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Now in your hands you are holding an invitation to Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University (ONU), which is one of the oldest educational establishments in Ukraine.

In this issue you can learn about the extensive historic past of the University as well as its current educational, scientific and social work of thousands of teachers, scientific researchers and students.

Our University is a traditional educational establishment, which meets all European standards. The University prepares specialists in the main areas of humanities and science. Today, in the 21st century, Ukraine is facing new economic and political challenges. For this reason, we have started preparing specialists in management, international relations and international economic relations, political studies, sociology, journalism, microbiology and many other contemporary disciplines.

The University’s work has received positive recognition and appreciation from many European educational and scientific centres. Our University has become a member of the International Association of Universities. ONU takes part in all the events connected with higher education, which are organised by this international organisation. Exchange programmes for both students and teachers are also continuously in progress. Hundreds of overseas students receive education at ONU.

I genuinely believe, that cooperation with our University will help you to enhance your future prospects in society, achieve top results in your professional work, whether you are a scientist, a teacher, or a social worker.

Welcome to Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University

RECTOR of Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University
Dr. Sc. in Political Sciences, Merited Person of Ukraine in the field of science and technology, Professor I.N. Koval

Outstanding European Education
Internationally recognised diploma
Main objective: preparation of qualified specialists in their specific areas.
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General Information
Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University

Founded
13 May, 1865

Names
- 1865-1920 Emperor’s Novorossiya University (ENU)
- 1920-1932 Odessa Institute of Public Education (IPE)
- 1932-1945 Odessa State University (OSU)
- 1945-2000 Odessa I.I. Mechnikov State University (OSU)
- Since 2000 - Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University (OUN)

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FACTS and NUMBERS

9 laureates of the state prizes; 57 academicians (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, State and Public academies); 141 Doctors of Sciences, Full Professors; 591 Candidates of Sciences, (PhD) associate professors and senior lecturers work at ONU.

14 thousand students are currently studying at the University, amongst them - 450 overseas students from 40 countries.

Currently 28 scientific research departments are functioning at the University, 14 problematic and branch laboratories, 7 scientific centres, 5 research institutes.

Students obtain qualifications in 47 main specialities, at 5 institutes, at 9 faculties and at 2 pre-university education departments.

Status and License
Accreditation Level IV

Degrees:
- Bachelor of Arts and Science
- Specialist
- Master of Arts and Science
- Post Graduate Studies
- Doctorate

Type of Property:
state
Institutes
- Institute of Mathematics, Economics and Mechanics (IMEM)
- Institute of Social Sciences (ISS)
- Institute of Postgraduate Education & Innovation (IPEI)
- Business and Social Studies College of IPEI (Higher Education Establishment, accreditation level II.)
- Illichevsk Institute ONU I.I.Mechnikov
- Pervomaysk Institute ONU I.I.Mechnikov

Faculties:
- Biology
- Geology & Geography
- Chemistry
- History
- Romance & Germanic Philology
- Physics
- Phylology
- Philosophy
- Economics and Law

Pre-University education Subdivisions
- Preparatory Department for Overseas Students
- Faculty for Pre-University education for ukrainian citizens
Two centuries ago, in 1794, the city of Odessa was founded by a Decree of the Empress Catherine the Great in 1794. Originally there was a sea port construction, which inevitably lead to the rapid development of Odessa. People of different nationalities and from a variety of ethnic backgrounds formed the history of this city. Here, where it is now the city centre, would exist Greek and Italian settlements, Tatar temples and Lithuanian palaces as well as the Turkish port of Hacibey.

The modern face of Odessa was formed during the epoch of its rise – in XIX – beginning of XX centuries. Outstanding architects from Russia, Ukraine, Austria, Poland, Germany and other countries turned the steppe into a modern European city with wide boulevards and spacious theatres. Alongside formal looking administrative buildings Odessa is renowned for its flamboyant palaces dotted along French Boulevard.

