

The main activity of the International Relations Department aims at organizing and developing international cooperation of the University, as well as international relations and collaboration of the University in scientific, educational and cultural spheres.

1.

International Cooperation

In the field of international cooperation, the International Relations Department carries out comprehensive work, performing the following tasks:

- establishment of the relations with national and international legal entities and individuals, representatives of educational institutions of foreign countries in order to provide organizational and legal support to foreigners wishing to obtain higher education at the University;
- signing the cooperation agreements with leading Ukrainian and foreign higher educational institutions on joint development of new forms and methods of teaching;
- expansion of the contacts in the field of joint implementation of scientific and practical projects;
- expansion of the contractual relations with leading universities of Europe, the USA, China and other regions of the world;
- comprehensive study of the international experience in the development of education and science, including the implementation of the Bologna Process standards;
- participation of professors and administrative employees of the University in the international projects of the universities from different countries, which are financed by the international funds;
- involvement of the international specialists in the work of the University, and participation of the leading professors and scientists of IFNMU in the educational and scientific work of foreign universities and research institutions;
- activation of the academic mobility of students through providing new learning opportunities and internships at foreign universities;
- distribution of the information on the admission to the University abroad, monitoring of current and potential programmes of academic mobility;
- providing the Administration and staff of the University with the information on the international cooperation in the fields of education and science, consulting the structural units of the University on the international collaboration;
- study of the advanced educational technologies of foreign countries, the experience of the leading HEI of Ukraine in the field of foreign citizens training.

In 2021, 39 foreign institutions cooperate with the University in the field of health care. Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University is a member of 5 international associations and an officially registered institution in the Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA) on Funding and Tender Opportunities of the European Commission (within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme).

Annually, scientific and academic employees of the University undertake internship abroad (Poland, Spain, etc.), as well as participate in the international symposia and conferences. IFNMU regularly organizes international conferences attended by the representatives from all around the world (Poland, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Great Britain, Israel, Germany, USA, etc.).

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Organization and Management Process

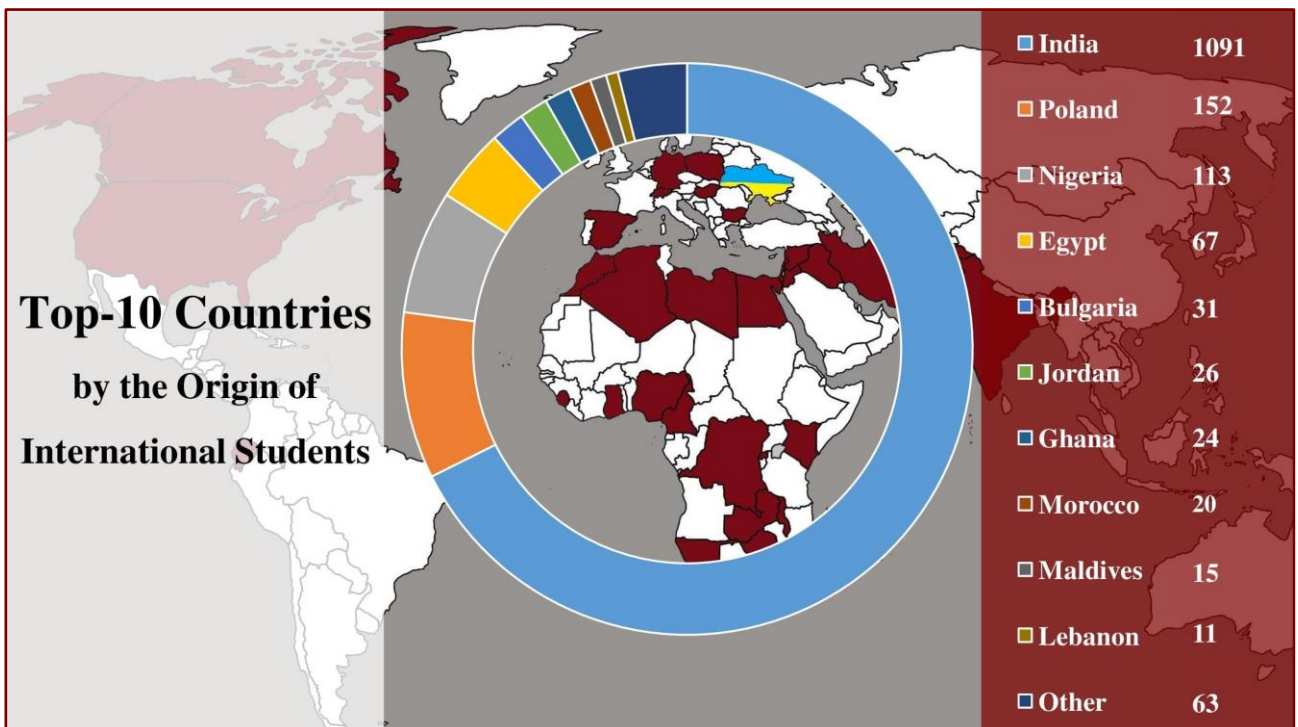
In order to conduct highly qualified international activity, the Department performs the following organizational and management tasks:

- informing the international students about current government documents that regulate their study in Ukraine;
- control over the timely registration of foreign citizens in the State Migration Service of Ukraine in accordance with current legislation;
- control and verification of documents submitted by foreign citizens or authorized persons for registration of an invitation to study and enrollment in the University in accordance with current legislation;
- control and verification of information in the “Electronic Database of Invitations to Study in Ukraine, issued to foreign citizens by Ukrainian HEIs” regarding the issuance of invitations to study;
- control over the registration of personal files and documents that accompany the admission of foreign citizens to the University;
- providing foreign citizens with the information support necessary in preparation for the nostrification procedure of the documents on secondary education;
- organization of translation in the official meetings of the Administration of IFNMU, translation of correspondence and current documents related to the competence of the Department.

