

# Welcome to Samara

Welcome to this electronic guide where you will find an introduction to our University and its friendly atmosphere. The aim of this guide is to provide you with the specific information you will need if you are going to apply for studying at our University. Here you will find all necessary information on issues of studying at our University, educational undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, students' activities and so on. You will have a clear idea of how we can help you integrate into the educational system of Russia. If there are areas where you need further information, please contact us at

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## **The city of Samara, one of the largest in the Volga Region**

The city of Samara located in the central eastern part of Russia has a rich and fascinating history, from its beginnings as a fortress to the vibrant modern city it is today. Samara enjoys international reputation for its wealth of architecture, industrial progress and environmental beauty.



## **Natural environment**

Samara is one of the most beautiful cities in Russia. It is highly attractive from the point of natural beauty mainly due to its extremely favourable geographical position. Situated 1200 km to the south-east of Moscow Samara is the meeting point of the Europe's longest river, the Volga and the Samara River, one of its most beautiful tributaries. A few kilometers from Samara lies the National Park "Samarskaja Luka", that is one of the most stunning in the world. From the city buildings you can enjoy a splendid panoramic view of the Zhiguli Mountains, the highest in the central European part of Russia. This perfect combination of the riverside and mountain picturesque views creates that unique atmosphere of safe, friendly and welcoming environment all Samara citizens are so proud of.



## Getting here

Transport links between Samara and the rest of Russia are well-developed and efficient. Despite the vast territory of the country there is easy access by road, air and rail to every part of Russia including Moscow and St Petersburg. The Kurumoch Airport, a 40-minute drive by a shuttle bus from Samara, provides regular national and international flights either. Moreover in the very center of the city there is a newly-reconstructed railway terminal, very important to the country's life as it links the northern part of Russia with its south and the west with the east.

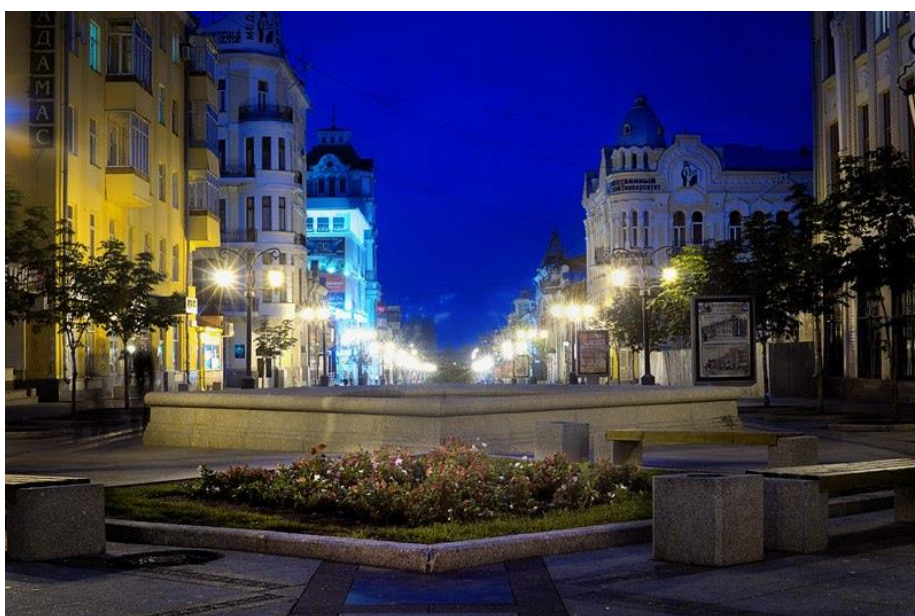


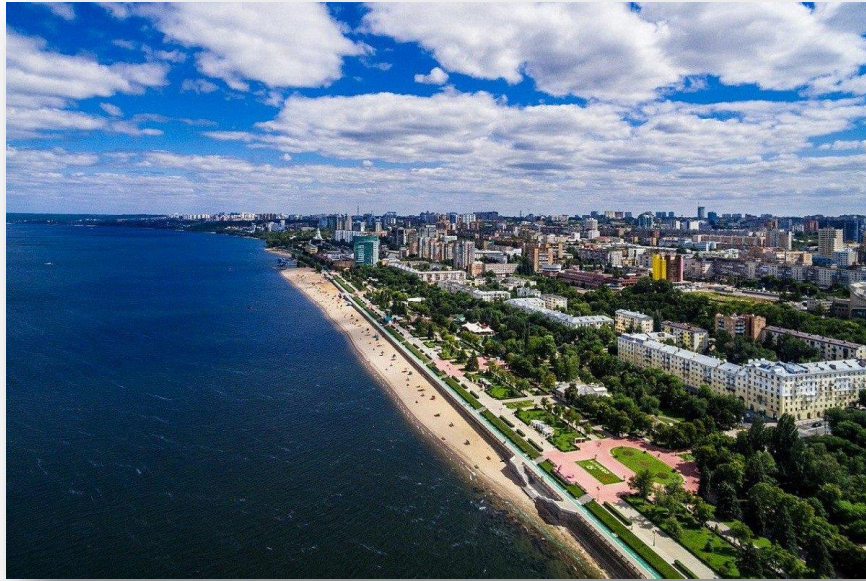
## Past, present, and future

Samara is a modern city with a distinguished history and strong traditions, industrial, cultural and educational. It is a dynamic city, busy reinventing itself for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With the population of the region of somewhat 3.3 million 600 thousand people work for the nationwide important large and small industrial companies including the motor car, petrochemical, machine-building plants, food industry factories etc. So enhanced employment prospects are a major goal both to graduate and postgraduate students. However, many achieve their aspirations all across the country and overseas as well.



As for entertainment and cultural life the city provides hundreds of opportunities with its museums and art galleries, splendid old cathedrals and modern magnificent buildings, theatres and cinemas, parks and gardens. Students find it easy to become part of the rich cultural life of the city as there are nightspots, sports, arts, and other activities to discover as well as restaurants and pubs to please any pocket.





As for education Russia keeps to the very best ever existed in the country combining old traditions with new educational approaches in learning and research. Russia's higher education is distinguished by the variety and flexibility of its educational programmes. Long or short, academic or applied, professional or scientific – every programme has unique characteristics reflecting its distinct goals and purposes but all aiming at students' further professional competence and success.

## **Welcome to Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education**

Founded in 1911 Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education has recently celebrated 112<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation. Being the oldest institution of higher education in Samara today it is a unique integrated institution of compound organisation and one of the largest R&D centres in the Volga region. The University proved to be one of the best teachers' training institutes of higher education in Samara.

With more than 6,000 students the University offers 150 Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes. We implement a complex approach to training specialists, which gives an applicant a multiple-discipline choice of special interest. Breadth of knowledge, quality, competence, and flexibility are the hallmarks of learning and teaching at SSUSSE. Our programmes provide graduates and postgraduates with the skills necessary to meet the challenges of a changing global environment.



