

# ***Northern European Open University***

## ***Petrozavodsk State University***

### ***Guide on International programs for International students***



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# *Welcome to Petrozavodsk State University (PetrSU)*

We are glad to offer you a wide range of programs at PetrSU.

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## Information about Karelia

The Republic of Karelia is located in the north-western part of Russian Federation, between the basins of Barents and Baltic seas. The total territory of Karelia is 172 400 sq.km. with a population of 800 000 people. The capital of the Republic is the city of Petrozavodsk (280 000 inhabitants), which is situated on the shore of Lake Onego. In the northeast, the Republic is washed by the White Sea with a shore line of 630 km.; in the west Karelia borders on Finland (border line length approx. 700 km.); in the north, on Arkhangelsk Region; in the south, on Vologda and Leningrad Regions of the Russian Federation. There are 27 000 rivers and over 60 000 lakes in Karelia. Lake Ladoga and Lake Onego are the largest lakes in Europe.

Almost all the territory of Karelia is included in the European systems of mobile phones network NMT-450 and GSM.

The Republic has its own constitution, legislative body (Parliament), and Government which is headed by the Chairman – the main executor of power and the highest officer in the Republic. The Republic has its own administrative-territorial division, consisting of 18 regions and towns. Local self-government is carried out within the bounds of administrative-territorial units. It is separate and independent of the system of state (republican) government in accordance with Russian and Karelian legislation.

Karelia, as a culturally original region of Northern Europe, emerged as a result of the interaction of the Baltic-Finnish and the Eastern Slavic cultures in the North. It was on the territory of the Karelian cross-cultural area where the masterpieces of art created by peoples of different origins were preserved and recorded in the 19th century/ Among them are the epic Karelian-Finnish runes, which were compiled in the famous "Kalevala", and Russian folk and epic songs.

Karelia is extremely rich in natural, cultural and historical places of interest, which enjoy immense popularity among hundreds of thousands of tourists from Russia and foreign countries. Among the most popular are:

Kizhi Island in Lake Onego, famous for its unique masterpieces of wooden architecture including the 22-dome Church of Transfiguration (1714) and the oldest wooden church in Russia - the Church of Resurrection of Lazarus, which dates back to the 14th century. In 1990, the architectural ensemble of the Kizhi churchyard was registered in the World Cultural Heritage List of the UNESCO; the Valaam archipelago in Lake Ladoga with the Monastery of the Transfiguration of Our Saviour, which has great cultural and historical importance; the Marzial Waters Spa, the first Russian health resort established by Peter the Great in the early 18th century; the architectural ensemble of the Solovetskiy monastery, also registered in the World Cultural Heritage List.

## Why Petrozavodsk?

- Petrozavodsk is a small and calm town with real Russian charm.
- It takes 4-6 hours to get to Moscow or Petersburg from Petrozavodsk
- You will be able to see the Kizhi churches, the Valaam and Solovetskiy monasteries, and other beautiful sceneries.
- Living with a Russian family, you will get to know what Russian hospitality means.
- You will study Russian in friendly atmosphere and make friends with Russian students.

# Introduction

## **Petrozavodsk State University**

Founded in 1940, **Petrozavodsk State University** is the largest classical university in the European north of Russia, playing a leading role among the higher educational institutions in this region. The 15 faculties of the University offer a wide range of disciplines. Teaching and research activities in PetrSU are widely-based, their focus being on business studies and administration, medicine, environment, social sciences, education, languages and culture. PetrSU enjoys a high reputation for its excellent and highly qualified teaching staff which numbers about 703. The university has 15,000 undergraduate students.

The university occupies 4 buildings in downtown Petrozavodsk with the total area of 64,000 square meters. A new 100-hectare university campus is now under construction. The university has one of the largest libraries in Karelia with over 800,000 volumes.

Since 1980, PetrSU has been admitting international students. By 1995 over 500 foreign students had participated in various educational programs at the university. Besides educational activities, the University conducts research in various fields of science, including 28 joint international programs. The international contacts of the university are developing rapidly. PetrSU has 12 bilateral agreements on exchange programs and joint scientific research projects with universities of Finland, Sweden, Great Britain, Poland, the United States, and Canada. PetrSU has taken an active part in various international programs of the Baltic region and the Barents Euro-Arctic region, Nordic Council of Ministers, TEMPUS-TACIS, ISEP, Fulbright, Soros Fund, etc. Each year about 10 international conferences are held in the University.

Useful information about PetrSU:

Rector: Prof. Victor N. Vasiljev

Vice-Rector for International Relations: Ass. Prof. Nikolai R. Toivonen

Academic degrees and diplomas awarded: B.Sc./BA., M.Sc./MA., Ph.D., D.Sc.

Duration of study: B.Sc./BA - 8 semesters; M.Sc./MA - 4 semesters; Ph.D. - 6 semesters.

Academic year structure: Fall semester (September-January); Spring semester (February-June);

Language of instruction: Russian.

Language courses offered: Russian, English, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, German and French.

## ***Northern European Open University***

The Northern European Open University (the NEOU) was supposed to be created on the basis of Petrozavodsk State University, as a consortium of scientific, educational, innovation, voluntary and other types of organizations in the European North. The aim of the NEOU is to provide personnel and scientific support for the social and economic development of the European North of Russia, as well as to create uniform educational, scientific and informational space in the European North. NEOU participate in the foundation and work of foreign citizen enrollment boards for studying in Russia, promote international exchange programs for all groups of public and promote students mobility.

Useful information about NEOU:

Director: Ass. Prof. Nikolai R. Toivonen

Head of Department of Educational and Exchange Program: Galina Parikhina

International Students advisor: Maria Dianova

**More detailed info about PetrSU and NEOU can you find at the following web sites:**

<http://petrsu.karelia.ru>

<http://neou.karelia.ru>

<http://schools.karelia.ru>

More info about Petrozavodsk you will find at this web site:

[www.petrozavodsk.ru](http://www.petrozavodsk.ru)

More info about Karelia you will find at these web sites:

[www.karelia.ru](http://www.karelia.ru)

[www.onego.ru](http://www.onego.ru)

## ***Why NEOU?***

**Why is it worth studying at our university? Because we can provide good conditions for students' living and studying:**

1. high level of teaching
2. qualified and experienced faculty
3. small groups of students (about 2-5) and individual approach to everyone
4. language labs
5. computer classes
6. libraries
7. programs of various length, broad choice of courses
8. staying with host families or in university residence

## **Now that you are here.**

### ***Registration, contract, accommodation...***

#### **How do I register?**

You can register at the International office. You'll have to provide the next documents: passport, visa, 2 photos (3mm\*4mm).

After you have registered, you get a student card. That will give you free access to the Internet Centre and to the University's library. Having a student card will also give you the opportunity of buying a cheap bus/trolley monthly ticket.

The office hours are:

Mon-Fri 9.00-17.00,

Lunchtime 13.00-14.00

#### **Where and how do I sign a study contract?**

After the registration you will have to sign the study contract. You can do it at the following address: Anokhina st. 20, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, room 411, Department of Educational and Exchange Programs. The office hours are Mon-Fri.10.00-17.00, lunchtime 13.00-14.00.

