

Guide for incoming exchange students



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About us

With its origin dating back to 1915, Southern Federal University (SFedU) has evolved into Russia's leading institution of learning, discovery and knowledge creation. Located in the South of Russia, a multi-ethnic region, SFedU is an active partner in national and international educational, scientific and industrial cooperation. As a leading research university, SFedU offers courses in essentially all academic disciplines at both undergraduate and graduate levels and conducts research across the full spectrum of academic activity.

The main part of the Faculties and Institutes of SFedU is located in the city of Rostov-on-Don, while Engineering courses are mostly delivered at the Taganrog campus.



The University campuses:
Rostov-on-Don
and Taganrog

**SFedU
Faculties** ↘




Rostov-on-Don
Campus



Taganrog
Campus



Why study at SFEDU?

01

Well-established century-old traditions maintained by SFedU

SFedU traces its roots to the Royal University of Warsaw, which moved to the South of Russia in 1915 during the World War I. Since then, the university has gained a strong reputation for the achievements of its faculty and researchers, as well as students and graduates.

02

Great diversity and flexibility of study programs

SFedU provides its potential students with Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degree programs in a wide variety of fields. We offer our students an innovative curriculum with a broad array of academic disciplines, either singly or in combination, which enables students to acquire key academic skills.

03

The state-of-the art research facilities for groundbreaking research

SFedU is proud of its numerous research institutes equipped with cutting-edge facilities. Responding to the challenges of modernity, the scientists of Southern Federal University conduct interdisciplinary research to integrate the scientific achievements into the real sector of economy, providing an opportunity for technological breakthrough. High Scopus citation score bears evidence to the importance of our scientific publications.

04

International outlook and opportunities for young researchers

SFedU is committed to engagement with world-class part-

ner-universities worldwide. We foster diversity and international connections in order to enhance our reputation globally. We provide international experience for our students – SFedU promotes the mobility of young researchers across borders and disciplines.

05

Diverse and supporting campus environment

SFedU is home to more than 3000 international students from 80+ countries that makes it a great study location to benefit from a truly international environment and make friends from many parts of the world. Our clubs and societies offer opportunities to take part in a wide range of social, cultural and leisure activities.

Course offer

As a leading research institution, SFedU offers course programs at all academic levels and conducts research across the wide spectrum of academic fields. Despite the fact that the official language of instruction at SFedU is Russian, we provide exchange students with a wide variety of both undergraduate and graduate courses delivered in English in the following areas:



Architecture & Design



Environmental Science



Biology



Law



Economics & Management



Mathematics & Computer Science



Educational Studies



Engineering



History & International Relations



Languages & Cross-Cultural Communication



Physical Culture & Sports



Tourism & Hospitality



Philosophy



Physics



Psychology



Social & Regional Studies

You can take courses from different faculties as far as they meet the requirements of the study program at your Home University. We have no required number of credits to obtain, but students at SFedU normally complete 30 ECTS credit units per semester.



Course Catalogue



Degree Programs in English



SFedU Grading System

The catalogue offers course descriptions and provides details on required readings or course materials.



Language courses

How to apply?

Studying another language could widen your career options and deepen your understanding of other cultures. At Southern Federal University, all incoming students have an opportunity to enrol in foreign language courses, such as Russian, English, German, French, Spanish, Chinese, etc.

All our exchange students are offered a Russian language course free of charge with intensive language learning and cultural explorations to see, taste, and experience much of

your stay in Russia. You will have the opportunity to earn up to 15 ECTS credits separately or in addition to your current study plan. The language group enrolment will be tailored to the level of your Russian language skills.

Russian Language Course

Step-by-step application process

- 01 Ask your international exchange coordinator to nominate you at nklyuchko@sfedu.ru
- 02 Browse our course options and choose which subjects are right for you
- 03 Gather your supporting documents and send your completed application form to nklyuchko@sfedu.ru



Once you successfully submit the application documents, the SFedU International Office will send you an **official invitation**, which is required to obtain a Russian visa at the Russian Consulate at your home country. It will take approximately a month to get the invitation ready

You will need these documents for your online application:



- Application Form (filled and signed)
- Scanned copy of your passport/ID card
- Copy of your most recent academic transcript (in English or Russian)



Application deadlines

- Autumn semester (September–January): **15 June**
- Spring semester (January–June): **1 November**

You can apply to us right now by downloading the Application Form from the QR code below!