Since the date of its foundation the University has helped more than 85,000 students to turn passion into a rewarding career. University graduates are more than specialists in a certain field. They are successful people who can set goals and achieve them. There is no field where our graduates have not succeeded. They are everywhere – top-managers, statesmen, politicians, ministers, sport champions, journalists, musicians, honoured teachers. They contribute to the good name and reputation of our University. The majority of teachers of Samara region are graduates of Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education.

## University in figures

- more than 112 years in education
- over 85,000 graduates
- more than 6,000 students
- 10 departments
- 150 degree programmes
- over 250 highly qualified professors and scholars
- 10 academic buildings
- 4 libraries, 5 reading-halls with more than 1 000 000 volumes

- 24 computer classes
- 3 students' residence halls
- 4 gyms
- 15 sport clubs
- 4 museums
  - Technopark “Quantorium”
- a swimming pool

## **Ten Good Reasons to Choose SSUSSE**

- The University offers excellent programmes of study which are constantly being updated and reviewed to reflect the changing needs of education, industry, and commerce
  - The University provides a vigorous learning environment for all students through degree and research programmes that reflect the latest thinking and as such offer exciting intellectual challenges
    - The academic staff of the highest quality can offer expert supervision across a wide range of subjects
      - The University carries out world-class research across most disciplines which is proven to be some of the best within Russia
        - University graduates enjoy great placement opportunities and often achieve great results in their chosen careers
          - The University provides a supportive and stimulating environment in which students can thrive
            - The University offers great opportunities to pursue sporting and cultural interests
              - Our Diploma qualifies its holder to work in Russian and foreign companies, to conduct research in different areas authorised by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation
                - The qualification got at the University provides access to Postgraduate Doctorate study and Professional Development Programmes
                  - Our programmes equip students with skills and knowledge which help them meet big challenges of tomorrow.





## Russian Language Centre

The Russian Language Centre is a part of Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education. It provides students with a variety of courses (20 academic hours a week), being taught at three major levels of advancement. Since 2006 over 500 foreign students have enjoyed studying Russian here either in an on-line or off-line form.



The programmes on offer are tailored to meet the students' needs. All of our teachers are full time faculty at Foreign Languages Chair and have intensive experience teaching Russian as a foreign language. They are well prepared

pedagogically to work with ethnically and culturally diverse student groups. Teaching is based on a communicative approach to language learning.

Our goal is that the courses conducted by the Centre staff not only promote the Russian language and culture, but also become the place of encounters, exchange of experience, views, and opinions, establishing contacts and making friends among students.

Upon successful completion of the courses, students will receive a certificate. Intermediate level certificate enables the owner to apply for studying at Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education or any other Russian university.



In order to apply for the Russian language course please fill in the application form below and send it together with the scan copy of your international passport to [international@sgspu.ru](mailto:international@sgspu.ru).

### **Application form for the Russian language course**

First and last name:

Gender:

Citizenship:



Native language:

Other languages and their level:

Place of birth (city, country):

Place of residence (city, country):

City and country of applying for the study visa:

E-mail:

Phone number:

Period of study:

Student residence hall necessity: yes (\_\_\_\_) / no (\_\_\_\_)

### **Rules for foreign students studying at the Russian Language Centre**

- 1) Upon arrival in Samara you are to come to the University International Office to get registered.
- 2) If you need accommodation in the students' residence hall, please inform us in advance.

#### ***To get an accommodation***

- 1) bring results of your X-ray test, HIV test, list of injections and a medical insurance
- 2) pay for the room 1000 rubles (per month) in our pay-office at the address: Samara, Maxim Gorkiy Str., 65/67
- 3) with your X-ray go to the medical office at the address: Blukhera Str, 25, 1-st floor, where you will get a medical certificate.
- 4) with this paper go to the commandant, sign the contract, and get the key and bed sheets

#### ***To be enrolled in the Russian language programme***

- 1) sign the contract in the International Office
- 2) pay for education (1-st semester costs 35.000 rubles, 1 year costs 70.000 rubles)
- 3) get your ID-card (for your ID-card we need your photo)

- 4) get a schedule
- 5) pay for the Russian textbooks
- 6) enjoy your studies!

## **Departments**

- Department of Foreign Languages
- Department of Philology
- Department of Economics, Management, and Service
- Department of Psychology and Special Education
- Department of History
- Department of Primary Education
- Department of Culture and Art
- Department of Natural Science and Geography
- Department of Mathematics, Physics, and IT
- Department of Physical Education and Sport



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## **Department of Foreign Languages**

The Department of Foreign Languages was established to educate students in the field of teaching English, German, and French. Nowadays it provides the best knowledge of foreign languages in the city. Highly qualified professors equip students with superb skills and profound knowledge. Foreign language clubs regularly hold events through which students master their skills and at the same time create their own scenarios and costumes, dance, sing, and have a great time. The department pays special attention to international cooperation that leads to students enjoy the opportunity to take part in academic mobility programmes in partner universities abroad. The students

have also the possibility to get supplementary education in a career broadening programme “Translator from Italian”.

## **Bachelor’s Programmes**

- *Foreign Language Teaching (English, German or French)*

The programme is aimed at studying foreign languages and teaching them to adults and children. After graduating from the course students master at least two foreign languages and are ready to use modern technologies in the process of training and education.

- *Translation Theory*

The course is designed to introduce students to fundamental linguistic knowledge. The graduates are fluent speakers of at least two foreign languages, ready to organize intercultural communication in different spheres and to exploit various types, techniques, and technologies of translation.

- *European Studies*

The programme lays particular emphasis on the European culture and its characteristic features in different regions. After graduating from the programme students gained broad knowledge that enables them to speak two foreign languages and to be experts in European cultural, historical, and political issues.

Some other Bachelor’s programmes on offer include Theory and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages and Cultures, Translation and Interpretation Studies

## **Master’s Programme**

- *Theory and Practice of Translation in Intercultural Communication*

The Master’s programme provides students with advanced knowledge in the field of lexicology, theoretical grammar, stylistics, world culture study, and translation. They master modern technologies of translation, both in theory and practice, and develop their skills in cross-cultural communication.



## Department of Philology

The Department of Philology is the third oldest department of our University. Established in 1911 it has acquired broad experience and exploits new methods of education and state-of-the-art technologies.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Public Relations*

The programme was designed to prepare professionals in the field of public relations and advertising. Graduates are welcomed to work at state and private PR companies and different advertising agencies.

- *Teaching Russian Language and Literature*

At the course students acquire knowledge in pedagogy, the Russian language, literature, and the basics of philology. After graduating from the course students can be hired as teachers at schools, colleges, and educational centres.

- *Convergent Journalism*

The programme trains efficient and experienced professionals in mass media. The course equips students with knowledge and skills essential for finding interesting and relevant information and passing it to other people using any source of mass media. Graduates can work in newspapers, magazines, TV, and radio companies.

