



Upon Arrival



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Welcome to Ural Federal University!

Dear students,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you at Ural Federal University, one of the top-ten Russian universities with a history of almost one hundred years. UrFU is a comprehensive institution offering nearly 400 Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programs in Natural Sciences, IT, Economics and Management, Humanities, Engineering and Social Sciences taught in Russian and English. It provides educational services for more than 35000 students from 80 countries of the world and employs over 4000 faculty members, including globally renowned experts in Physics, Meteorite Research, Engineering, Social Science and Political Studies.

Since 2013, Ural Federal University has been participating in the Russian Academic Excellence Project 5-100: after a competitive selection, it became one of the 21 Russian universities that won the right to receive a special governmental subsidy targeted at enhancing the global competitiveness of the university and increasing its positions in the international rankings.

At this point, you probably have many questions about coming to study in a new country. This practical guide has been specially designed to answer your questions and help you prepare for your journey to Ural Federal University. Please rest assured that both the university staff and students will always be there to assist you.

Good luck!

UrFU International Team



Before Arrival



Letter of Invitation

Invitation for entry into the Russian Federation is issued in strict accordance with the current legislation. The type, purpose of visit and number of entries are not subject to change.

UrFU International Service provides assistance to foreign students in preparation and submission of the required documents to the state authorities. We will help you receive the letter of invitation so that you can obtain a visa in the Russian Consulate of your home country within the shortest period of time. In order to receive a Russian visa, it is essential that your motivation should be clear to the Consulate. The key aspects of such motivation are confirmed by the letter of invitation, which lists not only your personal details, but also the information about the host party, as well as the period and purpose of your stay. Foreign citizens need a Russian visa and a valid passport or another ID document accepted in the Russian Federation in order to enter and leave the Russian Federation.

To obtain the letter of invitation for foreign or stateless citizens, you need to submit soft copies of the following documents to UrFU Center for International Student Mobility and Recruitment*:

All applicants:

- **First page of passport** (or another identification document – the pages with photograph, document number and date of expiration)
- **Notarized Russian translation of passport**
- **Filled out online application form & invitation application form** available at *UrFU website (urfu.ru/en) – Prospective students – How to apply* (or use the QR code)



Additional documents for those applying for programs in English:

- **Previous education certificate** (e.g. secondary school/college diploma/certificate, Bachelor's degree diploma for Master programs). Please note that the document must be certified/legalized by the Russian Embassy in the country of issuance

Additional documents for those applying for programs in Russian:

- **Previous education certificate** (e.g. secondary school/college diploma/certificate, Bachelor's degree diploma for Master programs). Please note that the document must be certified/legalized by the Russian Embassy in the country of issuance
- **Russian language course completion certificate.** Ural Federal University accepts Russian language certificates acquired at UrFU or another authorized institution of higher or postsecondary education

Exchange students:

- **First page of passport** (or another identification document – the pages with photograph, document number and date of expiration)
- **Russian translation of passport**
- **Learning agreement** (please contact your exchange coordinator)
- **Visa application form** available at *UrFU website* (urfu.ru/en) – *Prospective students – Inbound mobility – Exchange information sheet* (or use the QR code)



*IMPORTANT! The process of invitation issuance takes some time, which depends on a number of factors beyond UrFU jurisdiction. Therefore, we strongly recommend you to submit the documents **well in advance**, at least two months prior to the date of your arrival. After you have submitted the soft copies, please allow at least **one month** for the invitation to be prepared. As soon as it is ready, your manager will contact you via e-mail.

Medical Insurance

All foreign citizens staying in the Russian Federation are required to have a medical insurance certificate. You can order the certificate at UrFU International Student Support Center (Lenina av., 51, office 210) or any insurance company in Ekaterinburg

or your home country (specifying “valid on the territory of the Russian Federation”). Approximate cost of medical insurance in Russia is 3500 rubles per year.

In case of an insurance event, please contact your insurance company call center on the telephone number stated in your insurance contract. You can also get paid medical service at UrFU Medical Unit (Komsomolskaya str., 59Б) or any other city hospital.

Visa

A single-entry Russian visa is issued by the Russian Embassy of your home country after you have received the letter of invitation from UrFU. Please inquire at your Visa Application Center for the list of necessary documents. After your arrival in Ekaterinburg, you will need to extend your visa (see the “Upon Arrival” section of this Handbook).

