

Information from Moscow State Regional University (MGOU) for START-ED webex meeting on 23 November 2021

Education on standardization

In 2012, on the basis of decisions and recommendation taken at the 22-nd session of Working Party, MGOU initiated a pilot project of a new programme “fundamentals of standardization” at its economic faculty. This programme was included into the bachelors programmes (two year) with specialization: “management”; personnel management; state and municipal management.

In 2013-2014 school year the programme on standardizations (during its first year) was followed by 273 students. The pilot project was successfully implemented and “fundamentals of standardization” were included in all bachelor programmes at the economic faculty.

As of the end of 2020-2021 school year, the course “fundamentals of standardization” was taught (from 2013-2021) in total to 1412 students (with various forms of education: full time attendance and by correspondence) at the economic faculty, including : “management” - 541 student; “personnel management” - 396 students ; “state and municipal management” - 475 students.

The basic programme of the course is permanently updated thanks to close cooperation with the Russian Union of Entrepreneurs and Industrialists (“RSPP”) which regularly provides information to MGOU about major standards adopted in Russia and in Eurasian economic space. RSPP also provides an opportunity for MGOU professors and students to participate in web seminars and conferences devoted to standards-setting issues.

We also develop other forms of studying standardization matters beyond the official educational programme (see below on a project “more knowledge on environmental protection”).

Education of environmental issues

At the meeting of MGOU professors on 2 November 2021 an interest and usefulness of a programme on standardization in the field of ecology was expressed.

At this moment MGOU does not have a separate programme on ecology and the University was not able to include ecology questions into existing programmes on other subjects. At the same time MGOU continues to promote the knowledge of environmental standards and the development of a sustainable and responsible attitude to ecology among students of the economic and of other faculties.

For example, at the economic faculty was launched a project “More knowledge on the environment protection.” The project foresees the selection of the best students' bachelor papers on environment protection standards and their use. These papers are presented in the framework of students' conferences organized by MGOU during the school year. Usually there at least 4 such events, including annual conferences in the framework of International Festival of Science; scientific -practical conference “science and prosperity of the mankind”; “problems of economics, economy management and economic education” (organized in autumn and spring).

The project “more knowledge on environment protection” is included as a separate section into the programmes of the above conferences. The papers submitted under this agenda item shall not only present environmental standards, but also reflect the practice of their application and of controls of standards from the side of surveillance agencies.

The format of the Project allows to involve into it not only students who are studying into the programme “education on standardization” but also students from other faculties thus providing possibilities for all interested students to study ecological and standards-related issues on national and international levels.

Use of UNECE standards in other MGOU programmes

Besides it, MGOU has a practice of including UNCE standards and recommendations into the bachelor programmes of various orientation.

For example, in 2018, a programme “basics of public-private partnership (PPP)” was prepared and was presented to students of the economic faculty. This programme is based on the work of the UNECE Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (and its Working Party on PPPs) and it includes studying the UNECE standard on zero tolerance on corruption. Under the above MGOU programme a special module is devoted to corruption issues.

While this standard was discussed/elaborated at UNECE, experts from MGOU and from the Moscow Region Committee on competition policies prepared and send their comments to UNECE.

The PPP subject is taught at 3 faculties at bachelors' programmes and at the economic faculty also at two master programmes. Every year PPP subject is taught approximately to 140-150 students of bachelor programmes and 30-50 students of master programmes.

We are confident to continue including UNECE standards and recommendations into MGOU educational programmes.

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