

For foreign citizens enrolled in government-funded places to study at St Petersburg University:

1. Send an e-mail of confirmation / refusal of your intention to study at St Petersburg University to the International Admissions Office at the email address admission@spbu.ru. Please inform us in the e-mail if you are selected according to a quota as part of the selection conducted by the representative offices of the Russian Federal Agency Rosstrudnichestvo or foreign missions. *If you are on the territory of the Russian Federation and you need to extend your visa, then inform us about this fact and also send a copy of your valid visa.*
2. Make sure that all the necessary documents are submitted to your Personal Account:
 - an application form: it must have a photograph; indicate your field of study in section 23.1, 23.2; and be uploaded in one pdf file;
 - a signed application and a consent application from the Personal Account for enrolment to a specific academic programme, uploaded in one pdf file;
 - medical certificates: on absence of contraindications to study (the certificate must state that there is not a medical reason preventing you from studying); and HIV and AIDS negative certificates;
 - final educational credentials with the summary of academic records (if necessary, with an apostille or consular certification, and a certified translation into Russian properly executed). Information on the preparation of academic credentials is available on the portal or at recognition@spbu.ru.
3. You must read the Rules of stay in the Russian Federation of foreign citizens and stateless persons, and sign and upload the Statement of Understanding to the Applicant's Personal Account.
4. If you need a visa to enter the territory of the Russian Federation, make sure that: there are more than one and a half years between the date that your international passport expires and the visa issue date; and there is an application for a visa invitation in your Personal Account.
5. All international students arriving for study must purchase a voluntary medical insurance policy. It must be: valid for the academic year; and cover the costs of laboratory testing of material for COVID-19 using the PCR method, as well as treatment for this disease. You can purchase a policy at any insurance company, including in electronic form (a recommended company is PC IC Rosgosstrakh). A copy of the medical policy must be sent by e-mail to the staff of the Academic Department in your field of study.

For foreign citizens enrolled in places on a fee-paying (contractual) basis to study at St Petersburg University:

1. Make sure that all the necessary documents are submitted to your Personal Account:
 - a signed application and a consent application from the Personal Account for enrolment in a specific academic programme, uploaded in one pdf file;
 - final educational credentials with the summary of academic records (if necessary, with an apostille or consular certification, and a certified translation into Russian properly executed). Information on the preparation of academic credentials is available on the portal or at recognition@spbu.ru.
2. You must read the Rules of stay in the Russian Federation of foreign citizens and stateless persons, and sign and upload the Statement of Understanding to the Applicant's Personal Account.
3. To obtain a contract, you must send an email to admission@spbu.ru stating 'Contract' as a topic of the letter, indicating your last name, first name and the selected programme. You can first read and study the standard form of the student contract. The signed copy must be uploaded to the Applicant's Personal Account.
4. After completing the contract, you must pay for the first semester of study within 10 days. It can be done:
 - through bank departments in the Russian Federation: they may charge fees for bank services according to their tariffs; the receipt can be emailed upon request;
 - through the online system of St Petersburg University: the transfer fee is 2% of the payment amount when paying with bank cards of any banks; you must indicate the number of the student contract;
 - at the University Cashier's Office: payment in cash if the visit in person is possible.

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Teaching and learning process

The timetables for the autumn semester of the 2020/2021 academic year is compiled taking into account the need to comply with the Recommendations for the prevention of the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in educational institutions of higher education approved by the Chief State Sanitary Doctor of the Russian Federation on 29 July 2020.

Information about the timetables of classes and assessment is published on the St Petersburg University website on the page according to academic groups. First-year students therefore must first find out the number of their study group. This can be done in one of the following ways:

- Through the 'Student's personal account': a single user login is used to access it. The single user login format is stXXXXXX, where X is a number from 0 to 9. For students, a single user login is created automatically as soon as a student is enrolled in the University.

In the 2020/2021 academic year, a registration card containing a login, password, e-mail address will be sent to freshmen via the 'Applicant's Personal Account'. This is to take into account the peculiarities of the organisation of the teaching and learning process due to measures to counter the spread of the new coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in the Russian Federation.

- On the information boards of the Academic Department of your field of study.

According to clause 2.2.3 of the Academic Regulations for Main Educational Bachelor Programmes, Specialist Degree Programmes, Master Programmes and Programmes of Middle Level Professional Education at St Petersburg State University, approved by order of the Senior Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Extra-Curricular Affairs, and Methodological Support dated 29 January 2016 No 470/1, the academic timetable is published no later than 31 August 2020.

Please note that due to the changing epidemiological situation, the timetable may change. Regularly check your group's timetable on the 'SPbU Timetables' page.

If you have any questions about your studies, you can contact the staff of the Academic Department of your field of study.

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Arrival and check-in

If you are on the territory of the Russian Federation:

7. If you are in St Petersburg and reside at a private address, you must register your residence at your residential address within 7 working days after arrival. Please email to pvo@spbu.ru copies of the following documents: passport, migration card, visa (if any), residence permit, temporary residence permit (if any), registration. You should indicate your telephone number and e-mail.
8. If you plan to stay in a St Petersburg University hall of residence, please take note of the following information:
 - 8.1. No later than 29 August 2020, the St Petersburg University portal publishes the list of international students enrolled in full-time bachelor's, specialist's, master's, clinical residency and aspirantura programmes in 2020. The number of the hall of residence in which a place for accommodation is provided from 30 August 2020 is stated next to the student's name. From this day until 6 September, you just need to come to the specified hall of residence for accommodation. The actual date of arrival in the period between 30 August and 6 September does not affect the place of accommodation allocated. All places in the halls of residence are allocated in advance. After 6 September, the check-in process continues, but not according to the previously published list, but, upon arrival, on a one-by-one basis through the Settlement Department, office@campus.spbu.ru.
 - 8.2. The list for settlement from 30 August 2020 indicates those students enrolled in 2020 who, upon admission, indicated that they will need a hall of residence for the period of study, and at the same time:
 1. the enrolment order was issued on or before 26 August 2020;
 2. while applying, they indicated not St Petersburg addresses in the columns 'Region', 'Permanent residence address' and 'Registration address';
 3. they are full-time students.
 - 8.3. Check-in to the halls of residence from 30 August to 6 September is available daily (including Saturday and Sunday) from 9am to 8pm.