Arrange your airport/station pickup

The airport or railway station pickup service is available to international students, including exchange students, starting their first semester at Ural Federal University. To book your pickup service, please inform us at least **3 days before your arrival** by filling in the special form at *UrFU website (urfu.ru/en) – Prospective students – First steps upon arrival in Ekaterinburg* (or use the QR code)



Upon Arrival

Checklist (first steps upon arrival)



For students awarded the scholarship from the Ministry of Education and Science and exchange students

1

To initiate the procedure of enrolment, please bring the following set of documents to UrFU Center for International Student Mobility and Recruitment (Mira str., 19, office GUK 209):

- **Passport**
- **Previous education certificates**, e.g. diploma + transcript/secondary school certificate + transcript officially certified (attested) according to the established procedure (with apostilles)
- **Notarized Russian translations** of previous education documents
- **4 photos, 3 x 4 cm**
- **Filled out enrolment application form**
- **First page of passport** (copy) with notarized Russian translation

For exchange students:

- **Passport**
- **Enrolment letter** or certificate of attendance from home university (document that proves your current status at home university)
- **Copy of inter-university exchange agreement** (you will get it from your academic mobility coordinator at UrFU)
- **2 photos, 3 x 4 cm**
- **First page of passport** (copy) with notarized Russian translation

Here you will also receive your dormitory voucher.

2 Then, you need to undergo a medical examination at UrFU Medical Unit (Komsomolskaya str., 59Б) in order to receive the medical certificate for the dormitory. Please make sure to bring your recent photofluorogram, vaccination certificate or documents containing information about your vaccination, and a description of your general state of health from your physician (with Russian translations). Medical examination fee is 800 rubles.

3 After that, with your dormitory voucher, please go to an SKB-Bank office and pay your accommodation fee*. Don't forget to ask for the payment receipt!

*IMPORTANT! You should pay for the whole semester of accommodation in the dormitory at once (3000 to 5000 rubles per semester depending on the dormitory and whether you have to pay for your education or not).

4 Now you can go to the dormitory and get your room key and bed linen. Make sure you have your medical examination certificate, dormitory voucher and accommodation payment receipt with you. Also, please bring four photos, 3x4 cm.

5 According the Russian Migration Legislation, within 3 days after your arrival you must receive an official document confirming your legal stay on the territory of the Russian Federation. Therefore, on the first working day after your arrival, please visit UrFU Visa Support Office (Lenina av., 51, office 246) and submit the following documents*:

- **Migration card (3 copies)**
- **Visa (3 copies)**
- **Passport (first page, 3 copies)**
- **1 copy of all passport pages (including blank pages)**
- **3 copies of the stamp confirming crossing the border**

About one week after you have submitted the documents, you can come back to the Visa Support Office to receive your registration (an official document confirming your legal stay on the territory of the Russian Federation) and get your original migration card back.

In order to extend your visa or obtain a multiple-entry visa, you should submit the following documents* to UrFU Visa Support Office:

- **Passport (original and 3 copies of first page)**
- **Visa (original and 3 copies)**
- **Migration card (original and 3 copies)**

- **Registration (original and 3 copies)**
- **2 copies of all passport pages (including blank pages)**
- **2 matte black-&-white photos, 3 x 4 cm**
- **Visa fee** (about 1 600 rubles) – payable in Sberbank
- **Home address (in the country of residence) in written form**
- **HIV test results** (you can do the test at Syromolotova street, 19, office 111, open 9:00 – 13:00). Keep in mind that you can receive your results 3 working days after you do the test
- **Additional agreement** (for exchange students).

*IMPORTANT! Since the visa issuance process takes time, make sure you submit the documents for your visa extension not later than **one month** before the expiration date of your current visa!

6

Once you are through with the registration, you should go to UrFU International Student Support Center (Lenina, 51, office 210), where you can:

- Get all necessary information about UrFU student organizations, events, etc.
- Order a medical insurance certificate (if you already have one, please bring the copy)
- Ask all your questions



For fee-paying students

1 **IMPORTANT!** Please note that students are entitled to a university dormitory room only after they have been officially enrolled and submitted the accommodation and tuition payments. Since the enrolment procedure may take up to 1 week, you'll need to book a hotel or hostel for this period of time. Please indicate if you need help with booking a hotel room when filling out the arrival form at UrFU website.

2 To initiate the procedure of enrolment, please bring the following set of documents to UrFU Center for International Student Mobility and Recruitment (Mira str., 19, office GUK 209):

- **Passport**
- **Previous education certificates**, e.g. diploma + transcript/secondary school certificate + transcript officially certified (attested) according to the established procedure (with apostilles)
- **Notarized Russian translations** of previous education documents
- **4 photos, 3 x 4 cm**
- **Filled out enrolment application form**
- **First page of passport** (copy) with notarized Russian translation

In case you haven't passed your entrance exams yet, you will receive the exams schedule.

3 In order to receive the dormitory voucher, you need to undergo a medical examination at UrFU Medical Unit (Komsomolskaya str., 59Б). Please make sure to bring your recent photofluorogram, vaccination certificate or documents containing information about your vaccination, and a description of your general state of health from your physician (with Russian translations). Medical examination fee is 800 rubles.