Odessa XXI century retained its image of an endearing and even mythical city, where everyone would prosper and always stay in a good mood. Odessa has been also recognised as the capital of humour.
Being the economic capital of Southern Ukraine, Odessa has always attracted not only businessmen but also people closely connected with art and culture. One of the first Opera Houses in Eastern Europe was opened here. In Odessa there is also the oldest archeological Museum in Ukraine.

In our city a lot of outstanding artists, writers, poets and sculpturers lived and worked. Amongst them were A.Pushkin, N.Gogol, L.Ukrainka, I.Bunin, I.Babel, K. Paustovskiyi, Shalom-Aleikhem, K.Kostandi, I.Aivazovskiy, B. Eduards and many others.

Representatives from over a hundred different nationalities created the flavoured image of the city with a versatile culture.

Today Odessa has 10 up-and-running theatres, film studio, and almost 50 museums. Odessa also stages some international events, such as film and music festivals.

The most famous cultural event of the city is - Yumorina, the annual humour festival, which takes place on 1st April, Fool’s day.
Odessa has a well-developed infrastructure. It has a population of over 1 million people. Odessa is one of the biggest place on the Black Sea. It stretches from the North to the South along the sea line for over 40 kilometers. The city's agglomeration faces the sea.

In Odessa there are: an international airport, international sea port, bus station and railway station, well-developed transport connections, medical centres with highly qualified medical staff as well as higher education establishments, cultural, recreation and sports centres.

Odessa is a holiday resort. Sea beaches, special liman mud for treatment and mineral water springs attract numerous holiday makers to the region. Hundreds of health spas and rest-homes are located along the Black Sea coast together with limans, (type of salted lakes and lagoons).

Another undoubted benefit, which Odessa possesses, is its highly developed entertainment and recreational spheres. The principle entertainment area is Arcadia located along the sea front. Arcadia is popular amongst both locals and tourists for its colourful summer night life, exclusive restaurants and flamboyant nightclubs.
PART 2. University: History, Distinguished Scientists and Graduates

Odessa National University is named in honour of I.I. Mechnikov (OUN). Since it was founded 1(13) May 1865 it has occupied one of the leading places in the formation of the educational system of Ukraine, especially in its scientific research and cultural development.

OUN is one of the oldest Universities of Ukraine. Together with Kiev, Kharkiv and Lviv Universities it determines the state and perspectives of educational, scientific and cultural development of the country.

OUN is a world famous University which has high international recognition. In 2012 it became one of the five best Universities of the country according to the World Scientific metric database SCOPUS. Since 2000 the University has had the status of national, which is the highest status of the Higher Education Establishments in Ukraine.
In 1817 a new educational establishment was opened – Richelieu Lyceum, named in honour of the person who initiated its foundation – Duke Arman Emmanuel de Richelieu.

In 1857 Richelieu lyceum expanded and moved to the building, which is now the main building of ONU. Amongst its lecturers there were world-known scientists – such as the chemist and creator of the first version of the periodic table of elements D.Mendeleevev and doctor N.Pirogov.
In 1865 the lyceum was reorganized into the University. Three faculties were created:
- History;
- Law;
- Physics & Mathematics.

From 1920 to 1934 (during the period of the Soviet Union Education System Reforms) the University was temporarily divided into the following:
- Medical Institute
- Polytechnic Institute
- Pedagogical Institute.
Later they became independent Universities.

In 1933 the University was restored. In 1945 it was given the name of the eminent scientist, a Nobel prize winner, Illiya Illjich Mechnikov.

For the outstanding achievements in preparation of specialists ONU was rewarded the order of the Red Banner of Labour. In 1978 it was listed as one of the leading Universities of the USSR.

In 2000 the University was awarded the Honorary Diploma of the Cabinet of Ministries of Ukraine.
Outstanding Graduates and Lecturers

The best criteria of teaching quality at the University is the professional level of its lecturers as well as the achievements of its graduates.


Alexander Aleksandrovich Bogomolets (1881—1946) — pathologist & physiologist as well as a public figure, academician and 7th president of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, academician (since 1932) and vice-president of AS USSR and Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) USSR (since 1944).