### **Master's Programme**

- *Literature Studies*

The Master's programme includes advanced studies in the field of literature. Students acquire profound knowledge of the greatest literary works, literature theory, history of Russian and foreign literature, history of Russian journalism, basics of journalism law, journalist's professional ethics, journalist sociology, and journalist psychology.

Some other Master's programmes include Russian Literature in the World Cultural Environment, Regional Journalism and Local Literature Studies



## **Department of Economics, Management, and Service**

The Department of Economics, Management, and Service prepares highly qualified specialists in the following programmes: Teaching Economics and Foreign Language, Finance and Credit, E-Commerce, Information Service, and Banking. The students can enjoy the opportunity of studying abroad within agreements on cooperation with partner universities.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Teaching Economics and English*

Students taking the course obtain the basics of economic science, accounting, economical analysis, audit, and banking as well as Pedagogy, Psychology, and methods of teaching. Graduates enjoy ample opportunities of their future careers; they can start working in educational institutions, in the field of economics or management, or in international enterprises.

- *E-Commerce*

In the world where technology has become important in every part of our lives, it is important to train students in the practice of e-commerce. The programme provides fundamental knowledge in the fields of management, planning business, marketing, advertising, sale logistics, merchandising, goods expertise, also creating new products in e-commerce and strategy of their production and selling.

- *Information Service*

Students graduating from the programme are trained to become professionals in the fields of management and informational technologies. Through the

programme they master the management process in different organisations. After graduating from the programme they are ready to get executive positions in call centres, tourism, insurance, and trading companies.

Some other Bachelor's programmes include Organization Management, Banking, Finance and Credit



## **Department of Psychology and Special Education**

The Department of Psychology and Special Education is the youngest one in our University, being established in 1993. It is considered a unique higher institution in Samara as it trains professionals who can work with people with special needs.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Psychology of Education*

The course provides education in the fields of general and social psychology, age and education psychology, psychological diagnostics, and psychological consultation. Graduates from the programme are ready to work as psychologists, teacher-psychologist in educational, social, and cultural institutions.

- *Social Psychology*

The programme is designed to introduce students to basic theoretical and general knowledge in various fields of psychology (psychology of development, age psychology, pedagogical psychology, social psychology, psychology of labour, clinical psychology, special psychology, psychophysiology, etc.). After finishing the course students will be certified to work as psychologists in different enterprises and companies.

- *Speech Therapy*

At the course students acquire fundamental knowledge of speech therapy. Graduates have mastered education methods of teaching children with speech

disorders, working with families where children with special needs are brought up, training children and adults with speech disorders in educational institutions and medical centres.

- *Preschool Defectology*

At the programme students are taught to work with children with special needs. At the course students gain knowledge how to teach and educate preschool children with minimal brain dysfunctions, visual impairment, hearing disorder, musculoskeletal system disorders, behaviour disorder, and speech disorders in special rehabilitation centres.

- *Special Psychology*

The degree course was established to prepare professionals who research and develop children mentality with different disorders. Students learn to diagnose disabilities and disorders, to correct them, and to help children and their families. Graduates can be employed as special psychologists at schools, kindergartens for children with special needs, in psychological medical pedagogical committees, rehabilitation centres.

- *Oligophrenopedagogy*

The programme was designed to teach students to educate and train children with minimal brain dysfunctions, to consult families raising such children. After graduating from the course students efficiently exploit development technologies that help to solve the problem and to adapt children to social life. Professionals with diplomas in oligophrenopedagogy are ready to work in educational institutions for preschool and school children with special needs, rehabilitation centres.

## **Master's Programmes**

Students can further their education in Master's programmes which include Social Psychology, Legal Psychology, Psychological Consulting, Psychological Support of Secondary and Professional Education, Psychological and Pedagogical Support of People with Disabilities and Psychological and Pedagogical Support of Children with Speech Disorders.





## Department of History

The Department of History is one of the oldest in Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education. Here students are taught to become effective professionals in the fields of law, history, and international relations. The department hosts military-historical, psychology-pedagogical, history of everyday life, and archaeology clubs.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Teaching History and Social Science*

The degree programme is aimed at studying a wide range of liberal arts with considerable emphasis on pedagogy, history, and social science. The course graduates are qualified to work at schools, colleges, in city administration, mass media, social and cultural spheres.

- *Teaching History and Law*

Students take up courses in history, pedagogy, liberal arts, civil law, labour law, and others. Together with working at educational institutions, after finishing the programme graduates can easily find a job of a lawyer.

- *International Relations*

The degree programme is designed to introduce students to the basics of international politics. Students who graduate from the course are experts in international issues and can be employed in mass media and city administration as well as in schools and colleges.

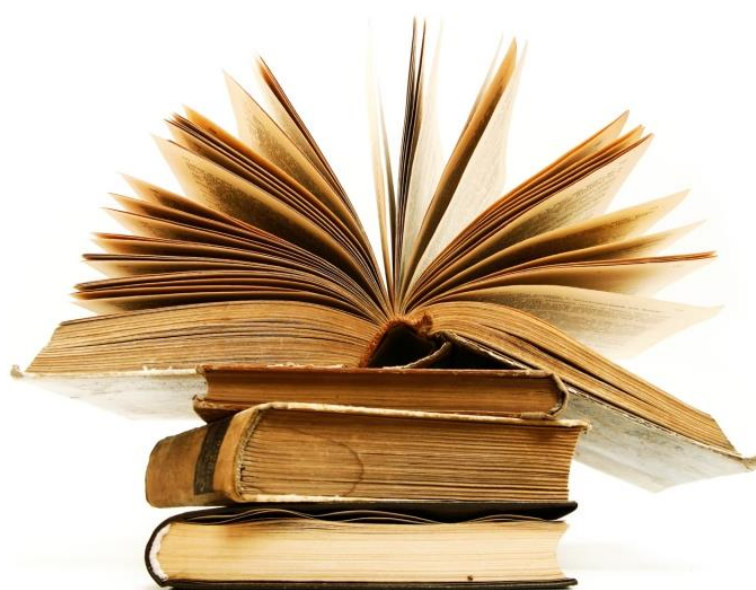
### **Master's Programme**

- *Social and Political History of the XVIII-XX Centuries*

The Master's programme provides advanced knowledge in history of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Students acquire information about the development of society with particular emphasis on social and political aspects.

- *Archaeology of the Volga region*

The programme prepares students for rewarding work in the joint fields of archeology and history. Apart from working as archaeologists, graduates can go on to pursue careers as research historians, professors and museum managers. These are intellectually stimulating and engaging professions that require a high level of expertise, and the programme provides the ideal foundation for these careers.



## **Department of Primary Education**

The Department of Primary Education helps students to become experienced preschool and primary school teachers. Students have the option to focus on learning a foreign language, music education, or information technologies. Benefitting from the department international partnership, the students can gain practical experience in a wide range of international settings.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Primary Education and IT*

During the course students master fundamental psychological and pedagogical knowledge on development and education of children with special emphasis on informational technologies. Besides getting fundamental knowledge in

pedagogy, psychology, students are taught to use the latest developments – programmes, gadgets and even to create software themselves.

