

## More than 200 international students attend the International Polytechnic Winter School 2023

The seventh [International Polytechnic Winter School](#) was launched at Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University. This year, more than 200 international students from China, Brazil, Indonesia, India and other countries participate in it. Classes will take place online. More than 20 educational modules in engineering and humanities, IT, energy, business, economics, and management are available to students.



Polytechnic University is traditionally one of the leaders among Russian universities in the number of summer and winter schools, commented Dmitry Arseniev, Vice-Rector for International Affairs of SPbPU, Corresponding Member of the RAS. Every year hundreds of foreign students from all over the world take part in them. Today, in the current geopolitical situation, it is especially important to maintain ties with partner universities from friendly regions. This year we have paid special attention to inviting students from the CIS countries, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia — in particular China, where the International Polytechnic Winter School is very popular. Also, this season we see a significant interest from the students from Brazil, India, Indonesia and other countries.

The most popular educational modules among the students of the International Polytechnic Winter School 2023 were «Introduction to Artificial Intelligence», «Machine Learning» and «Intercultural Communication Workshop». Along with leading Russian specialists, foreign experts will also give lectures to foreign students. For example, Ogul Unal, assistant professor of the Higher School of Cyberphysical Systems and Control from Turkey, will teach the course on «Introduction to Artificial Intelligence» and «Machine Learning: Theory and Application», and the classes within the module «Smart Manufacturing and Digital Future» will be taught by AmirHossein Bahrami, assistant professor of the Higher School of Cyberphysical Systems and Control from Iran.

Like last year, the participants of the International Polytechnic Winter School include many students from China — from SPbPU strategic partner universities Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University, as well as Shanghai Maritime University, Beihang University, and others. This is largely due to the activities of the official representative office of SPbPU in Shanghai. For the first time, a whole group of students from Brazil from the Universidade Nove de Julho, led by their instructor, Prof. Dr. Fabio Henrique Pereira, will join the school's programs.

All the courses in the winter school are very interesting. I study mathematics at my university, but I was not previously familiar with the field of smart manufacturing and the digital future. However, thanks to the teachers' enthusiasm and openness, I was able to quickly immerse myself in the subject and remove the language barrier. Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University is a great university, if I have the opportunity, I will definitely come here in person, shared the student of Shanghai Maritime University (PRC) Yang Nan.

The International Polytechnic Winter School will last until February 26, 2023. At the end, successful participants will traditionally receive international certificates with ECTS credits, which they can use at their universities.

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