## **Abstract:**

This bachelor's thesis focuses on the issue of interchangeability between the preterite and the perfect tense in the German language. The aim of the study is to analyze and understand the factors influencing the choice between these grammatical tenses and to examine how this interchangeability can affect the comprehension and interpretation of communication. The thesis is grounded in a theoretical framework of linguistics, applying it to real examples from authentic texts. The research also includes an analysis of the perception of politeness in connection with the choice between these tenses. The results of this work may contribute not only to the academic field of linguistics but also to the teaching of German and understanding language nuances in communicative practice.