Leonid Fedorovich Vereshchagin (1909—1977) — physician and chemist, creator of scientific fundamentals, the head of the project dealing with the creation of industrial production of synthetic super hard diamonds and cubic boron nitrides.

Sergei Yulijevich Vitte (1849-1915) - Candidate of Physics and Mathematics Sciences, Minister of Finance, chairman of the Russian Empire council of ministers
Nikolai Fedorovich Gerasyuta (1919—1987) — one of the main authors who developed 4 generations of the battle rocket complexes (from P-12 to P-36M) and space missile carriers. He was also the Soviet Ukraine Academy of Sc ’s corresponding Member.,

Victor Ivanovich Grigorovich (1815—1876) - Slavic linguist, one of the first professors of the Slavic philology.

Daniil Kirillovich Zabolotny , (1866—1929) — microbiologist, academician, 6th president of Ukrainian ASc.

Nikolai Dmitrievich Zelinskiy (1861—1953)— academician of the ASc of USSR, the founder of the world-famous organic chemists’ school.

Yuriy Alexandrovich Karpenko (1929-2010) - philologist, Slavic linguist, the leader of the Ukrainian Onomastics School, corresponding Member of ASc of Ukraine.

Petr Osipovich Karyshkovskiy (1921—1988) — historian, numismatist, scientist-encyclopaedist, corresponding Member of the German Archeological Institute.

Vladimir Ippolitovich Lipskiy (1863—1937) — botanist, academician,5th president of the Ukrainian ASc.

Alexander Mikhailovich Lyapunov (1857—1918) — mathematician, who formulated the theory of stability.
Illia Iliich Mechnikov (1845-1916) — Nobel Laureate, one of the founders of immunology.

Vladimir Valerianovich Podvysotskiy, (1857-1913) — one of the Russian medical school founders, organiser of Odessa clinic for children’s diseases

Ivan Mikhailovich Sechenov (1829-1905) — eminent physiologist.

Mikhail Yeliseyevich Slabchenko (1882—1952) — Ukrainian historian and scientist, academician of the ASc of Ukraine.

Dmitriy Konstantinovich Tretyakov (1878—1950), zoologist and morphologist, academician of the ASc of Soviet Ukraine.

Fedor Ivanovich Uspenskiy (1845-1928) — academician of the Russian ASc and the ASc of the USSR, historian and archeologist.

Georgiy Vasiljievich Florovskiy (1893-1979) — philosopher and theologian.

Alexander Naumovich Frumkin (1895—1976) — Soviet physicist and chemist, electrochemical school founder, academician of the ASs of the USSR.

Vladimir Aronovich Khavkin (1860—1930) — epidemiologist, invented vaccines against plague and cholera.

Fedor Nikiforovich Shvedov (1840-1925) — physicist, Rector of the university.
Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University is the largest higher education establishment in Southern Ukraine.
Institute of Post-graduate and innovational education (IPIE)

Institute of Postgraduate and Innovational Education is part of the educational and scientific centre (ESC) “School - College - University” is unparalleled in Ukraine. The centre was established by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education & Science in 1999.

In this centre there are computer classes, up-to-date laboratories for students’ scientific work and a specialised library.

Institute and ESC “School - College - University” were awarded the Laureate’s Certificate, and then the Finalist’s Diploma of the 7th European quality contest in the medium-size business category. IIPE was recorded in the publication “The Best Enterprises of Ukraine”.

At the IV International Exhibition «Modern Education in Ukraine» the Institute was awarded the silver medal and then at the XIII International Exhibition (in 2010) - the gold medal.

The Regional Business and Social Work College is also part of the IIPE structure. In 1999 the college became the basis for introducing a multi-level model of education as well as the experiment “School - College - University” under the umbrella of ONU.