4 Next, you should go to UrFU International Student Support Center (Lenina, 51, office 210), where you can:

- Get all necessary information about UrFU student organizations, events, etc.
- Order a medical insurance certificate (if you already have one, please bring the copy)
- Ask all your questions

5 After you have passed your entrance exams, you need to receive your educational contract so that you can pay the tuition fee. You can do it at the

main UrFU building (Mira str., 19) – July to September: 5th floor hall, September to July: office GUK 204. You will need your passport and a written request for the issuance of the contract.

- 6 When you have received your contract, please go to an SKB-Bank office and pay your tuition fee. Don't forget to take the payment receipt!
- 7 After submitting the tuition payment, you can receive your accommodation voucher at UrFU Center for International Student Mobility and Recruitment (Mira str., 19, office GUK 209). You will need to provide your tuition payment receipt.
- 8 In order to receive a dormitory room, you need to pay for your accommodation* in an SKB-Bank office. Make sure to have your dormitory voucher with you. Don't forget to take the payment receipt!

*IMPORTANT! You should pay for the whole semester of accommodation in the dormitory at once (3000 to 5000 rubles per semester depending on the dormitory and whether you have to pay for your education or not).

- 9 Now you can go to the dormitory and get your room key and bed linen. Make sure you have your medical examination certificate, dormitory voucher and accommodation payment receipt with you. Also, please bring four photos, 3x4 cm.
- 10 When you have checked into your dormitory room, you must obtain an official document confirming your legal stay on the territory of the Russian Federation. Please visit UrFU Visa Support Office (Lenina av., 51, office 246) and submit the following documents*:

- **Migration card (3 copies)**
- **Visa (3 copies)**
- **Passport (first page, 3 copies)**
- **1 copy of all passport pages (including blank pages)**
- **3 copies of the stamp confirming crossing the border**

About one week after you have submitted the documents, you can come back to the Visa Support Office to receive your registration (an official document confirming your legal stay on the territory of the Russian Federation) and get your original migration card back.

In order to extend your visa or obtain a multiple-entry visa, you should submit the following documents* to UrFU Visa Support Office:

- **Passport (original and 3 copies of first page)**
- **Visa (original and 3 copies)**
- **Migration card (original and 3 copies)**
- **Registration (original and 3 copies)**
- **2 copies of all passport pages (including blank pages)**
- **2 matte black-&-white photos, 3 x 4 cm**
- **Visa fee** (about 1 600 rubles) – payable in Sberbank
- **Home address (in the country of residence) in written form**
- **HIV test results** (you can do the test at Syromolotova street, 19, office 111, open 9:00 – 13:00). Keep in mind that you can receive your results 3 working days after you do the test
- **Copy of educational contract**

***IMPORTANT!** Since the visa issuance process takes time, make sure you submit the documents for your visa extension not later than **one month** before the expiration date of your current visa!

Our mobile app named **UrFU Guide** will help you go through all the procedures easily by providing a full interactive checklist of things you need to do upon your arrival, including all the lists of necessary documents and many other useful features. Check it out now!



Dormitories

UrFU provides its students with accommodation in dormitories. The dormitory buildings are located at:

- 1st student dormitory – Bolshakova str., 79
- 2nd student dormitory – Bolshakova str., 77
- 3rd student dormitory – Malysheva str., 140
- 4th student dormitory – Bolshakova str., 71
- 5th student dormitory – Malysheva str., 144
- 6th student dormitory – Chapaeva str., 16A
- 7th student dormitory – Kominterna str., 3
- 9th student dormitory – Fonvizina str., 8
- 10th student dormitory – Lenina av., 66
- 11th student dormitory – Kominterna str., 5
- 12th student dormitory – Fonvizina str., 4
- 13th student dormitory – Komsomolskaya str., 66
- 14th student dormitory – Kominterna str., 1A
- 15th student dormitory – Kominterna str., 11
- 16th student dormitory – Malysheva str., 127A



Important rules and regulations

Residence rules and regulations

for foreign citizens on the territory of the Russian Federation

- On the first working day after arrival in Ekaterinburg, a foreign student must provide his or her passport, migration card and visa to UrFU Visa Support Office (Lenina av., 51, office 246) for migration registration.
- Before leaving Ekaterinburg for other cities or countries, a foreign student must inform the Visa Support Office about their departure at least 3 working days prior to the departure date.
- In case of staying in another Russian city for more than 7 days, a foreign student must register at the local office of the Migration Service and provide the registration information to the Visa Support Office after returning to Ekaterinburg.
- In case a foreign student changes their address of residence, they must inform the Visa Support Office.
- Since 2014, international students in Russia have a right to work. Details are provided by the Visa Support Office.

