



FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

University

Full name National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) — Saint Petersburg

Location Saint Petersburg, Russia

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

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About HSE Saint Petersburg Higher School of Economics (HSE) is one of the top Russian research universities in the fields of economics, management, social science and humanities. It was founded in 1992, initially as a master's education center. The Saint Petersburg campus enrolled its first students in 1998.

In 2008 HSE received the status of National Research University which means that one of its strategic goals is to provide an education process which is fully integrated with research activities.

HSE is one of 15 universities in Russia that are members of the Global Competitiveness Program aimed at joining the ranks of the world's top research universities.

HSE Saint Petersburg has three schools:

- School of Economics and Management
- School of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Faculty of Law.

The schools offer a large variety of courses in English open for undergraduate and graduate exchange students in the fields of management, economics, finance, political science, history, sociology, literature and Asian studies. Three Master's programs are taught entirely in English: "Finance", "Applied and Interdisciplinary History" and "Comparative politics of Eurasia". There are also three Bachelor's English taught programs: "Management", "Political Science" and "Economics".

HSE Saint Petersburg can also boast of several international research laboratories and centres that are headed by globally renowned scholars.

International Office & Contacts

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Student exchange related website	https://spb.hse.ru/en/io
Contact person for incoming & outgoing student mobility	Daria Zima dzima@hse.ru

Academic Calendar 2017–2018

Structure of academic calendar	Two semesters, each separated into 2 quarters
Autumn semester (quarters 1–2)	<p>Quarter 1: September 1 — October 30</p> <p>Quarter 2: October 30 — December 31*</p> <p><i>* Earlier departure (before December 24) is possible upon request of the student and confirmation with the International Office.</i></p>
Spring semester (quarters 3–4)	<p>Quarter 3: January 10 — April 2</p> <p>Quarter 4: April 3 — June 30</p>
Vacation	<p>Winter Break: January 1–9</p> <p>Spring Break: May 1–9</p> <p>Summer Break: July 1 — August 31</p>
Recommended arrival dates (subject to change)	<p>August 29–31 (Autumn semester)</p> <p>January 10–11 (Spring semester)</p>
Orientation	The International Office organizes an orientation program for international students and provides useful information about the study process, campus facilities and life in the city. The HSE Buddy Club arranges informal events during the orientation program.

Application Procedure

Nomination	Nominations are to be sent to Daria Zima (dzima@hse.ru). The following details about the nominated students are required: <i>full name, date of birth, sex, citizenship, name of degree program, level of studies, and contact email.</i>
Application deadlines for nominated students	<p>15 October (Spring semester)</p> <p>15 May (Autumn semester)</p> <p><i>If students need to apply for a Russian visa, we strongly recommend that they submit their application before the deadline.</i></p>
Application form	https://podio.com/webforms/8767461/649831
Supporting documents to be attached with the application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resumé / CV • Recent Transcript of Records • Motivation Letter
Minimum English language requirement	<p>B2 level according to CEFRL.</p> <p><i>Although language certificates are not formally required, it is the responsibility of the home institution to ensure the fluency in English of the nominated students.</i></p>
Do we accept students who do not meet the minimum English language requirement?	Yes, if they can take courses in the Russian language. The minimum level of Russian language proficiency is B2 according to CEFRL.

Visa & Arrival

VISA	<p>Most exchange students will need a study visa to enter Russia. The International Office will issue a visa invitation for the student and send the hard copy by post. To learn more about Russian visas, please see here: https://spb.hse.ru/international/visa. For visa application requirements the students should consult their local Russian embassy / consulate.</p>
Airport pick-up service	Members of the HSE Buddy Club will pick up exchange students at the airport or train station.

Study Plan

Courses eligible for exchange students

All courses are open to exchange students, provided that the student complies with course prerequisites and language requirements. The list of courses in English can be found on our [website](#).

For more information please contact the International Office.

Course selection & workload

The course selection is done before the start of each semester. The HSE coordinator will contact the student and request the completion of the "Course Selection Form". The first two weeks of each quarter is the period when changes in the student's study plan are possible.

*Exchange students normally take a workload of up to **30 ECTS** per semester.*

Russian language course

HSE Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students a one-semester-long intensive Russian language course (6 ECTS) free of charge. After the placement test during the orientation program, the students will be split into groups according to the level of language proficiency.

Housing

Student dormitory

HSE Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students an opportunity to stay in a brand new student dormitory at affordable rates.

To learn more, please check our website:
<http://spb.hse.ru/international/housing>

Housing application deadlines

15 May (Autumn semester)

15 October (Spring semester)

No special housing application form is required (housing questions are included into the general application form for exchange students)

Supporting documents required for the student dormitory

Upon check-in to the dormitory students are required to provide a general health certificate and a certification of a recent fluorographic chest/lungs X-Ray translated into Russian.

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