#### **Where can I accommodate?**

Housing for students in Petrozavodsk is arranged by the department of educational and exchange programs. All non-Russian students accepted to PetrSU are guaranteed accommodation.

The most common forms of student accommodation are staying with a family, student dormitory/ a hotel or a private flat.

Staying with a family gives students an excellent opportunity of practicing Russian skills outside the classroom. The student has a private room and access to all the shared areas and facilities. The morning and evening meals are prepared by the host and are shared with the student. The fee for this program - including meals (breakfast, dinner) - is 150 US\$ per month.

Dormitories probably lack the comfort of a luxurious hotel, but they do have their advantages. You will find it easier to adapt to the new conditions there. Students, your neighbors, will sure help you any time you need. Costs are considerably lower than those of any hotel. The cost is included into the tuition fee.

Renting a flat is more convenient and comfortable. It gives you the opportunity of living the way you are used to. The International office will help you to find a flat not far from the university, but we are not responsible for your relations with the flat's owner. The rent per month is about \$150.

## ***Before classes: Orientation week***

### **What activities does Orientation include?**

Orientation week is the first week of your stay in Petrozavodsk.

Orientation week is organized by the university administration and focuses on the social component of education. It includes some tours of the city of Petrozavodsk and its suburbs. It is a survival course aiming at your adaptation to the local conditions. You will also have the excursion around Petrozavodsk University: its past and present, facilities and services provided for international students. You will get acquainted with the tutors and the schedule of your classes.

We strongly recommend that you come here and take part in Orientation week. In case you can't be in Petrozavodsk at this time, please inform us in advance.

## **Our programs**

- **Full Degree programs (Bachelor degree, Specialist degree, Master degree, Ph. D)**
- **Pre-University Foundation program on Engineering, Economics, Medicine, Humanities, Natural sciences.**
- **Russian Language Foundation program for complete beginners and students of elementary level (one academic year)**
- **Russian language program for advanced students (one academic year)**

- **Intensive Russian language programs**

Russian for beginners

Russian Main Course (Elementary level)

Russian Main Course (Intermediate level)

Russian Main Course (Advanced level)

Russian for Philologist

Specialized courses for teachers, business people, lawyers, and scientists

Individual instruction

Special courses for advanced students

- **Summer Russian Language Program**

Russian for beginners

Russian Main Course (Elementary level)

Russian Main Course (Intermediate level)

Russian Main Course (Advanced level)

Russian for Philologists

Specialized courses for teachers, business people, lawyers, and scientists

Special courses for advanced students

- **Special courses**

Business Russian

Russian for Tourism, Hotel and Hospitality

Media Studies

- **Courses on Literature**

Works of Alexander Pushkin

Works of Mikhail Lermontov

Works of Nikolai Gogol

Old Russian books, culture, and literature

Reading and Commenting on Modern Russian Literature

Russian Customs and Folklore

- **Holiday courses**

Russian for High school students

Useful holidays for the whole family

Group study tours

- **Russian language + decorative applied art**

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# **Russian Language Program**

## ***Program objectives and content***

The Standard Russian language courses will give beginners, as well as advanced students, the necessary skills in Russian for practical use. Emphasis is put on the basics of grammar and conversation. Intermediate and advanced students will have the opportunity of improving their command in both oral and written language. In addition, they are free to take some special courses on Russian literature, history and culture.

We offer both individual and group tuition. We recommend you to take individual instructions, which are more effective. The teacher will design the special course for you according to your wishes and demands. One-to-one tuition guarantees fast progress and focuses on personal language skills.

The University also welcomes you to choose group studies for beginners, intermediate or advanced students.

## **Russian Language Program**

- Russian for beginners
- Russian Main Course (Elementary level)
- Russian Main Course (Intermediate level)
- Russian Main Course (Advanced level)
- Russian for Philologist
- Specialized courses for teachers, business people, lawyers, and scientists.
- Special courses for advanced students.

## **The program of Russian studies**

### **List of General courses for advanced students**

- Intensive course for lingual and social adoption
- Language of Russian literature in 19th century
- Reading and text analysis
- Practical stylistics
- Political history of Russia in 20th century
- Modern Russian mass media
- Corrective phonetics
- History of Russia for foreign students
- Russian grammar
- Russian literature of the 1980s-90s century
- Modern Russian spelling
- Practical course of Russian spoken language
- Movies of the Soviet period
- Language and ethical mentality (special course)

### **We offer:**

4-week intensive Russian language program

8-week intensive Russian language program

16-week intensive Russian language program (1 semester)

32-week intensive Russian language program (2 semesters)

### **Requirements**

To apply for Russian language program candidates will have to provide the following documents:

- Completed application form (on-line)
- Copies of all the bank transfer details. The registration fee is 50USD
- Copy of your passport.

**Please note all the documents should reach us 2 months before the beginning of the program.**

### **How can I pay?**

To apply to this program, you can transfer the tuition fee to PetrSU's dollar account or pay in cash in Petrozavodsk. The fee covers the cost of tuition (20 hours a week), the use of computers and teaching materials, and organizational costs.

As soon as we get all your documents by mail, we will send you an Invitation letter required for obtaining visa. Please note it takes 6 weeks to do Invitation letter.

### **Bank requisites are as follows:**

Beneficiary's bank:

MJSCB "Vozrozhdeniye"

Bank identification code 048 602 721

Number of bank account: 30 101 810 400 000 000 721

SWIFT code: VBNK RU MM

Beneficiary's number of account:

405 03 84 09 03 902 140 956

Beneficiary: Northern European Open University PetrSU

Beneficiary's address:

Anokhina st., 20

Petrozavodsk, 185640, Russia

Purpose of payment: tuition fee

## **Evaluations**

At the end of the study period the participants will be evaluated on the basis of their individual achievements. Participants who successfully complete the course are awarded a certificate, which is recognized by other universities.

## **Terms**

These are terms only for group studies. If you choose individual tuition, you are welcome to start and set the schedule at your own convenience.

## **What if I have problems with one of the courses?**

All tutors enjoy high reputation and have broad experience in working with international students. If you have some problems with one of your courses, talk first to the tutor. As a rule, a misunderstanding about expectations or course content can be quickly sorted out. Should further problems appear, apply to the RLP Student Advisor who will advise you on how to proceed.

## **What if I miss my classes?**

First of all, you must notify the tutor in advance. If it is individual tuition, you can deal with the tutor to conduct a missed class in any time. If it is group studies, you will have to study the issues you have missed on your own.

## ***If you have problems***

Do not hesitate to talk to RLP Student Advisor who is the person to help you deal with the administrative matters at the University. This is the person to call when you:

- are unsure how to register or to get access to some university's facilities
- need help in locating the right person, service, or resource in the university
- need help to sort out academic rules and regulations
- need advice on applying to a degree program

If there is anything else you'd like to know, or if anything in this handbook is not clear, don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you.

# Summer Russian Language Program 2004

**This program is specially designed for students who would like:**

- to start studying Russian language
- to improve Russian language
- to prepare to study in Russia
- to know more about Russian history, culture and traditions.