· *Primary Education and English*

The course focuses on primary education and English as a specialism. Alongside subject modules, the programme will provide students with all the relevant skills and understanding required to become an outstanding primary school teacher including leadership, classroom management, evaluation and assessment.

· *Preschool and Primary School Education*

The course is aimed at studying pedagogy placing special emphasis on age pedagogy and developmental psychology, educational philosophy, knowledge of various developmental stages of children, lesson planning and classroom management. Students master innovative pedagogical methods, which create perfect conditions for development of a child's personality and leadership skills. Upon completion of the programme, graduates are eligible to teach at both pre-school and primary school level.

· *Primary Education and Extracurricular Activities*

The programme trains primary school teachers and extracurricular activities managers. It divides time between studying modules on professional skills and curriculum subjects. The students will develop skills essential to the role of a teacher and extracurricular project designer and manager.

• *Psychology and Social Pedagogy*

The programme provides students with useful knowledge in psychology, pedagogy, paying special attention to sociology. Graduates from the course are experts in social environment of a child and can be employed as pedagogues, psychologists, social pedagogues, and tutors at any educational institutions.



## Department of Culture and Art

At the Department of Culture and Art students are taught to become teachers of music and painting as well as outstanding artists, musicians and dancers which is proved in a lot of different events. Students of the department won numerous international competitions for pianists and for bayanists. The department pays special attention to international cooperation that results in a double diploma programme in music with a Chinese partner university.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Fine Arts*

The course is focused on pedagogy, painting, clay and artistic modelling, i.e. independent theoretical and creative activity in the field of art. After finishing the programme graduates can start successful career of a professional artist, or devote themselves to teaching art in any educational institution.

- *Music Education*

The degree programme prepares students to become professionals in the fields of pedagogy and music. The Chair of Music has been successfully teaching students for 50 years on the programme. Huge experience and modern technologies guarantee graduates reap the benefits of their education in future career – whether they choose to become professional musicians or teachers.

- *Culture Studies and English Teaching*

The course is aimed at teaching students the basics of pedagogy, culturology and a foreign language (English). Graduates can teach Culture and English at a secondary school level as well as work in any state, private and international companies operating in the field of culture.

The other Bachelor's programmes include Choreography and Modern Dance.

### **Master's Programmes**

In case students want to proceed with their education they can take up one of Master's Programmes offered by the Department: Cultural Anthropology, Fine Arts in Education or Music in Education, where they get advanced knowledge on culture and arts, enhance their experience, and practice their skills. Students will develop their critical thinking, acquire strong statistical foundations, excellent field skills, learn how to present their research or how to write successful grants.



## **Department of Natural Science and Geography**

The Department of Natural Science and Geography is one of the oldest in the University. Today the department provides bachelor's degree programmes in teaching biology, chemistry, geography, ecology, and life safety. Students benefit from working in the science research labs and zoology museum, the biggest in the region.

### **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Teaching Biology and Geography*

The programme is focused on pedagogy but graduates from the course gain qualification which allows them to work both as school teachers and as geologists, geodesists, meteorologists, hydrologists. They can launch on further professional career in the areas related to geography and biology.

- *Teaching Biology and Chemistry*

The course is primarily aimed at providing education in pedagogy. Together with working at educational institutions, graduates can be employed as

chemical technologists, zoologists, or pursue careers in the areas related to biology and chemistry.

- *Ecology*

Students of the course acquire knowledge in ecology. After getting modern fundamental education in the programme graduates become ecologists, work in wildlife protecting companies and recycle factories and laboratories.

- *Teaching Natural Science*

The programme offers the opportunity to study natural science in an international environment as foreign students make up to 50% of the programme's participants. The students will receive training in key scientific theories, methods, and models as well as in pedagogy, psychology and methods of teaching. Through the project work and courses, students will learn basic methods to examine nature using experiments, analyses and models. The programme includes courses in biology, computer science, geography, chemistry, mathematics, and environment.

## **Master's Programmes**

If students set more challenging goals, the Department is ready to help them achieve and enrich their knowledge in Master's programme in Ecology.

- *Ecology*

The programme teaches students about the interactions between different life forms and the environments in which they function. Students learn skills of analysis, presentation and interpretation of data as well as an advanced knowledge of ecological theory. The courses are focused on interpretation of ecological data using modern computational approaches. Strong emphasis is laid on the students' research project to be conducted throughout the entire course of study, which will be the basis of the Master Thesis.

## **Department of Mathematics, Physics, and IT**

The Department of Mathematics, Physics, and IT is another of the three oldest ones in the University. It was established in 1911 and currently provides graduates with the following programmes: Teaching Mathematics and IT, Physics and IT, IT and a Foreign Language, and Applied IT in State Management.

## **Bachelor's Programmes**

- *Teaching Mathematics and IT*

The programme was created to educate students with profound knowledge in the fields of pedagogy, mathematics, and informational technologies. Equipped with excellent skills graduates from the course can be employed in educational institutions, analytical centres, as well as in a banking sector.

- *Teaching IT and English*

Students of the course acquire advanced knowledge in pedagogy, informational technologies and a foreign language (English). During the course students are taught to use the latest technologies in education, at the lessons of English or IT at schools or any other educational institutions.

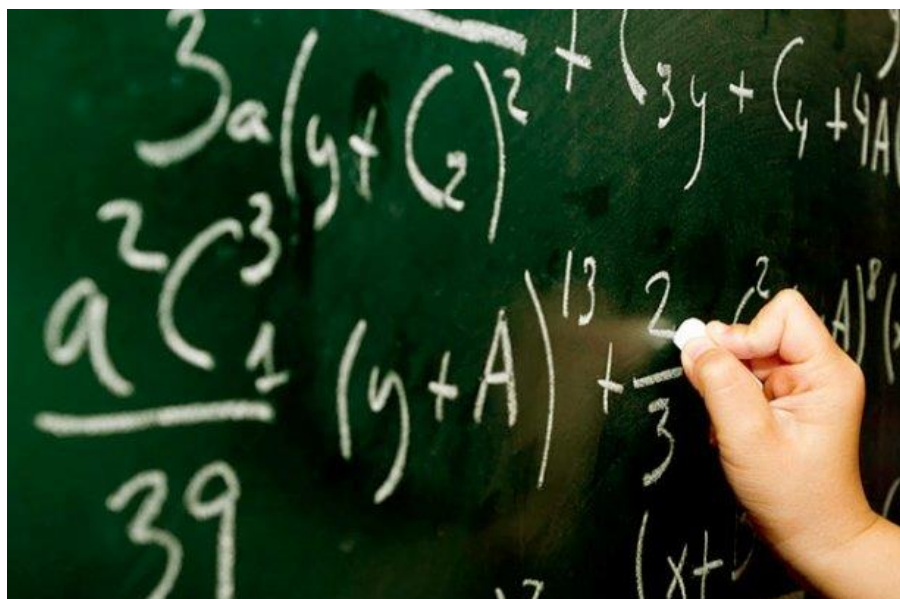
- *Teaching Physics and Technology*

The programme provides exposure to a broad range of physical phenomena as well as pedagogy, psychology, and methods of teaching. The courses on offer train students in the scientific method, techniques of problem solving, data analysis, quantitative approaches to physical problems, experimental procedures and using all sorts of technologies in the classroom.

