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Academic mobility and cross-cultural interaction: view from the regional higher school

The article touches upon the problems of academic mobility and cross-cultural interaction in a regional higher school. Training of foreign students is known to be connected with some difficulties both for students and the higher educational institution where they study. First, it is a new social environment; secondly, features of culture and mentality are different. The task of any higher school is to promote the fastest socialization and cross-cultural interaction of foreign students. For this purpose the authors have conducted a study during which the students had been tested and undergone a questionnaire survey. The article provides a detailed analysis of the study results. The focus is on the choice motivation of the higher school, the socializing difficulties in Russia and sociocultural knowledge of the region and the city where the higher educational institution is. The conclusion presents the authors' views on how to acquaint foreign students with features of regional society and their experience of studying sociocultural training material in class.

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