With 20 lessons per week, our Intensive Russian language enables our students to achieve a working command of the Russian language in a fast and efficient manner. The class size is limited to six students and lessons are normally Monday through Friday from 9.45 a.m. to 13.05 p.m. or from 11.30 a.m. to 15.05 p.m.

**Summer Russian Language Program consists of three main parts:**

1. Study program
2. Home stay program
3. Cultural program

## **Study program**

There are courses of different levels and duration.

## **Terms:**

- ***4 week program***  
June, 7 – July, 2  
July, 5 – July, 30  
August, 2 – August, 27
- ***8 – week program***  
June, 7 – July, 30  
July, 5 – August, 27
- ***12 – week program***  
June, 7 – August, 27

## **Levels:**

We offer 4 levels of instruction from complete beginners to advanced.

- ***Russian for beginners***

For people with no previous knowledge of Russian (taught in English).

Emphasis is put on pronunciation, basic grammar, understanding of simple texts (oral and written), conversation on everyday topics.

- ***Russian Main Course (Elementary level)***

For people with a minimal level of knowledge (taught in English).

Emphasis is laid on pronunciation and grammar, improvement of listening and speaking skills.

- ***Russian Main Course (Intermediate level)***

For people with a good practical knowledge of Russian. Students will get training necessary to improve their command in oral and written language. Emphasis is put on reading and speaking skills improvement, understanding of radio and TV programs, films, conversation on different social and cultural themes.

- ***Russian Main Course (Advanced level)***

For people proficient in Russian. Emphasis is put on speaking skills improvement, reading modern and classic Russian literature, enlarging special vocabulary.

There are also courses for advanced students who major in the Russian language, literature and culture.

- ***Russian for Philologists***

For students majoring in the Russian language and literature. Emphasis is put on the review of theoretical knowledge of Russian grammar and vocabulary, analysis of literary texts, cultural studies, and new methods of teaching Russian.

- ***Specialized courses for teachers, business people, lawyers, and scientists***

Specialized courses are designed for professionals seeking special knowledge of the language in their fields. At least medium level knowledge of Russian is required to enroll in specialized classes. The following choice of subjects is available: grammar, phonetics/intonation, spoken Russian, conversation, literature, and writing modern Russian.

If you need specialized courses, please let us know about your wishes and preferences so that our professors could design them for you.

- ***Special courses for advanced students***

Advanced students are welcome to choose any of these courses. The courses are taught on individual basis.

## **Daily schedule:**

9.45 – 13.05 Russian language classes

13.05- 14.00 – lunch

14.00 –18.00 – cultural activities

### ***Teachers:***

**Marina Viktorovna Khazova**

**Ekaterina Aleksandrovna Terekhova**

**Larisa Yurjvna Perederij**

Our instructors are university graduates with a solid experience in teaching Russian as a foreign language. Having lived in foreign countries, they possess a good knowledge of foreign cultures which help them understand their students better.

### ***Home stay program***

We pay particular attention to this point. All families are carefully selected; they have been hosting students for many years. The following is included: a separate room, access to all facilities (kitchen, bathroom, TV set, refrigerator, telephone etc.), bedroom clothing. As a rule, a family becomes a good friend for the student. The student has to fill in application form and send it back to the office 1 month before his arrival (where he points out his wishes and preferences). If some problems arise during staying, we try to find another family. But it happens very seldom.

### ***Cultural program***

We offer the following cultural activities that will help our students to get acquainted with Russian history, culture, traditions and social life.

**Cultural program is optional. The cost is not included into the tuition fee.**

- Tour of Petrozavodsk (2 hours)
- Excursion to the Puppet museum, the aquarium museum, the local history museum
- Excursion to Kizhi island – the open air museum of wooden architecture
- Excursion tour to the first sanatorium in Russia “Marzial waters” and the biggest waterfall in the flat part of Europe
- Visiting of the city of Sortavala and the monastery on the island of Valaam
- Visiting the most rapidly developing city of Karelia – Kondopoga
- Visiting the Veps’ village Sheltozero with a concert of folk music
- 2-day trip to St. Petersburg
- Evening boat trip on Lake Onego and visiting night clubs
- Visiting of the Solovetskiy islands

## **The cost of the program:**

### **1. Study program**

Duration of the course	4 weeks (20 hours per week)	8 weeks (20 hours per week)	12 weeks (20 hours per week)
individual	640\$	1280\$	1920\$
2-3 people	320\$	640\$	960\$
4-6 people	240\$	480\$	720\$

### **2. Accommodation**

Type of accommodation	4 weeks	8 weeks	12 weeks
Home stay program (incl. breakfast and dinner)	200\$	400\$	600\$
Apartment	150\$	300\$	450\$
Hotel	750\$	1500\$	2250\$

### **3. Cultural program**

Full cost of the cultural program is 360 dollars (incl. all excursions). Otherwise you can choose what you like and we'll calculate the cost.

#### **Requirements:**

To apply for this program, you have to:

1. fill in the application form on-line at our site
2. transfer the registration fee to the dollar account of PetrSU

Registration fee is 50\$ (the cost of Invitation letter required for obtaining visa is included).

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# Summer Program for Middle and High school students (age 12-18)

## *Description of the program:*

This program combines Russian language program (2-4 hours per day), an intensive cultural program (every day), and Home stay program.

## **Russian language program:**

This program is specially designed for school students who would like:

- to get acquainted with Russian school children
- to start studying Russian language
- to get experience in studying at Russian school

With 15 lessons per week, our Intensive Russian language enables middle and high school students to study Russian to the level necessary for informal communication with teenagers their age. They will have chance to visit lessons with Russian schoolchildren and take part in extracurricular school activities.

## *Cultural program:*

We offer the following cultural activities that will help middle and high school students to get acquainted with Russian history, culture, traditions and social life.

- Tour of Petrozavodsk (2 hours)
- Excursion to the Puppet museum, the aquarium museum, the local history museum
- Excursion to Kizhi island - the open air museum of wooden architecture
- Excursion tour to the first sanatorium in Russia "Marzial waters" and the biggest waterfall in the flat part of Europe
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- Visiting the Veps' village Sheltozero with a concert of folk music
- 2 day trip to St. Petersburg
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- Visiting of the Solovetskiy islands

### **Home stay program:**

We pay particular attention to this point. All families are carefully selected; they have been hosting students for many years. The following is included: a separate room, access to all facilities (kitchen, bathroom, TV set, refrigerator, telephone etc.), bedroom clothing. As a rule a family becomes a good friend for the student.

If some problems arise during staying we are trying to find another family. But it happens very seldom.

### **Terms of the program:**

There are 2, 3, 4, 6 week programs. Dates of each program may be agreed before.

### **The cost of the program (2 weeks):**

Tuition fee (40 academic hours) 120 euro

Home stay program (including all meals) 100 euro

Cultural program 80 euro

Medical insurance 5 euro

Totally: 305 euro

Please note that the groups have to be formed before their arrival to Russia. Minimum number of students is 4 people. Maximum is 16 people.

Our school's trustee will supervise the group of students during their stay in Petrozavodsk.

## **Pre-University Foundation program**

This program is designed specially for those students who are planning to take Degree programs at PetrSU or other Russian university but do not know Russian.

