English |

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| | Linguistics | | | |
| 5 | Theories of Translation and Interpretation | E50.018.02 | 02 | English |
| 6 | Translation I | E50.019.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 7 | Translation II | E50.020.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 8 | Translation III | E50.021.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 9 | English for Specific Purposes (ESP) I | E50.05.03 | 03 | English |
| 10 | ESP II | E50.06.03 | 03 | English |
| 11 | ESP III | E50.07.03 | 03 | English |

d. Career - oriented Professional Knowledge (all elective)

Based on their career orientation, students choose one out of three combinations of career - oriented elective courses:

- (i) Translation - Interpretation for Foreign Affairs;
- (ii) English for Economics - Business;
- (iii) English for Journalism - Communication,

with details as follows:

- For students of Intermediate level: 18 credits, including 09 credits of Complementary Professional Knowledge and 09 credits of Major - related Professional Knowledge.

- For students of Advanced level: 24 credits, including 09 credits of Complementary Professional Knowledge, 15 credits of Major - related Professional Knowledge.

Students are required to register for a combination of career - oriented elective courses with the DAV English Faculty and the Board of Education before semester III (i.e., semester I of the second year), and are not allowed to change their registration throughout the study process.

Academic advisors and lecturers from the DAV English Faculty guide and assist students in making suitable selection decisions.

(i) Career - orientation 1: Translation-Interpretation for Foreign Affairs

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|---|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Complementary Professional Knowledge | | | | |
| 1 | Contemporary History of International Relations | IR.005.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 2 | Vietnam's Foreign Policy | IR.046.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 3 | Diplomatic Service | IR.025.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| Major - related Professional Knowledge | | | | |
| 4 | ESP IV for International Relations | E50.08.03 | 03 | English |
| 5 | ESP V for International Relations*** | E50.09.03 | 03 | English |

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| 6 | Major Specialization 1 Interpreting I (Intermediate level) | E50.023.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 7 | Major Specialization 2 Interpreting II (Upper-Intermediate level) | E50.024.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |

*** For students of Advanced level only.

(ii) Career - orientation 2: English for Economics - Business

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Teaching and learning language |
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| Complementary Professional Knowledge | | | | |
| 1 | Applied Economics | IE.060.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 2 | International Economic Relations | IE.006.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 3 | International Business | IE.042.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| Major - related Professional Knowledge | | | | |
| 4 | ESP IV for International Economics | E50.10.03 | 03 | English |
| 5 | ESP V for International Economics*** | E50.11.03 | 03 | English |

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| 6 | Major Specialization 1 English for Business Communication | E.054.03 | 03 | English |
| 7 | Major Specialization 2 Translation and Interpretation of Economic-Commercial Content | E.055.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |

*** For students of the Advanced level only.

(iii) Career - orientation 3: English for Journalism - Communication

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|---|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Complementary Professional Knowledge | | | | |
| 1 | Introduction to International Communication | IC.061.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 2 | Print and Online Journalism | IC.011.03 | 03 | English |
| 3 | Media Analysis of International Events | IC.045.03 | 03 | English |
| Major - related Professional Knowledge | | | | |
| 4 | ESP IV for International Communication | E50.14.03 | 03 | English |
| 5 | ESP V for International | E50.15.03 | 03 | English |

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| | Communication*** | | | |
| 6 | Major Specialization 1 English Language for Journalism | E.052.03 | 03 | English |
| 7 | Major Specialization 2 Writing English for Mass Media | E.053.03 | 03 | English |

*** For students of the Advanced level only.

(iv) Additional Major Specialization course (elective and regardless of career orientation) for students of Advanced level

In addition to the career-oriented Major Specialization courses 1 and 2 mentioned above, students of Advanced level choose to take 01 additional Major Specialization course (equivalent to 03 credits) from the following ones:

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|-----|--|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Translation IV (Advanced level) *** | E50.022.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 2 | Translation - Interpretation Practicum *** | E.033.03 | 03 | Vietnamese/ English |
| 3 | English Language Teaching Methodology*** | E.030.03 | 03 | English |

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e. Professional Skills: 15 credits (all elective)

Students choose 05 courses from the list below to complete the required 15 credits of Professional Skills. Academic advisors and lecturers of the DAV English Faculty guide students and assist students in making suitable selection decisions.

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Text Building Techniques | IR.024.03 | 03 | English/ Vietnamese |
| 2 | Public Speaking | E.024.03 | 03 | English |
| 3 | Event Planning | E.025.03 | 03 | English |
| 4 | Public Relations | E.026.03 | 03 | English |
| 5 | Conference Chairing | E.027.03 | 03 | English |
| 6 | Negotiation | E.028.03 | 03 | English |
| 7 | Report Writing | E.029.03 | 03 | English |
| 8 | Critical Thinking | E.041.03 | 03 | English |
| 9 | Leadership and Management | E.042.03 | 03 | English |
| 10 | Academic Writing | E.043.03 | 03 | English |
| 11 | Group Work | E.057.03 | 03 | English |

3.3. Graduation Preparation: 10 credits* (all compulsory)

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Career Orientation* | AAD.036.03 | 03 | Vietnamese |
| 2 | Internship* | E.037.03 | 03 | English/ Vietnamese |

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| 3 | Graduation thesis Or Alternative courses**** | E.038.10 | 10 | English |
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** Students are required to complete the modules of Career Orientation and Internship to qualify for graduation but their scores are not included in the cumulative GPA.*

***** Based on academic results and ability of student, as well as availability of supervisors, students can do a graduation thesis or take the following alternative courses:*

| No. | Course title | Course code | Number of credits | Language of instruction |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Diplomatic Correspondence Writing | E.058.02 | 02 | English |
| 2 | Project Development | E.032.03 | 03 | English |
| 3 | Career Development | E.034.03 | 03 | English |
| 4 | Intercultural Communication | E.035.02 | 02 | English |