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Having entered Department of Computer Sciences at Voronezh State University as a Software Engineering student I see the university not just as an educational institution but as an opportunity for personal growth and a chance to make new connections that will help me in the future.

Academically, I expect to gain profound and up-to-date knowledge to become a sought-after specialist on the job market. I hope the curriculum will be well-balanced: solid theoretical foundations in algorithms, data structures, and software architecture should be reinforced with modern practical approaches. I anticipate that the teachers, who are experts in their fields, will not only share their knowledge but will also be able to make their subjects engaging, teaching us to think critically and find solutions to complex problems.

However, becoming a good software engineer is impossible through lectures alone. Therefore, I am particularly looking forward to applying the acquired knowledge in practice. I hope to participate in real-world projects, hackathons, and work in student laboratories, where I can collaborate with like-minded people to create functional software products. Such experience will allow me to understand the complete development lifecycle – from gathering requirements to testing and maintenance.

I also view the university as a place for making new acquaintances. One of my key expectations is to find motivated and passionate people here, with whom I can exchange ideas, work on projects together, and have a good time.

Thus, I expect that my years at VSU will be the time of intensive growth, allowing me not only to get a degree but transform me into a skilled, in-demand specialist, ready to face the challenges of the modern IT industry.

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Voronezh State University has always seemed to me to be more than just a university but a beacon that points the way to knowledge and future achievements. And, oddly enough, this feeling originated in me quite early – in the 9th grade, when I first crossed the threshold of Voronezh State University.

I was engaged in a project that may have sounded a little complicated for my age: "The impact of railway transport on the ecological state of the environment." This topic caught my head. I studied statistics, made the research, dreamed of contributing to solving environmental problems. And my first presentation of this project was at the conference held at the Voronezh State University.



I remember how worried I was standing in front of the respected audience. But the moment I started talking, the fear receded. I enthusiastically talked about my findings, about pollution problems and their solutions. And, to my surprise, they listened attentively, asked questions, gave valuable advice. I took the first place at this conference and it was then when I first felt to be a part of the scientific community, felt taste for research.

It was on that day that VSU "hooked" me. I saw not just walls and classrooms, but a living scientific community ready to support and inspire novice researchers. I felt the special atmosphere that prevails in the university, where knowledge is valued above all else.

That is why admission to Voronezh State University for me is not just a choice of a university, it is a return to the origins, to the place where my dream of science was first born. Despite the fact that my speciality is not directly related to ecology, I do

not stop my research. I started writing a new project related to IT. And I hope that VSU will not disappoint me and help realize my scientific ambitions.

I expect to receive a quality and in-depth education in my chosen field. I think that the teachers of Voronezh State University will become for me not only teachers and mentors, but also a large family that will help me realize my ideas and dreams. I believe that I can participate in scientific projects and continue research in various fields.

I would also like VSU to provide me with a wide selection of extracurricular activities that will help me develop my talents and skills. It seems to me that I can find not only like-minded people, but also faithful friends among classmates and teachers.

And, of course, I expect that VSU will become a reliable launching pad for me for a successful career. I believe that the knowledge and experience gained will help me find a job to my liking and become a demanded specialist. I hope that VSU will provide me with the opportunity to undergo internships in leading companies and organizations in order to gain valuable practical experience.

My hopes and expectations from VSU are high. But I am sure that this university will be able to justify them and help me realize my potential. I am ready to study, work and grow together with VSU in order to contribute to its development and glorify the name of my university. And it all started with a little research work in the 9th grade, with that first presentation within the walls of Voronezh State University, which changed my life forever.

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As a first-year student at VSU I can confidently say that my university experience has completely met my expectations. From the moment I stepped onto campus, I was welcomed into the community filled with supportive peers and understanding professors.



One of the most significant aspects of my university life is the incredible collective of students I have met. My classmates come from diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique perspectives and ideas to our discussions. This diversity fosters a rich learning environment where collaboration is encouraged, and friendships are easily formed. I have already made lasting connections that I believe will continue throughout my academic journey and beyond.

The professors at VSU are truly inspiring. They are not only knowledgeable in their fields but also genuinely care about our success. Their approachability and willingness to help us understand complex topics have made a significant difference in my learning experience. I appreciate how they encourage us to think critically and work with the material, rather than simply memorize facts. This interactive learning style has made my studies more enjoyable and effective.

At VSU I have found that we are truly gaining valuable knowledge that will serve us well in our future careers. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to equip us with both theoretical and practical skills. Whether it's through hands-on projects, group work, or engaging lectures, I feel that I am developing a solid foundation for my professional life.

