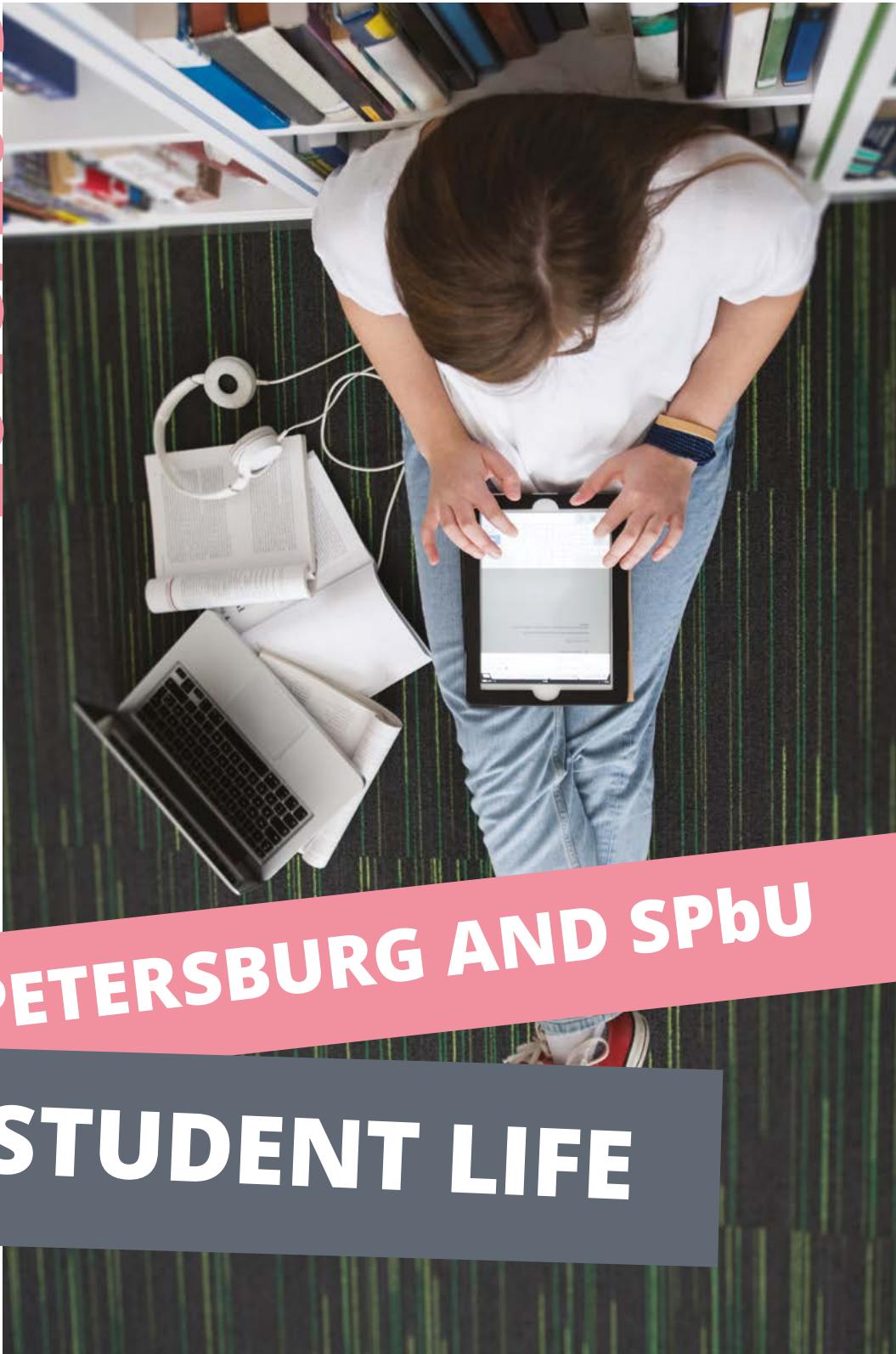




St. Petersburg
University

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ST PETERSBURG AND SPbU

STUDENT LIFE



St Petersburg University **is the oldest university in Russia**. Founded in 1724 by a decree of Peter the Great, SPbU became the first secular institution of higher education in Russia.

St Petersburg University today:



30 000 students	6000 academic staff	9 Nobel Prize winners
398 main educational programmes	>900 Additional educational programmes	>450 partner universities
26 resource centres of the University Research Park	7 mln books at the SPbU Research Library named after Maksim Gorky	12 000 places in the halls of residence

SPbU in the world rankings:



Main educational programmes

- 85** bachelor and specialist degree programmes
- 190** master degree programmes
- 51** aspirantura programmes in the area of specialisation
- 28** clinical residency programmes



St Petersburg: Cultural Capital of Russia

The Twelve Collegia is considered to be the main University building. This 18-century building is a fine example of the Petrine Baroque style set in the heart of St Petersburg — the city which truly deserves the name of the Cultural Capital of Russia.