Campus rules

Dormitory residents have a right to:

- use the room allocated for their accommodation during the period of stay specified in the decision of the Accommodation Committee and accommodation agreement provided that the campus rules and regulations, internal dormitory rules, fire safety rules and sanitary norms are observed
- use shared educational, cultural and social facilities of the dormitory, furniture, bedclothes, and other facilities and services available at the dormitory
- with the permission of the University administration, use personal electrical appliances and equipment provided that all additional electricity costs are covered
- request prompt redecoration and replacement of furniture, equipment, bedclothes and other facilities if they fall into disrepair or wear out not through residents' fault
- request measures to be taken to eliminate any accommodation maintenance faults or faults in the provision of housing and communal services.

Dormitory residents are obliged to:

- follow the campus rules and regulations, internal dormitory rules, health and safety rules, fire safety rules and sanitary norms

- act in a way to prevent any damage to the dormitory's property, use water, gas, electricity and heating energy efficiently, keep rooms and shared spaces clean and tidy, carry out daily cleaning in the rooms, blocks, sections
- fulfil the conditions specified in the accommodation agreement (mutual responsibility agreement)
- pay accommodation fees, make utility and other payments in due time
- act in a way to prevent any excessive noise and vibration that may disturb other residents of the dormitory
- use television, radio, CD-players and other loudspeaker systems at a low volume in order not to disturb other dormitory residents. Silence should be strictly observed in the dormitory from 23:00 to 7:00
- in case any material damage is done, compensate it in accordance with the current legislation and mutual responsibility agreement
- compensate for any missing or damaged property when checking out of the dormitory.

The following actions are forbidden in the dormitories:

- exchanging, dividing, letting, booking, buying or making disposition of the rooms allocated at the University dormitory
- moving to another room or dormitory without due permission of the dormitory administration
- moving furniture or equipment from one room to another
- relocating furniture, equipment, bedclothes and other dormitory property without due permission of the dormitory administration
- making any replanning, rearrangement, reconstruction or refurbishment in the dormitories and shared spaces without due permission
- conducting any redecoration works and tampering with the wiring
- using kerosene stoves or any other similar equipment
- smoking
- drinking alcohol
- being under the influence of alcohol, toxic or narcotic substances
- keeping, selling, or taking narcotic substances and their analogues
- having overnight guests without the administration's permission.

Other rules and regulations

- The pass system and the internal rules and regulations of the campus are aimed at securing safety, maintaining public order and preserving the University's property.
- Residents must produce their entrance pass when entering the dormitory.
- It is prohibited to use somebody else's entrance pass.
- The dormitory opening hours for residents are **06:00 - 01:00**. If a dormitory resident is going to arrive on campus late, they are obliged to get an entrance permission from the dormitory administration specifying the reason for their late arrival.
- Visiting hours at the dormitory are **08:00 - 11:00**.
- Dormitory residents' close relatives and other guests may temporarily stay at the dormitory with the administration's written permission and agreement of roommates. The duration of their stay is to be determined by the administration safety, maintaining public order and preserving the University's property.
- To enter the dormitory, a guest should produce an ID document in the presence of the resident host.
- In specific cases, the University or campus administration has a right to limit or forbid guests' access to the dormitories.
- Disciplinary action up to expulsion will be applied to those residents who fail to observe the campus policy rules, internal dormitory rules and regulations, fire safety rules and sanitary norms.

Residents will be asked to leave the dormitory in the following cases*:

- expiry of their residence period as specified in the decision of the Accommodation Committee
- expiry of the accommodation agreement term
- resident's withdrawal from the accommodation agreement, including cases of residents' failure to pay accommodation fees and make utility payments for more than 3 months
- destruction or damage done to the living accommodation
- persistent disturbance and violation of roommates' rights, which makes it impossible to continue sharing the same room
- if students misuse the allocated dormitory rooms

- non-compliance with the dormitory rules and regulations, fire safety rules and sanitary norms
- if students drop out of the University
- if students take an academic leave and there are no vacant places within the quota of the relevant department
- any other cases as required by the current legislation.

*IMPORTANT! Your accommodation contract is valid until 1 July. During the summer period (July and August), students are not allowed to stay in the dormitory. The exception is only for students passing through their practical term.



Buddy



UrFU “Buddy” system gives you a great opportunity to get a personal assistant – a current UrFU student who will help you settle in a new environment. “Buddy” is a friend who will make your arrival and first days in Ekaterinburg and UrFU easy and smooth, and who will be there to help you during an entire semester. At the same time, you will be his/her Buddy too!

“Buddy” organizes various events for international students including excursions, festivals and volunteering projects. But the main idea of the program is that you can find a local student, your buddy, who will help you to get used to the new way of life, give some useful advice and introduce you to other international students.