### ***Program objectives and content***

To prepare a student for entering Petrozavodsk State University or any other Russian University, as well as to provide basic knowledge and skills necessary for studying at Russian university.

During this program you will get the appropriate knowledge of the Russian language necessary to study at any Russian university. After successful completion of Preparatory program, PetrSU issues the Certificate of proficiency in Russian. This Certificate is recognised by other Russian universities. Having this Certificate, you are welcome to enter any Russian university.

The Program includes:

- Russian Intensive Course
- Course of Social Adaptation
- Introduction Course on the chosen major (Engineering, Economics, Medicine, Humanities, Natural sciences)

Schedule:

**Classes take place from Monday to Friday, in the morning, 4 – 6 hours a day.**

### **Admission requirements:**

To be registered at the program you have:

1. to fill in the application form online (see Apply now!)
2. to transfer the registration fee 50\$ to our dollar account.

### **Tuition fee:**

The cost of the program is 1400 USD. The following is included: study program, a bed in a room in the student dormitory, medical services during staying in Russia (a private doctor, urgent medical help and repatriation).

### **Evaluations & Grades**

At the end of the study, the participants will be evaluated on the basis of their individual achievements. Participants who successfully complete the course are awarded a certificate, which is recognized by other Russian universities. Having this certificate, you can enter PetrSU or any other Russian university. You don't need to pass the exam on proficiency in Russian.

### ***The terms of the program in 2003/2004:***

- September, 1 – June, 6
- October, 1 – June, 30
- November, 3 – July, 30
- December, 1 – July, 30
- January, 19 - August, 30

**After the completion of the course, students have to pass exams on proficiency in Russian.**

### **Commissions:**

- if you recruit the group of 1- 4 students your commission will be 90\$ from each student.
- if you recruit the group of 4 -10 students your commission will be 100\$ from each student.
- if you recruit the group of more than 10 students your commission will be 150 - 200\$ from each student.

WE OFFER THESE COMMISSIONS FOR STUDENTS AND FOR REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE READY TO RECRUIT STUDENTS FOR PETROZAVODSK STATE UNIVERSITY.

### ***After Pre-University Foundation program***

If Pre-University Foundation program is completed successfully, PetrSU issues the Certificate of proficiency in Russian. This Certificate is recognized by other Russian universities. Having this Certificate, you can enter any Russian university.

## [Degree programs at PetrSU](#)

If you are proficient in Russian, you are welcome to take a Degree program at PetrSU. We are glad to offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

### ***Undergraduate and postgraduate programs***

Bachelor Degree

Specialist Degree

Master Degree

Ph. D

Petrozavodsk State University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs in natural science and humanities. If you speak Russian, you are welcome to study at any Department of PetrSU. There are 15 departments offering a wide range of disciplines. The teaching and research activities of PetrSU are widely based, with their focus being on social sciences, humanities, polytechnic sciences.

### **Undergraduate degrees**

After completing an undergraduate course, a student is awarded either of the two possible certificates:

Bachelor (B.Sc.) is the undergraduate qualification offered by Departments of Mathematics and Physics. The award is given after a four-year course of study.

Diploma of Specialist is awarded after five years of study and completing a diploma thesis.

### **Postgraduate degrees**

The departments of Mathematics and Physics offer Master degree studies. This is a two-year program requiring a Bachelor degree in a relevant area.

PhD

This is a standard postgraduate research degree. The course of study and research generally takes three years. The degree is awarded on the basis of a thesis prepared by the student and examined by internal and external examiners.

### **Terms:**

1<sup>st</sup> semester starts on September, 15, ends on December, 22

2<sup>nd</sup> semester starts on February, 5, ends on June, 15

After each semester the students have to pass exams. The successful grades are necessary to be allowed to study in the following semester.

## **Requirements**

To be registered, you have to transfer 50USD to university's dollar account.

To be admitted, you have to submit the necessary documents:

- Copy of school leaving certificate translated into Russian (or other documents about your previous education)
- Statement of purpose in Russian (all students have to know Russian)
- Certificate of proficiency in Russian
- Application Form (filled on-line)
- Copies of all bank transfer details

**Please note that all documents should reach us not later than July, 30.**

**Here is the official course catalogue of PetrSU:**

**History Faculty**

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1400 - 1500
PhD	\$1500
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
020700	History History History of Finland and Scandinavian countries Museum studies and museum pedagogic.	Specialist
020800	History. Record keeping Office-work and departmental archives	Specialist
070003	World History	PhD

**Forest Engineering Faculty**

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1250 - 1800
PhD	\$1800
DSc	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
260100	Forest engineering business	Specialist
170400	Machines and the equipment of a wood complex	Specialist
291000	Highways and air stations	Specialist
260400	Forestry	Specialist
101600	Power-securing for the enterprises	Specialist
060301	Timber crops, selection and seed-growing.	PhD
052101	Technology and machines of timber purchasing and forestry	PhD
052101	Technology and machines of timber purchasing and forestry	DSc

## Faculty of Mathematics

Program	Tuition fee
Bachelor of science (4 years)	\$1850 - 1950
Specialist (5 years)	\$1850 - 1950
Master of science (2 years)	\$1850 - 1950
PhD	\$2000
DSc	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/Specialization	Degree
510100	Mathematics geometry and topology mathematical analysis theory of numbers theory of probabilities and mathematical statistics information technologies in education.	Bachelor/ Master
510200	Applied mathematics and computer science maths and software for computers mathematical modeling mathematical methods in economics	Bachelor/Master
010100	Mathematics	Specialist
010200	Applied mathematics and computer science	Specialist
071900	Information systems in engineering and Technologies	Specialist
051318	Mathematical modeling, calculus of approximations and complexes of programs.	PhD
051311	Mathematical and software of computing machinery, complexes and computer networks.	PhD
010104	Geometry and topology	PhD
010101	Mathematical analysis	PhD
010105	Theory of probabilities and mathematical statistics	PhD
010109	Discrete mathematics and mathematics cybernetics	PhD
051318	Mathematical modeling, calculus of approximations and complexes of programs	DSc

## Faculty of Physical Engineering

Program	Tuition fee
Bachelor of science (4 years)	\$1250 - 1850
Specialist (5 years)	\$1250 - 1850
Master of science	\$1250 - 1850

	(2 years)	
	PhD	\$2000
	Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee
Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
010400	Physics	Bachelor/Master/Specialist
071400	Physical electronics	Bachelor/Master/Specialist
220200	Computer science	Bachelor/Master/Specialist
190900	Informational measuring engineering and technologies	Bachelor/Master/Specialist
090500	Mining	Bachelor/Master/Specialist
010404	Physical electronics	PhD
010405	Optics	PhD
010407	Condensed state physics	PhD
010410	Physics of semi-conductors	PhD
010414	Thermal physics and theoretical thermal techniques	PhD
051116	Information measuring and managerial systems	PhD
052702	Vacuum and plasma electronics	PhD

### Faculty of Industrial and Civil Engineering

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1650
PhD	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
653500	Construction	Specialist
290300	Industrial and civil engineering	Specialist
290800	Water-supply and water drain	Specialist
052301	Building constructions, buildings and works	PhD

