



# Smol**ь**ny

Санкт-Петербургский государственный университет  
Bard College

Институт свободных искусств и наук

The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Smolny College) that links one of Russia's most distinguished universities with a leading American liberal arts college was created in a response to numerous challenges facing Russian education and society.



The program established: 1997

As a faculty of SPbSU: 2011

Dual degree: SPbSU and Bard College

561 students

133 faculties

Class Size: 15 - 20 students

Concentrations: 14 BA и 8 MA

1000+ alumnae



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# OUR MISSION

To cultivate the intellectual, cultural, and moral aspects of each student through the pursuit of higher education;

To develop in students critical and creative thought, a sense of individual worth, independence, and respect for human life;

To prepare students for life in the increasingly global community world and for effective cultural interaction, developing in them a sense of the relativity of cultural traditions, an interest in diverse cultures, and a capacity for understanding other cultures;

To democratize education and guarantee the accessibility of contemporary educational programs to citizens of the various regions and countries, including economically disadvantaged segments of society.



# THE FLAS PEDAGOGICAL MODEL

Faculty's curriculum and teaching methodology draw on the advantages of the Anglo-Saxon tradition, adapted to Russian conditions and the state requirements of Russian higher education.

Faculty's interdisciplinary curriculum, designed to offer a four-year B.A. degree in "Arts and Humanities," is aimed at developing in students critical thought and comparative analysis skills and is based on a combination of breadth of education and the depth provided by programs of concentration (majors). Liberal arts education allows students to create their own educational path.

Another important principle of liberal arts education is the combination of theoretical disciplines with practical preparation for life in society. Classes take form of lectures and seminars in small groups. Teaching methodology emphasizes reading, writing, and critical discussion of texts.

# SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Saint-Petersburg State University is one of the oldest and celebrated educational institutions in Russia. The University was founded by Peter I in 1724. Today Saint-Petersburg University has over 130 specializations. Over 30,000 students study at 24 faculties (1,500 doctors of science, almost 3,000 candidates of science, over 40 academics of state academies). In 2009, Saint-Petersburg University was given a special status of the country's leading educational institution that made it eligible to develop and establish its own academic standards and to issue diplomas of its own format. The University is rightfully proud of its graduates and staff members. Eight of them were awarded the Nobel Prize (I. Pavlov, I. Mechnikov, N. Semenov, D. Landau, A. Prokhorov, V. Leontief, L. Kantorovich, J. Brodsky), and two (G. Perelman and S. Smirnov) received the Fields Medal. The University has educated other outstanding scholars, professors, politicians and cultural celebrities as well.



It is thanks to the strong support of the University that the FLAS was able to launch the new educational B.A. track 031600 “Arts and Humanities” and to secure its accreditation by the Russian Ministry of Education.



**EDUCATION**

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# CONCENTRATIONS

## BA

- History of Art
- History and Culture of the Islamic World
- History of Civilisations
- Film and Video
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Science and AI
- Literature
- International Relations, Political Studies and Human Rights
- Music and Theater
- Life Sciences
- Complex Systems in Nature and Society
- Sociology and Anthropology
- Philosophy
- Economics

## MA

- Art Criticism
- Cognitive Science
- Cross Cultural Education
- Music Criticism
- Complex Systems in Nature and Society
- Social Communications
- Curatorial Studies
- Film





