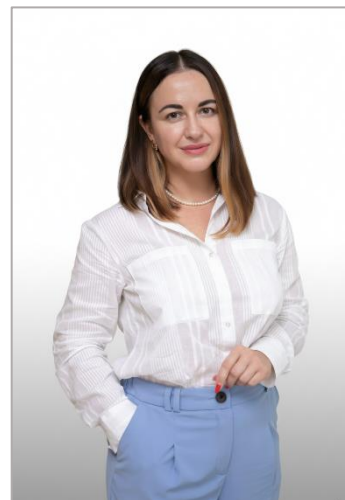


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## Professional Profile

My main research and practical interests focus on non-formal education, management of educational and youth initiatives, civic engagement, national identity, and the intercultural communicative competence of student youth. I combine teaching activities with the coordination of student upbringing work and sociocultural development in higher education, implementing innovative approaches to fostering a successful personality amidst contemporary challenges. I actively participate in international educational programs and develop projects dedicated to psychological resilience and effective communication in education.

## Work Experience

- September 1, 2026 – Present  
Director of the Center for Sociocultural and Youth Development Sumy National Agrarian University
- 2024 – 2026  
Head of the Department for the Organization of Educational Work with Students Sumy National Agrarian University
- 2024 – Present  
Senior Lecturer, Department of State and Legal Disciplines and Ukrainian Studies Sumy National Agrarian University
- 2022 – 2024  
Deputy Director for Educational Work, Head of the "Ecological and Naturalist Department" of Sumy Regional Center for Extracurricular Education and Work with Talented Youth
- 2008 – 2022  
Methodologist of Sumy Regional Center for Extracurricular Education and Work with Talented Youth
- 2004 – 2024  
Extracurricular Club Leader of Sumy Regional Center for Extracurricular Education and Work with Talented Youth (since 2009 – Club Leader-Methodologist)

## Education

- **PhD in Pedagogical Sciences (Doctor of Philosophy) | July 4, 2017**  
Sumy State Pedagogical University named after A.S. Makarenko | Sumy, Ukraine  
*Specialty:* 13.00.01 – General Pedagogy and History of Pedagogy  
*Dissertation Topic:* "Organizational and Pedagogical Foundations of International Cooperation in the Field of Non-Formal Education of Children and Student Youth" *EQF Level:* 8
- **Master's Degree | 2008**  
Municipal Establishment "Sumy Regional Institute of In-Service Pedagogical Education" | Sumy, Ukraine  
*Specialty:* Educational Institution Management *EQF Level:* 7
- **Specialist Degree | 2007**  
Sumy State Pedagogical University named after A.S. Makarenko | Sumy, Ukraine  
*Qualification:* Teacher of Ukrainian Language and Literature, English Language and Foreign Literature *EQF Level:* 7

## Research & Teaching Focus

My research interests encompass issues of non-formal education, pedagogical support for youth, the development of intercultural communicative competence among future agricultural specialists, and the formation of national identity and active civic position among students. I work on improving managerial and educational processes in academic institutions, integrating domestic and international best practices.

## Selected Publications

1. Zayarna, V. (2026). Polikulturna komunikatyvna kompetentnist maibutnikh fakhivtsiv ahrarnoi haluzi yak instrument mizhnarodnoi vzaiemodii [Intercultural communicative competence of future agricultural specialists as a tool for international cooperation]. Proceedings of the II International Scientific and Practical Conference "International and intercultural communication in shaping Ukraine's image: development strategies". Kyiv, 2026. P. 64–66. [in Ukrainian]
2. Zayarna, V. S. (2026). Komunikatyvni praktyky u formuvanni natsionalnoi identychnosti studentskoi molodi [Communicative practices in shaping the national identity of student youth]. Culture, Science, Education: Meaning-Making Values in Modern Conditions. 2026. [in Ukrainian]
3. Zayarna, V. S. (2023). Pedahohichniy STEM-kovorkinh yak skladova pidvyshchennia yakosti pozashkilnoi osvity [Pedagogical STEM coworking as a component of improving the quality of extracurricular education]. Collection of Scientific and Practical Conference Proceedings, 2023. P. 79–80. [in Ukrainian]
4. Zayarna, V. S. (2022). Formuvannia aktyvnoi hromadianskoi pozytsii pidrostaiuchoho pokolinnia zasobamy STEAM-osvity v umovakh zakladu pozashkilnoi osvity [Formation of the active civic position of the younger generation by means of STEAM education in an extracurricular institution]. 2022. [in Ukrainian]
5. Zayarna, V. S. (2016). Zmistovi zasady rozbudovy mizhnarodnoho spivrobotnytstva YeS u sferi neformalnoi osvity ditei ta uchnivskoi molodi [Content principles of developing EU international cooperation in the field of non-formal education of children and student youth]. Pedagogical Sciences: Theory, History, Innovative Technologies, 2016. No. 5 (59). P. 435–442. [in Ukrainian]
6. Zayarna, V. S. (2015). Vzaiemodiia pozashkilnykh navchalnykh zakladiv ta instytutiv sotsializatsii u protsesi vykhovannia pidrostaiuchoho pokolinnia [Interaction of extracurricular educational institutions and socialization institutes in the process of upbringing the younger generation]. Bulletin of Chernihiv National Pedagogical University, 2015. No. 125. P. 69–72. [in Ukrainian]

## Languages

- Ukrainian – Native / C2
- English – Proficient / Professional Working Proficiency (certified English teacher qualification)

## Additional Information

- Professional Memberships: Member of the Union of Scientists of Ukraine (Membership card SN No. 000536).

## Continuing Professional Development & Internships:

- February 21 – April 5, 2026 – International Internship / Professional Development: "Psychological Resilience and Effective Communication in Education in Crisis Situations" (Winnipeg, Canada), Certificate CUP-0958 (180 hours / 6 ECTS credits).
- March 25 – 31, 2026 – Speaker at the VII International Intersectoral Scientific and Practical Online Conference "Culture, Science, Education: Meaning-Making Values in Modern Conditions" within the framework of the XVII International Exhibition "Modern Educational Institutions–2026", Certificate No. KNO-0326/129 (60 hours / 2 ECTS credits).