## OUR UNIVERSITY

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Every year many young men and women ***enter*** Universities and Institutes of Higher Education in Belarus. The Gomel State University may be the aim of many ***applicants*** although there are many more institutions all over Belarus where students get their higher education in various subjects.

I am a student of the Gomel State University named after Francisc Scorina. It was opened in 1969 on the basis of the Pedagogical Institute. It is the second university in Belarus.

39 Doctors of Science, 34 Professors and about 248 Candidates of Science work at 46 ***chairs*** of the University. Our University has many ***departments:*** Mathematics, Physics, Biology, History, Philology, Foreign Languages, Law, Economics, Geology and so on.

4 forms of ***training*** are offered at the Gomel State University: ***daytime training, correspondence courses*** (or ***extramural department***)***, preparatory courses*** and ***postgraduate courses.***

The applicants ***go in for*** ***entrance exams*** in June before the new ***academic year*** begins. An examination in the Byelorussian or Russian language is ***compulsory*** as well as written exams (CT – Centralized Testing) in the main subjects the students will take.

If the applicants want ***to have a good command*** of the subjects in which they will take exams, they attend ***preliminary courses.*** Another aim of the preparatory section is to help those who finished school many years ago to become students.

The students ofextramural department combine work and studying at the Gomel State University.

Most students receive ***grants.*** The amount depends on the results of the previous set of exams. Our University trains future teachers of different subjects, engineers and research workers.

The first two years of study are generally the most difficult. A new student may have up to 30 hours a week of seminars, lectures and classes.

 Our University has good conditions for study. It has a rich library. The students can find a great variety of books there. Reading halls, different laboratories and modern equipment are ***at the disposal of*** students.