



HSE UNIVERSITY

FACTSHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026



National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE University)

Location Moscow, Russian Federation

Website <http://www.hse.ru/en>

Student International Mobility Office (SIMO)

Website <https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/incoming/>





LEADER IN RUSSIA

FIRST PLACE

in the ranking of Russian universities;

in the "Three University Missions" 5 subject ranking.

TOP IN RUSSIA

in quality of enrollment (average entrance exam score - 95/100);

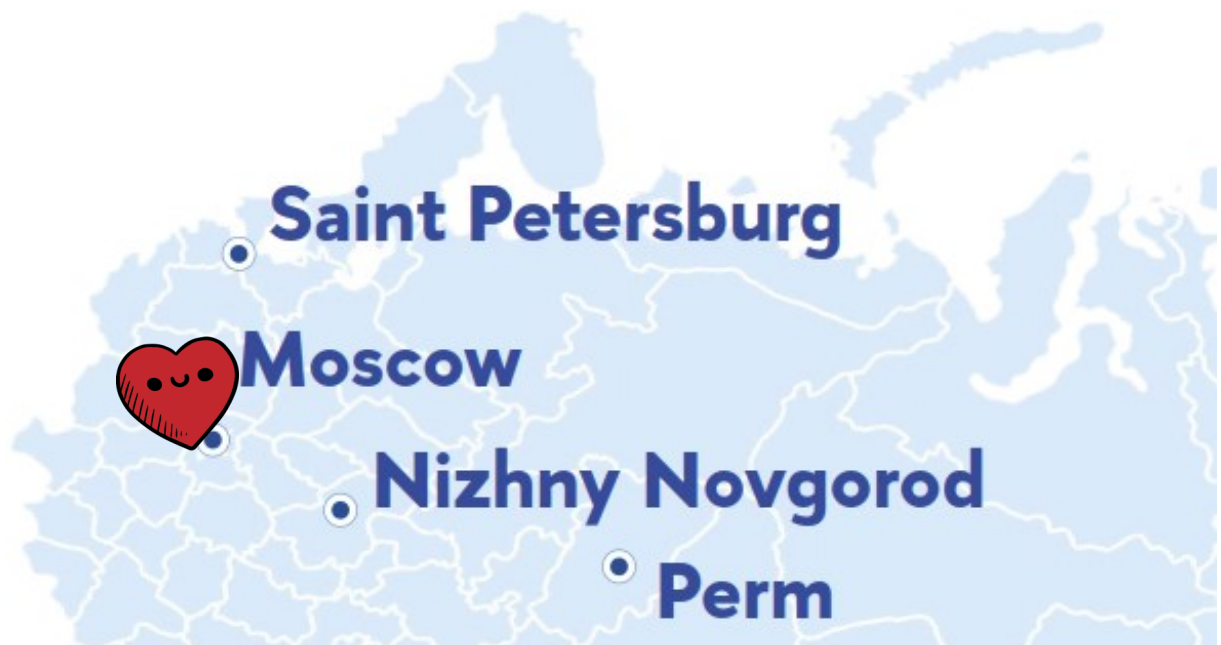
in terms of authority among youth, level of graduate salaries, and graduate employability.

LEADER IN RUSSIA

in development of continuing professional education system;

in online education and digital internationalization.

OUR CAMPUSES



FACTS & FIGURES

~60 000+

students

5 700+

international students
from ~140 countries

100+

fields of study

127

undergraduate
programmes

5 000+

teaching & academic
staff

100+

international academic
staff from ~40 countries

1 000+

courses in English

188

graduate
programmes



NOMINATION & APPLICATION



Semester dates

Fall 2025: September 1, 2025 – December 30, 2025
Spring 2026: January 9, 2026 – June 30, 2026

Nomination

Fall 2025 (second half of year) – May 15, 2025
Spring 2026 (first half of year) – November 10, 2025

Official nominations should be submitted through our [Online Nomination form](#) by the coordinator of a partner university. Every nomination should be submitted separately.

NOTE:

1. A nominated student must be at least 18 years old;
2. A nominated student's passport must be valid for at least 18 months from the proposed start date of the visa (1-3 days' difference is allowed):

Fall 2025 – March 1, 2027

Spring 2026 – July 5, 2027

Otherwise, the student may be required to apply for a new passport.

