



LEARNING AND STUDENTS

Study programs

The idea of sustainable development is embodied in all educational programs. [Several Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Architecture and Design](#) are aimed to bring up a new generation of professionals capable to build sustainable environment and revitalize buildings to meet requirements of safe and resilient cities. For example, [Master's program in Organizational, technological and constructive maintenance of operability of buildings and structures](#) teaches students to apply energy saving and environmental safety technologies when constructing buildings.



Students initiatives transform the city

INRTU students majoring in Architecture and Design are active participants of regional projects for the sustainable renovation of buildings and landscaping. Owing to the student projects, about a hundred urban areas have been improved. In 2023 INRTU students won [a regional competition](#) for the best design of a park on the bank of Angara river. The future architects proposed to build sports facilities and equip a pier with river buses.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Sustainable campus

INRTU continues to be a platform which unites local communities and government to discuss the project of Interuniversity campus in Irkutsk. The project of a modern eco-friendly campus has already been supported by various levels of government, including the Governor of the Irkutsk Region, Regional Ministry of Economic Development and Industry, Public Chamber and Irkutsk City Hall. In 2023, the project was discussed on the level of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.



Art and nature heritage for everyone

[The Mineralogical Museum named after Anatoliy V. Sidorov](#) holds many cultural and educational events free of charge for students and university staff, schoolchildren and residents of the city. Its diverse and unique collection of minerals impresses visitors from all around the world (the number of visits is over 55 000 per year!).

INRTU [sports and health camp "Polytechnic"](#), located near the picturesque bay of the Angara River hosts more than 400 INRTU students every summer. Students participate in vibrant students activities and rest in the Polytechnic camp for free.



Preservation of cultural heritage



INRTU students strive for sharing the traditions of folk Russian culture and local folklore to local communities and give dozens of free concerts annually. In 2023 INRTU ethnic percussion group "Ethnobot" was honored to perform ethnic compositions of displaced communities of Irkutsk region (Buryats, Evensks) on International Exhibition and Forum "Russia" at VDNKh in Moscow. More than 50 thousand people visited the expo.

INRTU is proud to be a home for 1300 international students from 56 countries. The university inspires students to share their cultures and values with others. In October 2023 INRTU organized Chinese Cultural Festival where students and schoolchildren of the region could have enjoyed the Chinese authentic atmosphere for free.



OPERATIONS

Sustainable commuting

INRTU pursues the [Zero Carbon Policy](#) as well as the University's [Policy on Achieving Sustainable Transport](#) and implements An Action plan to reduce the number of vehicles on campus. Dormitories are within walking distance, and majority of students walk, cycle or use scooters on the campus. The number of employees and students who prefer bicycles and electronic scooters for commuting is growing every year.

Housing support



INRTU campus provides affordable and comfortable accommodation for students and staff. 19 dormitories can place about 4 thousand Russian and foreign students, employees, as well as their family members. The cost of accommodation on INRTU campus is subsidized by the federal government. Some categories of students are provided with free accommodation or accommodation fee discounts.

The trade union and University administration keep records of employees whose housing conditions have to be improved. Concept of the Campus Development pays special attention to the construction of housing for teachers.



Green campus

When carrying out the planned and capital repairs of the premises, the university takes actions to reduce the adverse impact on natural eco-systems. The university uses the latest technologies in the field of ecological construction and repair including the optimization of energy consumption, the efficiency of water use and the installation of sanitary equipment that reduces water consumption. This policy is carried out in accordance with ICC 700-2012:2012 National Green Building Standard (ICC700).