



**Taras Shevchenko
National University
of Kyiv**

University in Facts and Figures

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

June 15, 1834 – the University welcomes its first 62 students at the only faculty of philosophy, which has two divisions. The first division includes the departments of Philosophy, Greek philology, Roman philology, Russian philology, World and Russian history, and Statistics. The second division is composed of the departments of Mathematics, Geography, Chemistry, Botany, Biology, and Physics.

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

1837-1842 – Vincent Beretti, an outstanding Russian architect, erects 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 joins the Archeographic Commission of Kyiv University.

1834 – 1920 – the institute of the Honoured members and doctors of St. Volodymyr University is founded. The Metropolitan Eugen (secular name – Euthymius Bolkhovitinov), church leader, historian and writer, is elected the first Honorary doctor of St. Volodymyr University (1834). Anton Denikin (1919), military commander, Lieutenant-General and military writer, becomes its last Honoured member. Among the Honoured members and doctors of St. Volodymyr University are: Ivan Turgenev (1879), Dmitri Mendeleev (1880), Lev Tolstoy (1884), Nikolai II Romanov (1884), Alexandr Ostrovsky (1884), Ilya Mechnikov (1898), and others.



The institute of the Honoured doctors and professors of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv is founded in the 60-70s of the XX century. Among the honorary doctors and professors of the University are: Indira Gandhi (1982), Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1994), Boris Paton (1994), Helmut Kohl (1996) Victor Sadovnychi (2000), and others.

1935 – the University is awarded the title of Kiev State University to mark 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 after the great poet.

April 21, 1994 – according to the Decree of the President of Ukraine, Kyiv University is given the status of a National research university.

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 Ukraine’s major educational and scientific center for training highly-qualified educationalists and scientific brainpower.

July 1, 2009 – the Institute of High Technology is founded.

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.

November, 2013 – the Faculty of Information Technology is established.