The contact person for UrFU Buddy System is its curator, Ms Anastasia Kalinina, +7 (953) 600-22-77, kalinik-nastya@yandex.ru.



Russia



The Russian Federation is known for having a great history and rich cultural heritage, and we are delighted that you have decided to explore it. Russia is, indeed, a unique country, which occupies a vast territory populated by millions of people. The lifestyle in Russia is different from that in Europe or America, so we have a lot to surprise you with! Russia might seem a very cold place where you always have to wear a fur hat not to get frozen. Well, yes – winters are cold here, but the warmth of the Russian hospitality makes up for the low temperatures outside. Besides, it's not always winter – summers in the Urals are as warm as anywhere else in Europe.

Russia is the largest country in the world, covering 17.1 m sq.km, which is more than one-eighth of the Earth's inhabited land area. It is considered a European country, although two-thirds of Russia's territory are located in Asia. Extending from west to east, Russia spans 10 time zones. The climate is characterized by a clear distinction of two seasons – cold and warm. Most of the country's territory lies within the zone of temperate climate.

Currency (coins and banknotes)

Ruble (RUB, RUR) is the national currency of the Russian Federation. There are banknotes of 10, 50, 100, 500, 1 000 and 5 000 rubles and 1, 2, 5, and 10-ruble coins. 1 Ruble equals 100 kopecks. There are also coins worth 1, 5, 10 and 50 kopecks.

Coins



Banknotes



Voltage

The standard voltage in Russia is 220 V, 50 Hz frequency, plug (socket) type F or C. Voltage converters and plug adapters are available in any electronics shop.



Ekaterinburg

Dear friends,

Welcome to Ekaterinburg, the city named after Ekaterina I – the wife of the greatest Russian tsar Peter I.

The two founders of the city were Vasily Tatishchev, a Russian statesman and historian, and Georg Villim de Gennin (originally, Wilhelm de Hennin), a military officer and engineer, who was, according to different sources, either German or Dutch. Ekaterinburg's official birthday is 18 November 1723, but for convenience, the city residents celebrate it in summer – in August.

Ekaterinburg is one of the major transportation and logistic hubs of the country, an important industrial center and, of course, the main administrative, cultural, research and educational center of the whole Ural region. The city's most interesting feature is that, geographically, it is the westernmost city in Asia and the easternmost one in Europe – so we live in the place where East meets West.

While ranking fourth in Russia in terms of population, Ekaterinburg is also the largest city in the Urals. The permanent population of the "Ekaterinburg City" municipal unit is 1,429,433 people (as of 2013). Local mass media unofficially refer to Ekaterinburg as "Russia's third capital".

Ekaterinburg is located in the zone of moderate-continental climate characterized by the variability of weather conditions and distinct seasons of the year, which explains sharp temperature fluctuations and weather anomalies: in winter, the weather may vary from hard frosts to thaws and rains, in summer – from scorching heat above 35 °C to chills.

Sightseeing spots to visit in Ekaterinburg

Ekaterinburg is often referred to as “The Capital of Constructivism”. Constructivism is a style in architecture that was popular in the Soviet Union during the 1920s-1930s. This is why in Ekaterinburg you can find buildings that look like a tractor, a ship, or the hammer and sickle – the famous communist symbol.



Monument to the founders of Ekaterinburg

The inscription on the monument says, “To the glorious sons of Russia V. N. Tatischev and V. I. de Gennin. From grateful Ekaterinburg, 1998”. Among the city youth, it is commonly referred to as “Beavis and Butt-head”. This place is extremely popular with skaters, BMXers, rollers and other sport-loving youngsters who often practice here and show various tricks.



The Square of 1905 (“Ploshchad 1905 goda”)

The Square of 1905 is the main square in the heart of Ekaterinburg. It acquired its modern look in 1930, when two smaller squares merged into one after the demolition of Bogoyavlensky Cathedral.



Yeltsin-Center

Boris Yeltsin Presidential Center is a social, cultural and educational center dedicated to modern political history of Russia and the personality of the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin.



Sevastyanov's House

The house was built in the early 19th century on the bank of the Iset river. It is a unique architectural monument combining Moresque and Gothic styles. Sevastyanov's House is included into the national cultural heritage list.



Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet

Opened in 1912, Ekaterinburg's Theatre of Opera and Ballet is one of the oldest in Russia.



Rastorguyev-Kharitonov Palace

Famous 18th century landmark on Voznesenskaya Gorka (Ascension Hill). There are numerous legends associated with this palace.



Cathedral-on-the-Blood

Cathedral-on-the-Blood is one of the largest Orthodox cathedrals in Russia. It was constructed in 2000-2003 on the spot where, on the night of 16-17 June 1918, the last Russian Emperor Nikolai II and his family were murdered.