(There are more details about the college on page 23)

Department:
1. Dept. of economics and patterning of market relations
2. Dept. of computer and information technologies
3. Dept. of system software and technology of remote education
4. Dept. of social theories
5. Dept. of art history
6. Dept. of clinical psychology
7. Dept. of economic cybernetics and applied economy
Institute of Social Sciences (ISS)

The Institute’s students can undertake work experience and language practice at overseas higher education establishments. Students also partake in international conferences, various national competitions. The Turkish Cultural Centre was established on the basis of ISS. Every November the Institute celebrates its birthday with a grand concert.

Institutes of Mathematics, Economics and Mechanics (IMEM)

IMEM has the following departments: Mechanics and Mathematics, Applied Mechanics and Information Technology; Economics; Psychology; as well as the Information Technology laboratory (5 computer classes).

IMEM’s students take an active part in many International students’ contests and competitions, in which they are frequently successful. Our students also receive nominal prizes and state rewards.

Departments:
1. Dept. of history and world politics
2. Dept. of international relations
3. Dept. of political sciences
4. Dept. of sociology
**Biology Faculty**

Biological diversity research of the south-western part of Ukraine is carried out at the faculty. The biology departments also do a lot of other environmental research work. The research and experimental work is facilitated at the Zoological museum, Botanical gardens and hydro biological station.


In October the First Year Students’ Day is traditionally celebrated.

**Geology & Geography Faculty (GGF)**

All-round research of natural and industrial resources and conditions of southern Ukraine as well as management of natural resources are undertaken at the faculty. One of the projects carried out by the specialists is completing all-round features of the island Zmeinnyi. Over 25% of the learning process comprises field work and work experience. Annually, every first Saturday of April, “the Faculty's Day” is celebrated. Recently the sportmen of the faculty have participated in different local, regional, national and international competitions and regularly come first.
History Faculty
The faculty is always in close scientific cooperation with many leading establishments of Ukraine and other countries: England, Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Romania, Turkey and France. The faculty organises archeological and ethnological expeditions. Here there function students’ interest clubs and the art group “Djerelo” (source). A Mini-football championship takes place twice a year.

Romance & Germanic Philology Faculty (RGP)
It has become a nice tradition to have the amateur art concert “First Year Students' Day” every autumn. On this day and other special occasions such as: departments' special day, the Youth centre’s parties, phonetics contests, drama shows and sports competitions gifted students of the faculty have a great opportunity to realise their potential. Resource centres from the USA, Germany, Spain, Italy, France and Greece function at the faculty. There are also a simultaneous translation class and arts room.

Physics Faculty
At the faculty of Physics scientific research work in the fields of physics and astronomy is continuously carried out. There are four specialities within the physics department: computer physics, medical physics, science & scientific technologies management and scientific pedagogy.
A degree in astronomy can be obtained at either the star physics & cosmology department or space geo-information technologies one.
FACULTIES

Philology Faculty

Alongside the main languages our students can also study Polish, Bulgarian, Czech and other slavic languages. 12 scientific journals as well as linguistic and literature periodic editions are published at the faculty. International, regional and students’ scientific conferences are regularly held. The faculty has also close cooperation links with consulates of Bulgaria and Poland in order to ensure regular language practice for the students.

Cooperation with a number of European Universities also takes place. The Philology Faculty actively partakes in the programmes «Tempus» and «Erasmus Mundus».

Some journals are published by PF’s students. The Faculty’s Day is celebrated at the beginning of April.

Philosophy Faculty

The faculty has the following scientific research centres: logics and systems research, culture research, contemporary humanitarian knowledge philosophical problems, comparative study of religions, German philosophers’ and one named in honour of G.V. Florovskiy.

Annually the day of the protector of Philosophy “Diogenes’s Day “is celebrated at the faculty.
Chemistry Faculty

The faculty works as part of the integral scientific industrial chemistry and pharmaceutical complex in Ukraine. The complex is supported by both the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine as well as the National Academy of Sciences. This allows not only to facilitate the scientific resources of the A.V. Bogatsky chemistry and physics institute, but also prepare future specialists.