- *Applied IT in State Management*

The programme provides graduates with fundamental knowledge in informational technologies, professional management skills to find solutions for the most difficult analytical and management problems. After graduating from the course students are ready to work in various state and private companies, as well as government bodies.

Some other Bachelor's programmes include Teaching Physics and IT and Mathematics and Physics.



## Department of Physical Education and Sport

At the Department of Physical Education and Sport students are taught to become effective and experienced professionals in the fields of physical training, physical education, and various sports. A lot of Olympic, world and European champions started their career soar at the department.

### Bachelor's Programmes

- *Physical Education*

The degree course provides graduates with professional competence necessary for their future profession – a coach or an executive position in the field of any sport or physical education.

- *Sport Training (in fitness/ box/ football)*

The programme provides a superb training course in a chosen sport. After getting a bachelor's degree graduates are ready to start or keep on their successful career in sports.

### Master's Programme

- *Training Highly Qualified Sportsmen in a Chosen Sport*

In the Master's degree programme students get deep knowledge and train skills on the advanced level. They enhance their potential for long-term success and prosperity whether they decide to become professional sportsmen, coaches, or researchers in the field of sport.



## Postgraduate and Doctoral Programmes



Postgraduate programmes in Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education provide graduates with the opportunity to acquire expert knowledge, to improve or change qualifications, to undertake interesting, practical and globally relevant research. Postgraduate programmes last 3 or 4 years depending on the course. Below you can find the list of our postgraduate and doctoral programmes.

**Postgraduate Programmes:**

- *Germanic Languages (English, German);*
- *Linguistic Theory;*
- *Russian Literature;*
- *Foreign Literature;*
- *Russian Language;*
- *Theory and Methods of Teaching Russian and Russian Literature;*
- *Economic Theory;*
- *Social Psychology;*
- *Educational Psychology;*
- *Developmental Psychology, Acmeology;*
- *Russian History;*
- *World History;*
- *Archaeology;*
- *Special Education (Surdopedagogy, Tiphlopedagogy, Oligophrenopedagogy);*
- *Theory and Methods of Teaching Music;*
- *Ontology and Epistemology;*
- *History of Philosophy;*
- *Botany;*
- *Physiology;*
- *Theory and Methods of Teaching Ecology and Chemistry;*
- *Differential Equations;*
- *Plasma Physics;*
- *Theory and Methods of Teaching Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics.*

**Doctoral Programmes:**

- *Social Psychology;*
- *Russian History;*
- *Russian Literature;*
- *Differential Equations.*



## **Research at SSUSSE**

University scientific community carries out both basic and applied research in different fields which. The R&D activities are conducted by means of research projects and grants offered by Russian foundations.

R&D activities are carried out by University numerous scientific schools which are ones of the most prominent in the region. SSUSSE closely cooperates with foreign scientific schools and research centers. The long-term and fruitful relations with foreign colleagues are developed in the field of archeology, anthropology, linguistics, intercultural communication, physical education and sports, history, and biology. Success achieved in both fundamental and applied research in the fields of social sciences and humanities is globally recognized.

Annually, numerous international conferences are held in SSUSSE, in which leading scientists from all over the world take part. The research results are published in scientific journals most of which are included in the SCOPUS and Web of Science database.

University teachers and professors regularly undergo scientific internships in foreign universities and research centers, make presentations at international conferences worldwide, participate in various international professional societies and associations.

Students are welcome to take part in the research activities. They can exploit diverse facilities provided by the scientific laboratories of our University. For outstanding results in research the students are awarded grants and scholarships from university, local and federal authorities depending on their contribution into national science development.



## International Cooperation

Being a combination of old traditions and new educational approaches in learning and research the University has much to offer to international academic community. Since 2001, when the International Office was established, our University has considerably extended its international contacts. It has won the recognition of the leading universities and colleges in China, India, Turkey, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan, with which the University has research links and partnerships. This particularly applies to reciprocal lecture stays, participation in international conferences and coordination of scientific projects. Seeking for establishing new partnership relations we strongly believe that a genuine partnership involves collaboration, consultation, learning from each other, team-building, and creation of the team spirit.



Our University provides students with high quality education corresponding to the world level which enables them to easily get integrated into any foreign

higher education system. Apart from their degree certificate, our graduates can also receive a European Diploma Supplement, which is recognized throughout Europe, enables them to continue their education abroad and facilitates their position in the international world market.

Our students and academic staff travel abroad within bilateral university agreements on cooperation which gives them opportunity to share experience and to professionally communicate with colleagues. Interest in staying abroad is growing steadily and every effort is made to enable the students to spend part of their studies abroad.

International cooperation offers the University a great opportunity to present itself to the whole of the world academic community whose interest in the University is steadily growing as well. We annually accept international students and postgraduates from different countries, who either come as exchange students, or projects members or just want to perfect their Russian to further proceed with a degree program.

## **International Projects**

### **Russian Language Promotion in Tanzania**

In the implementation of the order of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation the University carries out research aimed at the Russian language promotion in Tanzania. In May, 2023 a University official delegation headed by the Rector visited the United Republic of Tanzania. Dr. Svetlana Bakulina met with the Head of the Russian House in Tanzania, with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the RF in Tanzania, with the Head of the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of Tanzania, with the Vice-Chancellor and the Head of the Department of International Cooperation of the University of Dar es Salaam, with students of Tanzanian universities.

Dr. S. Bakulina: "For several days we have been meeting with students and teachers, and discussed the strategy of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation to promote the Russian language in Tanzania. I would like to point out here that the colleagues are showing great interest in the training of young specialists at our university. I am sure that our visit to Tanzania will strengthen the cooperation between our countries, and that the agreements reached will be reflected in the scientific research of our universities."

The research results have been presented at national and international conferences, as well as published in numerous scientific journals and a monograph.







## **Double Diploma Bachelor's Degree Programme in Music (China)**

Since 2021 the university realizes a double diploma Bachelor's program in music together with a Chinese partner – Yichun University – where currently 50 Chinese students enjoy their studies of the Russian language, music, singing, and other subjects.