The Keyboard Monument

The Keyboard Monument was officially unveiled in 2005 on the embankment of the Iset river. It is a gigantic QWERTY keyboard with 86 concrete keys in 30:1 scale. Each key weighs about 80 kg.



The fastest and easiest way to see the most popular sightseeing spots in Ekaterinburg is to follow the Red Line – the main touristic route of the city. The route starts at the Square of 1905 – look for the red line on the sidewalk!



Transport

Airport

Website: www.koltsovo.ru

The airport of Ekaterinburg is called Koltsovo, and it is the largest regional airport in Russia. Over 40 Russian and international airline companies connect Ekaterinburg with more than 100 cities of the world, and practically any place on the planet can be reached via convenient international hubs.

Railway Station

Website: www.rzd.ru

Address: Vokzalnaya str., 22

Ekaterinburg has railway connections with such cities as Kazan, Perm, Samara, Chelyabinsk, Moscow, St.Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod and others. It is an important point of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The city also has a suburban train service.

Public Transport

Public transport system in Ekaterinburg includes buses, trams, trolley buses and underground.

You can check the schedule of public transport at the following websites:

<http://online.ettu.ru/map/trams/>

<http://www.edu-ekb.ru/gmap/>

The price for one ride in the public transport is 26 rubles.

There are plenty of mobile apps that can help you get around in Ekaterinburg. The most popular ones are **2GIS**, **Yandex Maps**, **E-Transport**.

Taxi

Here are the most popular taxi companies:

Tri Desyatki: +7 (343) 310-10-10

Automig: +7 (343) 3-450-450

Vezet: +7 (343) 238-38-38

You can also use **Uber**, **Yandex Taxi**, **Gett** and **Wheely** mobile apps.

Banks

There are many various banks in Ekaterinburg. The official partners of the University are Sberbank and SKB-Bank.

If you are entitled to a scholarship, it might be a good idea to get an SKB-Bank card.

All information about SKB-Bank cards is available here: <http://www.skbbank.ru/personal/cards>

You can find the locations of SKB-Bank offices in our **UrFU Guide** mobile application (available at Google Play and AppStore).

Mobile Phone Companies

There are five large mobile phone companies operating in Ekaterinburg: MTS, Megafon, Beeline, Motiv, and Tele2.

To buy a SIM-card, you must provide an ID document (passport). SIM-cards are available at the companies' offices and mobile phone retailer shops (Euroset, Svaznoy, etc).

Shopping Centers and Malls

Ekaterinburg has plenty of shopping centers and malls where you can buy everything from food to manufactured goods and clothes. These shopping malls usually have food courts with various cuisine including international fast food chains such as McDonalds, KFC, Starbucks, etc. In many shopping centers, there are also a lot of entertainment facilities: bowling centers, cinemas, theme parks.

Here is a list of the most popular shopping malls:

- Greenwich (Гринвич)
8 Marta str., 46
- Passage (Пассаж)
Vaynera str., 9
- Uspensky (Успенский)
Vainera str., 10
- Europe (Европа)
Lenina av., 25
- Hermes-Plaza (Гермес-Плаза)
Malysheva str., 16
- Botanica Mall (Ботаника Молл)
Akademika
Shvartsa str., 1
- Dirigible (Дирижабль)
Akademika
Shvartsa str., 17
- Carnival (Карнавал)
Khalturina str., 55
- IKEA, Mega, Auchan (ИКЕА, Мера, Ашан)
Metallurgov str., 87
- Megapolis (Мегаполис)
8 Marta str, 149
- Park House (Парк Хаус)
Sulimova str., 50
- Raduga-Park (Радуга-Парк)
Repina str, 94
- Fun-Fun (Фан-Фан)
Yasnaya str., 2



Studies

Academic calendar

The following dates are approximate and subject to change according to yearly orders issued by the University administration. Please inquire at your Institute's directorate for the exact dates.

Autumn semester: Sept 1 – end of December

Exam session: Jan 10 – end of January

Winter breaks: Jan 1 – Jan 8, end of January – Feb 15

Spring semester: Feb 15 – end of May

Exam session: June 1 – end of June

Exchange semester application deadlines:

Application deadline for the spring semester is 15 November of the preceding year.

Application deadline for the autumn semester is 1 July of the current year.

