

HSE University Factsheet 2024-2025



University	National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE University)
Location	Moscow, Russian Federation
Website	http://www.hse.ru/en
Faculties & Schools	http://www.hse.ru/en/education/faculty/
Student Exchanges	https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Semester dates
Fall 2024: September 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024
Spring 2025: January 9, 2025 – June 30, 2025

Nomination
Fall semester dates (second half of year) – May 15, 2024
Spring semester dates (first half of year) – November 10, 2024

Official nominations should be submitted through our Online Nomination form <https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/nominate> 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:
 - Fall semester 2024 – March 1, 2026 (1-3 days' difference is allowed)
 - Spring semester 2025 – July 5, 2026 (1-3 days' difference is allowed).
- Otherwise, the student may be required to apply for a new passport.

Application
Fall semester dates (second half of year) – May 20, 2024
Spring semester dates (first half of year) – November 10, 2024

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:

- ✓ Consent for processing of personal data;
- ✓ Passport (valid for at least 18 months from the start date of the planned visa);
- ✓ University/college transcript/records of current studies (in English)
- ✓ Motivation letter (300-500 words/in English);
- ✓ 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).

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar	http://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/year
Courses offered	HSE course catalogue: https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/course_catalogue/
Course/department restrictions	<p>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.</p> <p>We highly recommend Bachelor students to only choose from Bachelor level courses.</p> <p>Courses belonging to the following programmes/faculties are NOT available for exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Master of International Business– International Relations and Global Studies– HSE University and Kyung Hee University Double Degree Programme in Economics and Politics in Asia– Faculty of Urban and Regional Development <p>Courses belonging to the following faculties are available in RUSSIAN only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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	<p>For courses taught in English – no less than an English level of B2 (TOEFL iBT 75/IELTS 6.5).</p> <p>For courses taught in Russian – no less than a Russian level C1 (based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages levels)</p> <p>No certificate confirming current language level is required.</p>
Russian language learning	Russian as a Foreign Language (optional) – 72 classes per semester (6 credits). Levels: from beginner to advanced.
Credit system	<p>1 credit = 38 academic hours = 25,3 astronomical hours</p> <p>1 academic hour = 40 minutes; 1 astronomical hour = 60 minutes</p>
Workload	15-30 credits per semester
Grading system	http://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/credit
Transcripts	Transcripts in pdf are sent to students within 5 weeks after the official end of the semester https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/transcript .

VISA & MIGRATION ISSUES

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, and 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.

State duty payment for visa extension (1920 Russian rubles).

<https://ivisa.hse.ru/en/exchange3#exchange3>

Medical examination, fingerprinting and official photographing

International 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. The procedures cost about 8500 Russian rubles (medical examination and fingerprinting – about 7000 Russian rubles; passport translation certified by a notary – about 1500 Russian rubles). *

<https://ivisa.hse.ru/en/dactilo1/>

*Information is actual as of September 2024

LIVING ABROAD

Housing

HSE University offers dormitory accommodation (double or triple rooms) on a first-come, first-served basis. Bookings shall be made through students' online profiles.

Information about dormitories <http://www.hse.ru/en/dormitory/>

Otherwise, the students will be advised to find accommodation in the city.

Orientation session

<https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/orientation/>

Activities

<http://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/active/>

Life in Moscow

<http://www.hse.ru/recommends/>

Health insurance

<http://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/medical/>

Promo materials

<https://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/about>

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY OFFICE (SIMO)

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