DISTANCE COURSES DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER-ASSISTED LANGUAGE LEARNING

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Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL), which was started in 1960-s [1], came into favor in the early 1980s, and explores the use of digital devices in language learning and teaching [2], at the current stage of its development, can be characterized by various approaches, such as computer-mediated communication, virtual learning environment, mobile-assisted language learning, Web-based distance learning, etc.

There are 2 distance courses designed in Moodle environment and launched on the platform of the National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute": "Debut" and "Debut 1" (the presentation sections are shown in Fig. 1).
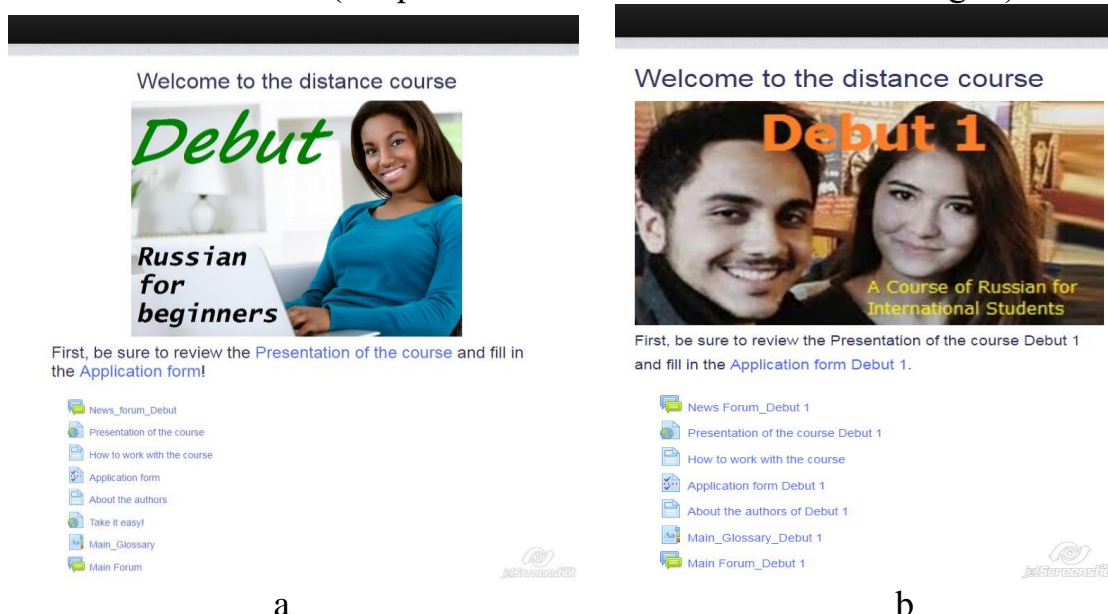

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Fig. 1. Presentation sections (a – "Debut"; b – "Debut 1")

The courses are intended for international Russian language learners and include a range of materials to give them essential skills and knowledge they need for Russian reading, speaking, and writing up to A2 ("Debut") and B1 ("Debut 1") according to Council of Europe language descriptor. Each course consists of a presentation section (news forum, presentation of the course, instructions on how to work with the course, etc.) and 8 lessons (working plan for a week, vocabulary, text and dialogues, grammar, exercises, Russian-English glossary; forum of the lesson).

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