Chemists celebrate the day of the faculty at the end of May. On this day sports competitions are held. Both students and lecturers can easily partake in them.

Economics and Law Faculty (ELF)

ELF maintains close connections with universities of Germany, Netherlands, USA, Canada and France. The faculty takes an active part in bringing to life the Common European Project TEMPUS-TASIS. The scientific magazine “Legal State” as well as the selection of scientific works “Market Economics: Management Theory and Practice” are published at the ELF.

Departments:
1. Dept. of physical and colloidal chemistry
2. Dept. of analytical chemistry
3. Dept. of inorganic and chemical ecology
4. Dept. of general chemistry and polymers
5. Dept. of organic chemistry
6. Dept. of pharmaceutical chemistry
Preparatory department for overseas students has existed for 19 years. Over this period of time the faculty has prepared over 2000 overseas students from 56 countries in order for them to enter higher education establishments all over Ukraine. The students mainly come from Algeria, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Egypt, Jordan, China, South Korea, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Germany, Palestine, Peru, Romania, Syria, Sudan, USA, Tunisia, Turkey, India, Iraq, Iran, Finland, France, Sweden, Japan and many others.

Students can either obtain governmental grants or fund themselves independently.

Firstly overseas students obtain an elementary level of Russian/Ukrainian. Then they get acquainted with some basic concepts in the following target subjects: Mathematics, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, Philology, History, Sociology and other sciences for their adaptation to Ukrainian educational standards.

Lecturers and consultants deliver individual programme courses as well as module intensive courses in a wide range of disciplines for students from universities in Austria, Poland, Germany, Netherlands and France. The lecturers are also involved in implementing linguistic and regional studies programme called “Tandem” in addition to the students’ exchange scheme for ONU’s students and students from Regensburg in Germany.
In order to ensure a high quality learning process the centre is equipped with computers, linguaphone classes, self-study areas and separate rooms for consultations. The rooms are located in the city centre.

Students are provided with accommodation at the university halls of residence. They can also have easy access to conference rooms for ethnic and cultural community gatherings.

Overseas students take an active part in the social life of the University; they can attend sports classes, drama and arts clubs. The university organises meetings for the students with famous scientists, artists and public figures. During the winter and summer holidays overseas students can enjoy themselves by attending parties especially arranged for them, going on sightseeing tours around Odessa or short and long trips to other parts of Ukraine: Kiev, Yalta, Belgorod-Dnestrovskiy, Uman and other places of interest.
Pre-University Education Faculty for the Ukrainian citizens

The faculty was established in 1998. University entrants get prepared according to all University licensed qualifications. The courses delivery is carried out by means of full-time courses or distance learning in Odessa, Illichevsk, Pervomaysk and Teplodar. The courses delivery can also be done at secondary schools or other educational establishments. The preparation is aimed at successful results at the final state testing stage needed in order to enter the University.

Regional Business and Social Work College

(II level of accreditation)

Secondary School or Upper-Secondary School leavers can become students of the college and chose one of the following courses: social work, finance and credit; applied mathematics; accountancy.

Over 500 students study at the college after leaving secondary schools and educational establishments of Odessa and the Odessa region (Teplodar, Illichevsk, Yujny, Ovidiopol)

College graduates will obtain both a Secondary School Certificate as well as a Junior Specialist Certificate. After completing the chosen course at the college they can enroll on the same course at the University and continue their studies from the third year.
Over the last 3 years the staff of ONU have published over 8,700 research works.

116 monographs, 395 textbooks, over 2,000 teaching and methodological publications.

Over 6,000 research works have been published in various scientific periodical editions.

Scientific researches take place in 30 scientific departments, amongst which there are 4 scientific research institutes, 11 scientific research centers, 14 scientific research laboratories.

The University has cooperation agreements with over 160 famous higher education establishments and international organizations. ONU participates in many international scientific, educational and cultural projects.
6,321 students are engaged in solving challenging scientific tasks. Every third student of the University is undertaking research.