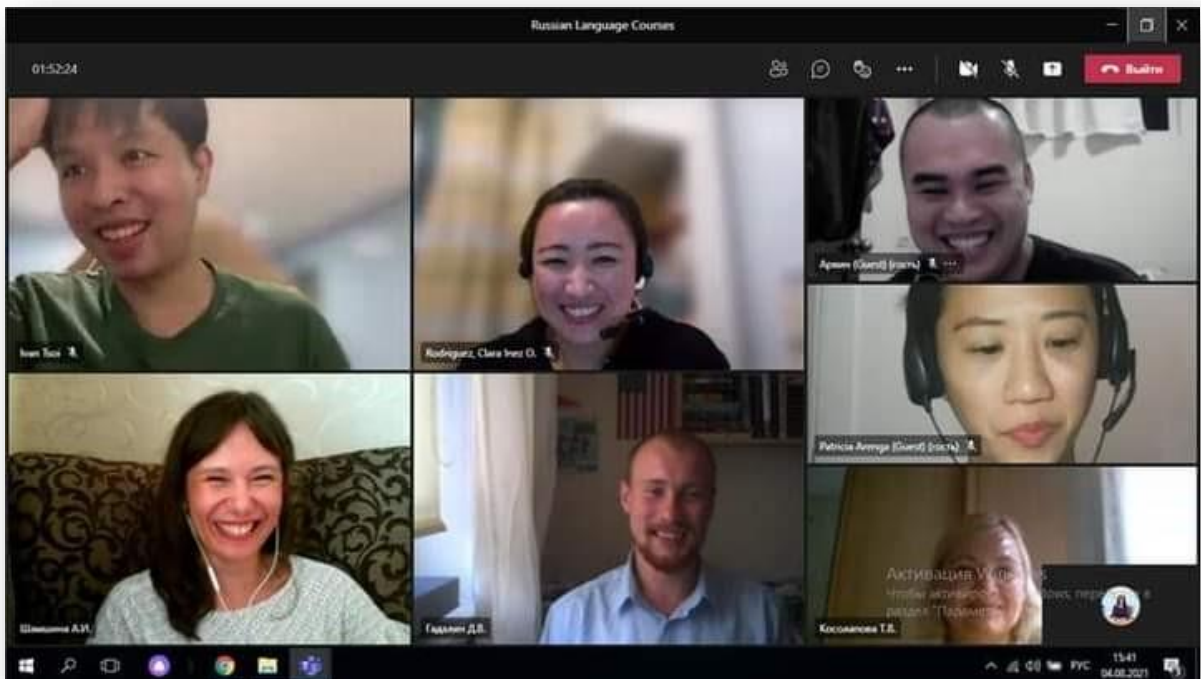




## **Summer and Winter Schools**

Annually the University organizes Summer and Winter Schools for international students in Russian as a Foreign Language and other subjects.





## Social Activities

Students' life in Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education is not limited only to lectures, seminars, and examinations. Throughout the year students can take part in any cultural event of the whole range of occasions organized for themselves as well as for general public. Any festival in the University adds to its great history.



Students' Council, students' drama societies, students' sport clubs provide a wonderful opportunity for students to have a great free time. Sports and modern lifestyle promotion form an indispensable part of the University life. A wide range of students' festivals, sport events, scientific conferences are organised annually by the University Social Events Department. Students' Debut, Students' Spring Festivals, "Galaxy of Talents", New Year Marathon, Students' Olympic games, Championships in soccer, badminton, basketball, volleyball, and table tennis. Thus, students can take up sports, dance, play music, sing songs, write scenarios, create costumes and make-up.





What's more, every year science and poetry slams are organised, where the brightest minds of the region share their best ideas or recite their poems judged by the audience.





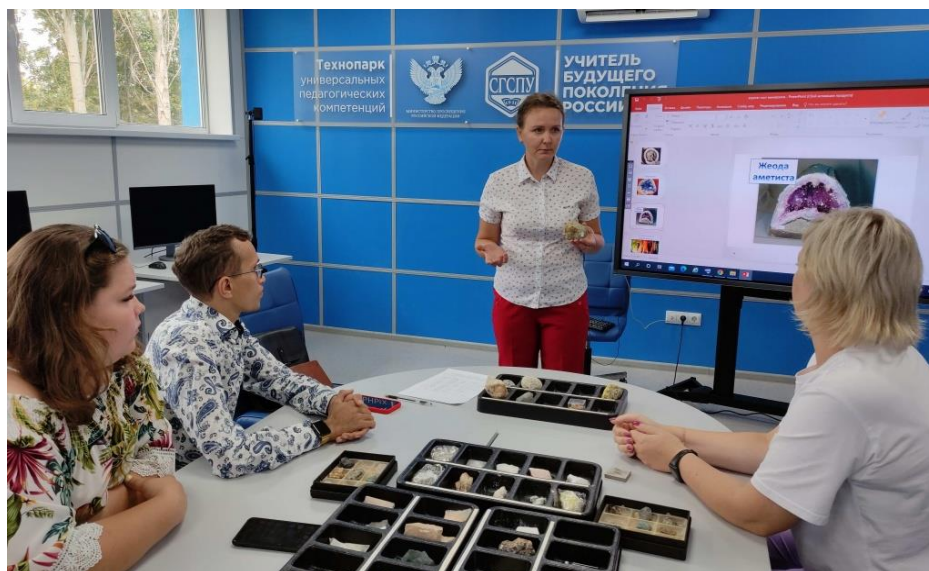
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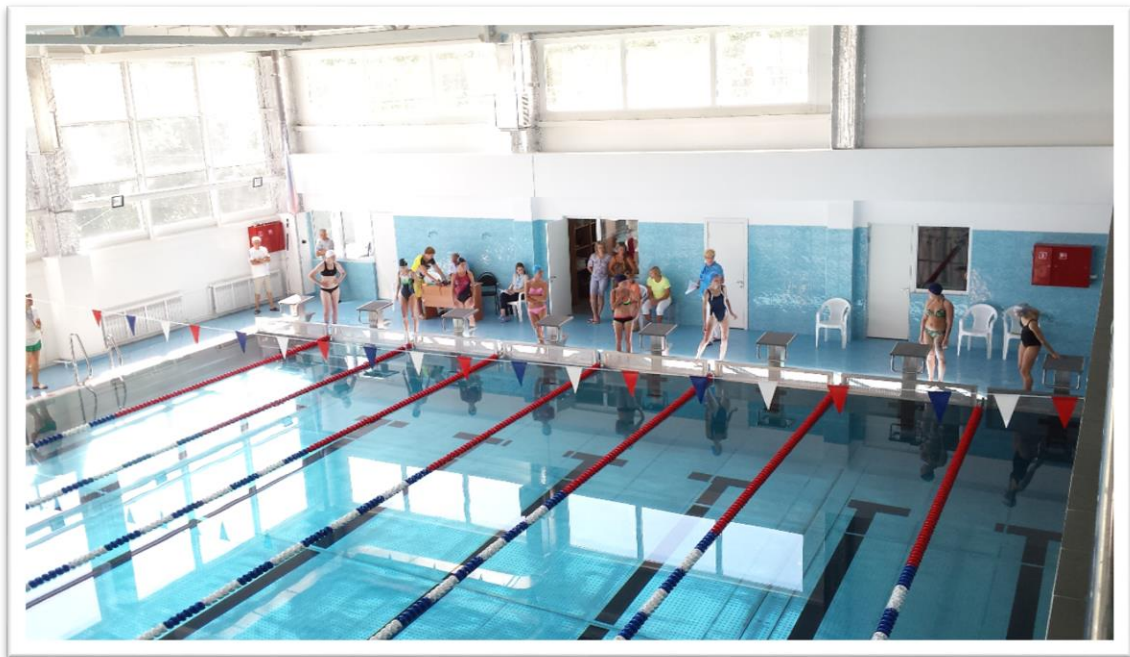
The University provides international students with two- or three-bed rooms in the students' residence hall.





