# About

The faculty traces its history back to 1993, when the department of foreign languages separated from the faculty of Philology and on July 1st 1998 it became an independent faculty. It was created to raise the teaching of foreign languages in the region to a higher level of proficiency.

The social impact of the faculty's activity is self-evident. New social and economic conditions in the Republic of Belarus as well as its joining the global community created great opportunities for cooperation in all spheres of public and private life, which generated a huge demand for foreign languages as a means of communication.

Today the faculty comprises three departments: the Department of the English Language, the Department of Theory and Practice of the English Language and the Department of Romano-Germanic Philology. Teaching and educational process is conducted by 98 lecturers, 10 of them have Candidates of Science (Ph.D.) degree.

The faculty carries out academic research in such fields as lexicology and history of the German languages, pronunciation culture, information and interactive technologies of foreign languages teaching. The results of scientific research are reported monthly at the sessions of the scientific seminar "Important issues in linguistics and methodology of language teaching", and are published in the faculty's scientific journal "Issues in linguistics and methodology of language teaching".

To intensify and develop the educational process, the faculty lecturers employ various teaching methods, including video lessons, project lessons, problem solving and creative tasks. The faculty has rooms equipped with personal computers, electronic tutorials, audio and video libraries in foreign languages.

The faculty has an extensive network of partnerships with the cultural departments of the Embassies of Great Britain, Germany, France and the USA, including student exchange programmes. 2008 saw the establishment of constructive cooperation with Chernigov State University and Nezhin State University named after N.V.Gogol. Что ещё?

**The faculty's main priorities:**

* teaching languages and introducing students to social and cultural life of foreign countries;
* working out modern models of teacher training;
* teaching foreign languages and cultures through comparison with the native language and culture.

The faculty trains teachers of foreign languages (English, German and French). Students acquire deep theoretical knowledge in linguistics and get extensive practical skills in teaching.

The training process is carried out both by internal tuition (4 years) and part-time study (5 years); internal tuition can be provided free of charge or on paid basis. Gifted students are encouraged by various kinds of scholarships given for success in academic research and extracurricular activities.