UrFU Grading System

1 ECTS (credit) equals 36 academic hours.

UrFU employs a **grade-rating system** (“БРС”, Eng. “BRS”), where a student's final grade for a course is calculated based on the following:

- Attendance
- In-class performance
- Homework grades

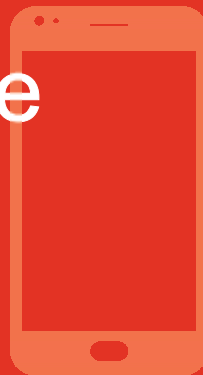
- Test grades
- Final exam performance

The weight of each component in the final grade is determined by the specifications stated in the educational plan. The final grade is then converted into one of the following according to the traditional Russian four-point grading system:

- 5 – “Excellent” (the highest grade)
- 4 – “Good”
- 3 – “Satisfactory”
- 2 – “Unsatisfactory” (failed).



Digital and mobile services for students



Student's personal account

UrFU students can use a student's personal account to check their classes schedule and grade points, access various electronic learning resources, research news, electronic library systems, templates of documents and other useful materials. Currently, the student's personal account service is available in Russian only.

To register in the system, please visit id.urfu.ru (in case you have any problems with the registration, please consult the technical support office (S. Kovalevskoy str., 5, office T-310)).

UrFU Guide mobile app

With the view to make your first days at Ural Federal University easier and smoother, UrFU International Service has recently developed a mobile app named **UrFU Guide** that comprises all information you will need during your adaptation period, such as maps, lists of institutes, dormitories, libraries, etc. It also features a full interactive check-list of things you should do as soon as you arrive in Ekaterinburg to finish the enrolment procedure, so you won't get lost or forget anything.




Libraries





Services provided by the University Library:

- Borrowing
- Reading rooms
- Online resources at information centers
- Search assistance
- Training courses on using library resources

Services	Library at Mira str., 19	Library at Turgeneva str., 4; Kuybysheva str., 48.
Working Hours	Mon 09.00 - 19.00 Tue 09.00 - 19.00 Wed 13.00 - 19.00 Thu 09.00 - 19.00 Fri 09.00 - 19.00 Sat 09.00 - 16.00	Mon 09.00 - 19.00 Tue 09.00 - 19.00 Wed 09.00 - 19.00 Thu 09.00 - 19.00 Fri 09.00 - 19.00 Sat 09.00 - 16.00
	The library is closed on the last Wednesday of the month (except for exam session periods) In summer, the library is open until 17.00.	

<p>Library card issuance</p> <p>To submit your application on-line, please scan QR-code or visit http://lib.urfu.ru/</p> <p><i>(How to - Obtain a Library Card)</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russian language students receive their library cards at the Library Department of Technical Literature. <p>Address: Mira str., 19, room Б-201</p> <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – passport with visa – university pass – 1 photo 3x4 cm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students majoring in technical sciences receive their library cards at the Library Department of Technical Literature. <p>Address: Mira str., 34Г.</p> <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – passport with visa – university pass – 1 photo 3x4 cm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students majoring in the humanities receive their library cards at the Library Department of Humanities. <p>Address: Turgeneva str., 4, room 258.</p> <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – passport with visa – university pass – 1 photo 3x4 cm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students majoring in the natural sciences receive their library cards at the Library Department of Natural Sciences Literature. <p>Address: Kuybysheva str., 48А, room 254</p> <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – passport with visa – university pass – 1 photo 3x4 cm
<p>Books for the students studying the Russian language as a foreign language</p>	<p>Library Department of Social Studies and Economics</p> <p>Address: Mira str., 21, room ФТ-411</p>	<p>Library Department of Humanities</p> <p>Address: Turgeneva str., 4, room 258</p>

<p>Books and periodicals in foreign languages</p> <p>(books can be borrowed for a period of 1 month, books and periodicals available in reading rooms cannot be borrowed)</p>	<p>Technical Literature:</p> <p>Library Department of Technical Literature</p> <p>Address: Mira str., 19, room Б-201</p> <p>Technical Literature Reading room</p> <p>Address: Mira str., 19, room Б-202</p>	<p>Literature in the humanities:</p> <p>Library Department of Foreign Literature</p> <p>Address: Turgeneva str., 4, room 356</p> <p>Literature in the natural sciences:</p> <p>Library Department of Natural Sciences</p> <p>Address: Kuybysheva str., 48A, room 253</p> <p>Natural Sciences Information Center</p> <p>Address: Kuybysheva str., 48A, room 450</p>
<p>Online library catalogue</p> <p>(currently available in Russian only)</p>	<p>Scan QR-code or visit http://lib.urfu.ru/</p> 	<p>Scan QR-code or visit http://opac.usu.ru/usu/</p> 

IMPORTANT! Before using the library services, make sure to read the library rules and regulations.

In case you have any questions concerning the libraries, the website also provides an “Ask a Librarian” online support service.

Library rules:
 scan QR-code or visit <http://lib.urfu.ru/>
(About us - General Rules)



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(About us - Ask a Librarian)



Canteens



Students of Ural Federal University can always enjoy a nice meal in one of our canteens offering Russian and European cuisine.

