

# Today in St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, considered to be one of the finest cities in Europe, raised on the banks of the Neva river around the fortress founded in 1703. In 1712 under the Peter I decree St. Petersburg became the capital of Russia. During it's history the city changed several names: St. Petersburg — Petrograd — Leningrad...

St. Petersburg today — is treasure-house of art, city-museum, which conserved beautiful architectural masterpieces.

They also call St. Petersburg Russia's or "Northern Venice" and "Northern Palmyra". These descriptions emphasize the beauty of architectural landmarks that form the signature cityscape.

In the recent years the city obtained the name — "Northern Capital" of Russia, that reflects tendencies of positioning in conditions of the present stage of city development.

## Today in St. Petersburg there are:

- **221** museums
- **2000** libraries
- **80** theatres
- **100** concert halls
- **45** galleries and expo centres
- **62** cinemas

St. Petersburg hosts some 100 art and music festivals and awards every year, more than half of them international. New traditions also appear — annual city carnivals. St. Petersburg cinemas show a wide variety of films from the latest blockbusters to Russian and world classics.

St. Petersburg is one of the word biggest cultural and tourist centres.

## WELCOME TO ST. PETERSBURG!



## HIGHER EDUCATION IN ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg is one of the biggest European scientific and cultural centres, educational capital of Russia.

Higher education is governed by the Ministry of Education and Science.

There exist three types of higher education institutions (HEIs) in St. Petersburg: University, Academy and Institute.

### Today in St. Petersburg:

- 49 public higher education institutions
- 36 private higher education institutions

An academic year consists of two parts: the autumn and spring semesters, each ending in a week of continuous tests and course thesis presentations. The tests are followed by exams. An academic year begins on 1 September and ends on 30 June.

### Russian Higher Education is a Multi-level System:

- **Level 1:**  
pre-university courses, which take 2 years to complete.
- **Level 2:**  
undergraduate degree (**Baccalaureate**), which takes 4 years.
- **Level 3:**  
**Specialists' Diploma** (5 years in total);  
**Master's Degree** (2 years following the undergraduate degree).

Qualifications are awarded to all students having successfully passed the final exams. The holder of a Specialist's or Master's Diploma may progress to a postgraduate research degree or a taught postgraduate course.

### Educational Programs:

- **Classic degree courses:**  
— Bachelor's, Chartered Specialist's or Master's diploma, MBA Programs, Postgraduate research degree (PhD), Doctorate.
- **Short-term study courses**  
(duration from 2 weeks to 1 year):  
— Foundation courses;  
— Semester programs;  
— Summer schools;  
— Foreign language courses;  
— Research internships;  
— Short-term study courses (from the moment when the group is completed).

There are also classic degree courses and short-term study courses on foreign languages.

# Higher Education in St. Petersburg

## ADMISSION TO ST. PETERSBURG UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### Coming to Russia

Under the laws of Russia, foreign students wishing to come to Russia to study for higher education need a "Student Visa" — an entry visa that states higher education as the purpose of entry and specifies the institution of study.

To obtain such a visa, the student's institution of choice must seek an official letter of invitation for the student from the Foreign Ministry of Russia. But before the institution needs to have all the requisite submissions from the student.

### The required documents for entering St. Petersburg higher education institutions:

1. A copy of the national passport pages with the photo, names, surname.
2. Visa copy with the aim of being in Russia pointed out — "Studying in the Spastic".
3. An original medical certificate including that of AIDS check-up given as far as 6 months before the documents are presented.
4. Copy of Secondary School Certificate, translated into Russian and notarized by Russian notary or the Consulate of Russian Federation in the country where the documents were issued.
5. 10 photos sized 3x4 cm.
6. Other documents which are necessary for the chosen higher educational institution.

All the registration procedures should be made not later than 3 days from the moment of crossing the border of Russian Federation: fill in all the forms, sign the contract with the higher education institution, registration.

### Admission Tests:

- To enroll in a Russian higher education institution, a foreign student will be asked to pass an admission test, exam or interview.
- Admissions to short-term courses are usually subject to the procedures established by the partner institution or host institution. When there is no competition, the institution may waive admission tests, provided that the candidate has furnished all the requisite qualifications required by Russian higher education institutions.
- Foreign nationals enrolling in degree programs are always required to take an admission test, and its results will determine their chances of enrolment.
- When a foreign national has completed a state foundation course recognized by the Russian Ministry of Education, his or her course exam results may exempt them from admission tests to another Russian higher education institution.



## **FIELDS OF STUDYING ST. PETERSBURG HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

### **Economics and Management:**

international economic relations, economics of enterprise, world economics, banking, finance and credit, marketing, accounting, commerce

### **Humanities:**

education and teaching, culture and the arts, social sciences, philosophy, psychology, linguistics, architecture, history, journalism, philology, international relations, law, design, region studies, advertising

### **Information Technology:**

automation and intelligent systems, advanced technologies of information systems, electronics, wireless systems and telecommunications, information security

### **Medicine and Healthcare:**

pediatrics, surgery, stomatology, pharmaceuticals, life safety, natural resources, management and environmental protection, physical education and sports

### **Technical Sciences:**

physics and mathematics, mechanics, technology and processes, energy, power engineering, electrical engineering, metallurgy, heavy engineering, materials processing, aerospace engineering, naval engineering, transportation, instrument-making and optics, nanotechnologies

### **Natural Sciences:**

biology, chemistry, physiology, geology, hydro metrology, ecology, geography, anthropology, ocean studies



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