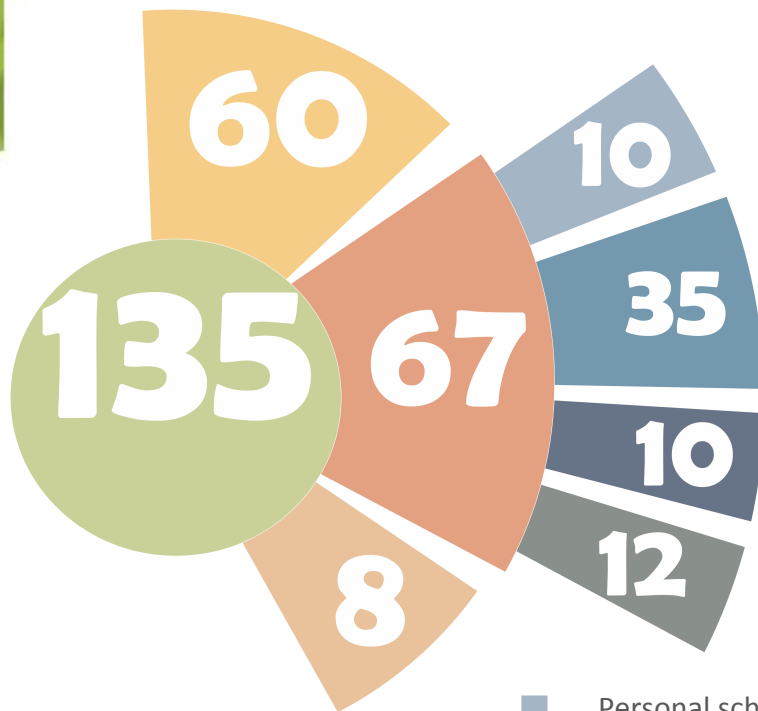
**STUDENTS**

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# ADMISSION 2013, BA



- Tuition paid by the state
- Tuition paid by student
- Students from other countries

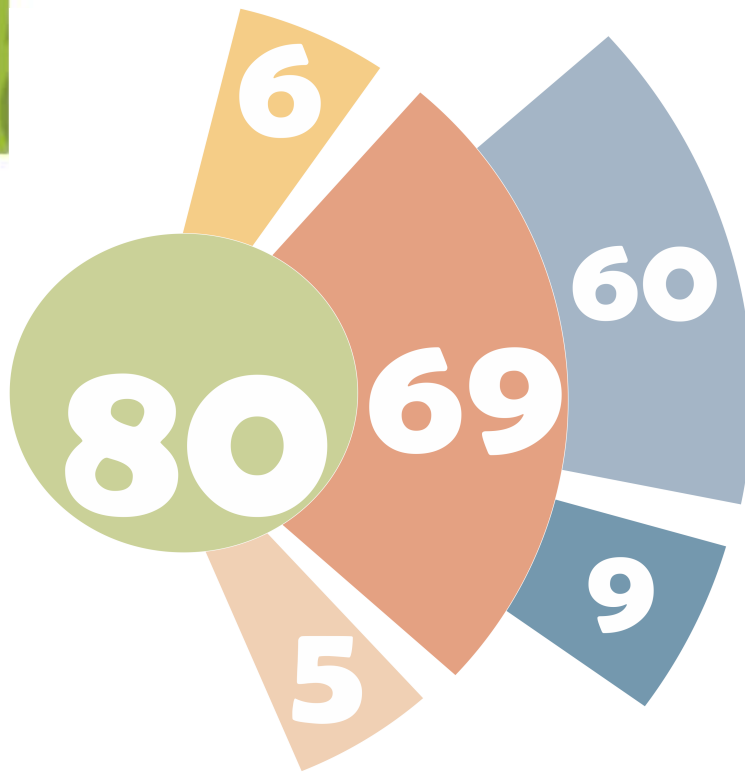
- Personal scholarships cover 100% of tuition fees
- Personal scholarships cover 50% of tuition fees
- Personal scholarships cover 40% of tuition fees
- Students pay for their tuition

In 2013, 620 applications were received from 499 enrolees.

In the competition 135 first-year students were enrolled.

There are first year students from 7 countries and 41 regions of the Russian Federation on 2013 bachelor degree program.

# ADMISSION 2013, MA



269 applications were accepted, and 80 students from 5 countries and 25 regions of the Russian Federation, graduates of 32 universities, were enrolled in the first year of Master.

