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Information & Statistics



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History of Saint Petersburg Christian University



St. Petersburg Christian University (SPbCU) had its origins in the early 1980's. Since it had not been possible to provide theological training to Christian leaders in the Former Soviet Union (FSU) there was a great pressure to make a modest beginning. The missionary organization, LOGOS International, was organized in Germany for the purpose of offering a program of Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in the FSU. After a number of years of successful TEE courses in several cities, a resident Bible School was established in 1990 in the Krasnodar region of Southern Russia. In a collective farm village on the eastern edge of the city of Belorechensk, the Russian Bible Institute "Logos" began its operation in the fall of 1990 with 45 students.

In 1992 the Institution was transferred to St. Petersburg, the location of the first evangelical Bible School before the Bolshevik Revolution. The program of studies was extended from one year to 3 years and in 1993 the name was changed to St. Petersburg Christian University.



In May 1993 the first graduating class of 15 students received their Bachelor of Theology degrees. Members of the first 3 graduating classes have founded two Bible Colleges (in Kishinev Moldova, and Krasnodar Russia), four Bible Schools (in Maikop Russia, Volgograd Russia, Siberia, and Militopol Ukraine) and became leaders in a number of church planting endeavors in the FSU. A number of our graduates have continued in graduate studies in Russia, North America, Israel, and South Africa to prepare for theological teaching positions. The remainder are involved in Christian Ministries including pastoral work, prison ministries, ministry among street children, public school ministries, Christian Radio, etc.

In May 1994, the founders of SPbCU turned the responsibility for the school over to an international Board of Directors, consisting of Russian Nationals and Western Sponsoring Agencies. The Board of Directors is recognized as the legal authority of SPbCU, which has appointed a Rector as Chief Administrative Officer. Operational guidelines for the administrative affairs of SPbCU are outlined in the by-laws developed and approved by the Board in May 1996.



In a joint effort between SPbCU and Odessa Theological Seminary the first group of Masters degree students graduated and received their MA degrees in September 1996.

In accordance with the new law "freedom of religious organizations" in 1998 the university was registered as a professional religious educational organization, by the Union of Evangelical Christian - Baptists. In July of that same year Victor Avdeev became the first Russian Rector of Saint Petersburg Christian University.

In 1999 SPbCU was the first institution to receive accreditation for its Bachelor of Theology program from the Euro-Asian Accrediting Association. SPbCU also purchased two buildings on Narvsky Prospect during 1999 and immediately began renovations which were completed in 2000 and 2003.



In 2000 the first masters level students began classes thus initiating SPbCU's master of theology program which is validated through the University of Wales in Great Britain.

In 2001 the leadership of the university was passed from Victor Avdeev to Fiodor Mocan. During the summer of this year SPbCU also received licensing from the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation to conduct educational activities as a religious organization.

In 2005 the leadership of SPbCU was passed from Fiodor Mocan to Alexander Negrov. Dr. Negrov has long served the SPbCU community first as a student from 1990 to 1993; as a lecturer from 1995 to today; as Vice Rector for Academic Affairs from 2001 to 2005; and now as Rector.

Accreditation



SPbCU is a member of the Euro-Asian Accrediting Association. The Euro-Asian Accrediting Association is a newly formed accrediting association specifically formed for the new Bible Colleges, Christian Universities, Christian Institutes and Seminaries of Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. The Euro-Asian Accrediting Association has been mentored by the European Evangelical Accrediting Association and is a member of the International Council of Accrediting Agencies (ICAA) for evangelical theological education.

In November 1998 SPbCU had its final accrediting visit from the Euro-Asian Accrediting Association (EAAA) and in April 1999 we received full accreditation for our Bachelor of Theology program. This makes SPbCU's Bachelor of Theology program the first ever fully accredited Bachelor of Theology program in Russia.

Official Registration

SPbCU is an officially registered religious educational institution who is licensed to offer religious educational training.

SPbCU Theological Library



SPbCU has one of the largest evangelical theological libraries in Russia. We currently have a total of 22,760 volumes in our library. 14,330 volumes of theological material in English and 8,430 volumes of theological material in Russian. As the SPbCU Masters of Theology program develops we

plan on expanding our Theological Library by the necessary 3,300 volumes which would bring our total to 26,000 volumes.



