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Formation of Humanistic Values of Future Foreign Language Teachers in the Process of Studying Social and Humanitarian Disciplines: Empirical Findings

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Abstract

The paper is aimed at analysing the current state of humanistic values formation of future foreign language teachers in the process of studying social and humanitarian disciplines. The research was carried out at Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University (Ukraine). The experiment involved 268 students, majoring in 014 Secondary education (Language and literature (English)). The following methods were used: analysis, comparison, classification and systematization of theoretical data, observation, methods of mathematical statistics and complex pedagogical diagnostics, generalisation, etc. The results have showed a low level of humanistic values formation of future foreign language teachers. It is explained by the fact that the disciplines, containing humanistic elements, are studied as separate academic disciplines without their tight correlation and applied format; humanistic potential implementation of social and humanitarian disciplines is not provided in syllabi of those disciplines and information on humanistic ideals is only illustrated. The results of the study reveal the essential difficulties in students' humanistic values formation. The identified difficulties have led authors to the conclusion that there is a need for developing new approaches to improving the process of humanistic values formation in future foreign language teachers by means of social and humanitarian disciplines. The ways to overcome the difficulties have been suggested.

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