

Russian language courses at Petrozavodsk State University

Department of Educational and Exchange Programs of Petrozavodsk State University is very glad to offer you information about Petrozavodsk State University (Russian Federation) and our Programs for foreign students.

Petrozavodsk State University (PetrSU) was founded in 1940 as the Karelian-Finnish University and was renamed in 1956. Nowadays PetrSU is the largest educational institution in the European North of Russia. During its half a century long history, the university has trained more than 35000 highly qualified specialists. The 16 faculties of the University offer a wide range of disciplines. Teaching and research activities in PetrSU are widely-based, their focus being on ICT, Business studies and Administration, Medicine, Law, Environment, Social and Political Sciences, Education, Languages and culture. Among its graduates there are academicians, ministers and world-famous specialists in culture and science, heads of enterprises and workers of various branches of industry of the Northwest and Northern economical regions of Russia. More information about PetrSU, its faculties, subdivisions, research centres, etc. can be found on the following site <http://www.petrSU.ru/>

PetrSU also has a great experience in organising special Russian Language courses for foreign citizens and students. Different programs with different levels of instructions are offered. Among our partners there is School of Slavonic Languages and Literature of the London University. For more than ten years PetrSU is glad to offer courses of Advanced Russian for groups of 20-25 London University students which spend three months studying Russian with our instructors. Russian teachers of PetrSU have a solid experience in teaching and they all have a licence to teach 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.

PetrSU have partners in Germany (DAAD) whose students are particularly interested in special biology summer school.

For more information about PetrSU programs see web-site <http://schools.karelia.ru> and <http://www.studyinrussia.ru>

As far as courses are concerned, PetrSU offers Russian Main Course (for beginners, elementary, intermediate, advanced) and also specialized courses designed for professionals seeking special knowledge of the language in their fields (teachers, business people, lawyers, and scientists).

As for accommodation, there are very many alternatives including stay in a host family, student dormitory, hotel or private flat. If staying with a host family is student's preference, it can be easily arranged. All families are carefully selected. We pay particular attention to this point (vegetarian diet, home animals etc.). As a rule host family becomes a good friend for the student.

PetrSU is glad to offer a wonderful cultural program. We organise a lot of activities for our students:

- trips to St.Petersburg and Moscow – Russian two capitals;

- tour of Petrozavodsk, capital of Karelia region, which was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great <http://www.ptz.ru> ;
- excursions to the Local History Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, the Puppet Museum, the aquarium museum;
- visit of KIZHI island, famous for its Churches – Russian wooden architecture jewel, which are under the auspices of UNESCO <http://kizhi.karelia.ru> ;
- visit of Solovetsky Monastery – one of the biggest monasteries in the North of Russia founded in the XVth century <http://www.solovki.ru>;
- visit of Valaam islands <http://www.valaam.ru>.
- excursion to the first Russian spa – Martial Waters and to the famous waterfall in Europe KIVACH;

There is International Club in PetrSU which offers a lot of activities for Russian and International students interested in learning more about different cultures and traditions and making new friends. Activities offered – museums, concerts, movies, tourism, etc.

Department of Educational and Exchange Programs is looking forward to getting new partners. Please, don't hesitate to contact me. All your proposals and suggestions will be considered. We are also ready to elaborate new programs for your specific needs.

Best regards,

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