## New Semester for International Students Started at SPbPU

On August 22, a new academic semester for international students from partner universities started at Peter the Great St. Petersburg University within the framework of international academic mobility programs.



The program in Saint Petersburg started with a number of small meetings for students, where the coordinators of the exchange semester – the Department of International Academic Mobility – told students about the specific nature of the educational process, rules of accommodation in dormitories and living in Russia. The next week will be adaptation: there will be a general organizational meeting, city tours, a tour on campus and a tea-drinking, which has already become a tradition.

More than 140 students from all over the world will come to SPbPU to study: from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Columbia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, the USA, and Mexico. 85 of these students are representatives of the leading world universities. "We study the Russian language and culture at our university and we really like it. Now we think that we know grammar quite well but we cannot speak freely. We really hope that the semester at Polytech will help us improve the Russian language and also understand Russia, Russian people, your culture and history. We are looking forward for classes to start!" – shared their impressions students of the University of São Paulo (USP) from Brazil.

Developing and supporting academic mobility programs for students is one of the priorities in the international activity of SPbPU, since it gives students a number of prospective opportunities and advantages such as international experience in the academic field, useful language practice, and experience of studying and communication within an international multicultural group.

"Thanks to programs in English in all major fields, developing and strengthening the partner network, and also due to joint work of the university's international services, we have the opportunity to host more than 140 people for the autumn exchange semester and it is almost twice as many than in the spring semester," – says Deputy Head of the Department of International Academic Mobility N.A. STOLYAROVA.

The Department of International Academic Mobility is pleased to stress that the interest of international students, including those from the leading universities of the world, in the participation in academic exchange programs is steadily growing, which allows SPbPU to host representatives of new countries every semester and, hereby to increase the internationalization level of the university.

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