

## **KURSK STATE UNIVERSITY WELCOMES YOU!**

### **THE OLDEST BUT YOUNG AT HEART.**

Kursk State University is one of the leading universities in the Central Black-Soil Region. It was founded in 1934, but the history of the university dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century when Tsarina Catherine II ordered the establishment of a school for young noblewomen. In 1902 it was transformed into the Mariinskaya Grammar School for Girls and then into a Teacher Training Institute in 1934. The impressive ancient university building, situated at the corner of Radishcheva and Kirova Streets in the centre of Kursk, is a national monument. For years a high spirit of teaching and studentship has existed within these halls.

Today, the university is the leading science and education center in the Kursk Region, and offers a diverse set of specialties, modern educational technologies and various forms of vocational training.

About 10 000 full and part-time students study in the university's 18 departments.

The talents of our staff are numerous. We have more than 800 tutors and researchers in the 61 university departments. 76 faculty members possess full doctorate degrees, and over 420 have Ph.D. degrees.

Kursk State University provides scientific support to economic, technological and social research and projects in the region. The University has an important influence on the education and demographic structure of the Kursk region, helping to preserve its social environment, history, folklore and local crafts.

The numbers of various university scientific schools (psychological, educational, natural sciences and humanities) are famous both in Russia and abroad. Highly qualified specialists are trained through full and part-time graduate studies, PhD programs in 36 areas of specialization and doctoral studies in 7 areas of specialization.

### **EDUCATION WITHOUT BOUNDARIES.**

Kursk State University is actively developing international relations. Links with more than 50 universities in Europe, the USA and Asia have been established. We are in close contact with foreign scientific and teaching organizations, embassies, as well as with international foundations and institutions (ACTR, ACCELS, SOROS Foundation, Central-European University, IREX, German Academic Exchange Service-DAAD, etc.) The University is currently participating in a cultural studies project in collaboration with its partner universities in Russia, the Ukraine, Germany, Great Britain and Austria. The international exchange programs are very popular among our students.

Today the university is comprised of six education buildings, over 100 natural science labs with a variety of high-tech equipment, nearly 50 specialized study rooms for the humanities, an astronomical observatory, ten multimedia classrooms, a conference hall, a TV-centre, industrial training facilities, art studios, a library and reading halls, zoological, mineralogical and archeological museums, a biological and agricultural testing center, gymnasiums and many other facilities. The construction of a seventh building and a community centre is currently under way. Additional facilities include three hostels and a student medical center.

Numerous fields of study are available to students, including 49 areas of specialization:

- ◆ Applied Mathematics
- ◆ Ecology
- ◆ Psychology
- ◆ Journalism
- ◆ Theory and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages and Cultures
- ◆ Translation and Theory of Translation
- ◆ Theology
- ◆ Religious Studies
- ◆ History
- ◆ Legal studies
- ◆ Legal studies (for teaching purposes)
- ◆ History (for teaching purposes)
- ◆ Pedagogy and Methods of Elementary Teaching
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Physics
- ◆ Computer Science
- ◆ Biology

- ◆ Geography
- ◆ Chemistry
- ◆ Foreign Languages (German, English, French)
- ◆ Fine Arts
- ◆ Technology and Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Basics of Life Protection
- ◆ Speech Pathology
- ◆ Special Needs Pedagogy
- ◆ Special Needs Psychology
- ◆ Pedagogy and Psychology
- ◆ Russian Language and Literature
- ◆ Culture Studies
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Vocational Training (engineering and equipment design, economics and management studies, computer studies, computing and technology design)
- ◆ Basics of Life Protection in the Technosphere
- ◆ Design
- ◆ Interior and Equipment
- ◆ Costume Design
- ◆ Housekeeping
- ◆ Social Service and Tourism
- ◆ Software Development and Administration of Information Systems
- ◆ Architecture
- ◆ Organizational Management
- ◆ Regional and State Management
- ◆ World Economics
- ◆ Finance and Credit
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Accounting, Analysis and Audit
- ◆ Philosophy
- ◆ Sociology
- ◆ Personnel management

#### Bachelor Studies

- ◆ Journalism
- ◆ Religious Studies
- ◆ Science Studies
- ◆ Physics and Mathematics
- ◆ Philology
- ◆ Sociology and Economy
- ◆ Technological Studies
- ◆ Pedagogic
- ◆ Arts

We provide the following courses for the foreign citizens wishing to study at our university:

- preparatory courses;
- a full course of preparation for certified specialists;
- graduate studies;
- doctoral research;
- internships;
- professional skills development;
- specialist retraining;
- intensive Russian language courses for foreign students, including business Russian;
- additional educational services (individual disciplines, programs and special courses).

The cost of these courses depends on the type and duration of the course, the number of students per group, the field of study and the qualification:

- preparatory courses – starting from 1000 \$;
- a full course of preparation for certified specialists – starting from 1200\$ ;
- graduate studies – starting from 1000\$;
- doctoral research – starting from 1000\$;
- intensive Russian language courses for foreign students - – starting from 500\$;

The international activity of the University is focused on its integration into the international educational arena, and creating an up-to-date system for training foreign citizens in accordance with international standards.

