

Sophia University's Global Initiatives







A University with a Global Mission Tokyo, Japan

University Overview

Japanese name: "Jochi Daigaku" (上智大学)

Jesuit University Founded in 1913: mission to establish bridges between Japan and the world

Pioneer in International Education in Japan

Worldwide Network with over 326 Partner Institutions in 69 Countries

First University in Japan to Establish an English-medium Degree Program in 1949

Sophia's Relationship with Russia

- Department of Russian Studies (undergraduate)
 - Established in 1958
 - Focused on Intensive Russian language program and Russian/Eurasian studies
 - Number of undergraduate students: 289 (as of 2018.05.01)
 - Number of full-time faculty members: 8
 - Number of Russian faculty members (full-time): 2
- Number of Exchange Students (2006-2018)
 - Outbound: 158 semester-students
 - Inbound: 79 semester-students
- Student Exchange Partners in Russia (9)
 - Moscow State University (2005-)
 - Saint-Petersburg State University of Culture (2005-)
 - Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia (2010-)
 - Moscow State Linguistic University (2013-)
 - Far Eastern Federal University (2014-)
 - Petrozavodsk State University (2014-)
 - Saint-Petersburg State University (2016-)
 - Ryazan State University (2016-)
 - Voronezh State University (2017-)

Activities of Sophia's Department of Russian Studies

Lectures for Russian students at Russian Universities

Presentation of latest research achievements of Japanese researchers in the field of Russian literature and Russian language (for Russian students at our Russian Exchange Partners: Herzen State Pedagogical University, Petrozavodsk State University etc.)

Cultural exchange with Russian students at Sophia

Screening of Russian films and discussion about them between Sophia's students and Russian students studying at Sophia University

Other Activity

Russian Week by SSIC (Sophia Student Integration Commons)

Introducing Russian culture, music and painting: 18-21, December, 2017.







Issues arising from differences between Japanese and Russian educational system (undergraduate level)

1. Admission Period

- Admission for September only

2. Credit Transfer

- A total number of credit hours per course is not defined

3. Years of Education before University

- 12 years in Japan VS 11 years in Russia

4. Job hunting in Japan

- Students in Japan do job search in the 3 – 4 year.

5. Others (language education, dormitory)

- Limited number of faculty members specialized in Russian as a foreign language
- Not sufficient dormitories for international students

Sophia Bringing the World Together

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Thank you for your attention!

