Penza State University  
Our University was set up in nineteen forty-three(1943). At that time, it was called Penza Industrial Institute. Where was 3 faculties and 11(eleven) departments training engineers in 5 special fields. For several years, the institute had changed three names.  
At present 14(fourteen) University faculties train specialists in different special fields.  
More than 17000(seventeen thousand) students study at the University, about 70(seventy) of them came from foreign countries.  
The University occupies 11 buildings of old and modern architecture. The laboratories and workshops are equipped with up-to-date instruments, numerical control machine tools, robotic systems and personal computers.  
In addition, the University has a rich library and 3 reading-rooms. It comprises different kinds of literature, which are regularly renewed.  
The course of studies at the University lasts 4,5 or 6 years. Some faculties confer a Bachelor's Degree after 4 years of taking a special course and defending a graduation project. If a bachelor studies 2 years more according to a definite syllabus and takes part in scientific research, he defends a thesis and gets a Master's Degree.  
In addition, the University provides post-graduate courses for its talented graduates. The University educated many prominent scientists who are known not only in our country but also all over the world. The University students have all possible facilities to spend their leisure time. There is a great Sports Complex at their disposal, where the students go in for sports and take part in sports competitions.