There are spacious lecture halls, well-equipped study rooms, modern labs, huge libraries, technopark “Quantorium”, quiet reading-halls with more than 1 000 000 volumes, numerous state-of-the-art computer classes, cafes with student-friendly prices, 4 gyms, and new Health and PE Centre with a swimming pool in the campus. It is situated in a lovely environment with free Wi-Fi.







There are also four museums in our University: the Florov Zoology Museum, Museum of Archaeology, University History Museum, Museum of Ethnography. They contain impressive collections of zoological, archaeological, historical, and cultural objects, which immerse their visitors into a wonderful atmosphere.

University Zoological Museum is one of the largest in the Volga region. Its exposition demonstrates the diversity of the animal world of the Earth, representing various natural zones: forests, steppes, deserts, tundra, the sea coast, and the depths of the ocean with characteristic animal and plant communities. The collection has about 20,000 storage units, both of the local fauna and animals of other countries and continents. Each hall exhibits a certain group of animals –mammals (from a tiny shrew to a four-meter giraffe), birds (from hummingbirds to ostriches), fish, amphibians, and reptiles. The pride of the museum is its rich collection of shells of ancient and modern mollusks, corals, and tropical butterflies.

The Ethnographic Museum displays exhibits depicting culture of the peoples of the Urals-Volga region – Mari, Chuvash, Tatars, Mordovians, Old Believers, and Kryashen. These are items of material and religious culture, national costumes, household objects as well as literary sources, dictionaries of the languages of the peoples of the Volga-Ural region and a rather vivid collection of photographs illustrating various stories from the life of peoples.

## **First-Hand Impressions**



Martinez Fernandez Triana Daniela, Mexico



*Hi! My name is Triana. I'm from Mexico and I came to Russia to study space engineering! I wanted to know everything about Russia. I was so excited to get to know the country and to learn about different cultures. I got here by myself with a dream. Concerning Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education, I can confirm that is a very good university to study if you are planning to start somewhere here in Samara. They have provided me with the best services. My personal respect to the International Office, which have helped me with every doubt I've had throughout the process of getting used to my new life here in Russia. As for the education, I've had very good teachers, all of them have given me the bases to start with the Russian language and taught me about their culture. I'm grateful for being able to have my experience in Russia, for the amazing service that Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education has provided me with.*

Zhao Jincal, China



*My name is Zhao Jincal. I am a student from China. I am here to study. When I came to Russia, I did not know the language. Moscow was the first city which I visited in this country. But later my friends persuaded me to leave it and to move to Samara to study there. So, I came to Samara where I took preliminary courses at Samara State Medical University. But later I started thinking about changing the profession and chose the profession of a teacher of the Russian language. That is why I entered the Department of the Russian language and Russian literature of Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education.*

*Of course, it is very interesting to know about the traditions and culture of the country you live and stay for a long time. Here I have many friends, who help me learn much more about the culture of the country. As I have many friends here, I often talk to them and so I improve the language. When I have free time,*

*I like to walk along the embankment and go to the cinema. So, I enjoy both my free time and studying here.*



**Gözem Çelfiş, Turkey**

*I am a Turkish instructor of ESL. I have been teaching English for 3 years at Anadolu University. I came to teach at Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education on an exchange programme within a university agreement. Samara has the beautiful Volga and the forests. There are so many cultural and artistic spots such as the Philharmonic Orchestra Building, the Drama Theatre, the Modern Art Museum and so on.*

*All the people that I met including the colleagues were absolutely friendly and helpful to me. They arranged some sightseeing tours and even a Russian folk music concert. They treated me very well and they were so kind and open-hearted to me. I had quite lovely time in Russia with those new friends of mine. I believe the institution possesses a prestigious acknowledgement.*

**Pham Thi Thuy Trang, Vietnam**



*Hi! I am Chang. I came from Vietnam. I decided to study in Russia because I want to speak Russian fluently and to understand Russian culture. I have been to Russia for 5 years and I am a student of the Department of Economics. I like this faculty very much. At first that was very difficult for me because I did not know Russian but now it is much easier and I get only good and excellent marks. Thanks to my teachers of Russian I can speak Russian rather well. I*

*have my favorite teacher who gives me much knowledge and who has been teaching me to understand Russian culture and its specificity much better. Come to study here and you will learn such an interesting language as well as its mysterious culture.*

**Omoniy Babatunde Akinwale, Nigeria**

*Hello! My name is Babatunde Omoniy. I am from Nigeria. I came here to study the Russian language as well as some other foreign languages as I am a student of the Department of the Foreign Languages. Knowledge of foreign languages helps everyone to know more about foreign cultures, to understand its specificity. I am happy to be here.*



# How to apply

To apply for a Bachelor's Programme you are to provide the following documents:

- international passport;
- a notarially certified copy of birth certificate;
- school or college certificate (the original document or its certified copy);
- certified translation of school or college certificate;
- 4 photos;
- medical insurance;
- Russian language certificate (except for former USSR countries);
- medical history;
- HIV negative certificate.

Visa country students provide a copy of a student visa.

If you need a **visa invitation letter** please fill in this form and mail it together with the copy of your international passport to [international@sgspu.ru](mailto:international@sgspu.ru)

## VISA APPLICATION FORM

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Name:                                 |  |
| Date and place of birth:              |  |
| Citizenship:                          |  |
| Passport number:                      |  |
| Date of issue:                        |  |
| Valid till:                           |  |
| Home address:                         |  |
| Purpose of stay:                      |  |
| Period of stay (Enter/Exit):          |  |
| Visa (in what city will be obtained): |  |

## Health insurance

For Health Insurance please apply to the university International Office at [international@sgspu.ru](mailto:international@sgspu.ru)



## Basic migration rules

The majority of international applicants who want to study in Russia will need a passport and a visa. International applicants from Azerbaijan, Abkhazia, Southern Ossetia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Armenia and Uzbekistan do not need a visa. Applicants from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine need their national passport to visit Russia. Prospective students from other countries, including the CIS countries not mentioned above need an international passport to come to Russia. Even though Russia has visa-free arrangements with many countries, the duration of a visa-free stay is limited to 1 or 3 months, as such arrangements are designed for tourists, not long-term visitors. In theory, a student from a country which has visa-free arrangements with Russia can enter using only their passport, but after the permitted stay is over they will have to leave the country and re-enter it with a valid student visa. Therefore, it is simply better to get a student visa in the first place.

