University that Opens and Transforms the World

Pyatigorsk State University
Pyatigorsk State University (PSU) is a major innovative, educational and research center of South Russia widely known throughout the country and abroad.

Since December 2005, Pyatigorsk State University has been led by Rector Alexander P. Gorbunov, Professor, D.Sc. in Economics and PhD in History, Honorary Figure of Russian Higher Education; Vice President of the Russian Rectors’ Union; Chairman, Rectors’ Council of the Universities in the North Caucasus Federal District; Member, Academy of Pedagogical and Social Science; Member, International Academy of Pedagogical Education, Member, International Humanitarian Academy “Europe – Asia”.

Founded in 1939 as a teachers’ training institute, Pyatigorsk State University has gone through several milestones and has become a multidisciplinary humanities institution. Today, it is one of the few universities in Russia that implement professional training with a special focus on foreign languages and intercultural communication and is well known under the brand of “University that Opens and Transforms the World”.

The dynamic development of international relations and academic cooperation with foreign partners has become an integral part of the training of globally-oriented professionals who are able to honorably represent Russia in all regions of the World. Multilateral cooperation connects PSU with international educational funds and organizations, as well as educational institutions and language centers of Austria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Germany, Egypt, Israel, Spain, Italy, Kazakhstan, China, Kuwait, UAE, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sudan, USA, Turkey, France, Croatia and other countries.

Annually, hundreds of students and lecturers take language and cultural training, professional internships and upgrade courses abroad while 15-20 foreign guest lecturers work in the University every year along with their Russian colleagues.
PSU graduates – both Russian and foreign – live and work in more than 120 countries around the world. Since 1968, the University has trained over 2000 specialists for 61 countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and other world regions. There has not been a single case that a PSU degree was not either recognized or confirmed in any point of the globe.

Over the last 17 years, the independent assessment commission of the Vladimir Potanin Charity Foundation has annually listed PSU among Russia’s best universities. It is acknowledged as laureate of the national Russian contest «Russian organization of high social efficiency» held under the auspices of the Government of the Russian Federation, and was certified by the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry as the university of high standards and quality of training.

In March 2015, Pyatigorsk State University was awarded by the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin with the Diploma of Acknowledgement “For a major contribution into development of education and training of highly qualified specialists”.

Pyatigorsk University is a member of UNESCO’s International Association of Universities (IAU), International Association of Applied Languages (AILEA), EURHODIP Association, US National Association of Communication, Consortium of Humanities Universities of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, member of the Inter-University Council for Spiritual Education of the Commonwealth of Independent Countries (CIS), participant of the EU Erasmus project and Double Degree programs with universities of Spain, Italy and France.

PSU proved its social significance by becoming the only university in the North Caucasus appointed with the status of a Volunteer Training Center for XXII Winter Olympics, XI Para-Olympic Games in Sochi of 2014, as well as the XIX World Festival of Youth and Students.

Today, about 4500 undergraduates, postgraduates and trainees from 56 regions of Russia and 34 foreign countries study at the Institutes and Schools of the University as well as at PSU Center for International Education. More than 2000 participants attend its Lifelong Learning structures.

There are 5 research institutes, 17 research and educational centers and laboratories, 26 basic scientific schools, 33 departments, Dissertation Boards for Philology, Political science and International Relations.

The University trains two types of graduates – professionals in various fields with profound knowledge of foreign languages and highly skilled linguists (translators, interpreters, teachers and experts in the field of intercultural communication). In PSU students study English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Greek, Arabic, Chinese, Turkish, Hebrew, Russian as a foreign language, as well as languages of the peoples of the North and South Caucasus. Training is provided in Institutes and Higher Schools of the University, which vary in their specialization and traditions.

**MISSION OF PSU**

“To develop steadily its innovative potential and competitive advantages, to integrate further into the global academic and scientific environment, to act as a creative and innovative university, as the “University that opens and transforms the world” and as a leading research, educational and peace promotion center, the center of cultural and linguistic diversity which provides acquisition of globally important new knowledge, creation and usage of social, humanitarian and technological innovations, graduation of unique expert specialists with profound knowledge and skills in foreign languages and a high level of professional and social competence, thus enhancing the prestige of Russian higher education and expanding its export potential”. 
The School of International Relations provides students with knowledge and perspective in International Relations, Political Science, World Economy, Public Relations, International Journalism and Conflict Management combined with the advanced communicative and professional skills in European and Oriental foreign languages.

The Institute of Romance and Germanic Languages, Information and Humanitarian Technologies trains specialists in foreign languages, Intercultural Communication in the sphere of international tourism and advertising, IT, Social Technologies, as well as Management in sports and tourism.

The Institute of Translatology and Multilanguage Studies offers studies in two out of seven foreign languages available: English, French, Spanish, German, Arabic, Chinese and Polish. The department of Multilinguism is a unique one that offers simultaneous learning of 4 foreign languages (English, German, French and Spanish). The department of Creative Writing trains not only translators of fiction but also writers and poets. The Philological department implements training of specialists in Russian Language and Literature with the knowledge of foreign languages that gives its graduates an opportunity to teach Russian as a foreign language abroad.

The Institute of Foreign Languages and International Tourism trains professionals in the sphere of Tourism, Hospitality and Hotel Management, Customs, Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, Intellectual Systems in Humanities as a combination of linguistics, mathematics and IT as well as experts in Intercultural Communication in Commerce and in Communication Management.


