



Taras Shevchenko
National University
of Kyiv

University in Facts and Figures



1833 – Nikolai I, Russian Emperor, signs a decree on the creation of “St. Volodymyr Imperial University” in Kyiv

June 15, 1834 – the University welcomes its first 62 students at the only faculty of philosophy, which had two Divisions. The First Division included departments of Philosophy, Greek philology, Roman philology, Russian philology, General and Russian history, Statistics. The Second Division was composed of departments of Mathematics, Geography, Chemistry, Botany, Biology and Physics.

Mikhail Maksymovych, Moscow University professor, eminent historian, linguist, folklorist and a close friend of Nikolai Gogol and Taras Shevchenko, becomes **the first Rector of the University**.

1837-1842 – Vincent Beretti, an outstanding Russian architect, builds the main university building in the Empire style of high Classicism.

1845-1846 – after graduating from St. Petersburg Academy of Arts, Taras Shevchenko returns to Kyiv and works in the Archeographic Commission of Kyiv at Kyiv University.



1935 – the University was awarded the title of the Kiev State University in honor of its 100th anniversary.

March, 1939 – the country celebrates the 125th anniversary of Taras Shevchenko's birth; and the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the USSR names Kyiv University for the great poet.

1834 – 1920 – the institute of the Honoured members and doctors of University of St.Volodymyr was founded and functionated at the University. The metropolitan Eugen (secular name - Euthymius Bolkhovitinov), church leader, historian, writer was elected as the first Honorary doctor of the University of St. Volodymyr (1834). Anton Denikin (1919), military commander, Lieutenant-General and military writer was appointed as the last one. Among the Honoured members and doctors of the University of St.Volodymyr are: Ivan Turgenev(1879), Dmytro Mendeleev(1880), Lev Tolstoy(1884), Mykola II Romanov(1884), Olexandr Ostrovsky(1884), Ilya Mechnykov(1898) and others.

The institute of the Honoured dctors and hrofessjrs jf the Kyeve National University of Taras Shevchenko was founded in 60 – 70th of XX ce.ntury

Among the honorary doctors and professors of the University are: Indira Gandhi (1982), Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1994), Boris Paton (1994), Helmut Kohl (1996) Victor Sadovnychyi (2000) and others.

April 21, 1994 – according to the Decree of President of Ukraine L.M.Kravchuk № 176/94 Kyiv University was awarded the status of ‘National’.

November 25, 1999 – a remarkable moment in the development of the University: President of Ukraine issues a decree “On Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv”, which greatly extends the University rights and independence.

May 5, 2008, pursuant to the Decree of the President of Ukraine № 412/2008, the University acquires the status of Taras Shevchenko National Research University of Kyiv and becomes the major educational and scientific center of Ukraine for training highly-qualified educationalists and scientific brainpower.

July 1, 2009 – the Institute of high technology is created.

November 23, 2010 – in close collaboration with the National University of Food Technologies and 9 institutes of NAS of Ukraine, Taras Shevchenko Kyiv University Science Park Corporation is established.

May, 2011 – “Institute of Biology” Research Center is established.

September, 2012 – the University appears among the world top 500 universities, according to QS World University Rankings.