I am confident that my time at this university will leave a lasting impression on my memory. The experiences I am having now, both academically and socially, are shaping me into a versatile individual. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, knowing

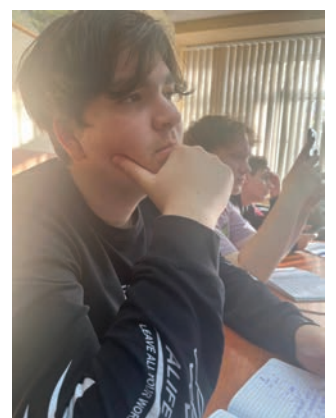
that I am in a place that supports my growth and learning.

In conclusion, my expectations of the university have been exceeded at VSU. I am excited to continue my studies here, surrounded by a wonderful community and guided by dedicated educators. I believe that this experience will play a crucial role in my future, and I am grateful for every moment of it.

**Maksim Kolupaev**  
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When I finished school, I started to think over what university I wanted to go to. After studying the alternatives, I decided to go to VSU. I was attracted by the university educational system and the opportunities it offers. I was particularly interested in the opportunity to travel to various regions of our country during summer practice trainings.



On the first of September I was worried who my groupmates would be. Now I can say that they are cool guys, I have found friends and they brighten up the hard learning process. Our teachers are very educated and knowledgeable people who easily and interestingly convey information to us.

What are my expectations from studying at VSU? I want to acquire useful knowledge, make a lot of acquaintances and become a cool specialist to be in demand and find a good job easily. After studying here for a month, I have realized that I am on the right path and that my goal will be achieved.

**Igor Sarapin**  
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**Geoecology and Tourism**





Now that I'm finally at the geology department, my head is full of thoughts about the future. It's not just about passing exams; it's about what this place will help me become.

First, I really hope to see the world open up for me. Right now, a mountain is just a big rock. A river valley is just a pretty place. But I want to learn the language of the Earth. I expect that in a year or two, when I look at a cliff, I will see its history. I will understand that it was formed millions of years ago at the bottom of an ocean. Or that it was pushed up by incredible forces from deep within the planet. I want to be able to look at the layers of rock and read them like a book, understanding the ancient stories they tell. I also expect to gain real, practical skills. I don't just want to memorize facts from textbooks. I want to learn how to use a compass for mapping, how to identify minerals not just in a lab but in the field, and how to take good samples. I'm waiting for our first big field trip. I imagine us, a group of students, with our backpacks and hammers, walking through a forest or climbing a hill, working together to understand the landscape. I think that's where the real learning will happen – outside, with the sun and the wind, not just in a classroom.

Most importantly, I expect to find my path. Geology is a big science. Maybe I will fall in love with volcanoes and the powerful processes that shape our planet. Or maybe I will be fascinated by paleontology and the ancient life we find in fossils. Perhaps I will be more interested in how to find important resources for our world, like clean water or minerals for technology. The university is a place for trying different things, and I expect to find the one that truly captures my heart.

I know it will be hard work. There will be difficult subjects and long nights of study. But I hope to see myself grow from a nervous first-year student into someone who is confident, who has knowledge and skills I can be proud of. I want to look back in a few years and see that this was the start of a great adventure, not just a degree. I am excited to see the person I will become thanks to this place.

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## My Expectations of the University

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Throughout my life, I have been told that studying at the university is the most important, interesting, and enjoyable part of life. To be honest, I didn't really believe it, because I was often told the same thing about school, but it was definitely not a place that fit that description for me. The way some subjects were taught made it difficult for me to imagine that studying at an official institution could be enjoyable. As a result, my expectations of the university were pessimistic. I thought it would be very similar to school. Fortunately, I was wrong. Of course, some parts of university life, such as tests and homework, are similar to school. However, even these are slightly different from the usual format, which I am happy about. Of all the new things I have encountered at university, what I like the most is that studying is truly engaging. With fewer subjects to focus on, I have more time to fully immerse myself in the material, which is important to me as I don't like jumping between various tasks from different areas.



Moreover, my perception of time has changed unexpectedly. While a forty-minute lesson in school felt like endless torture, an hour and a half at university flies by in the blink of an eye.

No matter how good my impressions are now, I am still frightened by thoughts of the upcoming workload. Perhaps this is the only thing that weighs heavily on my mind. I am afraid of not having enough time and not understanding everything. However, I hope that everything can be solved and that there are people who are willing to help me. The key is to have the desire and diligence to succeed. As for my long-term plans, I have not thought about them yet. My current goal is to study at the Faculty of Mathematics and delve deeper into this fascinating science.

**Nina Kurochkina**  
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At the beginning of the year, when I was just submitting my documents to Voronezh State University, I could not imagine how significant this stage would be. The university is a new chapter in my life.

