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Osh State University (OSU) is recognized leader of higher education in southern Kyrgyzstan. The history of Osh State University dates from 1939 as Osh Teachers Institute. In 1951 Osh Teachers Institute was renamed into Osh State Pedagogical Institute. Under the Decree of the President of Kyrgyz Republic Osh State Pedagogical Institute received the status of Osh State University in 1992. By amount of students OSU is the largest educational institution in the country providing Education for more than 30,000 students. More than 1500 teachers work at the university including academicians and members of the National Academy of Sciences of KR, 46 Doctors of Sciences, 248 candidates of sciences and associate professors, 33 honored and 127 excellent Educators of the Kyrgyz Republic. The university has a powerful material and educational base, the most solid scientific and pedagogical potential among higher educational institutions of the region. There are two Research Institutes, 15 Faculties, 3 Colleges, 5 Administrative Departments, various international, educational and cultural centers equipped with modern computers and internet facilities in all SU campuses. OSU is a unique and versatile university which carries out preparation of highly qualified skilled specialists in pedagogic disciplines, humanities, natural sciences, technical directions, on medicine, law, theology, music, the fine arts, agriculture, social work and other specialties. Totally the university offers 74 specialties on a variety of fields including Bachelor's studies on economy, management and theology. At

present more than 30 000 students study at the University. OSU cooperates with many international partners on the basis of bilateral cooperation contracts. Today more than 2000 international students from China, Pakistan, Turkey, Korea, India, Somalia, Syria, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Palestine and Malaysia study at OSU. Today OSU cooperates with more than 30 educational and scientific institutes abroad and participates in various international programs and projects.

OSU's international activity is oriented for integration into the global educational space. The university implements current projects and establishes new contacts with foreign universities in the cooperation framework in education and science spheres. OSU takes an active part in such international programs and projects like TEMPUS, DAAD, ACCELS, IREX, SOROS and others. At present more than 100 OSU students study in the USA, Germany, China and Turkey in the framework of exchange programs. Students of OSU graduates continue their study in Masters and PhD levels in the USA, Germany, Canada, China, Turkey and Pakistan. OSU is in close educational, scientific and cultural contacts with academic institutions of Europe, Asia, America and the CIS countries. OSU has a powerful material and educational base, the most solid scientific and pedagogical potential among higher educational institutions of the region. The University has its own TV studio "Umut" and student newspaper "Nur" which is regularly published. OSU has 19 campuses located throughout southern Kyrgyzstan, eight student hostels and a hotel for foreign teachers. In 2014 Medical Clinic and Dental Clinic was given to exploitation.