1. **UNIVERSITY STUDIES**

**University Studies: Higher Education Today. My University. Student Life.**

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

In the Republic of Belarus, fundamentality is the main feature of higher education. You can acquire deep knowledge in all fields, but the country is mostly known for its strong scientific schools in physics, mathematics, and natural science.

Perhaps the most important difference of the Belarusian higher education system is the levels and the amount of time it takes to finish your degree programme. A **three-level system of tertiary education** acts in Belarus. Training on the **first degree** level provides students with the expertise, qualification, and **Bachelor’s Degree** and generally lasts four years.

The **second degree** level is confirmed by a **Master’s Degree Diploma**, and lasts from one to two years depending on the speciality.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that degree programmes in the US take about one year longer than programmes in the UK. So, in the UK Bachelor’s degree requires three years of studying whereas in the US it’s four years. Master’s degrees are one and two years respectively and Doctoral degrees are from five to seven years.

In Belarus, students with high grades in Centralised Testing are admitted on a **cost-free basis** and granted a scholarship, whereas, students with lower grades pay **tuition fees** which don’t vary much from university to university and are generally more affordable comparing to similar institutions in the UK and the US.

**BSUIR**

Today the BSUIR is the leading Belarusian University in the field of computer science, radioelectronics and telecommunications. The University offers a great choice of engineering courses along with excellent study and research facilities. It trains engineers in 35 specialties in the field of radioengineering, computer science, microelectronics, telecommunications, automatic control, electronics, economics and so on. The course of study lasts four years. The academic year is divided into two terms. Lectures, seminars, laboratory and practical classes make up the majority of teaching time. Prospective students may choose between full-time, part-time and distance programmes taught in Russian or English. The University offers facilities for teaching, learning, research and recreation. A number of computer classes, well-equipped engineering laboratories are at the disposal of the students. There is a library with reading halls, electronic library and lecture rooms equipped with up-to-date multimedia means. BSUIR also offers dorms for non-resident students in student’s village.

**STUDENT’S LIFE**

University life is more than just lectures and exams. The Trade Union offers a wide range of entertainment and support for students. The Student Club organizes evening parties, discos, festivals and social events. The University teams regularly win the leading positions of student sports in athletics, basketball, and compete at a national level. If you enjoy singing or playing musical instruments, you can take part in university concerts. You can also join the dance community of the university and participate in various festivals such as СтудОсень or СтудВесна.