

Kumunts Eduard – a student of the Faculty of economics and law shares his opinion about studying in Belarus and why he chose Mogilev State A.Kuleshov University.



If they asked me 4 years ago how the university would change my life, perhaps, I could only imagine my activities generally, the subjects and the staff. Nowadays I see such things that were not important before, and now they seem to be the most important events in my life. And I, Kumunts Eduard, a foreign student of the faculty of economics and law of Mogilev State A.Kuleshov University, try to tell about my experiences and the reality of a modern student.

I was born and grew up in Ashgabat, the capital and the cultural and political center of the Republic of

Turkmenistan. Turkmenistan is a country of deserts and oases, distinctive historical and cultural traditions. On its territory there were the most ancient civilizations of the world. Certainly Turkmenistan is a country of contrasts. Especially today, when the cities change their appearance completely, become more and more similar to European cities.

I didn't choose Belarus by chance. In 1985 my father Kumunts Artem was drafted into the armed forces of the Soviet Army and served in the Belarusian SSR, now the Republic of Belarus. His military unit was located near the village of Mashuki. His impressions were so exciting that there was no doubt in which country I would study.

Mogilev is a beautiful city located on the picturesque banks of the Dnieper. The year of foundation is 1267. Over time, the city became a major commercial and trade center with an effective strength of fortifications. The university, where I was to start my training, was founded in 1913, and I happened to be a witness of its 100th anniversary.



From the first days at the university I had a variety of ideas: how the school year would start, what the relations with classmates would be, and all that I had was a solid awareness of the importance of my education and my parents' hopes on my present and future. And the life that I had to start was full of surprises.

Student residence is one of those places where you start to feel quite independent and plan your day, which is literally designed by the minute. Lectures and seminars, sports and general activities, research work and practical training – the balance of working time reaches the limit, and only at the end of the day you recall the urgent problems. However, I note how important the activities are as in addition to the studying materials we gain invaluable experience of communicating with people and take the knowledge of the previous generation. An important role is played by activities of the leadership of the hostel to adapt students to a new life, and their cohesion. Every year we celebrate the Independence Day of Turkmenistan, Kurban Bairam, and many other high days. Thanks to it at the moment I have a great list of friends and acquaintances. So, without a doubt I can ask for advice or request and to be sure that I would find support in any situation.



The university is not just a place where you can have fun and share experiences, but also get a lot of variety of information on various subjects, for the teaching staff of the university includes masters and professors of sciences that have very serious practice. Through lectures and workshops the students understand the essence of a topic that allows you to get knowledge and gain confidence in the importance of our training, on the way to becoming highly qualified specialists. It is worth mentioning that among the graduates of the university there are many well-known figures such as Alexander Lukashenko, the President of the Republic of Belarus; Alexander Radkov, Minister of Education of the Republic of Belarus in 2003-2010, now First Deputy Head of Presidential Administration of Belarus; Vladimir Matveichuk, Minister of Culture of Belarus 2004-2009, Sergei Novikov, biathlete, silver medalist of the 2010 Olympics in the individual race and two-time European champion; Igor Marzalyuk, Doctor of History, Archeology and many others.

The research work is conducted in 38 departments; they employ over 450 full-time teachers, of which 200 have academic degrees and titles, including 25 doctors and professors. There are contracts signed with 50 universities in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova,

France, Germany, Poland, and China. In addition, scientists and professors headed by Alexander Sotskiy are working on joint projects with scientists in Mexico.



The university life is full of sporting events and entertainment. Freshman Day is undoubtedly one of the most vivid memories in the life of a student of our university where everyone feels its significance from the first days of training. Health Day is rich with all sorts of sports and games in the fresh air, and, of course, Student Day give an opportunity to see that life is not only hard, but fascinating.

In conclusion, I want to say that over the past 4 years, my life has changed and acquired the meaning. It was here that I realized the importance of my decisions, the responsibility for each step, the trust and support of the outside world.