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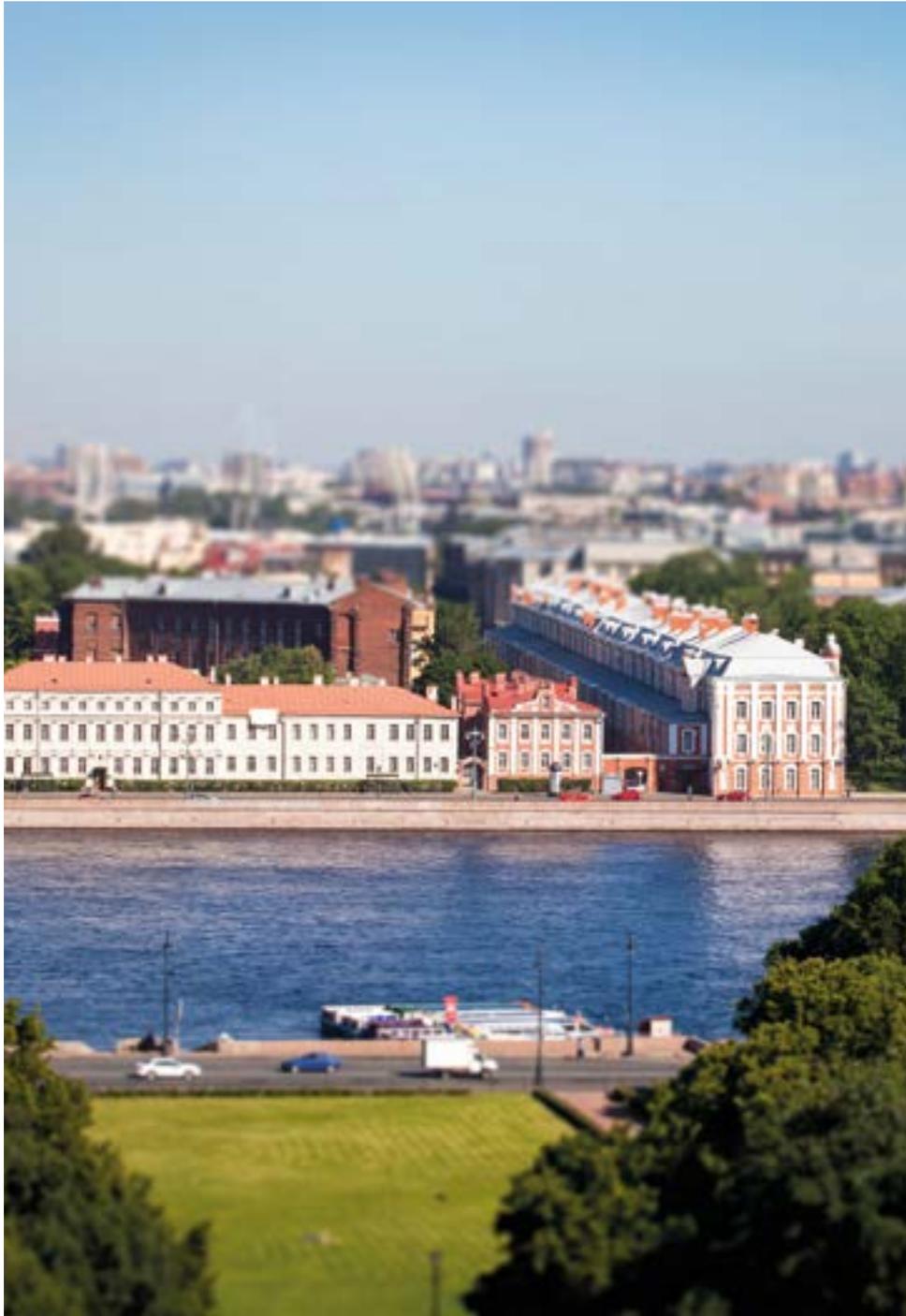
Russia



# St. Petersburg University

2014





# Why SPbU?

St. Petersburg University (SPbU) is a leading classical university in Russia. Today, it continues to maintain its leading position in higher education and is ranked among the world's best universities.

SPbU was founded in 1724 by Peter the Great as the first Russian secular institution of higher education, which adhered to the classical tradition of European universities. Being part of the Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg University from the very beginning focused largely on fundamental research, at the same time training professionals capable of contributing to Russia's economic development and political reforms.

## **Advantages of studying in SPbU:**

- Research is integrated into learning
- Bilingual Diploma: in Russian and English languages
- Enhanced opportunities for career development
- European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)
- Practice and traineeships in leading Russian and foreign companies
- Access to research and technological resources
- Modern educational technologies

St. Petersburg University maintains its traditions but is also open to innovation. If you give serious thought to your future and strive for a great career, you may be sure that it is here, at SPbU, that you will be able to develop your talents and abilities.