One of the main priorities of Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University is active participation in scientific research.

The Scientific Research Institute “Astronomical Observatory” was established in 1871 and it is considered to be one of the oldest in Ukraine. National heritage of the observatory is the third highest collection in the world of star sky shoots taken throughout the XX century.

The Scientific Research Institute of Physics was the first scientific institute of physics in Ukraine. It was founded in 1926. It is a world-famous centre in the area of optical information, which represents Ukraine at the international committee in scientific photography. The centre’s works have been awarded prizes by the government of Ukraine, the former USSR and the American Photography Society.

The Scientific Research Institute of Combustion and Alternative Technologies is the only one in Ukraine of its kind. It is also the hub for the Ukrainian branch of the USA Combustion institute. It represents Ukraine at the European consortium in nano-materials. 10 scientific-educational centers; 16 scientific-research laboratories.
Hydrobiological Station was set up in 1902 and is unparalleled in Ukraine. Scientific research results are published in the University’s periodical scientific editions.

Botanical Gardens is a scientific centre of the diverse world-wide flora reserve, which was established in 1867. It has the status of being a natural heritage site. It has been listed in the natural reserve fund of Ukraine. The collection includes 3840 species of plants, shapes and hybrids. From 1928 to 1937 the ex-president of the Ukrainian Academy of Science (V.I.Lipskiy) was in charge of the Botanical Gardens.

The Zoology Museum was set up at the beginning of XIX century and currently has 50 000 exhibits.

Post Graduate Education Department
Post Graduate Education department is one of the largest in Ukraine and has over 500 post-graduate students. Doctor of Science Preparation Department over 30 doctors of sciences work every year, up to 15 DrSc.dissertations are completed. Altogether there are 7 specialised councils engaged in scientific degrees dissertations working in 29 specialities.

Both the Biology Faculty as well as the Geology and Geography Faculty have museums, which are at the same time the centers for up-to-date scientific research.

The Paleontology museum was founded in 1873 on the basis of Richelieu Lyceum collection. It has one of the largest paleontology collections in Europe. Paleontological Museum belongs to the best 10 world museums. Has more than 40 000 exhibits.

The Petrography-Mineralogical museum was founded in 1865 (12 500 rock and mineral species from all over the world).
Odessa University is the only university in southern Ukraine which is an accredited member of the consortium «Erasmus Mundus – External cooperation window», which allows students, postgraduate students and lecturers to have long-term work experience in leading Universities of Western Europe.

ONU is a highly recognized leader in terms of Bologna process promotion amongst Ukrainian and overseas students.

On the programme of “harmonising the architecture of the European Higher Education system” we have students studying with us from the University Ca' Foscari (Venice, Italy), Regensburg and Bremen (Germany), Tsandzyn (China), Fatikh (Turkey) and many others.

The University is engaged in other international programmes: TEMPUS-TACIS, INTAS, KNOW-HOW, "DNEPR", CRDF, FP-6, FP-7.

Under the aegis of students’ exchange programmes the University offers great opportunities for its students, postgraduate students and lecturers. They can all learn about the peculiarities of our partners’ education systems through doing work experience in museums, actual teaching practice, attending seminars and conferences in Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and other countries.
There are 8 buildings for students’ accommodation, which are located both in the historical part of the city centre and the spa resort area of Odessa.

The halls of residence comprise 8 purpose-built self-catering buildings, as well as 4 canteens, on-site medical services, children’s nursery, hairdresser’s and other amenities of 40,5 thousand square metres.
The main building of the University is located in the former premises of the purposely-built Richelieu lyceum, 1852-1857. Its address is: 2, Dvoryanskaya street. In the same building there is also the Institute of Mathematics, Economics and Mechanics (IMEM).

The Departments of History, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, overseas students’ preparatory department as well as the Scientific library are situated in the city centre in separate buildings.

In the building for humanities in 24/26, French Boulevard, which was built in 1971, there are the Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), Economics and Law department, Philology Faculty, Romance and Germanic Philology Faculty, Faculty of Pre-university education and finally Regional Business College.

