**Explanatory note**

The educational package "Linguistics of discourse" is provided for the postgraduate training in the educational establishment "Francisk Skorina Gomel State University”, the specialty: 1-21 80 02 "Theoretical and applied linguistics".

The package is designed to focus on the modern educational process on the implementation of a competence-based approach to the training of specialists of the second stage of higher education (master's degree), as well as taking into account the modern concept of organizing master's training in the specialty 1-21 80 02 "Theoretical and applied Linguistics" and the modern concept of organizing independent work of postgraduates.

The ***aim*** of the package is to form a scientific understanding of postgraduates about the organization and functioning of discourse as an object of linguistics and about discursive analysis as a method of linguistic research.

The main ***objectives*** of this package are:

- to form an appropriate conceptual and terminological base for postgraduates;

- to get postgraduates acquainted with the problems, goals and methodology of discursive analysis, trends in its development; aspects of the functioning of interactive units of discourse, its tactical and strategic component, etc.;

- to ensure the application of the acquired linguistic knowledge in the preparation of master's thesis.

As a result of studying the discipline "Linguistics of discourse", a postgraduate is supposed:

***To know:***

- the compositional structure of discourse from the positions of different discursive theories and methods of analysis; the semantic organization of discourse, its main components; the categories of discourse; the communicative and meta-communicative components of scientific, educational and some other types of discourse and their varieties;

- differences between the concept of discourse and related concepts, in particular functional style, text, speech, etc.

***To obtain the skills:***

- to navigate the approaches and aspects of discourse analysis and properly choose a research perspective that meets the scientific interests of undergraduates when writing master's thesis;

- to work with different types of discourses; master the technologies of segmentation of discourse, methods of interpretation of the general meaning of the discourse and its individual segments;

- to independently conduct a theoretical analysis and approaches proposed in the discursive analysis, as well as independently analyze tactical-strategic, speech-action, categorical, etc. levels of discourse in the process of preparing master's thesis.

The package "Linguistics of discourse" consists of three sections:

1) "Discourse as an object of linguistics”;

2) "Structure, semantics and pragmatics of discourse”;

3) "Typology of discourse".

The study of the sections is completed with final surveys, test tasks and the defense of abstracts on the proposed topic in order to test the assimilation of the studied material. Independent study of this discipline involves independent assimilation of material on issues of this type of discourse as an educational one and provides for consideration of aspects of the genre organization and components of the educational discourse, its tactical-strategic and speech-act structure, as well as linguistic and cultural features.