



Linguistics University

of Nizhny Novgorod

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WELCOME TO LUNN, LINGUISTICS UNIVERSITY OF NIZHNY NOVGOROD



For almost a century now LUNN has been training students to be competent specialists proficient in foreign languages. The University has a long history and glorious traditions.

Today LUNN is one of Russia's three linguistics universities. It regularly occupies prestigious positions in various national rating lists. LUNN is a dynamic educational institution where rich traditions and the latest innovations complement each other giving students from all over the world opportunities to study foreign languages, humanities, economics, management, international relations, PR, arts, etc.

LUNN's research activities are focused on various aspects of language and language-teaching, communication techniques, culture studies, intercultural communication, and many others. Students and academics are encouraged to take part in international education programmes. The University's expertise in distance learning and multimedia helps to further develop its international relations.

LUNN is a great place to study not only linguistics and languages, but also Russian history, culture and traditions.

For a rewarding academic and social experience, professional skills, I am pleased to welcome you to the Linguistics University of Nizhny Novgorod, Russia.

Lingua interpres animi est!

Boris Zhigalev
Rector

CITY OF NIZHNY NOVGOROD

Nizhny Novgorod is one of the largest cities in Russia with the population of nearly 1.5 million. It is situated about 250 miles east of Moscow and offers insights into life in Russia's heartland. Historically, Nizhny Novgorod was a commercial hub of Russia, located at the strategic confluence of the Oka and Volga rivers. This favourable geographic location promoted Nizhny Novgorod



as one of the trade and historical centres of Russia. UNESCO has added the city to the world's Top-100 list of cities having international significance.

The city is divided into two halves by the Oka River. The historical centre of the city lies on a hill on the eastern bank of the Oka River, while the newer, industrial part lies to the west. Over its eight-century history the city has joined together a wide variety of architectural styles. At present, Nizhny Novgorod is a welcoming modern large city with a well-developed infrastructure and extensive recreation facilities.

There are more than six hundred unique historic, architectural, and cultural monuments in the city.

There are about two hundred municipal and regional cultural institutions within Nizhny Novgorod, and several federal universities including LUNN.

LUNN is situated downtown; it takes 15 minutes on foot to get from it to Minin Square and the Kremlin - the administrative centre of the city. Also, it is a five-minute walk to a picturesque high embankment of the Volga river.



LINGUISTICS UNIVERSITY OF NIZHNY NOVGOROD



LUNN is a state academic institution accredited by the Ministry of Education of Russian Federation. It provides education for students who come from all regions of Russia, from Asia and Europe.

Founded in 1937 on the basis of municipal foreign language courses established in 1917, LUNN trains Bachelors, Masters and Specialists in 36 degree programmes of higher education. It also provides further professional training programmes and postgraduate programmes for PhD and ScD applicants. On occasion Dissertation Councils are summoned to award scientific degrees to successful LUNN postgraduates and other candidates.

The University offers more than 50 non-degree programmes and courses. A prominent place among them is occupied by programmes and courses in foreign languages. The following foreign languages are taught at LUNN: English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese and Thai. Special attention is paid to Russian language programmes and courses taught to foreign students.

The number of full-time and part-time students does not exceed 3,000, while the teaching staff, which includes more than 65% of PhD and ScD title bearers, is over 300. This ratio permits to pay special attention to individual academic needs of students.

The University is divided into four faculties, 24 academic departments, 10 cultural information centres (of Russia, China, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Japan, Switzerland and Slavonic countries). To support the process of education and research, LUNN has a fundamental library equipped with e-catalogue, publishing and printing departments, health centre, sport and



recreation camp as well as other supportive facilities. The students can make use of well-equipped computer classes, language labs and the educational data portal. The four faculties are: the Faculty of the English Language; the Faculty of Roman-Germanic Languages, the Faculty of International Relations, Economics and Management, and the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting. The faculties offer academic programmes in languages, linguistics, humanities and social sciences at bachelor's, master's and the doctoral levels. Among



humanities and social sciences there are programmes in Journalism, Asian Studies (China, Japan), Teacher Education (foreign language teaching), Philology, Theory and History of Arts, International Relations, Advertising, Public Relations, Tourism, Economics, Management, Public Administration, etc.

