**Explanatory note**

The training package "Primary areas of theoretical linguistics" is provided for in the curriculum of the master's training in the educational establishment "Francisk Skorina Gomel State University, the specialty: 1-21 80 02 "Theoretical and applied linguistics".

The package is designed taking into account the orientation of the modern educational process to 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 educational package is to form a clear understanding of the main directions of theoretical linguistics, the multidimensional nature of a language and methods of its study, as well as to develop practical skills in general linguistic analysis of language phenomena in the framework of solving professional problems.

The main ***objectives*** of using this pachage are:

- introducing postgraduates to the range of the main theories of linguistic science, acquaintance with the main problems, goals and methods of scientific linguistic research;

- forming a clear understanding of the history of the development of linguistic thought and linguistic paradigms and schools among undergraduates;

- developing skills to assess the role of the previous stages in the development of linguistics in the formation of modern linguistics;

- developing general linguistic analysis skills required in the professional field;

- generalizing and systematizing knowledge acquired as a result of studying other linguistic disciplines;

- forming the conceptual and terminological base for the preparation of postgraduates for the development of more specific disciplines of the linguistic cycle.

As a result of using the package a master student is:

***To know:***

- the place of linguistics in the humanities and the place of theoretical linguistics in the system of linguistic disciplines, the subject and object of linguistics; its goals and objectives, problems of modern linguistic theory;

- the main provisions and concepts of linguistic theory; the specifics of the previous stages of the development of linguistic thought, the uniqueness of the current state of linguistics and the prospects for its development;

- terminological apparatus and the basics of linguistic analysis used in various theoretical areas.

***To be able to:***

- to be guided in the directions of theoretical linguistics; to interpret and creatively comprehend various positions of linguistic theories; to critically evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of various theoretical directions;

- intelligently choose and competently use various methods for independent research activities, evaluate the prospects for their application; rely on various theoretical approaches in solving research problems.

The pachage "Primary areas of theoretical linguistics" consists of four sections:

1) «Linguistics as a science. Theoretical linguistics and its tasks»;

2) «Comparative-historical study of the language»;

3) «Structural and systemic language learning»;

4) «Anthropocentric linguistics".

The study of each 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 the issues of the tiered structure of the language, namely, aspects of the lexical and syntactic organization of the language.