I expect that the university will become my «alma mater» – a place where I will not only expand my

knowledge but also develop as a person. I hope to meet dedicated teachers who will be not only my mentors but also my inspirers, helping to instill a love for the subject and support me at difficult moments.

In classes, I expect a combination of theory and practice because it is important to understand how science works in real life.



I also hope to learn time management to plan my studies efficiently. I know that university life can be busy, but with good organization, I will be able to handle all tasks and find a balance between work and rest.

In conclusion, I want to say that I am glad to be here, at the pharmaceutical faculty. I am confident that studying at the university will open many opportunities for me and help me become a true professional in the pharmaceutical field.

**Viktoria Seleznyova**  
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Starting university is not just a new stage in education – it's the beginning of my adult life and professional journey. I've chosen Voronezh State University and the Medical Cybernetics program because I believe in the power of technology to transform healthcare. My expectations are not limited to passing exams or getting a diploma. I want my university years to be a time of deep learning, personal growth, and real-world experience – a foundation for my future.



Academically I expect modern and well-structured education that combines medicine, biology, and IT in a meaningful way. I want to study not only from textbooks, but also through practice – working with real medical data, using artificial intelligence tools,

and writing codes that solve actual problems. I hope to learn from teachers who are not only knowledgeable, but also passionate about their work and open to new ideas. I especially look forward to joining research projects and scientific competitions. I believe that true understanding comes not from memorizing, but from doing – and I want to use every chance to apply what I learn.

I also expect to grow as a person. University is the perfect place to develop important skills like teamwork, time management, communication, and critical thinking. I hope to find like-minded people – classmates and friends who will inspire me and share my curiosity.

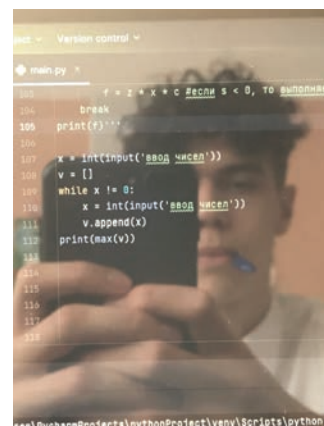
I also hope for strong support: career guidance, internship opportunities, and connections with clinics and tech companies. I want to gain hands-on experience and understand how innovations move from labs to real patients.

I know that success depends on my own effort. But I believe VSU can give me the tools, knowledge, and environment I need. I'm ready to learn, explore, and grow. And I'm truly excited to begin this journey.

**Anna Karpova**  
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I am majoring in Information Security. This field requires Math and programming skills. I will try my best to succeed in both of them. I would like to know how systems work and why they sometimes break or get hacked. It's extremely significant for me to gain practical knowledge. Memorizing rules and theory alone will not help me become a great specialist.



I also expect us to be given some practical tasks such as checking system settings, looking at logs or testing small programs for security issues. Doing such exercises during classes would make it easier for me to feel confident when I start my career.

Obviously, university is not only about lectures and classes. It is nice to have people around who are interested in the same things and can figure out difficult topics together.

It will also be helpful if the university sometimes shares information about internships or invites people who actually work in

IT. It would give us a clearer idea of what skills are required and valued in the field.

I do not expect the university to magically turn me into an expert. However, if I pay attention to my studies and keep going even when it is hard, I am certain that I will leave the university with real knowledge. I hope all my expectations will come true and I will succeed in becoming a qualified specialist.

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Enrolling in the Chemistry Department of Voronezh State University is not just the next step in my education, but also a conscious entry into the world of knowledge. My expectations of the upcoming course can be divided into several aspects.

First and foremost, I anticipate gaining a deep and well-organized theoretical understanding of the



subject. My high school chemistry course has only opened the door to the fascinating world of elements, compounds, and reactions. Now, I want to explore chemistry on a new level: I want to understand the mechanisms of complex organic and inorganic synthesis and learn how substances react with each other. I'm not just interested in memorizing formulas; I want to develop the ability to think like a chemist and predict the properties and reactions of substances.

However, theory without practice is dead. Therefore, the practical aspect of this science is also important to me. My fellow students and I have already conducted several chemical experiments as part of our general and inorganic chemistry program. Now, we come to the university every day, waiting for the opportunity to experiment again. It is crucial for me to learn how to use professional equipment and to "feel" the reaction not only in an equation, but also in a flask. The abilities to conduct experiments, analyze errors, and obtain reliable results are skills that I hope to develop during my years at the university.

Finally, I expect the university to be a platform for my personal growth.

To sum it up, I expect my university experience to provide me with a solid foundation of knowledge, invaluable practical experience, and an inspiring atmosphere that will pave the way for my career as a true chemist.

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