LUNN is an excellent place for international students. They value

the supportive atmosphere for study and safe location in the historical part of the city within the walking distance to the downtown area. Every year the University hosts students from Western and Central Europe and Asia.

The academic year at LUNN is divided into two semesters: Autumn and Spring semesters. The Autumn semester lasts from September 1 to January 27 and the Spring semester - from February 11 to June 30. The holidays are from January 27 to February 11(winter holidays), and from June 30 to September 1 (summer holidays). The traditional Open Days are in April and October.

While there are fixed dates and strict rules of applying to the University for degree programmes, admission to LUNN for short-term (non-degree) programmes and courses is flexible and continues all year round. During their tuition international students become fluent in Russian, get acquainted with Russian culture, and enjoy various social and recreational activities.

LUNN's academics have years of professional experience. They have lived and studied in Russia and abroad, worked with Russian and international students. Within a relatively small university, working with small groups, they are able to use interactive methods and a personalized approach to teaching students. These features of the educational process are particularly beneficial to foreign students who come to study Russian. They use the opportunities to master Russian language skills and acquire deeper knowledge of Russia.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



LUNN can offer a one year preliminary course in the Russian language which may lead to a degree programme chosen by the student and, eventually, a diploma.

LUNN also offers programmes and courses designed for those students who are interested in the Russian language because they want to pursue a career related to Russia. This aim presupposes

better understanding of the Russian language and culture. The courses are conducted in the Autumn and Spring semesters, and during summer schools. The minimum duration of a short-term course is two weeks.

There are refresher programmes for advanced students at LUNN, too. They include courses of Russian (basic, advanced, for specific purposes), of Translation and Interpreting from and into Russian, courses of Russian language concepts and culture, including special subjects: Russian literature of XIX-XX centuries, Russian etiquette and Russian folklore.

Courses may be organized for people of various age groups. All Russian language academic courses are preceded by placement tests. In accordance with their results the students are placed in a suitable teaching environment. On completion of an academic course, a student who fulfills the requirements for academic work and attendance is awarded a Certificate of Completion.

The prospective students may be interested to know that LUNN is authorized by the Ministry of Education and Research of Russia to organize testing of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL) at all levels. Students can take a course of preparation for TORFL.

The courses are provided for the following levels: Beginners, Elementary, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, Advanced. There are three pass grades: A, B and C; certificates are awarded to all successful candidates. Successful candidates (with A, B and C grades) are given a State Certificate of Russian Federation.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

For study and research the students are provided with the following educational resources:

- Fundamental library with reading halls
- English library
- German centre
- French library
- Spanish library
- Italian library
- Chinese centre (Confucius Institute)
- Japanese centre
- Swiss centre
- Centre of Slavic languages
- Internet access halls

These units are designed to help students in academic work, research and country studies.



SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Social and recreational programs include field studies, city tours, excursions and participation in various cultural events. The list of activities includes:

- Tours around Nizhny Novgorod and the Region
- Visits to theatres, museums, galleries, ballet, etc.
- Visits to churches, cathedrals, monasteries, and other places of historic significance in Nizhny Novgorod and the region
- Visits to local arts and crafts sites.
- Excursions to St. Petersburg and the Golden Ring towns; to Sergiyev Posad (the capital of the Russian Orthodox church with the Holy Trinity St. Sergius Monastery);
- Trips to Gorodets, Suzdal, Semenov, Boldino, Balakhna (places of cultural significance in the Region organized on weekends for all students).

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL



Since 1997 annual Summer Schools for international students have been conducted at LUNN. The Summer Schools, open to all those over the age of 18, have been attended by dozens of participants from all over the world. Many undergraduate and graduate students come to get credits to studies at their home institutions. Some students come because they see the Summer School as a useful prelude - or affordable

alternative - to longer-term study in Russia. Still others simply relish the intellectual challenge of an intensive and rewarding period of study in a lively international community. Teachers also attend, using an opportunity to refresh and develop their own professional knowledge and expertise.