Just behind the main humanities’ building there is another building which holds the faculties of Biology, Geology and Geography.

The Institute of Postgraduate Education & Innovation is located in, 6 Marshala Govorova street.
Scientific Library and Museums

The Scientific Library (SL ONU) is one of the largest and oldest scientific libraries in Ukraine. It was founded in 1817. Its stock contains 4 million volumes. There are 13 lending sections and 13 reading rooms. It also has 2 specialised branches and an international communication centre.

The Museum of Rare Editions. The literature treasure house has 5 incunabula, 139 palaeoliths. Altogether there are over 9 000 precious books. In SL ONU one can find the open collection of the University’s publications – the institutional repository. Over a thousand documents: monographs, conferences’ materials, other scientists’ publications can be easily accessed.
CULTURAL EVENTS

STUDENTS & STAFF LEISURE CENTRE

Cultural awareness events are regularly organised for both students and University staff. Over 20 amateur arts groups are in existence.

THE ACADEMIC CHOIR A CAPPELLA GROUP (UKRAINIAN AMATURE FOLK ARTS GROUP) sings church music, time-honoured temporal music, classical music and Ukrainian folk songs. Every year the a cappella group tours Ukraine and Europe.

FOLK DANCE GROUP “AVTOGRAF” “AUTOGRAPH” takes an active part in rising people’s awareness of Ukrainian folk dancing. The repertoire is based on Ukrainian folk traditions. However, the group is also specialised in other folk dances apart from Ukrainian ones. “AVTOGRAF” has toured in Italy, Greece, Turkey, France and other countries.
In the Culture Centre there are 16 artists and music teams and groups and 5 interest clubs working at the moment.

The vocal band “ELIX” sings Ukrainian folk and contemporary songs as well as world folk songs. Twice it has won the international amateur and folk arts competition in Turkey.

The dance group «IRIDANS» does traditional Irish dancing. It became a laureate in the Moscow festival of Irish dance and music. It has also won an Irish dance contest in Warsaw, Poland.

The music band FOLK LAND specialises in world folk and ethnic music.

ONU has its own newspaper, which is called “Odeskiy Universitet”. It has been published since 1933. The newspaper contains a record of the University’s life. Due to these publications it has maintained certain transparency and effective communication between the University’s departments. Over 700 students, post graduate students and lecturers made their contribution to the newspaper’s publications. In 2008 the newspaper won the Ukrainian mass media contest “Vysshaya Shkola” (“Higher School”) supported by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science.
Not only does ONU prepare scientists and lecturers, it also has an experience of nurturing great sportsmen, even world champions, who trained at the oldest stadium of Odessa. The University’s sports complex as well as the tennis courts became the places where European, Soviet, Ukrainian sportsmen and Olympic champions had their first training.

At the moment there are 14 Ukrainian sports champions, 3 European champions and even a world champion in Thai-boxing studying at the University.

2000 students are taking an active part in sports. The University’s teams became champions and winners in 2009 in the students’ Ukrainian championship in 15 sports programmes in 2009. As well as that, 6 students’ teams received prizes in the first students’ games in Ukraine. A great result for ONU’s team: it came fourth.

THE UNIVERSITY’S RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
The University’s sports and recreational centre “Chernomorka” is located in one of the most picturesque parts of the resort area in Odessa, in the historical place, a little settlement called Lustdorf and has an area of 4 hectares (40,000 square metres).

The holiday complex has accommodation buildings, as well as separate Finnish houses, its own cinema, administrative buildings, canteen, children’s playground, football grounds, areas for playing volleyball and basketball. Every year for 2 weeks up to 400 students and staff members can stay at the holiday centre “Chernomorka”. 