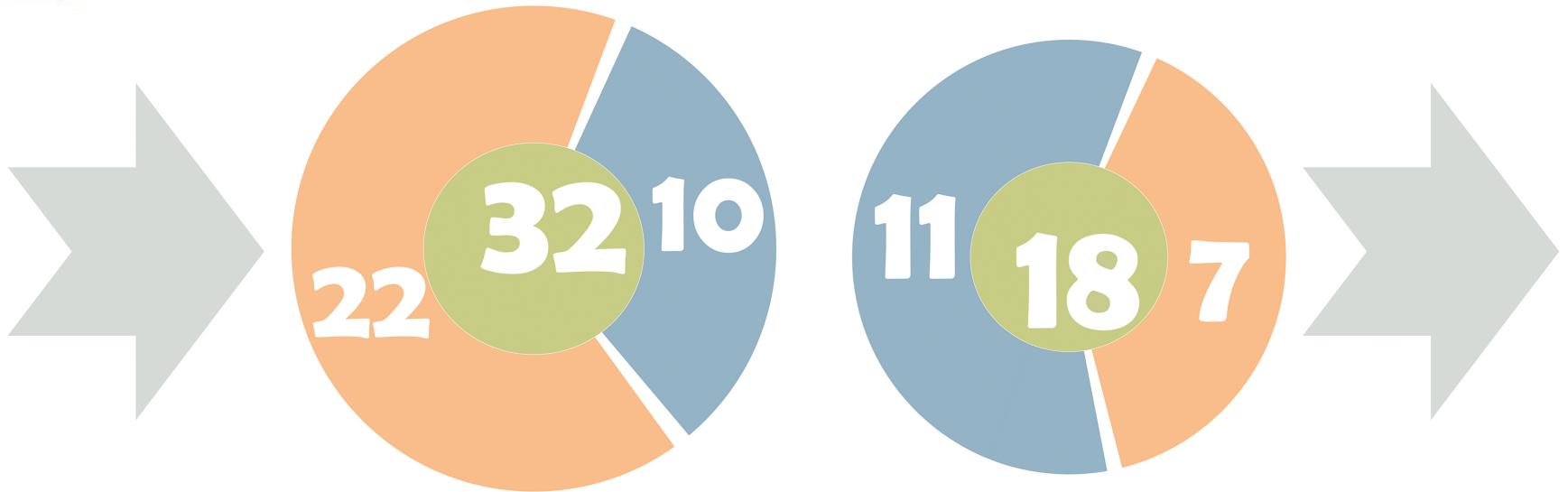
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- Tuition paid by student
- Students from other countries

- Personal scholarships cover 100% of tuition fees
- Students pay for their tuition

# ACADEMIC MOBILITY, autumn 2013

Incoming Mobility

Outcoming Mobility



- Bard College, number of students
- Other institutions, number of students

# ACADEMIC MOBILITY



**Rachel Van Horn**  
**Bard College, Spring' 2011**

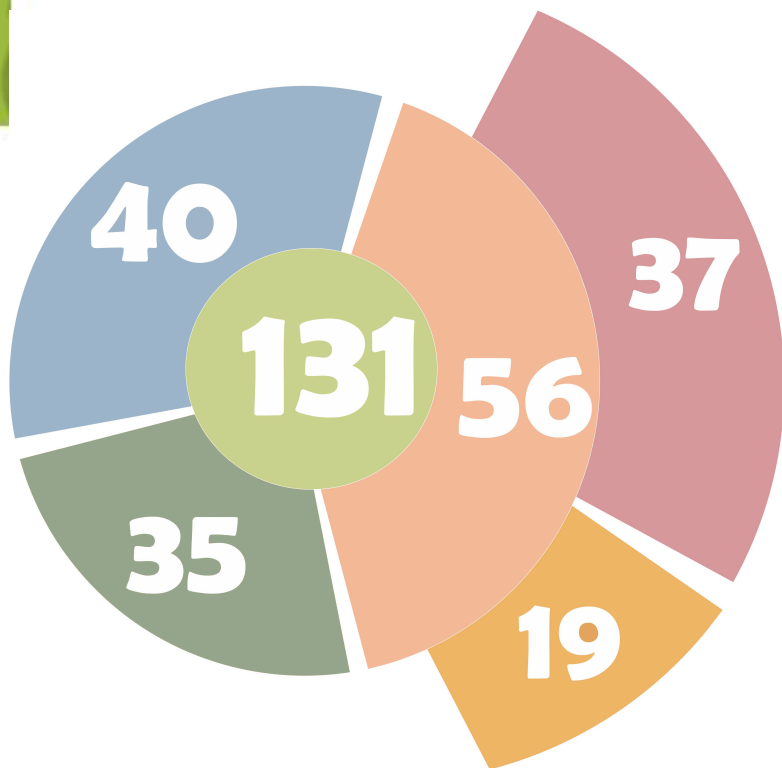
“My time at Smolny helped me dramatically increase my knowledge of Russian language and culture, but for me, Smolny was such a special experience because of the wonderful people that I met during my time there. Whether it was helping me with classwork or showing me an interesting part of the city, the staff and students at Smolny really helped make my time there such a success. Smolny for me is characterized by the friendships that I forged, many of which have endured for longer than a year after my semester there has ended.”