**The SPbU Strategic Plan 2020 approved by the Russian Government targets six priority fields of research and academic development:**

- 1. Nanotechnology and Materials Science**
- 2. Biomedicine and Human Health**
- 3. Ecology and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources**
- 4. Information Systems and Technology**
- 5. Human Resource Management and Technologies**
- 6. Research of Social Processes and Technologies**

# Famous SPbU Alumni

## Nobel Prize winners



1. **Nikolay Semenov**, a physical chemist.  
The 1956 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, for his development of the chain reaction theory.
2. **Leonid Kantorovich**, a mathematician and economist.  
The 1975 Nobel Prize in Economics, for his contribution to the theory of optimum allocation of resources
3. **Lev Landau**, a physicist.  
The 1962 Nobel Prize in Physics, for his work on the theory for condensed matter, especially liquid helium
4. **Wassily Leontief**, an economist.  
The 1973 Nobel Prize in Economics
5. **Ivan Pavlov**, a physiologist.  
The 1904 Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology, for his work on the physiology of digestion
6. **Aleksandr Prokhorov**, a physicist.  
The 1964 Nobel Prize in Physics, for his inventions in the field of laser technology
7. **Ilya Mechnikov**, a biologist.  
The 1908 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine

## 20th century alumni



1. **Vladimir Putin**, President of the Russian Federation
2. **Mikhail Piotrovsky**, a historian and orientalist, an expert in Arab studies and Islamic studies. Director of the State Hermitage
3. **Lyudmila Verbitskaya**, a linguist, Full Professor, SPbU President, President of the Russian Academy of Education
4. **Dmitry Medvedev**, Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation
5. **Grigory Perelman**, a Russian mathematician who was the first to solve the Poincaré conjecture
6. **Tatyana Kazankina**, a triple Olympic champion in athletics, a world and Olympic record-breaker. An Honoured Master of Sports of the USSR
7. **Boris Strugatsky**, a Russian author, scriptwriter and translator. In collaboration with his brother Arkady, he wrote several scores of books, which have become modern popular science fiction classics
8. **Anatoly Karpov**, the twelfth world champion in chess, an international grand-master. An Honoured Master of Sports of the USSR



# SPbU in Numbers

30 000 students

6 000 staff members

1 500 full professors among  
the academic staff

1 700 international students  
in 2013-2014

400 buildings

21 high-tech resource centers

a library collection of over 7 mln items

300 partner universities

76 undergraduate programmes  
and 132 Master programmes in 2014

# Educational Programmes

- SECONDARY GENERAL EDUCATION — SPbU Academic Gymnasium
- NON-UNIVERSITY LEVEL HIGHER EDUCATION — SPbU Medical College and SPbU College of Physical Culture and Sports, Economics and Technology
- BACHELOR STUDIES / SPECIALIST DEGREE STUDIES
- MASTER STUDIES
- DOCTORAL STUDIES (*aspirantura, doktorantura*)
- MEDICAL INTERNSHIP, CLINICAL RESIDENCY
- ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES



In 2014, SPbU holds admissions to the following bachelor and specialist degree programmes:

## I. PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, ENGINEERING SCIENCES

- Astronomy
- Mathematical Support and Administration of Information Systems
- Mechanics and Mathematical Modelling
- Applied Informatics in Arts and Humanities
- Applied Informatics
- Applied Mathematics, Fundamental Informatics and Programming
- Applied Mathematics, Physics and Control Processes
- Applied Physics and Mathematics
- Programming and Information Technology
- Software Engineering
- Radiophysics
- Physics
- Fundamental Mathematics and Mechanics
- Fundamental Informatics and Information Technology

## II. NATURAL SCIENCES

- Biology
- Geography
- Geology
- Hydrometeorology
- Land Use and Cadastres
- Cartography and Geoinformatics
- General Medicine
- Petroleum Engineering
- Soil Science
- Dental Medicine
- Chemistry
- Chemistry, Physics and Material Mechanics
- Ecology and Subsurface Management
- Ecology and Nature Management

## III. SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Business Informatics
- Asian and African Studies
- Public Administration
- Journalism
- Clinical Psychology
- Conflictology
- International Relations
- Management
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Tourism
- Personnel Management
- Economics
- Law

## IV. HUMANITIES

- History
- Linguistics
- Applied Ethics
- Religious Studies
- Philology
- Philosophy

## V. CULTURE AND ART

- Stage and Film Actor
- Vocal Performance
- Applied Art and Vernacular Arts
- Design
- Arts and Humanities
- History of Arts
- Cultural Studies
- Museology and Conservation of Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites
- Instrumental Music
- Restoration
- Animated Cartoon Artist



## Undergraduate level

Bachelor programmes: 4 years  
 Specialist degree programmes:  
 5 years or more

## Postgraduate level

Master programmes: 2 years  
 Residency training: 2 years  
 Internship training: 1 year  
 First doctoral degree programmes  
 (Degree of *kandidat nauk*): 3 years  
 or more  
 Additional educational programmes

\*After graduating and doctoral dissertation defense you may attain the PhD SPbU degree.