3.

Educational Activity

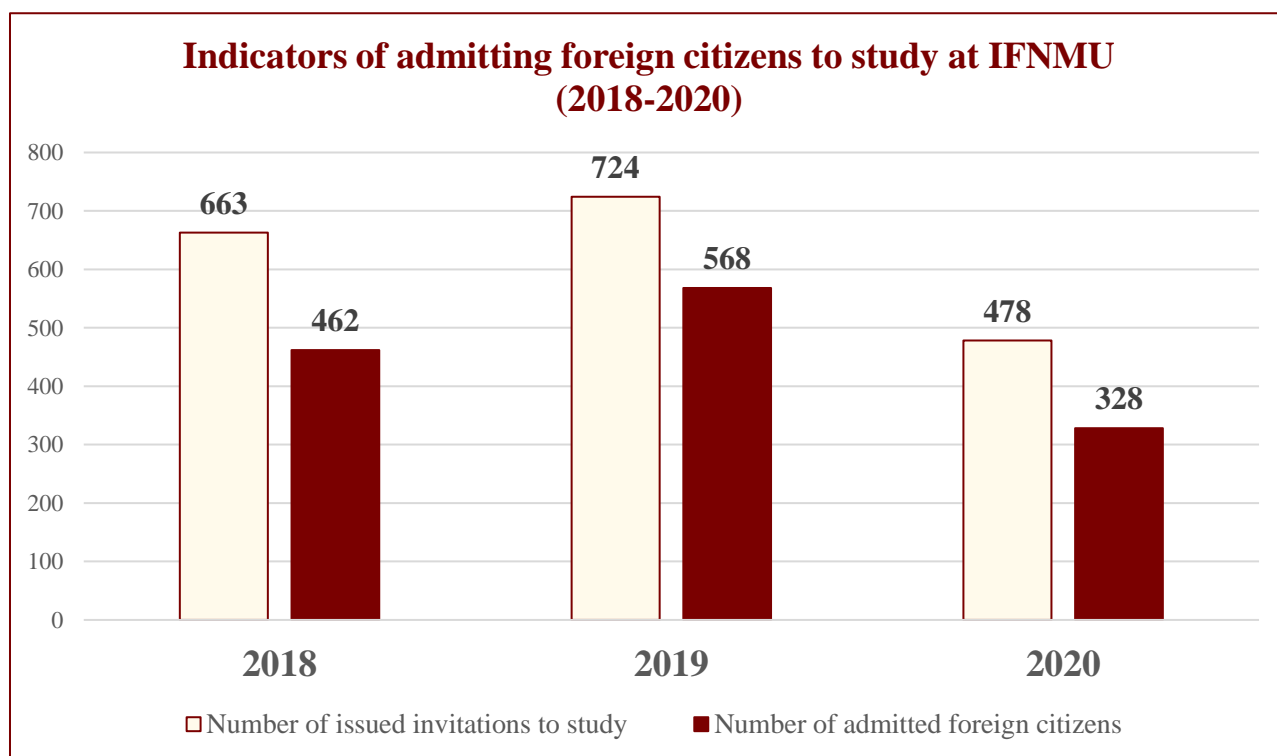
The International Relations Department is still a key unit for admitting international applicants to study at IFNMU. Every year, the number of candidates among foreign citizens increases, which has a positive impact on the image and rating of the University. Today, students from more than 30 countries study at IFNMU and actively encourage their fellow citizens to study here. In 2021, 1,613 international students from 35 countries obtain higher education at the University.



In order to carry out highly-qualified admission of foreign citizens to study at IFNMU, a Selection Committee was created on the basis of the International Relations Department by the Order of the Rector of IFNMU. The Committee receives and checks the documents necessary for issuing invitations to study, provides information support to meet the applicants at the airports of Ukraine, registers personal documents of foreign citizens for their admission and official stay on the territory of Ukraine.

Every international applicant goes through a long procedure from a candidate for study to a student of the University. Each stage is registered documentarily in IFNMU and electronically in the Electronic Database of the State Enterprise “Ukrainian State Center for International Education” of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. Therefore, the enrollment of foreign citizens is clear, consistent and transparent due to the coordinated cooperation between the employees of the Department and the representatives of Ukrainian State Center for International Education.

Over the past few years, the enrollment rate of foreign citizens has fluctuated between 68% -78% comparing to the number of invitations to study issued to foreign citizens, which is quite high among the universities of Prykarpattia and Ukraine.



In addition, the International Relations Department cooperates directly with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine, the State Migration Service of Ukraine and the Foreign Embassies in Ukraine to carry out highly qualified admission of foreign applicants in accordance with educational standards of Ukraine and the requirements of the relevant Ministries abroad, as well as ensure state security and legal stay of the foreign citizens in Ukraine.