052304	Water supply, sewerage system and building systems of water conservation	PhD
052308	Technology and organization of construction	PhD

### Faculty of Agriculture

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1100 - 1400
PhD	\$1500
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
310200	Agronomics	Specialist
310700	Animal breeding	Specialist
311300	Mechanization of agriculture	Specialist
060201	Breeding, selection, genetics and reproduction of agricultural animals	PhD

### Faculty of Ecology and Biology

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1400 - 1800
PhD (3 years)	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
011600	Biology	Specialist
013100	Ecology	Specialist
030004	Biochemistry	PhD
030005	Botanic	PhD
030008	Zoology	PhD
030010	Ichthyology	PhD
030013	Physiology	PhD
030016	Ecology	PhD
030023	Biotechnology	PhD

### Faculty of Economics

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$2200
PhD (3 years)	\$2500
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition

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Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
060500	Book keeping	Specialist
060400	Finance and credit	Specialist
061100	Management of the organization	Specialist
080001	Economic theory	PhD

### Faculty of Medicine

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1700 - 2000
PhD (3 years)	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
040100	Medical business	Specialist
040200	Pediatrics	Specialist
140001	Obstetrics and gynecology	PhD
140005	Internal diseases	PhD
140013	Nerve diseases	PhD
140018	Psychiatry	PhD
140019	Radiation diagnostics, radiation therapy	PhD
140025	Pharmacology, clinical pharmacology	PhD
140027	Surgery	PhD
140035	Children's surgery	PhD
140037	Anesthesiology and reanimation	PhD
140039	Rheumatology	PhD
140043	Pneumology	PhD

### Faculty of Baltic and Finnish Philology and Culture

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1100 - 1700
PhD (3 years)	\$1700
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
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021700	Philology Finnish language and literature Karelian and Finnish languages and literature Veps and Finnish languages and literature	Specialist
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### Faculty of Philology

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1250 - 2000
PhD (3 years)	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
021700	Philology Russian language and literature English language and literature German language and literature Russian and classical languages and literature Russian and Swedish languages and literature Mass media	Specialist
100101	Russian literature	PhD
100103	Foreign countries literature	PhD
100109	Study of folklore	PhD
100201	Russian language	PhD
100219	Theory of language	PhD
100222	Languages of peoples in Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australia	PhD

### Faculty of Political and Social Sciences

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$1400 - 2000
PhD (3 years)	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
020200	Political science	Specialist
020300	Sociology	Specialist
350500	Social work	Specialist
021200	International relations	Specialist

## Faculty of Law

Program	Tuition fee
Specialist (5 years)	\$2000
PhD (3 years)	\$2000
Individual plan training	50% increase of tuition fee

Code	Program/ Specialization	Degree
021100	Jurisprudence	Specialist
120010	International law. European law.	PhD
120014	Administrative law, financial law, informational law	PhD

# **New Programs for International students**

## *I Special courses*

### **Description**

It is a combined program. The following courses are included: special course (Business Russian or Russian for Tourism, Hotel and Hospitality or Media Studies) + standard Russian language course, and cultural program.

The course load is as follows: one special course (20 hours) + Standard Russian language course (60 hours) + intensive cultural program. Totally: 80 hours + intensive cultural program.

You can also take all three courses + standard Russian language course.

### **Business Russian (4 weeks)**

An intensive and practical program, covering Letter Writing, Telephone Skills, Conducting Meetings, Interactive Skills for Meetings, Negotiating, Notes Taking, Information Exchange and Banking.

The course employs professional videos, modern textbooks and business magazines, relevant radio and television programs and newspaper articles.

### **Russian for Tourism, Hotel, and Hospitality (4 weeks)**

A specialized course for trainees and employees in the tourist and hotel industries. The course focuses on Conversational Language. You will have the chance to work one day as a trainee in one of the hotels of Petrozavodsk.

### **Media Studies**

Designed for people who have an interest in this fascinating area of modern Russian life. Topics include television, radio, advertising, the music industry, films, newspapers, and journals.

## **2. Terms:**

September 1 - September 28

October 6 - October 31

November 3 - November 28

December 1 - December 26

January 12 - February 6

February 2 - February 27

March 1 - March 26

April 5 - April 30

May 3 - May 28

### 3. Levels:

Pre - Intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced

### 4. The cost of the program:

- Registration fee – 50 USD (should be transferred 2 months before student's arrival).
- Tuition fee – 320 USD (course load is 80 hours in the group of 3-6 people).
- Accommodation – 200 USD (incl. a separate room, all meals).
- Cultural program is the optional one. You choose what you would like and we calculate the cost of the program.

5. **Deadline:** 3 months before beginning of the program.

## *II Courses on Literature*

### 1. Description.

It is the combined course. The following courses are included: course on literature (description see below), correction Russian language course, and cultural program.

The course load is 65 hours + intensive cultural program.

- **Alexander Pushkin: Life and creation.**

The course includes reading and discussion both Pushkin's works in original and books and articles about his life.

- **Mikhail Lermontov: Life and creation.**

The course includes reading and discussion both Lermontov's works in original and books and articles about his life.

- **Nikolai Gogol: Life and creation.**

The course includes reading and discussion both Gogol's works in original and books and articles about his life.

- **Old Russian book, culture and literature.**

Students get the possibility to read and study old Slavonic texts (episodes from chronicles, lives of saints, old Russian poetry), to observe the features of Church Slavonic language, to realize the mentality and traditions of that period, to see real old Russian books from the collections of local libraries.

- **Reading and Commenting of Modern Russian Literature** (Shukshin, Astafiev, Petrushevskaja, Dovlatov, Pelevin)

- **Russian Customs and Folklore**

It is kind of language –literary-cultural course which includes studying Russian folk traditions in connection with mentality (for example, superstitions), reading folk tales and legends, visiting museums.

## **2. Terms:**

September 1 - September 28

October 6 - October 31

November 3 - November 28

December 1 - December 26

January 12 - February 6

February 2 - February 27

March 1 - March 26

April 5 - April 30

May 3 - May 28

## **3. Level:**

Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced.

## **4. The cost of the program:**

- Registration fee – 35 USD (should be transferred 2 months before student's arrival)
- Tuition fee – 230 USD (course load is 65 hours in the group of 3-6 people)
- Accommodation – 150 USD (incl. a separate room, all meals)
- Cultural program is the optional one. You choose what you would like and we calculate the cost of the program

## **5. Deadline is 3 months before beginning of the program**

### ***III Holiday courses***

#### **- Useful holidays for the whole family**

This program is specially designed for families who prefer interesting and extraordinary holidays. We offer flexible schedule: studying Russian language, communication with Russian families, hiking, going to Russian “dachas” (summer cottages), experience in Russian “banya” (bath).

#### **- Group study tours**

This program combines studying Russian language and intensive excursion program. You will have chance to visit the most beautiful Russian cities, the masterpieces of Russian architecture (Kizhi ensemble, Solovetskiy monastery, Valaam monastery).

There are not terms for these programs. We will complete groups when we get any inquiries from interested people.