## Master programmes taught in English (2014):

- **Corporate Finance (MCF)**  
Main field of study – Management
- **Game Theory and Operation Research**  
Main field of study – Applied Mathematics and Computer Science
- **Global Communication and International Journalism**  
Main field of study – Journalism
- **International Relations**  
Main field of study – International Relations
- **International Trading System**  
Main field of study – Economics
- **Legal Translation & Interpreting**  
Main field of study: Linguistics
- **Management (MIM)**  
Main field of study: Management
- **Political Governance and Public Policy**  
Main field of study: Political Science
- **Sociology**  
Main field of study: Sociology  
and a **Double Degree Executive MBA (EMBA) programme**

## Master programmes taught in other languages (2014):

- **Innovative Technologies of Translation: French / Spanish / Italian**  
(taught in French / Spanish / Italian languages)  
Main field of study – Linguistics
- **Intercultural Communication: German-Russian Dialogue / Interlinguale Kommunikation als Kulturdialog**  
(taught in German)  
Main field of study – Linguistics
- **Theory and Practice of Verbal Communication: German / Theorie und Praxis verbaler Kommunikation: Deutsch**  
(taught in German)  
Main field of study – Linguistics



# How to apply?

<b>Fee-paying (contractual) basis</b>	<b>Places funded by Russian Government (Scholarships)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TORFL (for programmes taught in Russian)</li> <li>- An admissions test</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Admission:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit an application to the educational programme (programmes) of your choice.</li> <li>2. Pass the admissions tests.</li> <li>3. If you are successful at the admissions tests, sign a contract with St. Petersburg University.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Admission:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact <i>the Rossotrudnichestvo</i> (the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation) agency (<a href="http://rs.gov.ru">rs.gov.ru</a>) or Embassy of the Russian Federation in your country.</li> <li>2. Submit the required set of documents.</li> <li>3. Choose St. Petersburg University in the application form.</li> </ol>
<p><i>Application period: starting in March and ending in July</i></p>	<p><i>Application period: ending in March</i></p>



# The Russian Language and Culture Institute

Students from over 95 countries of the world study at SPbU every year. Most of the University programmes are taught in Russian; this is why the Institute has become a starting point for every international student wishing to enroll at SPbU and join the university community.

Each student or graduate has an opportunity to take the Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL) and obtain a state certificate indicating the level of language competence.

The Russian language programmes vary in level, duration, intensity and professional focus.

The Institute offers both group and individual instruction. The standard course of Russian for foreign language speakers includes group instruction of 20 academic hours per week, with classes held Monday through Friday (one academic hour equals 45 minutes). The maximum number of students per class is 8-12 people. Our Russian language lessons are held all year round, so you may choose the length and time of your study.

## **Preparatory course for enrollment at Russian universities**

The Russian language course has been designed to prepare international students for enrollment at Russian universities. Today it is one of the most popular programmes at the Russian Language and Culture Institute. When taking the course, participants get prepared for the Test of Russian as a Foreign Language at the first certification level (B1/TORFL-1). This level of language competence is required for enrollment at any university or of higher education institution in Russia.



# Student Life

## Sports

There are many sports leagues at SPbU, so each student can either engage in his or her favourite sport or choose a new one: football, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, chess, rugby, mountaineering, mountain skiing, orienteering, swimming, skiing, mountain biking, aerobics, boxing, wrestling and rowing. Student teams participate in international competitions and often win them.

## Social activities

Socially minded students join different organisations: SPbU Students' Trade Union, the Center for Student Initiatives, the Career Center, the International Students' Club, various creative teams and scientific societies. Students play intellectual games, publish newspapers and magazines, become volunteers and entrepreneurs.

## Creative opportunities

There is a great number of teams for creative students at SPbU. Some of them have already achieved national and even international recognition. These include a student choir, a youth chamber orchestra, a drama studio, a vocal studio and a Russian folk instruments orchestra.

## Events and festivals

Sports events, parties, concerts, festivals, performances, balls and much more are an integral part of student life. The following events are the most popular among students: the KVN student championship, the Miss University annual beauty pageant, the Peterhof Olympic sports festival, the fancy-dress jazz party, and the International Festival aimed at blurring distinctions and establishing friendly relations between students from different countries.



# St. Petersburg all Bright!

What do you imagine when you think of St. Petersburg? Great museums and theaters like the Hermitage and the Mariinsky Theater? Numerous rivers and canals crossing the city? Magnificent palaces, bridges, embankments, and parks? Or maybe the White Nights and ships passing below the raised drawbridges under a still light sky? The spire of the Peter and Paul Cathedral? The Bronze Horseman? The Summer Gardens? Or some modern exhibitions, cozy cafes and creative spaces?

Modern St. Petersburg is also famous for its concerts given by the world's most famous stars, its music festivals and sports events. The open air opera. Fabulous water-light fountain shows! Walking on the roofs! The living, breathing backdrop of masterpieces created by Dostoyevsky, Gogol, Pushkin, Blok, and Dovlatov! Technology parks and start-up incubators, as well as offices of major companies from Gazprom to Yandex!

You can also take a coach or a train, and a few hours later you will be in Tallinn or Helsinki. Or anywhere in the world, if you take a plane from our newest Pulkovo-3 terminal! St. Petersburg will offer you inexhaustible opportunities. It is impossible to get bored here and you will always have something to dream of or to strive for.

**Welcome, and enjoy our wonderful city!**

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