Visiting Russian compatriots<sup>1</sup> also have to provide relevant ID. Where to Apply for a Student Visa Student visas are obtained through the Russian Embassy (Consular Department) or Russian Consulate in your country of residence. In certain countries there are authorised visa centres<sup>2</sup> which provide such services. Please refer to the website of the Consular Division of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for further information.

### Duration of Stay under a Student Visa

Initially, a student visa is issued for three months. After this period you should apply to the local division of the General Administration for Migration Issues of

the Interior Ministry of Russia for a visa extension. The FMS issues a one-year multi-visa which allows you to travel to and from Russia within the validity period of the visa. When your visa is about to expire, you should apply for a further 1-year extension, and carry on in this manner for the duration of your academic programme. Starting from December 2017, international students who completed pre-university training and passed entrance examinations to enrol in a basic education programme can have their student visa extended in Russia, they needn't travel back to their home country for visa processing.

### Documents Required for a Student Visa:

- ✓ International passport (original) and a copy of the front page.
- ✓ Official invitation for entry to Russia.
- ✓ Application form.
- ✓ Photograph 3.5 x 4.5 cm (1.18 x 1.57 inches).
- ✓ HIV-negative status certificate.
- ✓ For applicants under 18 years – parental consent to travel certified by a notary.

This is a general list. Consult the Russian Embassy or Consulate in your country regarding your application.

### Obtaining an Invitation

Invitations to Russia are issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia and the General Administration for Migration Issues of the Interior Ministry of Russia. Applicants who obtained their place at a university in Russia through competitive selection and are entitled to a government scholarship (quota), receive their invitation based on a Ministry of Foreign Affairs directive. At the office of the Federal Agency for the CIS Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) they receive a six-digit number of the invitation which they then quote when submitting their visa application. If the prospective student has fulfilled all the application requirements and received a place at a university through a standard procedure or is a fee-paying student, the invitation will be sent by the university. You will need the original invitation to submit the visa application.

You can start the process of obtaining an invitation 45 days prior to the actual travel date. The invitation is valid for three months.

Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 18 months from the issue date of your visa. Your passport should contain at least two blank pages.

The certificate should contain passport details of the holder, information on the duration of their stay in Russia, and the particulars of the HIV test (date, medication series used, official stamp of the medical facility that conducted the

test, the signatures of the doctor and the person tested). The document should be issued in Russian and in English and be valid for three months.

Student visas are normally issued within two or three weeks. Visa centres can speed up the visa process for an additional fee.

The cost of the visa depends on your host country. Information on the cost of the visa can be obtained from the Russian Consulate or a visa centre in your country.

Contact your university's international office minimum 45 days prior to the expiry date of your current visa.

Documents you need:

- ✓ Completed form and a photograph.
- ✓ Your passport.
- ✓ Copy of your enrolment agreement or referral from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.
- ✓ Stamp duty (payment receipt).
- ✓ Detachable section of the arrival notification form (issued upon migration registration).
- ✓ Migration card (original and copy).

In addition, every time you obtain a visa extension you have to register at the migration office. Contact your university's international office for additional information and assistance.

Currently, the stamp duty for the extension of a one-year student visa was 1,600 rubles.

You can legally stay in Russia as long as your visa is valid (from 3 to 12 months). Just don't forget to apply for an extension 30 or 40 days prior to the expiry date. Staying in Russia with an expired visa means you risk a fine of between 2,000 and 5,000 roubles, deportation and a ban on entering Russia for five years.

To reside legally in Russia, international students need to:

- ✓ Fill out a Migration Card
- ✓ Register with the Migration Service

After this, don't forget to extend your visa and migration documents. The first time this should be done is 3 months after your arrival (Please consult the International Office for more details).

[Migration Card](#)

The Migration Card needs to be filled out by all foreign citizens, whether or not they arrive in Russia with a visa. Free forms are distributed on planes, trains, and before passport control at the airport (or railway station).

A Migration Card is a certificate of your legal crossing of the Russian border. Together with your passport, it is an essential document for your stay in Russia. You cannot register with the Migration Service if you don't have this card. When filling out the card, try not to make any errors as you will have to spend a lot of time correcting them later.

### How to fill out a Migration Card?

A Migration Card should be filled out in Russian (or in Latin script if you don't know Russian) legibly, without erasures or corrections. After that you hand the card over to the border control officer. You'll be given a detachable part of the form which will serve as your Migration Card. Keep it until you leave the Russian Federation.

### How long is a Migration Card valid?

A Migration Card is valid for the duration of your stay in Russia. If you leave the country, hand it over at border control and fill out a new form when you return.

### Migration Service

Foreign citizens arriving in Russia to study (with or without a visa) must register with the Migration Service within 7 days of their arrival. Your university will handle this process and all you need to do is bring the documents to your university's international office within 3 days of your arrival. A student's de-facto address must be designated as the place of registration. If a student lives in a university dormitory, International office staff will register them at this address. If a student plans to rent an apartment, they are registered with the authorities of the district where the apartment is located by the apartment owner.

The document package includes:

your passport (or identity document), visa (if you need a visa to enter Russia), and a Migration Card. Originals and copies of these documents are required. Your university will then give you a detachable part of the arrival document with the stamp of the General Administration for Migration Issues of the Interior Ministry of Russia. This is your document of registration with the Migration Service. It gives you the right to remain in the country for the indicated period (first for 3 months, then for 1 year). The document should then be extended at the regional body of the General Administration for Migration Issues of the Interior Ministry of Russia.

### How to extend an arrival document?

Minimum six weeks prior to the expiry of your arrival document, contact the university's International office to extend it. If a foreign citizen is traveling around Russia, checking into hotels, leaving, and then returning to the country, and if any details are changed, the arrival document has to be issued again through the university International office. No fee is charged for registering with the Migration Service and extending the term of the arrival document.

### Loss of and damage to migration documents

If your Migration Card is lost or damaged, you have to apply to the General Administration for Migration Issues of the Interior Ministry of Russia where you registered, within 3 days. Upon submission of documents (a passport, a visa, a student identity card, a detachable part of the arrival document etc.) you'll be issued a free duplicate. If you have lost your part of the arrival document, you have to apply to the General Administration for Migration Issues of the Interior Ministry of Russia where you registered and write a declaration. Once the information has been verified, you'll be given a duplicate of this document (usually within 3 days) free of charge. The international office can help you get lost documents reissued. The most important thing is to get this done within the statutory period – 3 days.

### What happens if migration regulations are not followed by the student?

Failure to comply with migration requirements is punishable with a fine. In certain cases, if a foreign citizen does not have the necessary documents they may be deported from Russia. Two or more administrative violations in 3 years are punishable by a three-year ban on entering the country.

More information on [studyinrussia.ru](http://studyinrussia.ru):  
<https://studyinrussia.ru/en/life-in-russia/arriving-in-russia/visa/>

## Contacts

If you have any further questions concerning our programmes, diplomas, accommodation, or you want to get any other information about studying in Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education, please contact International Office:

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