## **IV Russian +**

**Russian language** + decorative applied art, represented by such specializations as - knitting, [gobelin](#), textile plastics, bead-weaving, [birch-bark weaving](#).

It is the combined program. The following courses are included: standard Russian language course + decorative applied art, and cultural program.

The course load is as follows: Standard Russian language course (80 hours) + decorative applied art (20 hours), intensive cultural program. Totally: 80 hours + intensive cultural program.

This program combines studying Russian language program and decorative applied art.

### **2. Terms:**

September 1 - September 28

October 6 - October 31

November 3 - November 28

December 1 - December 26

January 12 - February 6

February 2 - February 27

March 1 - March 26

April 5 - April 30

May 3 - May 28

### **3. Level:**

Pre -Intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced.

### **4. The cost of the program:**

- Registration fee – 50 USD (should be transferred 2 months before student's arrival).
- Tuition fee – 320 USD (course load is 80 hours in the group of 3-6 people).
- Accommodation – 200 USD (incl. a separate room, all meals).
- Cultural program is the optional one. You choose what you would like and we calculate the cost of the program.

### **5. Deadline is 3 months before beginning of the program**

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB**

The Department of Educational and Exchange Programs of NEOU has started a system with “brothers”. “Brothers” are Russian students who want to help you, international students, in having a nice stay here in Petrozavodsk. If you have any questions or problems, your “brother” will help you. The “brothers” are students at Petrozavodsk State University as well, and they do this particularly because they are interested in a different culture, as well as to practice in different language and, of course, to make new friends.

In the beginning of your stay here in Petrozavodsk, you will become a member of a “brothers group”. With your “brother” can you do different things, for example you can go together to parties, which we organize, visit museums, historical places, go to movies, or just hang around. Your participation in these activities is of course free, and the number of activities can vary from one brother to another. We will do everything to help you.

If you have problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Northern European Open University (PetrSU)  
Department of educational and exchange programs  
Petrozavodsk, 185640  
Anokhina st, 20  
Office 411  
Telephone +7 8142 71 96 27

## **Facilities**

Petrozavodsk University provides many facilities, helping the students and visitors with their basic needs:

**The Internet Centre** is one of the largest over European north of Russia.

More info about Internet Center: <http://www.soros.karelia.ru>

There are 4 Internet classes of free access for students and visitors.

The rooms 237, 239 are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (main building)

Open: Mon-Fri 10.00-13.00, 13.30-19.00

The rooms 306, 307 are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (the building on Anokhina st, 20).

Open: Mon-Fri 8.00 – 19.00.

### **Museums:**

There are a lot of museums in Petrozavodsk.

More detailed information about museums you can find at web-site:

[http://www.karelia.ru/Karelia/culture\\_e.html](http://www.karelia.ru/Karelia/culture_e.html)

### **Scientific Library**

Director, Associate Professor

Marina P. Otlivanchik

Telephone: 711-044

E-mail: [lib@mainpgu.karelia.ru](mailto:lib@mainpgu.karelia.ru)

At present, with 863,453 books and magazines, it is one of the largest in the republic. It contains books on various fields of knowledge, belles-lettres, samples of outstanding original printing, rare editions of XVII-XIX centuries.

Once a month (on Saturdays) recitals and readings are held.

Open: Mon-Fri 9.00-20.00

Satur 9.00-19.00

More detailed info about library: [http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/libr\\_e.html](http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/libr_e.html)

### **"Petrozavodsky Universitet" weekly**

Editor Ljudmila G.Kirillova; telephone: 711-051; [newspaper@mainpgu.karelia.ru](mailto:newspaper@mainpgu.karelia.ru)

"Petrozavodsky Universitet" ("PU") newspaper has been published since 1956.

"PU" is a weekly four-page paper providing information about scientific, social, international and student life at Petrozavodsk State University, as well as important problematic and analytical articles.

The authors are mostly students, teachers, and officials of PetrSU. The newspaper is published entirely under the auspices of PetrSU.

More detailed info:

[http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/Other/newspaper\\_e.html](http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/Other/newspaper_e.html)

**Student's Facilities:** Information on the broad range of student facilities offered by PetrSU.

### **Student's Union**

Leader: Ilya N. Kosenkov

Telephone 78 12 28,

E-mail: [sprofcom@mainpgu.karelia.ru](mailto:sprofcom@mainpgu.karelia.ru)

Lenin st, 33, main building

Room 227, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Open: Mon-Fri 9.00-17.00, lunch time 13.00-14.00

### **University choir** (participant of Lints Choir Olympiad, Austria, 2000)

Choir conductor, Associate Professor

Georgy E. Teratsuiants, telephone: 71 10 08, [postmaster@mainpgu.karelia.ru](mailto:postmaster@mainpgu.karelia.ru)

Department of cultural studies, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, room

The main objective of the chorus is to attract as many students as possible to the spiritual values of chorus singing and to give a primary musical education to everyone who is interested in it.

Every year the chorus gives about 30 concerts and conducts talks. There is a long-time tradition to give an annual final concert.

The extensive and diverse repertoire of the chorus includes works of Russian and Soviet chorus classics, folk songs, foreign musical works, Orthodox and Catholic spiritual music.

The rehearsals are held every week on Wed, Fri (19.30-22.00), on Sundays (11.00-13.30) in room 364 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, main building).

### **Tourist club "Sampo"**

Leader Yuri S. Lanyov

Telephone: 71 10 17

Department of physical education, 4<sup>th</sup> floor (main building)

The club arranges water tourism on canoes and catamarans, hiking, ski and bicycle tourism in Karelia and all over Russia. Among the participants there are children, students, university teachers and assistants, club veterans and members of their families. The club offers light 1-3-days and heavy 7-25-days trips. More than 150 tourist groups (8-16 people in each) have been to the lake Baikal area ( 6,000 km from Petrozavodsk), which is a very interesting place for trips of different kind. 10 groups have been to Kamchatka (10,000 km from Petrozavodsk). Some groups have traveled to Yakutia, the Altai, the Urals, the Caucasus, the Pamire, the Carpathians, Putorans.

The club offers:

1. Joint foot, water, ski, and bicycle trips across Karelia and Russia
2. Joint rest with simple tourist trips in the sport camp Shotozero (84 km from Petrozavodsk)
3. Participation in seminars on tourism development
4. Participation in expeditions (up to 7 days long) to the national park Panajarvi

Other joint activities, such as a bicycle tour around the Onego Lake (8-10 days, about 700 km) are also possible.

**Sports Center** (university teams of basketball, volleyball, football, skiing,)

Leader: Grigorij N. Kolosov

Telephone: 72 20 19

Address: Suoyarvskay st. 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Open: Mon-Satur. 9.00-22.00

Lunch time - 13.00p.m-14.00 p.m.

It offers a wide range of services: training hall, weight room, aerobics gym, billiards room, cloakrooms, and other facilities.

To get access to Sports Center you should buy a sports pass (at student's rates- 120 rubles). It is valid for 1 month.

**More detailed info you will find:**

<http://media.karelia.ru/~profcom/soc.html>

**Student's theatre studio**

Supervisor: Aleksey Babenko

Telephone: 78 12 28

Theatre studio has existed in PetrSU for 30 years. Its managers were graduates of drama schools of Moscow and Saint Petersburg, actors and directors of Petrozavodsk theatres.