The organizers of the Summer School invite students to visit Nizhny Novgorod and to study at LUNN, learn the Russian language and Russian culture in the heart of the country. This short-term programme is quite attractive to participants owing, among other factors, to individual attention to each student. Classes are usually conducted in groups of 6 - 8 persons, 20 hours per week (4 academic hours a day for 5 days). In the majority of courses emphasis is placed on teaching the basics of the Russian language and culture. No prior knowledge of Russian is required, but familiarity with the Cyrillic alphabet will be helpful.

Summer Schools are organized during the summer holidays in the period from July 3 till August 25.

RUSSIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

January 1-2: New Year

January 7: Russian Orthodox Christmas

February 23: Motherland Defender's Day

March 8: International Women's Day

May 1: Spring and Labor Day

May 9: Victory Day

June 12: Independence Day

August 22: Day of the Russian Federation State Flag

November 4: Day of Accord and Conciliation

December 12: Constitution Day

ADMISSION

LUNN welcomes students from all over the world. Admission is open to any individual 18 years old and above who has completed secondary-level education with strong academic records. LUNN offers degree and non-degree programmes for international students. During the period of tuition they live and study together with Russian students, become fluent in the Russian language and learn Russian culture. Special attention is paid to their non-academic needs, so that the students could adapt to their new surroundings as soon as possible.

Prospective international students of LUNN are requested to complete an application form, which is also available online. Application documents should include:

- Application form;
- National passport and its copy;
- Notarized translation of national passport;
- Copy of entry visa to the Russian Federation if a foreign citizen comes to Russia with this visa;
- Migration card with a border-crossing stamp and a valid registration;
- Valid formal document of education and its notarized translation;
- Medical certificate;
- Certificate of vaccinations issued in the country of permanent residence.

Tuition fees depend on a study programme and number of students in a group. Payments are made prior to arrival at LUNN or during the first week of stay in Nizhny Novgorod.

LUNN's admission offices take special care to provide international students with housing options where they feel secure and comfortable.

Prospective students should apply for admission in the year in which they intend to enroll, at least three months before the beginning of the programme. This is to ensure adequate time for the issuance of visa documents.

Application documents can be sent by fax, mail or e-mail to the Department of International Affairs (DIA) of LUNN:

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E-mail: admissions@lunn.ru

For more information about International Admissions please contact DIA by

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OBTAINING RUSSIAN VISA

LUNN is authorized to invite international students for studying at the University. It usually takes from four to five weeks to issue a regular single entrance invitation. You need to provide the following documents to obtain an invitation:

- Filled out application form
- Scanned passport copy
- HIV test
- Medical certificate

As a rule, LUNN provides a single entrance invitation for a three-month visa, which later can be prolonged for the whole period of studies. The original copy of invitation is sent to a student via FedEx. The student is to reimburse LUNN's expenses upon his arrival.

REGISTRATION OF VISAS IN RUSSIA

All Russian visas should be registered upon arrival of a foreign citizen in the Russian Federation within seven days. Right after arrival you must contact the Department of International Affairs at LUNN for registration. We strongly recommend registering your Russian visa without delay in order to avoid unnecessary inconveniences.

ACCOMMODATION



LUNN's foreign students are offered comfortable single, double and triple rooms in the University hostel, which is situated next to the University academic buildings. The hostel includes several floors for housing LUNN students only. In every single room there is a comfortable bed, desk with bookshelves, desk light, two chairs, wardrobe and a combined toilet and shower; a TV set (optional), a refrigerator and a telephone (at extra charge).

A very popular type of accommodation is home stay in Russian families. Some students prefer to stay as paying guests with Russian families, carefully selected by the University. The home stay programme allows a student to experience Russian culture in the warmth, variety, and spontaneity of a Russian home while having excellent, relaxed opportunities to practice Russian conversation. Full- or half-board (breakfast and/or evening meal) may be arranged upon request. By sharing meals and interests with the host families, home stay students are expected to live with their hosts as 'family members'. This means that the student may be expected to keep his bedroom clean or to help with shared tasks, such as washing dishes after a family meal.