The check-in (settlement) of students who are not included in the settlement list from 30 August 2020 will be carried out during the academic year. Places in the halls of residence will be provided to all international full-time students who need them. Before 31 August 2020, the St Petersburg University website publishes lists of international students enrolled in full-time bachelor's, specialist's, master's, clinical residency and aspirantura programmes in 2020, if the enrolment order was issued between 26 August and 30 August 2020.

8.4. *The Settlement Department (Peterhof or Vasilyevsky Island) which you must contact to get a place is specified in the lists near the student's names:*

- for check-in to halls of residence located in Petrodvortsovy District of St Petersburg (Peterhof), you should contact the Settlement Department in Hall of Residence No 10 at: office 106, 66/2 Botanicheskaya Street.
- for check-in to halls of residence located in Vasileostrovsky District of St Petersburg (Vasilyevsky Island), you should contact the Settlement Department in Hall of Residence No 1 at: ground floor, 20/1 Korablestroitelei Street.

8.5. After 6 September, check-in is available according to the regular schedule: Monday-Friday from 9am to 5.45pm, Saturday and Sunday are days off (except for Halls of Residence No 13 and No 19).

On days off, you can stay until 9am in the halls of residence according to the allocation:

- in Peterhof – Hall of Residence No 13 at: 66/4 Botanicheskaya Street. Telephone: +7 (812) 428-49-36.
- on Vasilyevsky Island – Hall of Residence No 19 at: 3 Kapitanskaya Street. Telephone: +7 (812) 352-24-28

8.6. For check-in to St Petersburg University halls of residence, international students must submit the following documents to the manager of their hall of residence (directly in the hall of residence):

1. Passport
2. Certificate of fluorography (or form No 086 certificate indicating information about fluorography)

8.7. If you have any *questions related to the check-in procedure*, you can ask Vladimir Savinov, Head of the Department for Youth Affairs, by e-mail urm@spbu.ru or in the Virtual Reception. Before asking a question, please read the answers in the Virtual Reception.

8.8. Questions that are not related to check-in, but are about staying in the halls of residence (such as equipment and facilities in rooms and halls of residence, the rules of staying in halls of residence, and work of the managers of halls of residence) should be addressed to the appropriate St Petersburg University designated person: Dmitrii Mikhailov, Head of the Department for Maintenance and Operation of Halls of Residence, in the Virtual Reception.

8.9. For more information on the location of the halls of residence, as well as on the living conditions in them, visit the St Petersburg University portal.

If you are outside the Russian Federation:

9. *International students are admitted to the educational process after 14-day (from the date of entry into the Russian Federation) isolation, with a PCR test for COVID-19 on the 10th – 12th days of their isolation. This is in accordance with clause 1.13 of Recommended Practices MR 3.1/2.1.0205-20 'Recommendations for the prevention of the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in educational institutions of higher education' (approved by the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing on 29 July 2020).*
10. If you plan to reside at a private address, you must register your residence at your residential address within 7-working-days after arrival. Please email at pvo@spbu.ru copies of the following documents: passport, migration card, visa (if any), residence permit, temporary residence permit (if any), registration (both sides). You should indicate your telephone number and e-mail. The 7-working-day registration requirement is varied for citizens of the following countries: Armenia – within 30 calendar days; Republic of Belarus – within 30 calendar days;

Kazakhstan – within 30 calendar days; Kyrgyzstan – within 30 calendar days; Tajikistan – within 15 calendar days; Ukraine (including the Donetsk People's Republic/ the Luhansk People's Republic) – within 90 calendar days.

11. If you plan to stay in a St Petersburg University hall of residence, please take note of the following information:

11.1. The mandatory 14-day isolation is carried out in: Hall of Residence No 16 (64/4 Botanicheskaya Street, Peterhof). Tatyana A. Dolgintseva, Manager of the Hall of Residence. Telephone: 428-48-98, e-mail: t.dolgintseva@spbu.ru; and Hall of Residence No 19 (3 Kapitanskaya Street, St Petersburg). Konstantin M. Sozonov, Manager of the Hall of Residence. Telephone: 363-68-32, e-mail: k.sozonov@spbu.ru.

11.2. For migration registration, please send to pvo@spbu.ru copies of the following documents: passport (all marked pages); migration card (if any); valid visa; temporary residence permit / residence permit (if any); the first page of the residential tenancy agreement in the St Petersburg University hall of residence. You should indicate your telephone number and e-mail. In conditions of observation, it is enough for students to send documents by mail to the Passport and Visa Department to pvo@spbu.ru. If there are not sufficient technical resources, they should inform about this in order to organise assistance in obtaining the documents necessary to get registered.

11.3. Foreign citizens and persons arriving from abroad must provide: a medical certificate (in Russian or English) confirming the negative result of laboratory testing of the material for COVID-19 using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method, selected no earlier than three calendar days before arrival in the territory of the Russian Federation; and medical certificates confirming the detection of immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies (if any).