

**THE HARMONY OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE:
THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES OF LINGUOCULTUROLOGY**

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ABSTRACT

This article examines the interaction between language and culture within the framework of linguoculturology and discourse through a cognitive-pragmatic approach. The main objective of the study is to identify how cultural meanings are constructed and transmitted through linguistic units. The research is based on the theory of linguistic relativity, semiotic approaches, and modern discourse analysis. The findings demonstrate that language functions not only as a means of communication but also as a mechanism for encoding and decoding cultural experience. Furthermore, the study highlights the practical significance of linguoculturology in translation studies, foreign language teaching, and intercultural communication. The results contribute to the development of new theoretical perspectives at the intersection of linguistic and cultural studies.

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linguoculturology, discourse, concept, cognitive approach, pragmatics, language and culture, mentality, intercultural communication

The study of the relationship between language and culture has become one of the most significant directions in modern linguistics, and within this framework, linguoculturology has emerged as an interdisciplinary field that enables the analysis of national mentality, worldview, and cultural values through language. Linguoculturology examines the deep interconnection between language and culture, emphasizing that language is not merely a tool for communication but also a system that preserves, transmits, and reflects cultural knowledge. This perspective is strongly supported by the theory of linguistic relativity proposed by Edward Sapir and Benjamin Lee Whorf, who argued that human perception of reality is shaped by the structure of language. Furthermore, V. N. Telia emphasized that language functions as a mechanism for encoding cultural experience, embedding historical memory and collective consciousness within linguistic forms.

The formation of linguoculturology as a scientific discipline can be traced back to the late twentieth century, when it developed in close interaction with cognitive linguistics, cultural studies, and semiotics. In particular, the semiotic approach developed by Yuri Lotman provided a theoretical foundation for understanding culture as a system of signs, in which language plays a central role as both a coding and decoding mechanism. Within this framework, the concept becomes a key analytical unit, as it encapsulates culturally significant meanings, values, and stereotypes shared by a linguistic community. For instance, certain culturally loaded notions such as “guest,” “honor,” or “blessing” in Uzbek culture extend beyond their lexical meanings and represent complex cultural constructs that reflect social norms and ethical values.

Modern research in linguoculturology demonstrates that the relationship between language and culture is not unidirectional but rather a dynamic and reciprocal process, in which culture shapes language while language simultaneously influences and maintains cultural structures. This interaction has gained particular importance in the context of globalization, where increased intercultural contact

necessitates a deeper understanding of cultural differences and similarities. In this regard, the cultural dimensions theory developed by Geert Hofstede provides valuable insights into cross-cultural variation and serves as an important methodological tool for linguoculturological analysis. Additionally, contemporary approaches such as discourse analysis, cognitive linguistics, and pragmatics further expand the scope of linguoculturology by examining how language functions in real communicative contexts.

The practical implications of linguoculturology are especially evident in translation studies, foreign language teaching, and intercultural communication. In translation, it is essential not only to convey the lexical meaning of words but also to preserve their cultural connotations, as failure to do so may result in misinterpretation or loss of meaning. Therefore, linguoculturology provides a theoretical and methodological basis for achieving culturally adequate translation. Similarly, in language education, incorporating a linguoculturological approach allows learners to develop not only linguistic competence but also cultural awareness, which is crucial for effective communication in a globalized world.

In conclusion, linguoculturology represents a vital branch of modern linguistics that reveals the inseparable connection between language and culture. By analyzing linguistic expressions of cultural knowledge, it contributes to both theoretical understanding and practical applications in various fields. As a result, linguoculturology continues to play a crucial role in addressing the challenges of intercultural communication and advancing the study of language in its cultural context.

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