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**TOPIC 1. UNIVERSITY STUDIES**

**Part 1.** Higher Education Today:

- levels of higher education and length of study in Belarus, the UK and the US; +

- university organization in Belarus, the UK and the US;

- course of study in Belarus, the UK and the US;

- assignments and grades in Belarus, the UK and the US;

- cost of study in Belarus, the UK and the US.

**Part 2.** My University:

- the mission of BSUIR and core areas of training;

- the University framework;

- the teaching stuff of BSUIR;

- subjects being studied and the University curriculum;

- University facilities at the students’ disposal;

- BSUIR as a scientific organization;

- the role of sport and extracurricular activities in the University life.

**Part 3.** Student Life:

- personal traits and skills needed for university success;

- ways to be a better student;

- your daily routine as a student;

- the main characteristics of academic life and your workload;

- the main characteristics of student social life and your extracurricular activities;

- how to reach the balance between academic and social life at university.

**regarding** касательно рыгАдэн

**certainly** безусловно сОртэнлы

**either** Либо Итхэр

**rankings** рейтинги рЭйкингс

**However** однако хаувЭвэр

**Primary** первичные

**Except** кроме, за исключением иксЭпт

**relevant** соответствующие рЭлэвэнт

**electives** факультативы элЭктывс

**charge** **up** взимать чАрдж

**qualified** квалифицированных квОлыфайд

**framework** структура рамки основа

**hobbies** увлечения

**come** **together** собираются

**\*perseverance** упорство(усидчивость) пэрсэвИорэнс

**sociability** общительность сОушэбилиты

**\*striving** **for** стремление (к новому) стрАйвын

**maintain** поддерживать

**\*emphasizes breadth** делает упор на , подчеркивает широту Эмфэсыс брЭдтх

**throughout** на протяжении

**average mark** средний балл Эвэрэйдж

According to the world university rankings, more than half of the world’s top 200 universities are located in either the US or the UK.

However, while Belarusian, US, UK universities certainly provide an excellent environment for learning, there are many differences between the three countries regarding the structure of the university as well as student life. Now I’ll talk about the primary differences between these education systems.

Perhaps the most important difference between the education system in Belarus, the US, and the UK, is the amount of time it takes to finish your degree.

 In general, bachelor degree programs in the US and Belarus take about four years. Except the UK, where the bachelor degree takes in general about three years.

the second stair of high education is Master's degree. In the US, and in Belarus it takes about two years but in the UK it takes about one year because this level of education in this country is more focused.

The last level of high education is doctor degree. In Belarus and in the UK this stair of education lasts about three years but in the US it can take about within five to seven years.

As regards the university organization in the US, after you apply to universities and enter the one of them you have the right to visit that subjects that are interested you during the year. After this time you should choose the major that is interested you but you are still expected that you will be visit other subjects that are called "electives".

What about the university organization in the UK, universities made up of the "colleges". if you want to apply to the university you should choose the college which is dedicated to that subject that you are interested. This means that you have to know what you want to study before you apply.

What about Belarus ,you also should choose a major which is interested you before you apply to the university. If you want to enter the university you must pass the centralized testing and score enough points.

The US system emphasizes breadth, so courses require writing projects, major research throughout the course. In the UK and in Belarus, most universities are much more lecture-based. In some cases, your average mark may be based on the final exams. In the US, your grade will be based on your performance on the variety of assignments.

In Belarus there is a ten-point grading system, but in the US and the UK have a five-point grading system where the grades are letters:”A”,”B”,”C”,”D”,”F”.

The cost of education in both countries is far from cheap, but the cost of an education in the United States is generally higher.

 Universities in the UK may charge up $14,300 per year, but universities in the US can charge up $29,000 per year. And Belarusian universities can charge up about $1400 per year.

The mission of my university BSUIR is to produce qualified specialists in the field of informatics and radio electronics.

BSUIR consists of 10 faculties, 8 buildings(corps) and 4 dormitories. The main person of the university is the rector.

The teaching staff at BSUIR is 725 people, among whom there are many doctors of sciences.

BSUIR mainly studies technical subjects related to computer science and electronics. In the curriculum of various specialties there are such subjects as the Basics of Algorithmization and Programming, Higher Mathematics, etc.

There are many sports complexes in BSUIR, such as a swimming pool, gyms, etc. I want to note that sport also plays a big role in education, as it helps to switch between study and social life.

If you want to study well at the university, then you need to have such qualities as perseverance, sociability, striving for something new. To maintain a balance between study and social life, you need to be able to manage your time and try to do tasks on time.

The most important thing is to enjoy learning!