

UKRAINE HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17
Description of the institution

Luhansk National Taras Shevchenko University (LNTSU) is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Eastern Ukraine and it celebrated the 95th anniversary of its establishment on March 1, 2016. The University grew out of an association of professors in the city of Luhansk that was formed by the Soviet authorities as Teachers' Training Institute in 1921.

Now LNTSU has a reputation as one of Ukraine's most prestigious universities. At present it operates from Starobilsk, the Luhansk Region, where it was forced to relocate due to the war in Donbas.

Luhansk National Taras Shevchenko University embodies 18 principal academic units – 8 institutes: Institute of Economics and Business, Institute of Information Technologies, Institute of Tourism and Technology of Public Service, Institute of Culture and Art, Institute of Postgraduate Education, Institute of Physical Education and Sports; 3 faculties: Faculty of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Ukrainian Philology and Social Communication, Faculty of Natural Sciences and 7 colleges.

The University has ties with higher education institutions around the world, particularly in Europe. It has also partnered with Franklin Pierce University in the United States to offer an MBA program. LNTSU prides itself on being one of the first Ukrainian universities to commit to the Bologna reforms called for by European higher education leaders. The University has been named Ukraine's best higher education institution several times by Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science. Twice in 2006 and 2011 the University went through the Institutional Evaluation Programme (IEP) performed by the European University Association.

Today Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University is experiencing difficult times. As a result of military and information aggression in Eastern Ukraine the institution was evacuated and the significant part of material and technical resources, the library collection, the laboratories were left in the occupied territory. However, the University has preserved the considerable human potential and continues to evolve a remaining educational, scientific and socio-cultural center of the East Ukrainian region.

At present Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University covers more than 360 training directions, specialties and professions. Annually the educational establishment prepares about 10 thousand of specialists for different public activity fields of different levels. The university completely provides the educational sphere of the East regions of our country with highly-qualified employees.

Description of the team

Prof. Dmytro Uzhchenko, Vice-Rector for Vice-Rector for Scientific and Pedagogical Work, PhD, Associate Professor - the Team Leader. Experienced in:

- University management;
- Policy design of the university development;
- Modernization of educational process.

Prof. Olena Karaman, Director of Institute of Pedagogy and Psychology, Doctor of Pedagogic Sciences, Professor. Experienced in:

- Modern scientific research on higher education development;
- Expertise in involving students in volunteer activities;
- Educational programmes modernization.

As. Pr. Mykola Semenov, Associate Professor, Head of Department for Analysis and Prospects of University Development, PhD, Associate Professor. Experienced in:

- Creation of the internal university system of quality control;
- Founding the system of monitoring the university activity;
- Strategic analysis of the university development.

As. Pr. Iryna Nedainova, English Language Lecturer of the Translation Theory and Practice Department, PhD, Associate Professor. Experienced in:

- Experience in the EUA independent assessment process;
- Participation in European projects;
- Coordination of the joint MBA programme with Franklin Piers University (USA).

Hanna Herasimova, a 4th-year Bachelor Degree Student, a Student Government representative. Experienced in:

- Students' governing structuring;
- Information maintenance of students' projects;
- Students' adaptation to educational process in evacuation environment.

The main aim of the project and planned outcomes

The main aim of the project is building a European university – the leader of the regional development and education in the East of Ukraine, an active participant of the conflict ending process

The planned outcomes:

- Becoming a regional leader in the social and human regional development;
- Creating scientific sources of information security in the region;
- Finding the ways of information resistance and the reconciliation with the inhabitants of the region in the occupied territory.
- Developing an effective strategy for the University development;
- Attracting business communities to the region.

The expectations from the cooperation with the UK university

To study experience on:

- Effective cooperation between the university and local business community;
- Carrying out educational activities for the purpose of the research in the fields of agriculture, energy-saving technology, alternative energy sources, environmental protection, introduction of energy efficiency technologies;
- Effective interaction between the university and the local community, growth of social responsibility of the university to the local community;
- Building up a system of quality assurance;
- Strengthening the education potential, particularly of e-learning and blended learning;
- Establishing partnership in teaching, research and knowledge transfer activities.

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