Canteen No 3	Mira str., 28	Mon-Fri 9.00-16.00
Canteen No 4	Mira str., 19	Mon-Sat 9.00-20.00
Canteen No 5	S. Kovalevskoy str., 5A	Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00
“Zimniy” Cafeteria	Lenina av., 51	Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00
Canteen of the Graduate School of Economics and Management	Mira str., 19	Mon-Fri 9.00-18.00
Canteen of the Institute of Radioelectronics and IT	Mira str., 32	Mon-Fri 9.00-16.00
Cafeteria of the Institute of Civil Engineering	Mira str., 17	Mon-Fri 9.00-16.00
Cafeteria of the Institute of Physics and Technology	Mira str., 21	Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00
“Lakomka” Cafeteria	Mira str., 19	Mon-Fri 10.00-20.00
Canteen on Turgeneva str.	Turgeneva str., 4	Mon-Fri 9.00-16.00
Canteen on Kuybysheva str.	Kuybysheva str., 48	Mon-Fri 9.00-16.00
“Radost” Cafeteria	Kuybysheva str., 48	Mon-Fri 9.00-17.00
“Cola” Cafeteria	Kuybysheva str., 48	Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

Canteen on Lenina av.	Lenina av., 51	Mon-Fri 9.00-16.00
Canteen on Chapaeva str.	Chapaeva str., 20	Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00
Cafeteria of the Institute of Material Sciences and Metallurgy	Mira str., 28	Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00
“MPZ” cafeteria	Mira str., 19	Mon-Fri 10:00-16:00
Cafeteria of the Institute of Chemical Engineering	Mira str., 28	Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00
Cafeteria of the Institute of Radioelectronics and IT	Mira str., 32	Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00
“Raduga” Cafeteria	Mira str., 19	Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00
Cafeteria No 5	S. Kovalevskoy str., 5a	Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00
Cafeteria on Chapaeva str.	Chapaeva str., 16	Mon-Fri 9.00-17.00
“GUK” Cafeteria	Mira str., 19	Mon-Fri 10:00-17:30





Sport 1

UrFU sport infrastructure provides various opportunities to exercise and perform. The sport departments offer wide range of training programs, such as:

- Athletics
- Cross-country skiing
- Overall physical training
- Basketball
- Women's handball
- Football
- Volleyball
- Rock-climbing
- Orienteering and sports tourism
- Fitness-aerobics
- Boxing
- Powerlifting
- Judo and sambo

UrFU students, faculty and staff are welcome to use the University swimming pool (25m, 6-lane pool).

Services: swimming (50 % discount for UrFU students, faculty and staff), swimming instructors, water aerobics.

Working hours: 6:30-22:00. The first session starts at 6:30, the last one starts at 20:45.

The schedule of training programs and sessions is available at Kominterny str., 14A.

All information about sport at UrFU is available at UrFU website: www.urfu.ru/en/sport/

Leisure



Ural Federal University organizes more than 200 sports, social and cultural events and actively supports international events organized by various organizations of the city and the region. International students can become members of 23 student organizations, including such organizations as BEST (Board of European Students of Technology), AIESEC, Erasmus Student Network (ESN), etc. They can also develop their talents in performing groups of UrFU.

For more information and contacts, please visit: <http://urfu.ru/en/activities/social-life/>



Institutes



Graduate School of Economics and Management

Mira str., 19, 4th floor, office И-405

<http://gsem.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Public Administration and Entrepreneurship

Address: Lenina av, 13Б, office 201

<http://igup.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Humanities and Arts

Lenina av., 51, office 239

<http://igni.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Natural Sciences

Kuybysheva str., 48, office 351

<http://ins.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Turgeneva str., 4, office 604

<http://imkn.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Material Science and Metallurgy

Mira str., 28, office МТ-327

<http://immt.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Radioelectronics and Information Technologies

Mira str., 32, office P-332

<http://rtf.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Social and Political Studies

Lenina av., 51, office 240

<http://ispn.urfu.ru/ru/>

Institute of Physical Education, Sport and Youth Policy

Komintern str., 14, office CK-408

<http://ifksimp.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Fundamental Education

S. Kovalevskoy str., 5 office T-512

<http://info.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Mechanics and Machine Building

Mira str., 19, office M-427

<http://mmi.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Civil Engineering

Mira str., 17, office C-319

<http://sti.urfu.ru/>

Ural Power Engineering Institute

S. Kovalevskoy str., 5, office T-227

<http://enin.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Physics and Technology

Mira str., 21, office ФТ-207

<http://fizteh.urfu.ru/>

Institute of Chemical Engineering

Mira str., 28, office X-327a

Institute of Open Educational Technologies

Mira str., 19, office И-201

<http://itoo.urfu.ru/>

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