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The system of higher Education in America and Russia

Nowadays people in many countries come across the problem of choosing and entering University. There are some differences between the possible solutions to this question due to the different systems of education. It plays essential part not just only for the individual but it helps in the development of the country because every country needs qualified workers who should be able to solve the problems of the society.

Universities may be either state supported or private. Basically, American universities are private, for example, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Cornell, Stanford and many others. In Russia, the most popular are state universities.

As for the schedule, it is more convenient in USA because the students should choose their majors and electives they like while studying. But in Russia, all courses are required. They cannot change the schedule. The essence of checking students' knowledge always remains the same: surely, both in Russia and the USA attendance is an important factor of grading the course. Students should attend lectures, seminars and practical classes; also they should take and pass some kind of practice. Just as Russian students, Americans should also pass the finals at the end of the course. In addition, each academic year Russian students write course papers; similarly, in the USA it is also required to prepare and perform a work, which is called a project.

The tuition fees of Russian universities may be different, but nevertheless it's lower than in the US. Sometimes, Americans have to get a job during their holidays. Therefore, not all Americans continue their studies at University.

As for the USA assessment system, students may get A, B, C, D and E grades. A means high level of knowledge; D is minimum knowledge while E is an absolute failure mark. Russian students may get excellent, good, satisfactory or poor marks.

The aim of American system of education is focused to form a unique and independent individual while in Russia the aim is systematic development of knowledge in students.

In Russia the relations between professors and students are just academic and official, while in America they are more informal. Russian teachers are usually attended with great respect and there is a strict borderline between students and the faculty within, but in America a talk on the phone with a teacher is quite a common thing, as well as teachers' involvement into extracurricular activities.

We can see that there are quite a lot of differences between American and Russian higher education but nevertheless it is an essential part for both of these countries. It helps us to self-develop and to become qualified workers in the future. Studentship is a wonderful time for both Americans and Russians. Our life greatly changes during it.

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