SPORT, CREATIVITY AND HOBBIES

Being a student at St Petersburg University is more than just studying. The University offers a whole range of opportunities to those seeking a unique versatile experience.

St Petersburg University offers a choice of 21 sports clubs to suit your needs. These are for sports enthusiasts and those wanting to participate in international sporting events as a member of a University team such as basketball. If you have an innovative idea for a start-up or want to voice your opinion on international policy issues, feel free to join the St Petersburg University Start-Up competition or UN and EU international student models.

There are a variety of St Petersburg University artistic societies to choose from. You can act in a theatre, sing in a choir, publish a magazine, or attend dancing classes. We have a dynamic volunteer community, with Green Campus being one of the successful environmental projects. You also can join the St Petersburg University Student Council to realise your leadership potential. Sports competitions, conferences, concerts, parties and other exciting events are an integral part of St Petersburg University student life.

At St Petersburg University, we are trying to facilitate a quick and smooth integration of international students into a new environment. When you arrive in St Petersburg, you can have a buddy, a Russian-speaking friend, who will meet you at the airport, help with administrative issues, and give tips about St Petersburg life. During the Introduction Week, you will meet other students, and take part in a range of events introducing you to the city and the University.

Additionally, you can join a language tandem project or one of the discussion clubs. You may also like to go on a trip or visit an event organised by the International Students’ Club.
ST PETERSBURG: THE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF RUSSIA

St Petersburg is one of Russia's largest educational centres. Its architecture is a combination of Rome, Venice, and Amsterdam. It has the hustle and bustle of a contemporary metropolis, and is rich in cultural heritage. In the city centre streets, you can hear people speaking many different languages. Orthodox churches sit side by side with Catholic chapels, Muslim mosques, and Buddhist temples.

In 2017, the World Travel Awards recognised St Petersburg as Europe's Leading City Destination. The UNESCO World Heritage List includes the city's historical centre and the suburban palace and park ensembles of Pushkin, Pavlovsk, Gatchina, Peterhof, and Strelna.

86 metres is the depth of Admiralteyskaya underground station which is the deepest in St Petersburg.

8 years is the time it will take to examine every single exhibit in the Hermitage Museum, if you spend at least one minute viewing each one.

St Petersburg has a humid temperate climate. The average temperatures are -7.4° C in January, the coldest month, and +17.8° C in July, the hottest month.

FOOD

Numerous bistros, cafes and restaurants offer a wide choice of both Russian and international cuisine. Among the well-known local dishes are: borscht; pelmeni; caviar pancakes; pancakes with condensed milk; Russian doughnuts; pastries with sweet or savoury fillings; Russian herring salad; and kvass, which is a traditional Russian fermented beverage.

The University buildings house more than 30 cafeterias and cafes offering a range of food and drinks.

ONCE YOU BECOME A STUDENT OF ST PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY

Studying at St Petersburg University

You are required to carry your Student ID card with you at all times. It allows you to gain entry to University buildings, and provides discounts in the city's museums, theatres and cinemas.

After enrolment, each student is given a Student ID card. The grading system used by Russian universities:

- passed / not passed
- 5 = excellent
- 4 = good
- 3 = satisfactory
- 2 = unsatisfactory

Living here

Places at University halls of residence are offered to all international students and non-residents of St Petersburg enrolled on full-time programmes of higher or middle level education. All the halls of residence have a shared space to socialise and study, laundry facilities, cafes and ATMs.