Application Form 

Visa

Student visas are compulsory to study at Southern Federal University and can be obtained through the Russian Embassy (Consular Department) or Russian Consulate in your country of residence. To apply for a visa it is required to present the official invitation from SFedU which you will receive via e-mail within 4-5 weeks after you submit the application documents.

Initially, a student visa is issued for three months. However, after arrival you can extend your stay up to a total of 6 months or 1 year, depending on the type of your mobility. The Migration Office issues a multi-entry visa which allows you to travel across and outside Russia within the validity period of the visa.





Accommodation

Southern Federal University provides all international students with comfortable living conditions in new apartment-type dormitories. Student halls of residence in Rostov-on-Don are multistory buildings with one- and two-room apartments. Rooms are mainly intended for two people, each apartment has own kitchen and bathroom facilities. There is a modern sports complex on the campus's territory, which makes it possible for students to engage in sports such

as tennis, volleyball, basketball, football and other sports. On the ground floor of SFedU dormitories, there is a student cafeteria, a self-service laundry, a gym, a medical centre and a library. Next to the dormitories, there is a sport complex with a 50-meter Olympic-level pool.

For more information scan the QR code



Healthcare

You can visit your local healthcare centre or a public clinic for medical treatment. If you have a valid health insurance policy, you are entitled to free healthcare services. As a SFedU student you have access to medical service at the student medical clinic located at 76 Kazakhskaya St., Rostov-on-Don. Also, there are many private medical facilities in Rostov and Taganrog providing with access to paid diagnostics consultations and tests. SFedU offers COVID-19 vaccination using the Sputnik vaccine, free to all students and employees.

The SFedU halls of residence have their own Medical Centre which offers health services to

ensure that our students feel safe and supported throughout their stay. Our therapist is there to provide advice and support for emotional and mental issues.



If you're planning to study in Russia, insurance to cover the costs of healthcare is required. Find out about health insurance, how to apply and how it works here:





International student support

Southern Federal University provides its exchange students with support services such as:



Free pick-up service



Arriving in a new country and then finding the way to your accommodation can be stressful. That is why we offer a free pick-up service to all exchange students. Please forward your flight or/ and train details to nklyuchko@sfedu.ru a minimum of 10 days in advance before arrival.



Buddy program



During your exchange period, you will have a buddy-student, always ready to give you a hand. Your buddy-student will provide assistance during the dormitory check-in and registration at the SFedU Migration Office. The buddy-student also will help you to integrate into the social community and get acquainted with the campus environment.



Departmental coordinators



Departmental exchange coordinators arrange the timetable for international students and keep in touch with them on the academic matters.



Orientation program



Orientation program is designed to provide you with essential and useful information to help you settle into University life. This is a great way to make new friends and meet the staff who will support you whilst you are studying at SFedU. Apart from the essential administrative procedures, leisure and cultural activities will be organized in order to brighten up your stay.

Getting to sfedu



The main campus of Southern Federal University is based in Rostov-on-Don, in the south west of Russia. The university main building is considered one of the Rostov's landmark, heritage-listed buildings, known formerly as the house of merchant Kistov. Situated in the very heart of the city at 105/42 Bolshaya Sadovaya Street, it is easily accessible by road and rail, and is in a short distance from the Rostov Train Station.



Arriving by air

The nearest airports to Rostov are Mineralnye Vody (427 km) and Sochi (551 km). However, keep in mind that Moscow airports handle the most international flights and could be the most convenient travel option.



Arriving by train

Rostov-on-Don is well connected by train and the main train station is located in close proximity to the city centre. There are direct train links to Rostov from Moscow, Sochi and Mineralnye Vody. Sleeper trains are very common in Russia, and it is a comfortable way to travel long distances overnight as you rest up in bed-equipped cabins.



Living in Rostov

Rostov-on-Don (founded in 1749) is the largest city in the South of Russia with the population more than 1 million people.