**FACULTY**

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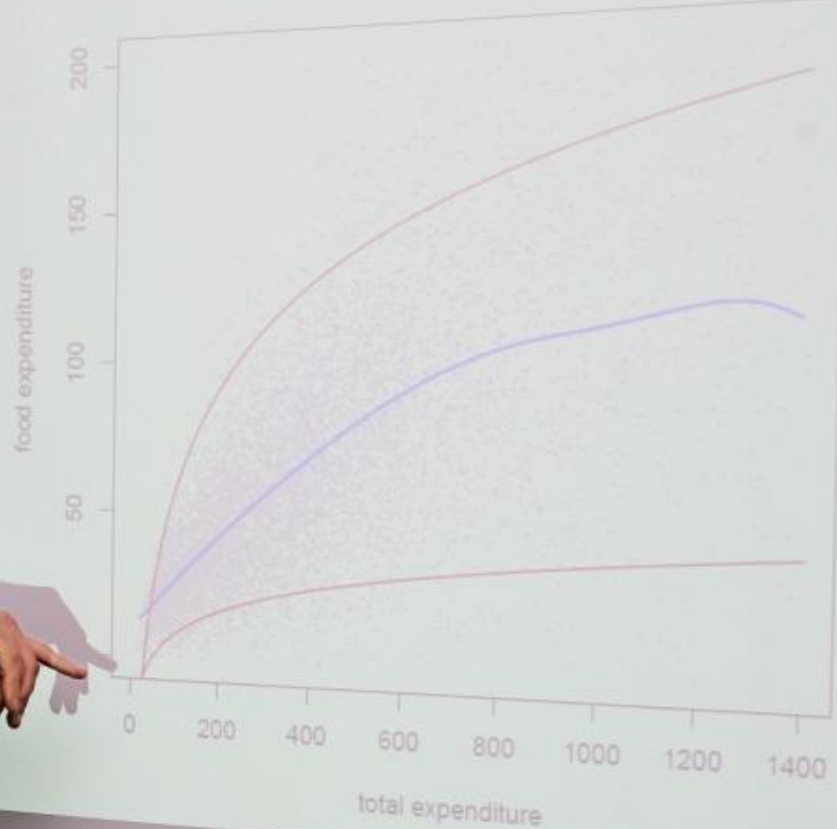
# FACULTY



- Core faculty
- Full time
- Part time
- Visiting faculty
- Visiting faculty from SPbSU

Introduction | Causality in Economics | A stylized fact in food consumption

Engel Curve Food UK 2005 (levels)



Foresti, Moneta | Causal explanation in evolutionary economics

INEM  
Alessio Moneta  
Max Planck Institute  
of Economics, Bonn, Germany



# REGULAR SEMINARS, 2013-2014



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Critique of the  
Social sciences  
and Humanities

Human Rights  
Seminar

Religion and Society from  
an interdisciplinary  
perspective

Economy  
and culture

Practice  
of  
Liberal Education

St. Petersburg Seminar  
on  
Cognitive Study

Seminar  
on  
Art History

Literature as  
Experience  
and Challenge

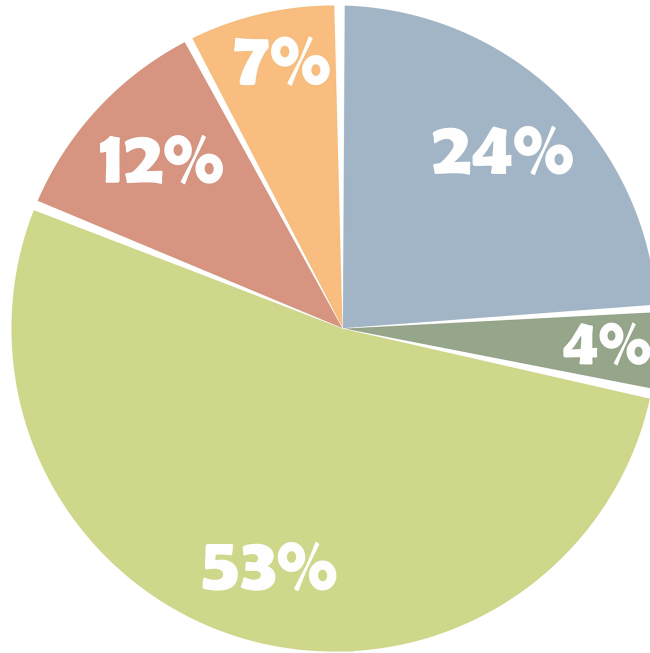
Discussions  
about Art  
and Eclecticism