**"Toive" Folk ensemble**

Leader: Henrih V. Turovsky

Telephone: 71 10 08

E-mail: [turovski@mainpgu.karelia.ru](mailto:turovski@mainpgu.karelia.ru)

Department of cultural studies, 4<sup>th</sup> floor (main building)

The ensemble members collect folk dances, songs and games in villages and then study and stage them. They also collect folk musical instruments and ethnographic costumes, which are then renovated according to models stored in museums. The ensemble members give lectures on the history of Karelian folk culture and arrange seminars and practical classes in dancing, singing, and playing folk musical instruments.

At the concerts, the ensemble performs folk music, dances, songs, and games of different peoples of the Finno-Ugric language family, that live on Karelian territory. The ensemble's repertoire includes the epic songs of Karelian culture, folk music of Northern Karelia, Southern Karelia and Ingermanland.

**More info about "Toive" you will find:**

<http://www.karelia.ru/toive>

### ◆ **Birch-bark studio**

The supervisor of the "Birch-bark" studio of the creative laboratory of PetrSU is Ludmila N. Savina.

Telephone: 71 10 08

E-mail: [savin@mainpgu.karelia.ru](mailto:savin@mainpgu.karelia.ru)

Department of cultural studies, 4<sup>th</sup> floor (main building)

Birch-bark is the oldest wood material, using in art trades. Birch-bark art is widely represented by the works of birch-bark layer (carving, painting, stamping).

### **More info and pictures you will find:**

[http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/Teams/Beresta/index\\_e.html](http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/Teams/Beresta/index_e.html)

### Sporting Centre Shotozero

This sporting student's camp is situated in a lively, picturesque place not far from Petrozavodsk on the shore of the cleanest lake of Karelia.

Here you can have a good time in comfortable wooden houses shared by 2, 4 people.

The cost for the student's pass includes the following (for a 10-days period): accommodation, meals (3 times a day), using of sports equipment, cultural activities.

Traditionally, sports events (football, basketball, volleyball, tennis) and guitar parties are held by students.

More info and pictures of Shotozero you will find:

[http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/shot\\_e.html](http://petsu.karelia.ru/psu/Structure/shot_e.html)

You are welcome to participate in all above-mentioned activities. Don't hesitate to contact the supervisors and participate. The access to all these activities is free of charge.

## Useful information

### **Financial questions**

Feasible budget

Living in Russia is rather cheap. Below you find an example of a feasible budget for one month in **Russian rubles**.

Items	The cost of living per month
Food	2000-3000
Telephone, TV, newspapers	200
Local travel	150
Medical care, hygiene	150
Leisure	500
Total:	4000 rubles

The clothes are not very expensive in Russia, either; it is better to buy it here, because it might be hard to guess what to get before going to Petrozavodsk. You will need winter clothes from October/November to March.

### **Language**

Russian is the official language. In many places, however, you will be able to find someone that can speak some English, especially in bigger hotels, banks and restaurants. It is better to learn some specific phrases (see dictionary).

### **Medical insurance**

Please note you are responsible for your medical insurance. If you haven't got medical insurance in your home country you have to do it here in Petrozavodsk.

If you take Pre-University Foundation program the medical insurance is included into the cost of the program.

### **Health**

You should check with your doctor what inoculations you require and take out a medical insurance policy before you leave your home country.

### **Visas and registration**

On arriving in Petrozavodsk you should have your visa registered within three working days. The University (International office) arranges this for you (see Registration).

We advise you to have documents with you. You must present your passport and visa in order to change money and buy train tickets, book hotel rooms and in numerous other situations.

## Currency

**Cash:** The official currency in Russia is the Russian Ruble (1 Ruble = 100 kopecks). You can bring US dollars or Euro clean notes in good condition, and change them when you get here. There are many exchange points in Petrozavodsk (Lenin prospect) but you will need to show your passport. Do not change with people in the street: there have been several different sets of bank notes issued in the last ten years and you can easily be fooled. When you change money, many places will give you a green receipt – it is not necessary to keep this and do not worry if you are not given one.

Notes in circulation are: 1000, 500, 100, 50, 10, and 5 rubles. Coins in circulation are 5, 2, 1 rubles, and 50, 10, 5, 1 kopecks.

In all places, it is wise not to carry large amounts of cash with you all the time.

You may see things priced in both rubles and dollars. In most cases payment will only be accepted in rubles, at the exchange rate specified by the shop or restaurant. You may also see things priced in Y.E. This is a fictional currency unit, which is equivalent to the dollar, and again you should enquire as to the exchange rate used by the shop or restaurant.

**Traveler's cheque:** American Express and Thomas Cook traveler's cheque are fairly easy to change in Petrozavodsk in Central Bank (Antikainena st., 2)

**Credit cards:** most major cards can be used here, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and cards with the Cirrus symbol. Dollars are obtainable on these cards in Petrozavodsk only in Central Bank (Antikainena st., 2) and supermarket "Karelia".

**In shops:** You should check in shops before assuming that you can pay with a credit card - the display of credit card stickers in the window does not guarantee that they will accept credit cards for payment.

## Public transport

There is no metro in Petrozavodsk. It has **trolleybuses**, **buses** and so-called "**marshrutnoye taxi**" (minivans). Tickets can be bought from the conductor or the driver. The price is 5 rubles.

Be aware that public transport can be very, even frighteningly, crowded, especially at the rush hour. However, even if you appear to be squeezed into a corner from all sides, just utter the magic words: **вы будете выходить? Vy budyete vykhodit?** People will clear a space through which you will be able to penetrate to the exit.

**Taxis**, being specially marked, can be easily recognized, but many private car drivers operate as taxicabs. If you can name your destination in Russian, then you can hire a car. You should certainly agree on the price before you get in. The normal price, which depends on the distance, is 30-50 rubles for one trip. Never get into a car if there is already someone besides the driver in it. In Petrozavodsk there are **many taxi services**. It is better to book a taxi in advance through this service, where the rates are very reasonable. The phone numbers of these services are 052 and 069. You can do it from any public phone free of charge. You should be able to speak Russian to explain where you will wait for the car. The operator will tell

you the number of the car. Do not hesitate to ask again if you have missed something.

**Train journeys.** You should buy tickets well in advance, and you will have to present your passport or visa. It is best to ask the Student adviser to assist you in buying your ticket. In Petrozavodsk you can buy tickets to any Russian city from the booking office near the railway station (Gagarina square, 2). You must pay for tickets in rubles, and you should decide in advance on which train you wish to travel and in what class. There are three classes:

SV – first-class carriage

Kupe – compartment car

Platzkart – sleeping car

**Internal flights:** there is a local airport ("Besovets") in Petrozavodsk. You can fly only to Helsinki or Cherepovets by plane Helsinki-Petrozavodsk-Cherepovets. The round-trip costs 250 USD. If you want to fly somewhere else, you have to go to Moscow or St.-Petersburg. You can buy tickets in the booking office in Petrozavodsk (Gogolya st., not far from the university).