## **IN THE VERY HEART OF RUSSIA.**

Kursk State University is the oldest higher education institution in Kursk.

Kursk is situated in the very heart of Russia. It is a big cultural and industrial regional centre in the Russian Federation. It supports a population of more than 1.2 million people.

Emerged in the XI century, even earlier than Moscow, and being a frontier settlement, Kursk, for many centuries fought to repel enemy invasions. The Kursk region has been a spiritual centre for the Russian Orthodox Church. Korennaya Holy Mother Heritage is famous for the miraculous discovery of the icon "Sky-sign" in 1297. Today, this icon is the main symbol of the American Orthodox Church. Kursk is adorned with several striking historical and spiritual monuments. A masterpiece of architecture - Sergievo-Kazanskiy Cathedral is linked to one of the most respected saints in Russia, Seraphim Sarovski, who was born in Kursk.

Not only Kursk, but also dozens of small towns composing the territory of the Kursk Region, possess both signs of their majestic past and their sophisticated present. They are famous throughout Russia for their folk arts and crafts, their parks and mansions ("Marino", "Mokva"), being the birthplaces of several Russian writers, poets and musicians.

The natural environment of the Kursk region is uniquely beautiful and diverse. The famous reputation of "Streletskaya Steppe" (The Central Black Soil Region State Biospherical Reserve) is justified, since it protects wild virgin grasslands and rare black soils, that have never been touched by a plough, as well as a wealth of flora and fauna native to the region. The songs of Kursk nightingales have become the symbol of the Russian soul.

Today, historians together with teachers and students from the University study this cultural heritage through expeditions and excursions to the historically significant sites. They participate in archeological digs, research archives and carefully analyze the history of their own region. Thus Kursk State University is integrated into the cultural environment of the area.

## **ALL ROADS LEAD TO KURSK, OR TEN REASONS FOR A FOREIGNER TO STUDY AT KURSK STATE UNIVERSITY.**

1. The quality of the Russian education system is acknowledged all over the world.

Kursk State University is **one of the leading Russian universities**.

- an officially registered **state education institution** for higher professional education. It has a State License for Education Activities and Certificate of State Registration issued by the Ministry of Education of Russian Federation.
- a **wide variety of educational programs**:
  - Preparatory courses;
  - A full course of preparation for certified specialists (47 specialties);
  - Graduate studies (34 specialties) and doctoral research (7 specialties);
  - Courses to improve professional skills and specialist retraining.
- **State Certificate of Education** upon graduation.
- The **high calibre of our staff and well-equipped facilities** guarantee an education of the highest standard.
- **Scientific research** carried out at the university is both applied and fundamental.

2. Kursk State University is fully **integrated into the world education system**. It is particularly active in developing international links and in participating in international scientific programmes and educational projects.

3. A **high quality education** is balanced with **excellent prices** that are much lower than those offered by the Moscow and St. Petersburg universities.

4. The **accommodation** for foreign students **meets international standards** and living in Kursk has many advantages:

- low prices on goods and services making it cheaper to enjoy a **descent standard of living** in Kursk than in the capitals;
- a student **medical service** available at the university hospital department, employing highly qualified personnel;
- the University campus is conveniently located **in the centre of Kursk**. The stores, city transportation, cafes, libraries, international telephone service and a post office are all situated in close proximity.

5. The many national diasporas and various religious beliefs, the tolerance of Kursk inhabitants and their interest in cultures and traditions of other nations, guarantees the **safety and security of foreign students** in Kursk.

6. The system of Russian language, literature and cultural studies teaching offered by Kursk State University **will help to easily overcome any language or cultural barriers**.

- Russian language classes are taught by highly qualified professionals. They have all been certified to teach Russian as a foreign language by the Moscow State Institute of Russian Language n.a. A. Pushkin and have extensive experience,
- Teaching in English is available.

7. Within the **social life** of the University and the city, there are a **plethora of ways to spend your free time**. Foreign students have the opportunity to visit:

- theatres,
- museums,
- the Philharmonic and Concert Halls,
- galleries,
- the Planetarium, the Circus, recreational complexes,
- as well as clubs and societies of the University.

8. Kursk is located on a junction of railways and highways connecting Moscow and St. Petersburg with Kiev, the Crimea and the Caucasus. **The close proximity of Kursk to Moscow (550 km), Voronezh (320 km) and other historical and cultural centres in Russia, allows us to offer varied excursions for foreign students.**

9. Kursk is a student city. There are **28 thousand students studying 87 specialities at 19 institutions** of higher professional education in Kursk. After completing preparatory courses at Kursk State University, **foreign students can go on to specialize at any of these schools.**

10. Kursk is one of the most important historical, industrial and cultural centres in the Black Soil Region. Learning its culture, traditions and the peculiarities of its natural and geographical conditions, **allows foreigners to soak up the history and mentality of Russia.**

**By choosing Kursk and Kursk State University you will discover Russia and join the world education system that has no boundaries.**

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