RECREATION FACILITIES

There are a lot of possibilities for social and recreational activities at LUNN. A wide choice of free sport classes, circles and hobby groups is available at the University, such as football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, chess, etc.



If you are interested in singing, you can join a University choir.



It would be difficult to find a better place for jogging than Verhne-Volzhsкая embankment (high embankment of the Volga River) with its beautiful view of the river. The embankment goes straight to Chkalov's Monument and the Kremlin.



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This Guide provides our new international students with essential information necessary for living in a new environment. It also provides tips and answers to questions that arise as one attempts to adjust to the new and unfamiliar surroundings of Russia.

Packing. Pack as light as possible. Bring practical clothes that can be easily washed. Summers are warm, humid and dusty; however, bring an umbrella or raincoat. Winters are cold and damp with temperatures as low as -30 C. Interiors are usually well heated, so it is wise to dress in layers. It is best to bring clothes which are comfortable and you enjoy wearing. You definitely need good walking shoes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Documents. Keep your passport, visa, important papers, tickets, and money in a safe place at all times. NEVER pack them in luggage to be checked. Make copies of the passport ID page, the visa, credit cards, etc., and keep the copies in a separate location in case of a loss.

Medicines. All medicines are available in the city's pharmacies. However, it's recommended to bring prescription and medicines prescribed by your doctor.

Personal Articles. Many personal items and the articles of prime necessity are now available, and cost is about the same as in other countries. Bring an extra pair of glasses, all contact lens solutions and cleansers, sunglasses and other small items up to you.

Food. The Russian diet is quite heavy and does not have much variety during the winter. Many fruit juices, chocolate bars and sweets are available.

Sightseeing/Gifts. A Russian phrasebook and a pocket dictionary are necessities when trying to find your way around the country's monuments and tourist sights. Try to master the Cyrillic alphabet and a few phrases before you leave home. Gift-giving is a fact of Russian hospitality. Bring reading material, a few current magazines, etc., to share with Russian friends. Bring a small supply of gifts for new Russian friends you meet.

Health Insurance. Be sure you have adequate health insurance for coverage overseas. Check with your health insurance agency on how this will be claimed from Russia. In case of evacuation for medical reasons, you should understand what coverage you have.

Immunizations. Check with your doctor or visa service office for current requirements. It may be necessary to update immunization for childhood

diseases, including a tetanus shot.

Passports, Visas, Customs Requirements. You must have a passport valid for at least six months beyond your planned stay abroad. Be sure to allow enough time to get a new one, if necessary. LUNN provides the needed registration and other formalities.

Luggage. Always have bags securely fastened, locked and labelled. Airlines allow passengers between North America and Russia to check two bags per person, with a maximum weight of 32 kilograms (approximately 70 pounds). In addition, a small carry-on bag is allowed. Domestic flights in Russia are quite strict and permit only a maximum of 20 kilograms (approximately 40 pounds) per person. For trains, each passenger is limited to 35 kilograms (approximately 80 pounds) without extra payment. The overnight trip from Moscow to Nizhny Novgorod takes about seven hours.

Electrical Current. Russia operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, so that appliances brought from North America require a transformer. Videos operate on the PAL-SECAM system.

Direct Dialing from Russia. To dial internationally, if you have a direct line, first dial 8 and wait for the dial tone. Following the tone, dial 10, then the country code you are calling.

Weather. Visitors are astonished at the abundance of snow and low temperatures that are so common in Russia during the winter season. It usually doesn't thaw until March in Nizhny Novgorod, and only in April does spring really begin. May, as well as August and September, are probably the best months to visit the city. Summer is hot and humid with occasional showers, although the temperature rarely exceeds 86 F. Early autumn is rather warm, while October is usually rainy and November gradually turns into winter.

