



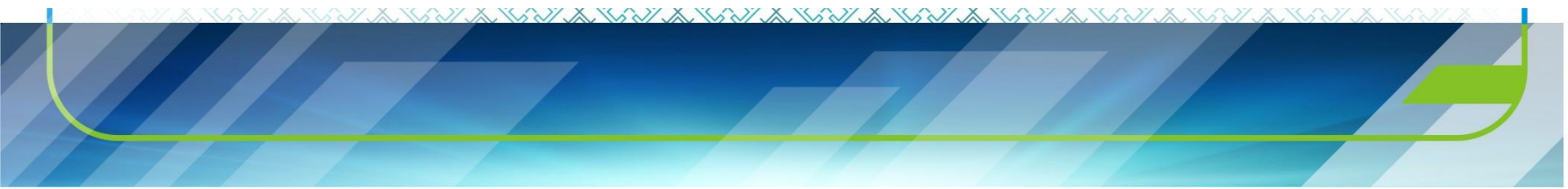
Pitirim Sorokin

Syktyvkar State University (SyktSU)



SyktSU Current Achievements

- Key merger process results: 14 institutes and colleges, over 7,500 students, 500 lecturers, about 150 educational programmes, over 60 bachelor programmes, 30 master programs, 20 postgraduate programmes
- Member of the National Arctic Research and Educational Consortium
- One of Russia's **FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITIES**



BCS Programme: background

- 2008: joining the BCS Program
- 2008–2012: acting as the Associate Regional Office of Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies authorized to organize training also for the students from Syktyvkar Forest Institute and the Komi Republic Academy of Civil Service and Management
- Since 2013: authorized to organize training only for SyktSU students

SyktSU students awareness about the BCS programme

Every academic year, staff members of the International Department inform students of SyktSU institutes about the current opportunities for studying abroad, including the BCS Programme.

Why become a BCS programme student?

1. To receive the European Diploma
2. To get additional education
3. To obtain new knowledge about the northern regions
4. To continue education as a master student in different disciplines
5. Comfortable form of education: students are free to manage their time

Student Profile

Students from the following SyktSU institutes demonstrate stronger interest in the BCS programme:

**1. Institute of Management and Marketing
(specialization - Tourism)**

**2. Institute of Humanities
(specialization - International Relations)**

3. Institute of Foreign Languages



Statistics

- Since 2008, 55 students from Pitirim Sorokin Syktyvkar State University have applied for the BCS programme
- 15 students (over 27%) have completed their training and received BCS diplomas
- The number of active students is 11 (20%, data for the spring 2017 semester)
- There are currently no applications for the autumn 2017 semester

BCS Programme Dynamics

The number of SyktSU students willing to get BCS diplomas remains quite stable, while the number of students enrolled is decreasing, first of all, due to new language requirements.

Considering heavy workload, few students are able to complete the Programme and receive their BCS diplomas.



SyktSU BCS student failure analysis

- Inability to assess personal capabilities correctly
- Poor time-management skills
- Insufficient English language skills
- Decline in motivation



What should we do to maintain the BCS programme?

- Keep students interested in the BCS Diploma
- Continue disseminating information about the Programme via the SyktSU website, student groups in social networks, meetings, etc.
- Encourage students to improve their English language skills
- Demonstrate the Programme advantages via BCS student feedback



Student Feedback

SUKHAROV ALEKSEY,

final year of education on BCS programme

Why BCS? “Being a BCS program student is a perfect possibility for me to get European bachelor degree and find a job in Scandinavia. This is my dream. I have a personal interest in Nordic countries, and BCS provides me with high-quality scientific information I need. BCS contains courses linked with specific scientific fields such as sociology, geology, ethnography, history and politics, and these courses complement each other. This helps better analyze information and fill gaps in understanding.”

What is BCS for You?

“BCS is a modern, progressive and promising program since there is growing recognizing the North as a top-priority region.

Also, the education in Norway is completely different from the education in Russia. BCS gives me freedom of expression, and, what is more important, helps me *realize* information rather than remembering. This often takes place in Russian universities.”

Being BCS student means hard challenge?

“Of course, it is not an easy task to complete the BCS program and it could be difficult for Russian students to adapt to European evaluation criteria.

Still, I highly recommend BCS to everyone who wants to study in Norwegian University and who is interested in the Arctic and international cooperation.”



Student Feedback

NATALIYA YAKIBYUK graduated in spring 2017

Why BCS? “BCS diploma makes me feel more confident at the international market! I got more knowledge about Circumpolar North and a different point of view on various topics (I studied some of the topics at my Russian university and I could definitely feel the difference between European and Russian knowledge). Moreover, taking BCS classes gave me a new look on the topic of Gender and a new look on the problems of migration (I have read a lot of practical surveys on that as well as interviews with migrants). “

What is BCS for You?

“I like the way the program is organized. Fronter and StudentWeb were really easy to use. The only concern for me was to make sure that I wrote references in the appropriate way and so on. I messaged my Norwegian professors about my problems a couple of times and they always messaged me back. “

Being BCS student means hard challenge?

No!

“It will definitely help students develop more by promoting new ways of thinking. So they don't have to worry about the level of their English language skills and so on: reading articles helps them write essays without big problems. Furthermore, it helps to practice time-management skills :) .“



Thank you for attention!

