

1992 – Dean’s office for foreign students started to work, beginning to export educational service, there were first 35 students from Syria, Morocco, Sudan

1996 - Dean’s office created **Preparatory department of medical and biological profile**, where pre-university preparation for foreign students was organized. Since then 130 students from 18 countries have finished preparatory course

1996 – First graduate student from abroad — citizen of the Republic of India Dzhaimaran Anand Babu gained a degree in “General Practitioner”

2006 – Faculty of Russian as Foreign Language, Latin and Basis of Terminology providing linguistic support to international students.

Nowadays, students from 20 countries are studying at different faculties of the University: Syria, Sudan, Morocco, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Israel, Germany, Turkmenistan, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Abkhazia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaidzhan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan and Georgia.

September 16, 2019 г - Dean’s office was re-organized in the **Department of Foreign Studies**.

As a result of re-organization, now the Department includes:

- Passports and Visa Service
- International Communication Office
- Preparation Courses

In 2020 there are **1659 international students**, including

- 1167 students from India
- 260 students from Arabian countries taught in English
- 169 foreign students taught in Russian
- 30 students in post graduate courses (residency and research degree)
- 62 students in preparatory courses