St Petersburg is one of the largest educational centre in Russia, a combination of architecture of Rome, Venice, and Amsterdam. It has hustle and bustle of the state-of-the-art megalopolises and is rich in cultural heritage. Central streets are filled with voices in different languages of the world and Orthodox churches sit side by side with Catholic chapels, Muslim mosques and Buddhist temples.

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

- >5 mln** Population
- 90** rivers and canals
- >300** bridges within the city limits
- about 200** museums
- 86 metres** the deepest underground station in St Petersburg called Admiralteyskaya
- over 80** theatres
- 8 years —** the time it will take to examine every single exhibit at the Hermitage Museum provided you spend at least one minute to view each

St Petersburg has a wet temperate climate. -7.4 — the average temperature of the coldest month, +17.8 — the average temperature of the hottest month.



St Petersburg Official City Guide

Currency

The official currency of the Russian Federation is the ruble

One ruble is equal to 100 kopeks. Bank of Russia issues banknotes in denominations of:



10 rubles



50 rubles



100 rubles



200 rubles



500 rubles



1000 rubles



2000 rubles



5000 rubles



For the latest currency exchange rates, please visit the official website
of the Central Bank of Russia

Food

Numerous bistros, cafes and restaurants offer wide choice of dishes, whether Russian or International cuisines. Among the most well-known local dishes are borsch, pelmeni, caviar pancakes, pancakes with condensed milk, Russian doughnuts, pasties with sweet or savory fillings, the Russian herring salad, and kvass — a traditional Russian fermented beverage.

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



SPbU cafeterias

Public Transport

Like any other European city, St Petersburg has a well-developed public transportation network. Wherever you choose to go, any part of the city will be reachable by buses, trolleybuses or trams. The stops of public transport are well signposted and each stop gives information about destinations (the letter A denotes buses, the letter T denotes trams and trolleybuses). **Public transport operates from 5.30 to 12.00 a.m.**



St Petersburg public transport portal



Metro is often the most convenient way to travel in the city. The network operates **five lines from 5.30 to 0.45 a.m.** Each station has its own opening and closing times. On special public holidays the metro is open 24 hours. On weekend nights there is a special night bus service which operates the same routes as the metro lines



Official site of St Petersburg Metro

Fares:

Metro

45 rubles

Bus, tram, trolleybus

40 rubles

You may also buy an electronic ticket (a contactless smart card) for one or several types of public transport, or an unlimited travel reduced-fare ticket for students.

Holidays



Events and celebrations:

1 January • New Year (public holiday)

7 January • Orthodox Christmas (public holiday)

19 January • Epiphany

January–February • Chinese New Year

23 February • Defender of the Fatherland Day (public holiday)

February–March • Pancake Week

8 March • International Women's Day (public holiday)

9 May • Victory Day (public holiday)

May • the opening ceremony of fountains in Peterhof

18–25 June • the Scarlet Sails

September • the closing ceremony of fountains in Peterhof

25 December • Catholic Christmas

On public holidays pupils and students do not attend, some banks, business centres and shops may be closed.

Celebrations favored by SPbU students:

25 January • Russian Students Day (St. Tatiana Day)

8 February • SPbU Birthday

27 May • Day of the City (the day of St Petersburg foundation)

31 August • Student Inauguration Ceremony, sailing "Boats of Hope" — toy paper boats with most cherished wishes of first-year SPbU students

As for you become a student of St Petersburg University



Studying at SPbU

After the enrollment each student gets a **Student ID card**. You are required to carry your student ID card with you at all times — it allows to gain entry to University buildings and provides discounts in city's museums, theatres and cinemas.

The grading system used by Russian universities:

passed / not passed

5 = «excellent»

4 = «good»

3 = «satisfactory»

2 = «unsatisfactory»

Classes usually start on September, 1.



[SPbU Classes Timetable](#)

Living here

All international students and non-residents of St Petersburg enrolled on full-time programmes of higher or middle level education are offered places at University halls of residence.

 **Peterhof**
12 buildings

 **Vasilyevsky Island**
8 buildings

 **Nevsky district**
1 building

All the halls of residence have a shared space to socialise and study, laundry facilities, cafes and ATMs.

Sport, creative arts and hobbies

Staying with SPbU is more than just studying. The University offers a whole range of opportunities to those seeking unique versatile experience.

- ✓ For sports enthusiasts and those willing to take part in international sporting events as a member of the University team, for example, a basketball team, SPbU offers a choice of **21 sports clubs to suit your needs**.
- ✓ If you have an innovative idea for a start-up or want to voice your opinion on international policy issues, feel free to join **the SPbU Start-Up competition** or UN and EU international student models.

You can also choose among **several SPbU artistic societies**:

- play in a theater
- sing in a choir
- publish a magazine
- attend dancing classes

We have a dynamic **volunteer community**, with **Green Campus** being one of the successful environmental projects. Or join the SPbU Student Council to realise your leadership potential. Sports competitions, conferences, concerts, parties and other exciting events are **an integral part of SPbU student life**



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

Besides, you can join a **language tandem project or one of the discussion clubs**. You may also like to go on a trip or visit an event organised by the International Students' Club.

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