### **Post and telephone**

**Most public phones** are operated with phone cards available from shops, banks, and post offices. The phones have clear diagrams on how to use them. Do not forget to press the special button with a 'receiver'-sign on it when the person answers or you will not be heard. You can phone anytime from the Central Post Office in Dzerzhinskaya st., Gagarina st. (near the railway station). This is also the best place to buy postcards and stamps. However, the internal postal service can work rather slowly, and nothing valuable should be sent by post. If you want to make international call you should dial "8 – 10" before the number.

**E-mail and Internet** is available in Petrozavodsk not only at the University. There is an Internet cafe in Anokhina st., 20 (the middle entrance). It works 24 hours a day.

### **Emergency**

We sincerely hope you will not have any reason for it, but, just to be on the safe side, the telephone numbers of the local emergency services are:

Fire Service 01

Police 02

Ambulance 03

### **Meals**

There are a lot of restaurants offering high-quality food in Petrozavodsk. The prices are relatively small, especially in comparison with bigger cities. Most of the restaurants are located in Lenin prospect, so you will find them easily.

There are some of them:

1. Station Restaurant, Gagarina square (the railway station)

2. Hotel "Severnaya", restaurant, Lenin prospect, 20
3. Restaurant "Petrovskiy", Andropova st, 1
4. Restaurant "Kavkaz", Andropova st, 13 (this street crosses with Lenin prospect)
5. Restaurant "European", Antikainena street, 2 (the building of the Central Bank)
6. Restaurant "Gurman", Lenin prospect, 20 (opposite of the hotel "Severnaya")
7. Hotel Kareliya, restaurant, Gullinga street, 2
8. Hotel Fregat, restaurant, K. Marksa prospect, 1a
9. Korean restaurant "Ariran", Gullinga street, 2
10. Cafe "Petrozavodsk", Pravda street, 6

Cheap and tasty meals can you find in the university's canteen (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, main building) and the two snack bars. The working hours there are 10.00-17.00.

### **Public holidays and working hours**

**The following days are official public holidays in Russia:**

1, 2 and 7 January - New Year and Orthodox Christmas

23 February – Motherland Defender’s Day

8 March - Women’s Day

1, 2 May - May Day celebrations

9 May - Victory Day

12 June - Independence Day

7 November - Peace and Harmony Day (former Great October Revolution Day)

12 December - Constitution Day

The working hours of offices can vary widely, as well as lunch time (usually between 13.00-15.00). If you have to go a long way to an appointment, you’d better ring and check.

	Weekdays	Lunchtime	Saturdays	Sundays
Banks	10.00 -19.00	13.00 -14.00	09.00 -17.00	Closed
Offices	09.30 -17.00	13.00 -14.00	Varies	Closed
Shops	11.00 -19.00	no	10.00 -17.00	Closed
Shops (food)	09.00-23.00	no	09.00-19.00	09.00-19.00

### **Shopping**

In numerous shops, there is an old and complicated serving system. The goods are kept behind a counter. First, ask to look at what you want. Then go and pay at the cash desk, naming the exact price and the department in which you want to buy the item. Next, take your receipt, go back to the department and take your purchase.

Some shops have simplified the system by placing till machines in each department. For food shopping there are some supermarkets in Petrozavodsk which sell most products.

Here you will find some supermarkets:

"**Lotos**" on Anokhina street (only food)

"**Karelia**" on K. Marxa street (goods)

"**Bookhouse**" on K. Marxa street (books, stamps, postcards)

### **Personal Security**

Petrozavodsk is much safer than many bigger cities. Nevertheless, you should watch out for pickpockets "working" in public places, such as in crowded public transport or in markets, especially those frequented by tourists.

Common sense precautions apply the following:

- Keep your money and documents in inside pockets
- Don't leave luggage unattended
- In museums and art galleries you often have to leave bags, cameras and coats in an attended cloakroom: these are usually safe.
- Walking out alone late at night is not a good idea, especially if you are not familiar with the local area.

Note that, on the roads in Russia are not obliged to and indeed do not stop at pedestrian crossings to allow pedestrians to cross. You should look out at these and wherever possible use the pedestrian crossings with traffic lights.

### **Cultural activities and leisure**

There are some **museums** in Petrozavodsk.

The State Historical Architectural and Ethnographic Preserve Museum "Kizhi" on the Isle of Kizhi. Open in summer time.

The Karelian State Regional Museum (Lenin square, 1) and the Fine Arts Museum (K. Marx st., 8)

Marine museum "Polar Odysseus" Rigachina st., 37 b. The price for entry is 25-50 rubles.

The **churches** are also worth seeing. Karelia is said to have about 20 churches. Only in Petrozavodsk there are 3 churches.

If you are theatre-goer, you will sure enjoy visiting **theatres** in Petrozavodsk. There are the Russian Drama theatre (Kirov square, 1), The Russian Music theatre (Kirov square, 1), the Petrozavodsk State Puppet theatre (K. Marx st., 19), the National Theatre of Karelian Republic (K. Marx st., 19), the State Youth Theatre "Creative Studio". The last one is more popular amongst the youth. The price of ticket is 45 - 50 rubles. In summer theatres are closed.

There are several **movie theatres** in Petrozavodsk, which show films in Russian. The most popular are "Kalevala", "Pobeda" and "Sampo" where the Dolby Digital system is installed. The ticket's price is 40-80 rubles.

**Sport** is quite popular in Petrozavodsk. In winter you can hire ice skates in "Dinamo" stadium (near supermarket "Karelia") and skate on open air rink. You

can also rent ski for cross-country skiing, which is a popular sport here. Every year the university announces the skiing competition between its students. There is a swimming pool opened recently. At the stadium “Spartak” you can also play tennis

**Watching football and ice hockey** are popular pastimes and tickets are usually available from the stadium itself (sometimes it is free of charge). As a rule the town's championships are held every year. There are two stadiums: “Spartak” and “Dinamo”.

### **Disco**

**Night Club “Karelia”** (Lenin prospect). Working days: Monday-Thursday 22.00-03.00, Saturday-Sunday 22.00-6.00. Here you can dance, drink beer, watch performances.

**Night club Neo** (Pravda st.). Working days: Friday, Saturday 23.00-6.00; Sunday 23.00-3.00. Here you can dance, play billiards and computer games, drink beer.

**Night club “Che Guevara”** (Baltijskaja, 21). Working days: Monday-Thursday 22.00-03.00, Saturday-Sunday 22.00-6.00. This is an informal club.

**On average the price for entry ticket is 100 - 150 rubles.**

If you have problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the head of International club at the following address Anokhina st., 20, room 411, telephone +7 8142 71 96 27.

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## Useful sites

[www.karelia.ru](http://www.karelia.ru) (information about Karelia)

[www.petrozavodsk.ru](http://www.petrozavodsk.ru) (information about Petrozavodsk)

[www.onego.ru](http://www.onego.ru) (information about Petrozavodsk)

<http://petsu.karelia.ru> (information about Petrozavodsk State University)

<http://schools.karelia.ru> (information for international students)

<http://neou.karelia.ru> (information about Northern European Open University)

<http://komart.karelia.ru> (information about entertainments in Petrozavodsk)