

## **Ukraine**

Ukraine is situated in the southeastern part of Europe and has favorable climatic conditions, a rich flora and fauna. A lot of historical places of interest are located here attracting attention of numerous guests from other countries. Ukraine has a temperate continental climate. The winters are fairly mild and not long. The summers are quite long and hot. The country is washed by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov in the south.

Due to her favorable geographical position in the center of Europe and the extensive network of transportation, Ukraine is connected to numerous cities of the world by air, rail and road traffic.

The Ukrainian nation is widely known by its hospitality. The numerous guests of the country feel at home in Ukraine.

Kharkiv is one of the great regional centers of Ukraine.

## **Kharkiv**

Kharkiv is situated in the northeastern part of the territory of Ukraine. It is a city with an inexhaustible potential for development. In 2004 it celebrated its 350th anniversary. Kharkiv is a major cultural, scientific, educational, transport and industrial centre of Ukraine with numerous parks and gardens.

Being an important transportation center of Ukraine, Kharkiv itself contains various forms of transportation methods including a developed network of Metro lines and other local transport. The city is served by an international airport, railway stations and bus stations.

And now Kharkiv is a center of student life with more than 30 institutions of higher education including the Kharkiv State Academy of Culture.

## **The Kharkiv State Academy of Culture**

In the historical center of Kharkiv, in the very heart of this city where you can still see the traces of past centuries stand the buildings of the Kharkiv State Academy of Culture, the oldest in Ukraine institution of higher education in this field.

These buildings originally blend into a great panorama of time: various museums, theatres, libraries, exhibition halls, memorials of culture and art, a circus, a zoo... The cultural environment where history and modern times merge with one another has determined the spiritual character of the Academy with its rich academic, scientific and performing traditions.

Officially, the Kharkiv State Academy of Culture (KhSAC) was established on September 10, 1929.

Today the Kharkiv State Academy of Culture is the leading institution of higher education in Ukraine in the field of library science, information management, cultural studies and arts.

Over 200 highly skilled full-time staff members provide for the high didactic and scientific levels of the Academy. Almost 70% of them have scientific degrees, academic status and state honorary titles. The institution has on its staff 8 members of various scientific academies, over 50 full professors, doctors of science, People's and Honoured artists of Ukraine.

Vasyl Sheyko, Doctor of History, Professor, Corresponding member of the National Academy of Arts of Ukraine, Honoured worker of Arts, full Chevalier of the Order of Merit (Ukraine) has been the rector of the Academy for more than 20 years.

During the years of its existence, the Academy has educated about 40,000 students, among them are over 300 international students from 25 countries of Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

In September 2005 the Academy signed the Magna Charta of European universities in Bologna, Italy.

Structurally, the KhSAC is a university-type institution reflecting the broad range of its activities. It offers Bachelor, Specialist and Master degree programmes with 12 majors in the fields of culture, arts, education and management.

Available to students are a library with a collection of about 400,000 volumes, several computer laboratories, an Internet center, a television laboratory, an audio recording studio, a student theatre, comfortable student residence halls and food services.

Currently, over 3 thousand of students are educated at 9 faculties of KhSAC including about 200 international students.

## **FACULTIES AND FIELDS OF EDUCATION OF THE KHARKIV STATE ACADEMY OF CULTURE**

### **FACULTY OF CINEMA AND TELEVISION ARTS**

#### **Speciality (major): Cinema and Television Arts**

*Specializations:* Television Direction, Television Cameramen, Television Reporters.

The Faculty prepares specialists of wide range: directors of live broadcasting, directors of computer editing, production directors of television programmes and talk shows, directors of news and analytical programmes, cameramen, television journalists.

In the course of every semester students prepare, shoot and edit various video productions. They get acquainted with all genres of present-day television while studying at the Faculty.

Training specialists for media sphere is carried out both on the basis of an educational TV complex with a production studio, 6 editing places for non-linear editing and a place for toning the edited works and in professional TV companies and production studios. Students gain experience with internships in major chief TV companies of Kharkiv, Kyiv, Donetsk and other cities of Ukraine. International alumni work as directors, cameramen and journalists in the top-level TV channels of China, Syria, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

In the process of study students are getting acquainted with the traditions of Russian and Ukrainian cinema and television, they learn a lot from leading TV directors and cameramen.

## **FACULTY OF THEATRE ART**

### **Speciality (major): Theatre Art**

*Specializations:* Drama Theatre Direction, Direction of Theatrical Shows and Festivals, Actors for Drama Theatre and Cinema.

The Faculty trains specialists equipped with a broad range of professional skills in modern information and stage technologies from writing a script to making a whole production, e.g. a concert, a sports show, a game show for children, an entertainment youth programme, a show programme, an art festival or folk show.

The education is based upon the professional theatre of M. Kropyvnytsky, M. Starytsky, M. Sadovsky and the reformer of the Ukrainian theatre Les Kurbas. Besides, students are getting acquainted with the best achievements of the world and European theatrical process. They also study the acting and production systems of C. Stanislavski, Y. Vakhtangov, V. Meyerhold, M. Chekhov, B. Brekht and others.

## **FACULTY OF ART OF CHOREOGRAPHY**

### **Speciality (major): Choreography**

*Specializations:* Folk Dance Choreography, Ballroom Dance Choreography, Modern Dance Choreography.