Application

Fall 2025 (second half of year) – May 30, 2025
Spring 2026 (first half of year) – November 20, 2025

After being nominated, students will receive a welcome letter from international.study@hse.ru with an invitation to fill out an online student account and attach scans of the following documents:

1. Consent for processing of personal data;
2. Passport (valid for at least 18 months from the start date of the planned visa);
3. University/college transcript/records of current studies (in English);
4. Motivation letter (300-500 words/in English);
5. Photo (3x4 cm, passport format).

After all documents are submitted, students will receive HSE University Letter of Acceptance and Invitation Letter issued by the Migration Authority (if applicable).

Accommodation

HSE University offers dormitory accommodation (double or triple rooms) on a first-come, first-served basis. [More information](#)

Financial support

Not available.

Administrative fee

Not applicable.

OUR CONTACTS

E-mail

international.study@hse.ru (Incoming Mobility)
studyabroad@hse.ru (Outgoing Mobility)



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Courses offered

[Courses for exchange students](#)

Course/department restrictions

Acceptance on courses depends on whether a student meets course prerequisites and there are free places. Acceptance to certain courses may be subject to the relevant department's approval.

We highly recommend Undergraduate students to only choose from Undergraduate level courses. Courses of the following programmes/faculties are **NOT** available for exchange students:

- ⇒ [Master of International Business](#)
- ⇒ [HSE University and Kyung Hee University Double Degree Programme in Economics and Politics in Asia](#)
- ⇒ [Faculty of Urban and Regional Development](#)

Courses belonging to the following faculties are available in **RUSSIAN** only:

- ⇒ Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology
- ⇒ Faculty of Chemistry
- ⇒ Faculty of Creative Industries
- ⇒ Faculty of Geography and Geoinformation Technology
- ⇒ Faculty of Physics

Language of teaching

Russian and English.

Recommended language level

For courses taught in English – no less than an English level of B2 (TOEFL iBT 75/IELTS 6.5).

For courses taught in Russian – no less than a Russian level C1 (based on the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#) levels)

No certificate confirming current language level is required.

Russian language learning

Russian as a Foreign Language (optional) – 72 classes per semester (6 credit units). Levels: from beginner to advanced.

Credit units

1 credit unit = 38 academic hours = 25,3 astronomical hours

1 academic hour = 40 minutes; 1 astronomical hour = 60 minutes

Workload

15-30 credit units per semester.

Grading system

[More information](#)

Transcript

Transcripts in **pdf** are sent to students within 5 weeks after the official end of the semester. [More information](#)





DOCUMENTS

Visa support

HSE University provides visa support for international students. A visa invitation is required to obtain a student visa. Visa invitations are ordered through the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for every student. It takes around **45 days** for an invitation to be issued. The first visa issued is a single-entry visa valid for 90 days. Then it is extended to a multiple-entry visa valid for the entire period of the student's exchange.

NOTE: Be prepared to stay in Russia without leaving for a 90-day period after your initial arrival until you receive your multiple-entry visa.

Entry to Russia

[More information](#)

Obligatory procedures

Foreign students arriving in Russia for a period of more than 90 days must undergo **medical examination, fingerprinting and official photographing**. Students need a passport translation certified by a Russian notary to undergo the procedures.

SIM card obtaining

[More information](#)

FEES & COST OF LIVING

Dormitory

~3 000 RUB per month.

Medical insurance

~3 000-15 000 RUB (depending on an insurance plan).

[More information](#)

Visa extension

1 920 RUB (state duty payment).

[More information](#)

Obligatory procedures

~8 500 RUB (medical examination and fingerprinting ~7 000 RUB; passport translation certified by a notary ~1 500 RUB). [More information](#)

Transport

3 750 RUB per month (standard)

815 RUB per month (for students with student social card).

Other expenses

~30 000-50 000 RUB per month (air flight, meals, books, entertainment, mobile service, travelling, medicines, medical treatment, clothes, and any other personal expenses).

USEFUL LINKS

Campus life

[Activities](#)

Life in Moscow

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Promo materials

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