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35 students are currently receiving distinguished scientists’ nominal grants; 15 - by V. Pinchuk fund, 28 - Rector’s grants. Annually, 4 students receive the Ukrainian President’s grant, 3 students obtain it from the Ukrainian Parliament and 2 students from the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.
A 4th-year student from the Physics department V. Breus received a bonus from the National ASc of Ukraine and a Certificate from the Ukrainian Ministry of Education & Science.
Many more students of ONU obtained different grants and partaken in many international students’ exchange programmes and work experience internships in 2010.
A team of students from the Philology Faculty received first place in the European contest-festival (Russian linguistics) in Warsaw.
Irina Isajeva, a Romance-Germanic Philology Faculty student, has won many Ukrainian competitions in German and has also received DAAD grants.
Y. Muravskaya, an Economics and Law Faculty Student has won the competition “D.L.A. Piper”, which allows her to go on a work experience in a London office of the company.
List of specialties of ONU I.I. Mechnikov

I. Institute of mathematics, economics and mechanics
1. Psychology - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
2. Economic theory - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
3. International economic relations - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
4. Management of organizations - Bachelor, Specialist
5. Mathematics - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
6. Applied mathematics - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
7. Computer systems and networks - Bachelor, Specialist
8. Mechanics - Bachelor, Specialist, Master

II. Institute of social sciences
1. Sociology - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
2. Political sciences - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
3. International relations - Bachelor, Specialist

III. Institute of Innovational and Post-graduate education
(Based on eleven years of school education)
1. Social work - Bachelor, Specialist
2. Finances and credits – Bachelor, Master
3. Economic cybernetics - Bachelor, Master

The second higher education in shorter terms:
1. International economic relations - Specialist
2. Management of external economic activity – Specialist
3. Management of organizations – Specialist
4. Psychology (social, clinical, legal)- Bachelor, Specialist
5. English language and literature – Specialist
6. Computer systems and networks – Specialist
7. Biology – Specialist

Odessa regional college of entrepreneurship and social work
(based on 9-11 years of school education)
1. Social work – Junior specialist
2. Finances and credits - Junior specialist
3. Applied Mathematics – Junior specialist
4. Accounting - Junior specialist

Qualification improvement
1. For psychologists, doctors and medical workers of social psychology, suicidology, psychocorrection and diagnostics
2. Computer technology and distance learning
3. Foreign language in the Field of European integration
4. Accounting
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IV. Faculty of biology
1. Microbiology and virusology - Specialist, Master
2. Virusology - Specialist, Master
3. Biology - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
4. Biotechnologies - Bachelor, Specialist

V. Faculty of geology and geography
1. Geography - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
2. Hydrogeology - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
3. Geology - Bachelor, Specialist, Master

VI. Faculty of history
1. History – Bachelor, Specialist, Master
2. Ethnology – Specialist
3. Archaeology – Specialist

VII. Faculty of Romance and Germanic philology
1. Translation – Bachelor, Specialist
2. English language and literature – Bachelor, Specialist, Master
3. German language and literature - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
4. French language and literature - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
5. Spanish language and literature - Bachelor, Specialist, Master

VIII. Faculty of physics
1. Physics - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
   Subspecialities:
   - Computer physics
   - Medical physics
   - Management in Science and in high intellectual technologies
   - Scientific pedagogy
2. Astronomy – Bachelor, Specialist, Master
   Subspecialities:
   - Physics of stars and cosmology
   - Cosmic geoinformational technologies

IX. Faculty of philology
1. Journalism - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
2. Publishing and editing - Bachelor, Specialist
3. Ukrainian language and literature - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
4. Applied linguistics - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
5. Russian language and literature - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
6. Bulgarian language and literature - Bachelor, Specialist, Master

X. Faculty of philosophy
1. Philosophy - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
2. Culturology - Bachelor, Specialist

XI. Faculty of chemistry
1. Chemistry - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
   Subspeciality
   - Pharmaceutical chemistry

XII. Faculty of economics and law
1. Inventory and auditing - Bachelor, Specialist
2. Management of external economic affairs - Bachelor, Specialist
3. Jurisprudence - Bachelor, Specialist, Master
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