



## **CURRENT ISSUES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATION**

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### **Abstract**

This article presents the justification for using advanced technologies in foreign language teaching to enhance the quality of the learning process. It also discusses how the use of special techniques in teaching foreign language students new content can motivate actions, develop independent thinking skills, and simultaneously activate creative thinking, improving the ability to demonstrate creative abilities.

**Keywords:** Innovative methods, technology, competence, higher education, information technologies, foreign languages.

### **Introduction**

At present, innovative technologies are being maximally utilized in the educational process at higher education institutions in our country. From time to time, seminars, trainings, and conferences are held on the introduction of innovative technologies. Specialists of higher vocational education, school teachers, and university teachers from foreign countries participate in these events. In the modern information society, the goal of higher education is to shape a well-developed individual, to bring out the abilities of creative individuals in social and professional fields. In this regard, there is an urgent need for fundamental changes in the educational process at higher educational institutions. Today, there is a wide range of teaching methods available, and these methods are highly effective. Modern society demands the search for and utilization of more advanced methods and technologies. Innovative teaching methods elevate the educational process to a higher level. A modern English language lesson cannot be imagined without educational technologies, and the effectiveness of using technology has been proven to be significantly higher. Any technology must be understandable when used by teachers and students in various educational settings.



Here are several methods that are considered innovative approaches in foreign language teaching:

**Interactive Teaching Method-** In this method, students conduct interactive lessons in the international departments they are enrolled in. By utilizing virtual platforms and connecting with online instructors, interactive learning is created for students through online questions and tasks to enhance their foreign language learning.

**Final Projects and Practical Activities-** To foster interest in foreign languages and support students in writing articles, making reports, engaging in discussions, and other practical activities, it is beneficial to organize projects and practical sessions.

**International Cooperation-** By establishing international cooperation between teachers and students, it is possible to search for and implement advanced teaching methods in foreign language education through establishing connections with schools, educators, youth, and higher education institutions in other countries.

**Self-Assessment System-** To motivate students and assist in their learning, self-assessment systems are established. In these systems, students can assess their own learning outcomes and processes, and can explore and support new effective teaching methods and materials.

**Use of Technologies-** The use of technologies, such as online dictionaries, articles, online lessons, presentations, and interactive teaching tools, is one of the useful methods to enhance foreign language learning for students.

Additionally, there are several methodological methods available to develop the use of technology in teaching English, and they are as follows:

**STEM and STEAM Education-** STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) or STEAM (STEM + Arts) teaching methods are used to support students in applying theoretical knowledge to practical use. In this method, students are provided opportunities to improve their skills in these fields through activities



such as consuming technology, visualization, designing, and participating in other practical exercises.

### 1. **Adaptive Learning Platforms:**

Educational platforms that use technology can help create lessons that match each student's personalized learning direction and assist in adapting the learning process. These platforms enhance the quality of education by allowing the creation of individualized learning plans based on students' data.

**Blended Learning-** Blended learning, or combined teaching, involves integrating traditional teaching methods with online education. This method provides students with an opportunity to learn through interactive lessons, online resources, virtual laboratories, and traditional classes, thereby ensuring a comprehensive learning experience.

**Flipped Classroom Model-** The flipped classroom model changes traditional teaching, where students engage in exercises and practice during class time by learning their study materials in advance. They prepare through online videos and discuss important questions with their teachers during class time.

**Collaborative Learning-** Education using technology helps enhance students' collaborative learning and discussions. Through online platforms like forums, chats, and communities, students exchange ideas and work together with their peers.

**Assessment Technologies-** New assessment technologies, such as online tests, automatic evaluations, and self-assessment tools, help students assess their knowledge and identify areas for improvement in their learning. These technologies play a significant role in determining the students' progress in their educational paths.

### **Conclusion**

These methods are innovative approaches used in various ways. Teachers and students can choose the ones that suit them best and help achieve desired results. That methodological methods help improve the quality of education using technology, make the learning process more effective, and create opportunities for students to explore innovative ideas.

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