**Exchange Student**

*Who can become an exchange student?*

An exchange student is a student of a non-Russian university, who has come to study at Astrakhan State University for 1 or 2 terms and who is not eligible for obtaining any diploma issued by ASU. Arrival of such a student is possible thanks to an agreement of a student exchange program between ASU and a non-Russian university, which is our international partner. An exchange student shall not pay for their studies at ASU. Coverage of other costs is determined either by an agreement of the corresponding exchange program, or by rules and regulations of the university where an exchange student studies. As a rule, a student shall cover costs for their travel to Astrakhan, for their hostel accommodation, for their Russian visa, and for their meals. They must also pay for a medical insurance for the entire period of their studies.

*How does an exchange student apply for studies at ASU?*

First and foremost, any student wishing to come to cover an exchange program at ASU must contact the corresponding unit of their home university. If they are approved there, their home university shall contact ASU; then a student may complete the form of preliminary signing up for studies on the web portal of ASU. They must enclose their application to Rector of ASU and a list of their syllabus disciplines for the entire period of their mobility.

*Selection of Educational Program*

You may choose your educational program on the web portal of ASU in its section “Education”. As you will see, our University is divided into Departments that provide education in a particular field of knowledge. You may choose the specialization that meets your education at your home university best of all. **Please remember that you may sign up for studies at not more than two Departments of ASU.** Once you have studied the entire syllabus of a preferred specialization, please ask your professors to help you choose those disciplines that you should cover. The maximal credit score per term is 30.

There is a special system to assess a student’s newly-obtained competencies at ASU.

*Dates of Preliminary Signing Up*

Preliminary signing up for studies in the academic year 2015/2016 is available since April 01, 2015. Once you have signed up for coverage of an exchange program at ASU, you are eligible to apply for hostel accommodation (provided free rooms are available).

**Note:** to confirm your signing up, please print the completed form of preliminary signing up for studies, ask the coordinator of academic mobility at your home University to sign it, enclose your application to Rector of ASU and a list of your syllabus disciplines for the period of your mobility to that form, and send it by mail to the Unit of International Relations of Astrakhan State University: Room #114, 20a Tatischev Str., Astrakhan 414056 Russia.