Transportation. Nizhny Novgorod is an important transportation centre. It has railway and air connections with all significant cities of Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (C.I.S.). Overnight trains to Moscow and St. Petersburg are very convenient. Nizhny Novgorod has a broad public transportation network. The main routes connect the centre of the city (a triangle formed by Minin, Gorky and Svoboda Squares), with residential and industrial districts.

CONTACTS

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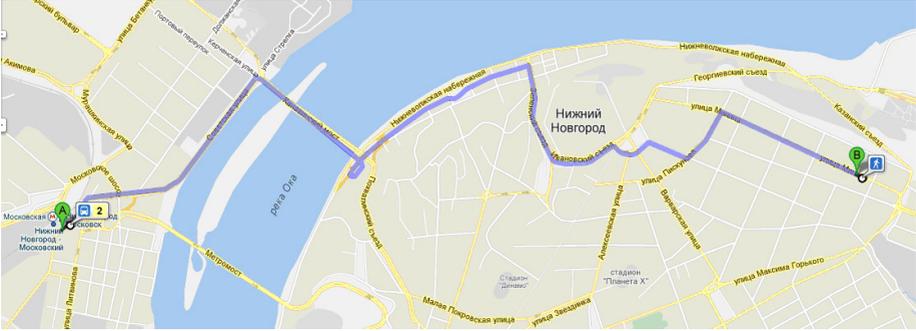
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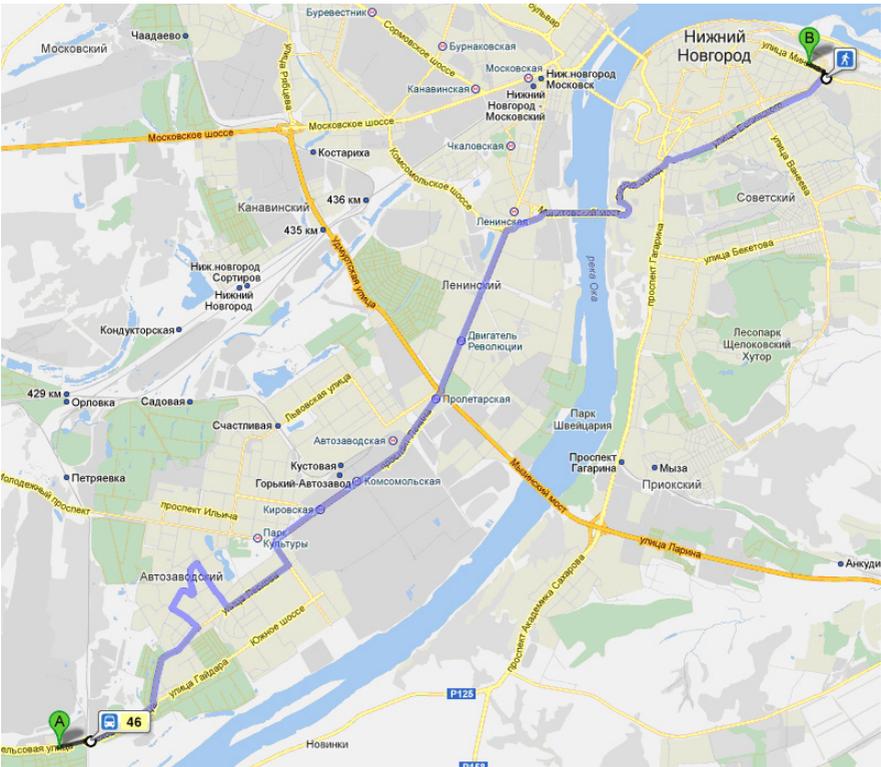
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HOW TO GET TO LUNN

If you arrive in Nizhny Novgorod by train, you can take route taxi № 2, which stops near the railway station and goes in the direction of LUNN. The stop you need is called GITO, it is just near the University. The whole way from the station to LUNN will take you about 20 minutes.



If you come to Nizhny Novgorod by plane, you can take route taxi № 46. The way from the Airport to the GITO stop will take you about an hour.





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