

THE PLACE OF SUMY STATE UNIVERSITY AMONG OTHER HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS OF TECHNICAL SPECIALITIES

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Sumy State University takes its founding date as 1948. In 1966 the institution was incorporated as the Sumy Division of Kharkiv Polytechnical Institute. In 1990 the school, which had already become a modern educational complex with a variety of engineering specialities, gained its independence from Kharkiv Polytechnical Institute by state legislative action and began operating as Sumy Institute of Physics and Technology. In August 1993 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine authorized that the name of the institution be changed to Sumy State University, effective September 1, 1993.

Sumy State University is a comprehensive multi-purpose state-supported educational institution in the classical tradition.

The University provides a variety of courses across Mechanical Engineering, Electronics, Mathematics, Information Science, Journalism, Linguistics, Material Science, Medicine, Law, Economics, Business and Management, Environmental Science, Power Engineering, etc. to around 20000 Ukrainian and foreign students.

Today Sumy State University means:

- 14 departments, a medical institute, Institute of Correspondence, Distance, and Part-Time (Evening) Education with its 17 Regional Centres, 2 off-campus institutes in smaller cities of Sumy oblast (region), Konotop and Shostka, comprising 3 colleges: 2 colleges in Konotop (Polytechnical College and College of Industrial Pedagogics) and 1 college in Shostka (College of Chemical Engineering), Bohdan Khmelnytsky Military Institute of Rocket Forces and Artillery, Sumy Machinebuilding College;
- a complex of 40 educational institutions (high schools, colleges, divisions, etc.);
- professional non-degree, undergraduate (junior specialist, bachelor), graduate (specialist, master) training in 25 fields and 52

specialities; doctoral programmes, clinical studies, and advanced military studies; full-time, part-time (evening), correspondence and external studies;

– about 2400 faculty and staff working in 56 academic departments and chairs, including about 60 Professors (Doctor Nauk), 350 Associate Professors (Kandidat Nauk, Dotsent); 10 Honoured Scientists, Medical Doctors, Sportsmen and Educationalists; 4 State-Prize-winners; 14 Academicians and Corresponding Members of native and foreign trade Academies;

– about 30 prize-winners of all-Ukrainian and international competitions in various university disciplines and research projects, this being the best result among Ukrainian universities for the last 10 years;

Research Opportunities

There are 15 special research laboratories and centres providing for investigation and research projects. Some projects are supported by the local community, industrial enterprises, institutions, and companies in the area. Some are of national interest. There are also programs supported by international grants. The University is in possession of intellectual rights for more than 150 innovations.

International Affairs

The University has developed cooperation with other research institutions and schools of higher learning around the world: Institute of Nuclear Physics (Krakow) and University of Technology (Kielce) in Poland; Karaelmas University (Zonguldak) and Mugla Province University in Turkey; the University of Petrosani and Petroleum-Gas University (Ploiesti) in Romania; Plasma Physics University (Prague) in Czech Republic; Lomonosov Moscow State University in Russia; the University of Salford in Great Britain, as well as with other universities in Italy, Greece, Germany, Austria, Hungary, the USA, Belgium, Sweden, Japan, Mexico and other countries.