**ALUMNAE**

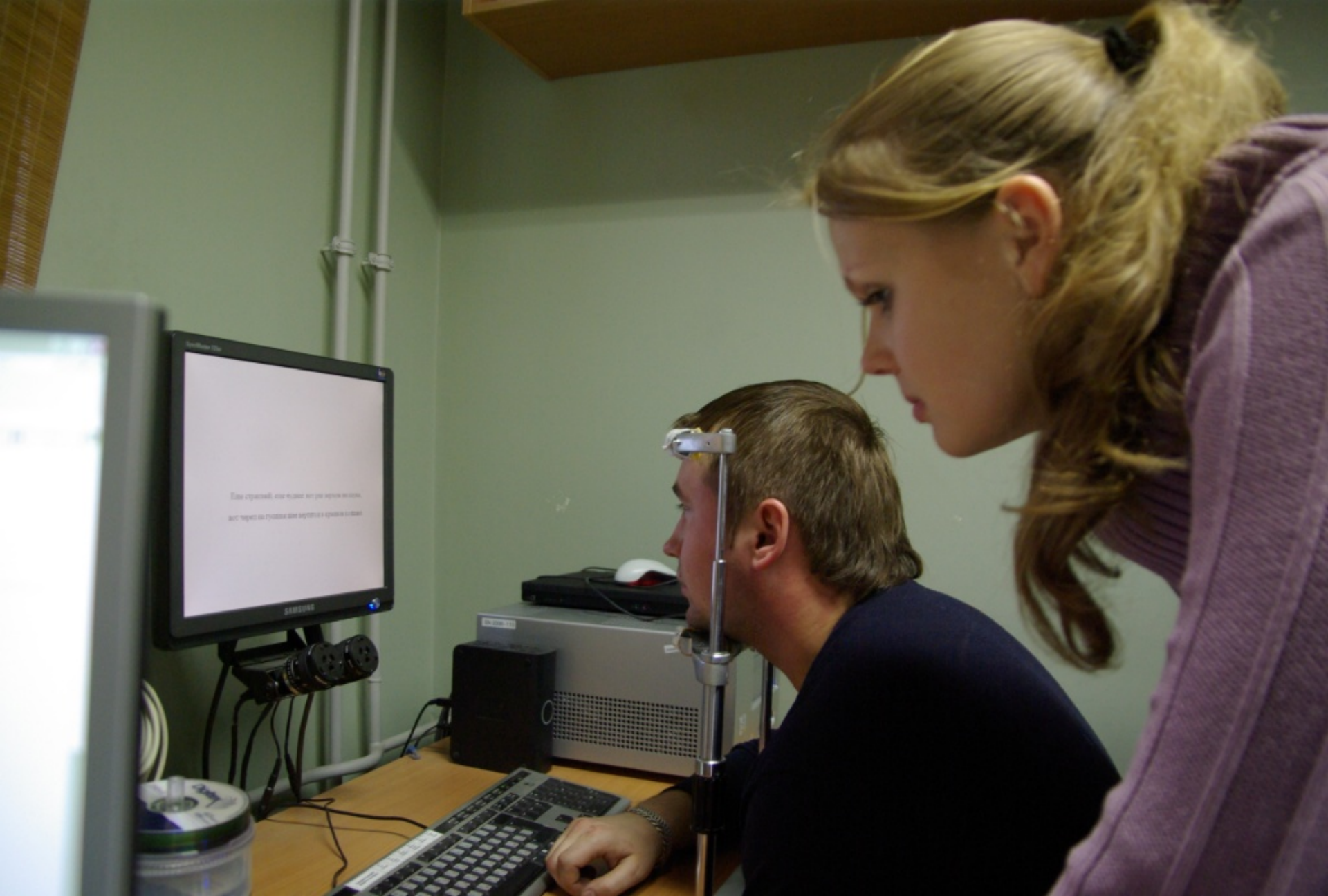
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# ALUMNAE, further employment



- Business
- Arts
- Education
- Journalism
- State authorities





**IT & INFRASTRUCTURE**

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2 Computer Classes

3 Video Conference Classes

6 Linguaphone Classes

Movie Hall

Conference Halls

Electronic Music Lab

Video and Multimedia Class

Photo Lab

AI and Complex Systems Lab

Cognitive Research Lab

LMS SAKAI





# LIBRARY

14 000+ books

Electronic Library Catalogue

Audio and Video Collections

German Library of the Diane, Duchess of Württemberg

Boris Arapov's Collection

Collection of the Andrew Gagarin's Center for Study of Civil Society  
and Human Rights



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Thank you!

Denis Akhapkin



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