The early history of the University began on the 8th of December, 1859, when the Gory-Goretsky Agricultural Institute welcomed the first students of the Forestry program. They were trained for careers in agronomy and forestry with the opportunity of obtaining a PhD degree in these fields. Forestry faculties were established in 1919 at the GoryGoretsky Agricultural Institute and in 1920 in Minsk Polytechnic Institute. They further became a basis for the foundation of the Forestry Institute in Gomel on June 1, 1930.

In 1934 the Forestry Institute was renamed into the Belarusian Forestry Engineering Institute and was given the name of S. M. Kirov in 1935. In 1941 at the beginning of the Great Patriotic War the Institute was evacuated to the city of Sverdlovsk and became a part of the Ural Forestry Engineering Institute. After liberation of Gomel from German fascist invaders the Institute was re-evacuated to Gomel. In August 1946 the Institute was transferred to Minsk.

In 2011 the BSTU was accredited as research organization and became a member of Belarusian-Kazakhstan educational-scientific consortium.

Academic and educational work at the University is carried out within the following main lines: development of new curricula; new forms of teaching process organization, including individual work of students; teaching process support with necessary resources, textbooks and teaching aids, multimedia; IT-based teaching, etc.

The University houses 10 faculties, the Institute for retraining and professional development, 53 departments, 20 affiliated departments, 5 affiliated colleges, affiliated forestry experimental station in Negoreloe.

The teaching process at the University is organized in the following way. The academic year is divided into two terms. During the terms students attend lectures and carry out laboratory and practical work. At the end of each term students pass credit tests and sit exams. The course of studies lasts 4–5 years. At the end of the course of studies, students sit the State Examination and defend Diploma paper (project).

The international student community of the BSTU annually totals over 350 students coming from such countries as Turkmenistan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Nigeria, China, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Finland, Czech republic, Mexico, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, etc.

Internationalization is an important component of Belarusian State Technological University’s strategy, enabling academic staff and students of the university to be globally active and well prepared for future challenges.

My day starts at 12 o'clock in the morning. During this time, I manage to make myself breakfast, finish my lab assignments and get ready for university. I was lucky and I get to the university very quickly, I spend only 20 minutes on the road. Every day I have about three couples, so at half past seven I go home. Upon arrival home, I immediately cook dinner for myself, take food and rest a little after work. As a rule, at 11 pm I sit down to study and start doing laboratory work. I usually finish them by two o'clock in the morning and go to bed right after that.