The Law School offers programs in the State-Legal profile, Civil Law, Criminal Law, International Law and Forensics, which are in high demand on the labor market. Among lecturers, there are representatives of public authorities, local governments, lawyers, notaries, experts from judiciary and law enforcement agencies.

The Higher School of Architecture and Design is focused on training graduates capable of bringing harmony into the world around offering BA programs in Design, Architectural Engineering, Applied and Decorative Arts.

The Institute of Distant Education provides distant educational programs based on up-to-date information and communication technologies enabling its students to get education without leaving their jobs.

The Institute of Supreme Qualification Specialists Training implements doctoral programs thus improving the efficiency and quality of education provided in the PSU Schools and Institutes.
The Multilevel Innovative Education Academy is a unique PSU department providing its students with the opportunity to receive additional qualifications in the life-long learning format.

The Institute of Integrated Higher and Postgraduate Education Programs is a massive regional center for advanced training in Management, Psychology, Pedagogical studies, Computer Technologies and in teaching Foreign languages and Intercultural Communication.

The Business School is the only one in the region that offers business education in the mini-MBA format in Organizational Management and Personnel Management.

The Institute of State and Confessional Relations provides Orthodox Christianity and Islamic studies as well as training in Interethnic and Interconfessional relations.

All the necessary conditions for successful study and self-fulfillment have been created for PSU students. Student's self-government represented by the Council of undergraduate and postgraduate students is an effective instrument of students' socialization and their inclusion in the public life of the University's community.

The PSU Trade Union of undergraduate and postgraduate students safeguards and represents the students’ rights and interests.

Students have at their disposal a library with a stock of over 850 thousand volumes, computer and media classrooms, a fully equipped TV studio functioning as a professional internship platform and also used to produce video presentations and news releases for the local and regional TV channels. The University publishes 11 scientific research and literary journals.

Today 24 sports are cultivated at PSU, including mountaineering. Members of the University climbing club have conquered the highest mountain peaks of Russia, Turkey, France, Greece, Iran, Chile, Argentina, Nepal and Africa.

The recreational and sports camp "Damkhurts" in the mountains of Karachay-Cherkessia annually hosting over 700 guests has been a traditional place of PSU students and faculty leisure for over 50 years.

The PSU campus spreads across one of the most beautiful areas of the city of Pyatigorsk, the precious gem of Stavropol Region and Caucasus Mineral Spa area. Russia's great poets and writers - Alexander Pushkin, Mikhail Lermontov and Leo Tolstoy, who were inspired by its beauty and spirit, glorified the city in their literary masterpieces.
Pyatigorsk has been known as a “Pearl of the North Caucasus”, one of oldest Russian spa resorts dating back to the XVIII century, a part of the ecological-resort region of Caucasus Mineral Spa area, and the capital of the North Caucasus Federal district since 2010.

The history of Pyatigorsk is hallowed by the names of world famous Russian writers, poets and musicians who visited, lived and created here - Alexander Pushkin, Leo Tolstoy, Mikhail Lermontov, Vissarion Belinsky, Anton Chekhov, composers Miliy Balakirev and Mikhail Glinka. Today Pyatigorsk with its heritage of 100 historical, cultural and architectural monuments is listed among Russia's historical cities.

Due to the number and variety of mineral springs on its territory Pyatigorsk is called a “Natural Museum of Mineral Waters”. Its reputation of a resort goes beyond Russian borders. Annually, its 19 spa and health retreats, numerous boarding houses and spa centers offer treatment and recreation to 250,000 incoming guests of the city.

Today, Pyatigorsk is not only a resort but also an important commercial and financial center of South Russia with a developed tourism infrastructure. It is a research and educational center with a 22-thousand student community, and Pyatigorsk State University is its integral part known for its traditions, scientific schools, social activity and innovations.
### PSU bachelor and specialist programs:

- Architecture
- Applied Informatics
- Information Security
- Power and Electrical Engineering
- Quality Management
- Innovation Studies
- Psychology
- Psychology of Service activity
- Conflict Management
- Economics
- Economic Security
- Management
- Customs
- Personnel Management
- Government and Public Administration
- Business Informatics
- Social Work
- Organization of Work with Young People
- Law
- Forensics
- Judicial and Prosecutorial activities
- Oriental and African studies
- Political Science
- International Relations
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Journalism
- Media Communications
- Service
- Tourism
- Hospitality
- Pedagogical Education
- Linguistics
- Translation and Translatology
- Intellectual Systems in Humanities
- History
- Theology
- Recreation and Sports
- Socio-Cultural activities
- Creative Writing
- Design
- Decorative arts

### PSU master programs:

- Applied Informatics
- Information Security
- Innovation Studies
- Psychology
- Conflict Management
- Economics
- Management
- Personnel Management
- Government and Public Administration
- Business Informatics
- Finance and Credit
- Social Work
- Law
- International Relations
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Journalism
- Tourism
- Hospitality
- Pedagogical Education
- Linguistics
- Intellectual Systems in humanities
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Sports
- Socio-Cultural activities
- History

### PSU doctorate programs:

- Information Security
- Psychological Science
- Economics
- Social Science
- Law
- Political Science and Regional Studies
- Media and Librarianship
- Education and Pedagogical Science
- Linguistics and Literary Criticism
- Historical Science and Archaeology
- Philosophy, Ethics, Religious studies
- Theology
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