Teaching Legal English to Russian students across borders

Our teaching methodology has been changed greatly thanks to new opportunities and challenges that we are facing now. IT technologies have made it possible to integrate and develop the essential language and professional skills via online communication with foreign lawyers and universities. Thanks to international long-term cooperation with South Illinois Law School, our students have the unique opportunity not only to improve their command of legal English, but to acquire basic knowledge of the USA legal system and universal practical skills of advocacy. Regular video conferences provide students motivation to study legal English, the instrument for professional communication and apply their skills in practice.

The last video sessions devoted to developing advocacy skills for Moot Court presentation arranged by South Illinois Law School were new and challenging for our students. It was for the first time when our students were to give feedback and demonstrate the acquired skills. It has been proven that on-line teaching may be effective both in lecturing and interactive forms. IT technologies let teachers not only survive in this chaotic time of global collapse, but to revise and update teaching methodology.