- the **capital of the Rostov region** and the Southern Federal District
- the major administrative, cultural, scientific, and industrial centre of southern Russia
- **46 km** from the Azov Sea
- one of the richest historical and cultural destinations
- a home to more than **1,000 objects** of cultural heritage

Rostov-on-Don is a vibrant, multicultural city with a great choice of social activities, entertainment, and culinary heritage. Situated on the right bank of the river Don, the city offers the unique atmosphere of Cossack culture and lifestyle, featuring a range of impressive architectural ensembles and beautiful landscapes.

Rostov Map ↓



Cost of Living ↓



Places to Eat ↓





Leisure

Your study abroad bucket list



↑ Join a sightseeing tour on the river Don



↑ Rent an electric scooter and explore the Don embankment



↑ Take a stroll down Pushkinskaya – Rostov's most vibrant and cultural street



↑ Take a spin on the One Sky Ferris Wheel in October Revolution Park



↑ Watch ballet at the Rostov Musical Theatre



↑ Try Caucasian cuisine



↑ Watch a football match at Rostov Arena



↑ Take a walk along Soborny Lane on Christmas Eve



↑ Enjoy a relaxing day at H2O Waterpark



↑ Visit Rostov Zoo



↑ Visit the Don State Library



↑ Walk up to the Strike Monument at sunset for the best city view



↑ Get a portrait painted of you by a street artist at Gorky Central Park



↑ Spend a summer evening at the city beach

Leisure

The surroundings of Rostov:



↑ Visit Taganrog – the homeland of A. Chekhov, the celebrated Russian dramatist and writer



↑ Take a day trip to the Cossack village Starocherkasskaya



↑ Take a walking tour around the ancient city of Tanais



↑ Visit the Azov Museum



↑ Take a picture at the lighthouse in Merzhanovo



↑ Visit Logo Park



Start learning Russian today!

Short phrasebook to use while travelling in Russia

Hello	Здравствуй	Zdravstvuyte
Hi	Привет	Privet
Good morning	Доброе утро	Dobroye utro
Good afternoon	Добрый день	Dobryy den'
Good evening	Добрый вечер	Dobryy vecher
Goodnight	Спокойной ночи	Spokoynoy nochi
Goodbye	До свидания	Do svidaniya
It is nice to meet you	Приятно познакомиться	Priyatno poznamomit'sya
My name is ...	Меня зовут	Menya zovut ...
What is your name?	Как тебя зовут?	Kak tebya zovut?
How are you?	Как дела?	Kak dela?
I am fine	У меня все в порядке	U menya vse v poryadke
Where are you from?	Откуда ты?	Otkuda ti?
I am from ...	Я из	Ya iz ...

I see	Понятно	Ponyatno
I don't understand	Я не понимаю	Ya ne ponimayu
I don't know	Я не знаю	Ya ne znayu
Can you repeat please?	Повторите, пожалуйста	Povtorite, pozhaluysta
Thank you	Спасибо	Spasibo
Sorry	Простите	Prostite
You are welcome	Не за что	Ne za shto
Please	Пожалуйста	Pozhaluysta
Okay / alright	Хорошо	Khorosho
How can I get to ...?	Как мне добраться / доехать до ...?	Kak mne dobrat'sya / doyekhat' do ...?
What is this?	Что это?	Shto eto?
How much does it cost?	Сколько это стоит?	Skol'ko eto stoit?
It's expensive	Это дорого	Eto dorogo
It's cheap	Это дешево	Eto deshevo
Can I pay by credit card?	Могу я оплатить картой?	Mogu ya oplatit' kartoy?
Can I pay in cash?	Могу я оплатить наличными?	Mogu ya oplatit' nalichnymi?
May I have the bill, please?	Можно счет, пожалуйста?	Mozhno schet, pozhaluysta?

I am a student	Я студент	Ya student
I am a student of Southern Federal University	Я студент Южного федерального университета	Ya student Yuzhnogo federal'nogo universiteta
I am learning Russian	Я изучаю русский язык	Ya izuchayu russkiy yazyk
I live in Rostov-on-Don / Taganrog	Я живу в Ростове-на-Дону / Таганроге	Ya zhivu v Rostove-na-Donu / Taganroge
I am studying at the Faculty of...	Я учусь на факультете ...	Ya uchus' na fakul'tete ...
I love SFedU	Я люблю ЮФУ	Ya lyublyu YUFU



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