

Irkutsk State University

Exchange Program Fact Sheet



General Information

Full name of Institution

Federal State-funded Educational Institution of Higher Education “Irkutsk State University”

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Introduction

Irkutsk State University was founded in October 1918 in Irkutsk.

Nowadays Irkutsk State University is a large scientific and educational institution training students in humanities, natural, technical and applied sciences. ISU facilities include 7 educational institutions, 10 faculties, 1 branch in Bratsk, and the scientific library that is one of the largest University libraries in Russia. ISU offers bachelor, master, post-graduate programs for more than 18000 students that have opportunity to specialize under the supervision of world-known scientists.

Among other facilities Irkutsk State University has the Center for Advanced Training and Retraining, 3 research institutes, Interregional Institute of Social Sciences, Center for New Information Technologies,

Baikal Research and Education Center, department for post-graduate and doctoral courses, scientific libraries, astronomical observatory and botanic garden.

The University faculties and institutions are located in 9 educational buildings in Irkutsk and in Bratsk. The majority of these buildings are of great historical and architectural value. They date back to the 18th-19th centuries. Senior students of all the faculties have specialized courses and internship in laboratories and scientific research institutions of ISU and Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

International Activities

International cooperation is seen as one of ISU's priorities: at present, the University has over 100 agreements on cooperation with foreign partners and implements joint educational and double-degree programs. Supporting the principle "education through science", ISU is aimed at strengthening its position as the regional center for generating new knowledge in the context of changing social and economic environment.

Irkutsk State University is aimed at developing long-term cooperation with foreign partners in such spheres as: exchange of students and faculty members; joint research activities; internship exchanges; dual degree program at bachelor/master/doctoral level; publication of joint papers, organization of conferences and workshops; advanced training and staff retraining.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar

Fall semester: September, 1st - January, 15th

Spring semester: February, 1st – June, 30th

Choice of courses

All courses are taught in Russian. Exchange students can select courses offered within ISU that they are admitted into, granted that there is availability and that they meet the prerequisites (appropriate level of Russian proficiency and etc.)

Course list and description: <https://isu.ru/en/education/courses/index.html>
<http://inter.isu.ru/educationalprograms>

Other than the regular courses: exchange students can take the Russian language classes.

http://slovo.isu.ru/ru/lingo/int_student/russ_group.html
<http://miel.isu.ru/en/index.html>

Grading Scheme, grade distribution guidance of ISU:

«отлично» (otlichno – excellent);

«хорошо» (khorosho – good);

«удовлетворительно» (udovletvoritelno – satisfactory);

«неудовлетворительно» (neudovltvoritelno – unsatisfactory);

«зачтено» (zachteno – passed);

«незачтено» (nezachteno- not passed).

The lowest passing grade is «удовлетворительно» (satisfactory) and «зачтено» (passed). Students are eligible for the next year of study and diploma awarding only if they get passing grades in every discipline of the curriculum.

To estimate the quality of knowledge the following scale is applied at ISU:

Percentage	Grade according	Grade according to ECTS scale
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	to 4-points scale		
86-100	Excellent (5)	Outstanding performance with only minor errors	A
71-85	Good (4)	Very Good- Above the average standard but with some errors	B
		Good – Generally good work with a number of notable errors	C
61-71	Satisfactory (3)	Fair but with significant shortcomings	D
		Sufficient - Performance meets the minimum criteria	E
<60	Fail (2)	Fail –Some more work required before the credit can be awarded	FX

Please, note: a) In the Russian Federation study load is evaluated in «академические часы» (academicheskies chasy -academic hours or AH). 1 AH = 45 minutes. At ISU student's load is also evaluated in ECTS credits. Student's load involves lectures, practical and individual work - all work required for examinations. The basic allocation of academic ECTS credits is 60 credits per year of study. Credits are awarded only when the course is completed and all the examinations are successfully passed. b) One week of full-time study = 54 AH = 1.5 ECTS credit.

Admission information

Application deadline

For Fall semester: June 10th

For Spring semester: October 20th

How to apply

Partner university (International department or faculties) submits via e-mail the student's required documents of the below to person in charge of exchange programs. <http://inter.isu.ru/visaandinvitation>
All documents should be written in Russian or English:

1. Application (fixed form, provided on demand and depending on chosen programme)
 2. Academic transcript (for degree programs)
 3. Copy of passport (other ID document)
 4. Proof of Russian language proficiency (for degree programs)
 5. Consent of processing personal data (fixed form)
 6. Recommendation letter from the University (Faculty/Department)
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Medical insurance requirements

It is required for exchange students to buy an insurance that we propose or students have to get it in their home country and bring copy of the policy to the International Office upon arrival to ISU. The document *must be accompanied with an English or Russian translation*.

OR ISU is ready to offer students to buy an insurance in Irkutsk. It costs about 6000 RUB per year.

Medical examination personal ID (dactyloscopy and photography included) costs 10000 RUB per year.

In addition for settling in a dormitory all international students must submit an X-ray results and special medical receipt which allows them to stay in the dormitory with other students. Or, students can take an X-ray and physical examination by a doctor at any medical centre/hospital in Irkutsk. All results have to be submitted to the dormitory supervisor.

Accommodation

All incoming exchange students can apply for the dormitory accommodation, but the division type shall not be guaranteed.

- Accommodation monthly fee is 2500- 5000 RUB per place in 2bed or 3bed room (Dormitory fee free if the option is in the bilateral agreement)
 - Male and Female housing are separated
 - Meals are not included
 - Transport fees depend on the dormitory location (it takes 15-20 minutes by bus, one way ticket is about 60-65 RUB)
 - Registration fee -1000 RUB
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Visa requirements

Students need to obtain the visa «краткосрочное обучение» for less than 3 months study period and “учеба” for more than 3 months study period with the invitation letter issued by ISU.

Students are advised to contact Russian Embassy in your country for more detailed information.

Upon arrival at ISU students must immediately within one working day, visit the international relation office of ISU (of.304, 1, Karl Marx str., Irkutsk) and submit all the documents required for the initial migration registration: passport with visa and migration card.

For students to be able to stay more than 90 days they should to extend the period of stay and obtain a multiple-entry visa a month before the expiration of the previous single-entry visa. For this students must to pay for the state tax in amount of 6000 RUB at any office of Sberbank of Russia and submit passport, registration and migration card to the International Office.

Overview

Irkutsk city, Russia. The capital city of [Irkutsk oblast \(region\)](#).

Irkutsk is the sixth largest city in Siberia, Russia. It is located in Eastern Siberia, on the banks of the Angara River, at the confluence with the Irkut River (hence the name of the city), 66 km to the west of Lake Baikal, about 5,200 km to the east of Moscow. The population of Irkutsk is about 650,000, the area - 432 sq. km. The phone code - +7 3952, the postal codes - 664000-664082.

PLEASE NOTE:

The indicated prices and visa information are valid for August 2026, they may be changed by the government. Usually we send the updated information if you have candidates for Exchange Program.