SPbCU Faculty and Staff



SPbCU Faculty consists of well-trained instructors (M.A. or Russian Diploma of Higher Education, or in some cases Doctorate) with interdenominational but strong evangelical backgrounds. Every year Indigenous Faculty teaches more and more classes at SPbCU. Currently indigenous faculty teaches at least 50% of all classes at SPbCU. Of the foreign faculty who teach full time all are resident faculty at SPbCU giving them the advantage over foreign faculty who only come to Russia once or twice a year to teach. Our foreign staff lives in Russia and are not only teachers but also students of the Russian language and Russian culture.

Current Programs of Study



BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

This program is for 4 years and is an intensive program concerned with both personal and community spiritual life, which offers a solid theological foundation. This theological foundation consists of:

- Biblical Interpretation, including Greek and Hebrew.
- Healthy Biblical teachings about God, man, and Jesus Christ, God's plan of salvation and His Church.
- Church History, including an emphasis on Russian Church History.
- Russian Culture and Philosophy in light of the Bible
- Instruction for Practical Ministry in the areas of Evangelism, Discipleship, Church Planting, Pastoral Ministries, Children and Youth Work, Counseling, Pedagogy, and Missions.

Practical ministries, related to this program, are performed by all students in local Churches, orphanages, and Christian summer camps.



BACHELOR OF PASTORAL OF YOUTH

This program of study is for three years and focuses on practical ministry aspects. While offering a solid theological foundation the main focus of the program is in the practical ministry sphere of youth ministry. The students of this program will be well grounded in practical theology, various areas of youth ministry and leadership. The students in this program will be required to have extensive practical experience among youth before entering the program as well as during the three years of study at SPbCU.



BACHELOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This program of study is for three years and focuses on practical ministry aspects. While offering a solid theological foundation the main focus of the program is in the practical ministry sphere as well as in the education sphere. The students of this program will be well grounded in practical theology, various areas of pedagogy as well as small group organization and leadership. The students in this program will be required to have extensive practical experience among children and youth before entering the program as well as during the three years of study at SPbCU. These areas of experience while at SPbCU will come from active participation in a Church ministry while studying and then practical ministry experience that will be organized during the summer months.



MASTER OF THEOLOGY

SPbCU offers a residential M.Th. program on the SPbCU campus. This program is a 2 years program in the British research degree format. Classes are held on the SPbCU campus and the students will remain on the SPbCU campus to do their writing and research as well.

The degree is then accredited and issued by the University of Wales in United Kingdom. The focus of this program is to train professors for Bible Schools, Christian Colleges, and Christian Universities as well as to prepares specialists in the area of Christian Evangelical Apologetics.

SPbCU Statistics



SPCU students have come from the Former Soviet Union and beyond. We have had students from the following countries:

- Russia
- Kazakhstan
- Tadjikistan
- Ukraine
- Azerbaijan
- Lithuania
- Germany
- Belorussia
- Uzbekistan
- Finland
- Latvia
- United States
- Turkmenistan
- Scotland
- Moldova
- Kyrgyzstan
- Somalia
- Turkey

Fall 2008 Semester Enrollment

Bachelor of Theology Program	5	students
Bachelor of Christian Education	10	students
Bachelor of Pastoral of Youth	7	students
Bachelor of Christian Ministry	20	students
Master of Theology (Extension)	31	students
Total	73	students



SPbCU Degrees and Certificates Awarded, 1990-2008

Bible School Certificate	67	Graduates
Certificate of Christian Education and Bible	197	Graduates
Bachelor of Theology	223	Graduates
Bachelor of Christian Education	43	Graduates
Bachelor of Pastoral of Youth	17	Graduates
Master of Theology	41	Graduates
School of Leadership (Certificate)	10	Graduates
Satellite Program in Orenburg	14	Graduates
Total	612	Graduates

How you can be involved

We were glad to introduce you to our University. We are in need of your prayers and financial support. If God leads and you have a desire to donate to Saint Petersburg Christian University, we would gladly provide you with the necessary information to make the transfer. We also would be pleased to write a report concerning the funds donated.

We invite you to work together with us for the Kingdom of God.

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