

Abstract

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Subject matter: Spanish legal terminology as a part of the lexical system of the language

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Topicality of the research: Nowadays international business relations are actively developing, the number of cross-border transactions where participants belong to different jurisdictions is growing, and many projects at the international level are being carried out, particular components of which may be governed by the laws of different countries. Legal terminology is one of the most sophisticated and popular areas in which the scientific understanding of theory and practice of searching cross-language correspondences is necessary. This fact is the reason for the study of the given terms and it determines the relevance of the linguistic analysis.

Objective of the research is the detection of original features and language specificity that characterizes legal terminology from the structural-semantic point of view, and their introduction into communicative structure based on the Spanish texts, the articles taken from magazines and newspapers.

Tasks of the research:

- to consider «terminology» and «legal terminology» notions and justify their inherent features;
- to analyze thoroughly these types of terms, from lexical, structural and semantic, morphological and semantic points of view;
- to detect and classify linguistic phenomena specific to the legal terms used newspaper articles in Spanish.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research: The theoretical value of the work consists in its contribution into the construction of certain theoretical issues and research related specifically to the pragmatic and linguistic features of legal terms, as well as in the specification of concepts and aspects of the law. The practical significance of the work lies in the possibility of the correct use of different materials and the results of the study at delivering lectures on the language theory and communicative linguistics in general, as well as the results of the research of the language features used in the texts in different areas.

Results of the research: According to the assigned tasks, the study revealed the following results:

Firstly, we analyzed more than 150 legal terms.

Secondly, we explained the basic linguistic terms, necessary for the practical study of legal articles: the concept of «term», «terminology» and «legal terminology». Thirdly, we identified the fundamental characteristics of legal articles, from syntactic, lexical, morphological and semantic points of view.

Recommendations: In this paper we only made an attempt to analyze legal terms with the aim of revealing their peculiarities. A further research perspective is seen in the study of grammatical aspect of legal terms used in Spanish newspapers and articles.