In the course of education the students study history of choreographic art, dance teaching theory and methods, ballet-master's skills, stage design of dance, examples of modern dance, folk-stage dance and classical dance, dance composition, fundamentals of directing and acting. While studying at the Academy students take part in the work of professional performing collectives such as "Zapovit" Folk Dance Theatre, "Estet" Modern Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Dance Ensemble of KhSAC.

The staff, resources and facilities are there to serve students in their preparation: 7 dance classes, costume design service, music classes.

Taking part in the artistic work of various collectives students acquire experience in organizing and conducting rehearsals, preparing of concert performances, organizing various contests and festivals, improve their performing and acting skills.

## **FACULTY OF MUSIC ART**

### **Speciality (major): Music Art**

*Specializations:* Brass Band Instruments, Folk Singing, Musical Folklore, Folk Musical Instruments, Choir Conducting, Art of Variety Music, Pop and Rock Singing. These six specializations cover almost all spheres of music performance activity of future professionals.

The Faculty of Music Art teaches students according to the international educational standards.

Today it is the leading subdivision in the system of the higher education in the field of music art.

Most of our instruction programmes are compiled by our teaching staff.

## **FACULTY OF CULTURAL STUDIES**

The Faculty educates specialists in the sphere of theory and history of traditional culture, museum studies and historic preservation.

### **Speciality (major): Museum Studies and Historic Preservation**

This course prepares students for the professional careers in various museums and their departments: researchers and curators of the museum collections; authors of expositions, exhibitions and educational programmes; guides, managers and marketologists, technologists of information systems, teachers of museology disciplines.

### **Speciality (major): Cultural Studies**

Graduates will be able to take an active part in present-day processes of preservation, revival and development of traditional home culture, work as teachers at the institutions of higher education and colleges, as scientific researchers of world and home cultures in various museums, as experts on the issues of national cultural policy, ethnocultural education, international cooperation in the sphere of culture.

The students get universal liberal education of university type. The educational programme aims at scientific research and combines historical-culturological, anthropological and art studies components.

### **Speciality (major): Management of Social and Cultural Activity**

*Specializations:* International Tourism Management, Advertisement Management, Management of Public Relations.

Graduates will be prepared for hotel, excursion and administration activity. They will be able to work in tourist agencies, hotel and restaurant complexes, as well as in the sphere of education, culture and social protection.

The attention is paid to the formation of organizational and communicative skills, study of the techniques of sociocultural activity, such as image studies, PR, advertisement, tourist and excursion activity.

During the course of study the students work in various institutions of this professional sphere.

The Faculty of Cultural Studies is one of the most dynamic subdivisions of the Academy. Its graduates have vast career possibilities.

## **FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT**

### **Speciality (major): Social Pedagogy (Social Work)**

The education at the Faculty is aimed at educating specialists in the sociocultural sphere who are able to organize leisure for children, teenagers, adults and a family as a whole. The course of study is based on new approaches to the social upbringing and socialization of a personality.

### **Speciality (major): Management of Organizations**

This course is designed to provide students with relevant skills enabling them to work as analysts, experts, managers and economists in the mass media, producer centres, publishing houses, model agencies, and also as business administrators in the non-production sphere.

## **FACULTY OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

### **Speciality (major): Book Science, Library Science and Bibliography Studies**

The Faculty educates professionals with a wide range of skills from a librarian-bibliographer to a social psychologist and information manager.

The present-day specialist of library and information sphere is an analyst who knows modern computer technologies, a teacher and psychologist who helps the readers and users find their place in life.

The Faculty has professional connections with large foreign libraries, information services and library associations.

## **FACULTY OF DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

### **Speciality (major): Document and Information Management**

The Faculty prepares specialists in the field of information management. Their social mission under the conditions of informatization consists in formation of information culture of the society, development of information society and free information market on the basis of humanistic traditions of social administration and use of modern computer technologies in all spheres of activity.

The students are trained for the careers in the sphere of information support of enterprises with the use of the Internet, in mass-media, advertising and consulting firms, in information analytical bodies, departments of marketing and forecasting.

### **The Center for International Education and Cooperation**

The Kharkiv State Academy of Culture has had a proud tradition of educating international students since 1975. The aim of the Center for International Education and Cooperation is to offer educational services to international students. You will find them at all faculties of the Academy. On graduating from the Academy they receive diplomas of the corresponding degree approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

There are a preparatory course and the department of international links, which form an integral part of the Center for International Education and Cooperation. The high quality of preparing international students for admission to the institutions of higher education is guaranteed by the qualification of the teaching staff, the experience of work, and methods of education developed at the Center. On graduating from the preparatory course and passing the examinations, graduates receive state certificates of established standard, which allow them to continue education in higher institutions of Ukraine according to a chosen field.

The academic curriculum of the preparatory course is made up according to specialized training programmes for institutions of higher education. It includes the following programmes: Engineering Technology and Natural Sciences, Medicine, Biology and Humanities (including Music, Fine Arts and Choreography). The author programmes of special courses are developed for the students who will continue education in the field of art. They are as follows: *Fundamentals of Cinema and Television Arts*, *Fundamentals of Choreography*, *Theory of Music*, *Solfeggio*.

Our programmes and curricula correspond to all international scientific standards. The duration of study at the preparatory course is 10 months.

The Center offers passport and visa services for international students as well as arrangement of their everyday life and entertainment including excursions around Kharkiv and cultural visits to other cities of Ukraine.

The Academy provides applicants entering Ukraine with an official invitation that is the basis for receiving an entrance visa at the embassy of Ukraine in the applicant's country.

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