

About the Program

This program is open to undergraduates and graduate students. All area-study courses are conducted in English by faculty of the University-Higher School of Economics, one of the Russia's most prestigious centers for study of social sciences. In addition, program participants receive two hours per day of Russian-language instruction geared toward their proficiency levels (including elementary course for students with no prior training in Russian).

Guest speakers representing business community of Russia and the Russian Government will complement the courses.

At the end of the program all participants will receive official HSE certificates.

The Program will be augmented by a number of cultural events (every weekend).

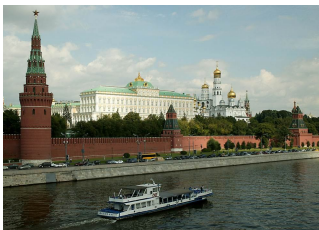
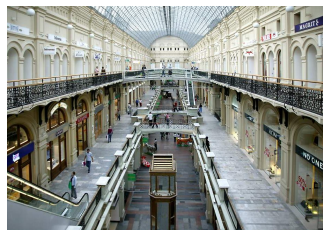
Duration: 29 March 2010 - 12 April 2010

Tuition fees: € 800 (housing is not included)

Housing: € 110

Language: English (no prior Russian requirement)

Application Deadline: 10 February 2010



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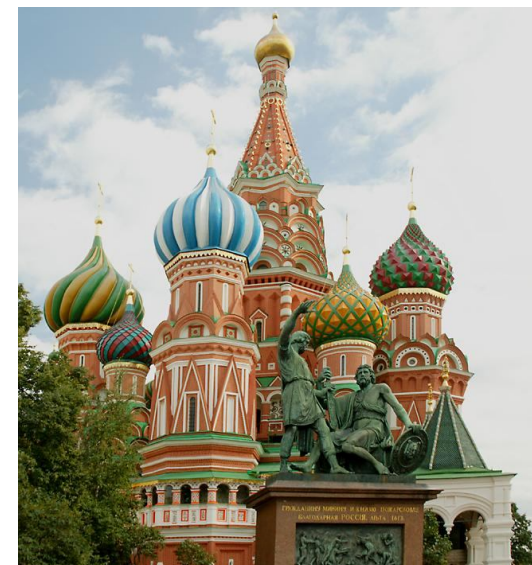
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COURSES

Russian Economy in Transition

Prof. Vladimir Zuev. The course deals with the following topics:

- Influence of political factors on economic development;
- Major events in Russian economic history;
- Major economic indicators;
- Main problems of the Russian economy;
- Recent trends in economic development;
- Strong and weak points of Russian economy;
- Russia relations with major international economic institutions;
- Prospects of Russian economy.

Russian Culture and Mentality

Prof. Apollon Davidson. The course will inform the students on the most interesting and most mysterious period in the history of Russian culture. The 1920-s had demonstrated a surprising diversity in the variants of cultural and social development in Russia. At the same time this period in the cultural development of Soviet society had laid the foundation for the overall transformation to the Stalinist system. Many present concepts in culture, politics, and science in Russia and in the West today are still based on the ideas which were formulated in Russia in the 1920-s. At the same time some significant factors in Russian thinking and political behavior do not change - ex. g. the Russian Language and the "genetic memory" of the nation.

Post-Soviet Foreign Policy Dilemmas

Prof. Maxim Bratersky. The course will discuss the emerging relationships among numerous new states that had been born out of the debris of the Soviet Empire. The discussions will touch upon their attempts of acquiring their own identity, policies of forming different blocks and unions, making a choice between pro-western and pro-Russian orientation in their policies. The course will demonstrate that post-Soviet nations, specifically the Ukraine, Belarus, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have been playing an ever growing role in the development of international security systems in Europe and Asia in the 21-century.

Russian Space and Russian State

Prof. Sergei Medvedev. The subject matter of this course is Russian space: its history, structure and topology. The course problematizes the idea of space as a key to understanding Russian politics, as well as its economy, society and culture. It introduces the idea of Russian space in its relation to state power, and examines the ways in which geography has shaped Eurasian history.

The course begins with exploring the phenomenology of Russian space: its structure, topology and specific features, including notions of "enormity". It then proceeds to explore Russian space in its relation to state power. It examines the ways in which geography shaped Russian history and politics. The enormous space has largely determined the format of Russian statehood; indeed, governance in Russia is largely about the relation between space and the state. The space-state relationship is reified on various levels: economy, politics and administration, security and social mobility, nationalism and imperialism, culture and language, habits and ways. The course looks into each of these levels, discovering specific ways of interaction between the space and the state.

The School of Russian Studies (SRS) was founded in 2005 with a mission to provide quality education on Russia and to utilize excellent teaching resources and research opportunities available at the University – Higher School of Economics and its rich infrastructure for educating international English-speaking students and researchers interested in Russian Studies.



The primary aim of the School is to create a more distinct focus on Russia's historical, cultural and social sciences research of past and present, and thus to improve the environment for joint and individual research on Russia, including interdisciplinary and comparative approaches.

The School of Russian Studies offers international students and researchers a wide range of courses in Russian Studies including Economy, Politics and International Relations, History, Culture, and the Russian Language. Lectures and seminars are delivered by renowned Russian and internationally recognized professors. The leading figures in Academia as well as top policy makers are also involved in academic process. The SRS is working in close contact with Russia's leading analytical centers, international organizations, and agencies.

Since 2005, the SRS has been a source of education on Russia to more than 180 international students. It concentrates mostly on the following programs: SRS Summer and Spring Schools and Autumn and Spring Semesters. From 2008, the School of Russian Studies opened an International Master's Program in Political Science & International Relations in collaboration with the University of Kent (UK). All courses in the programs are HSE-approved and listed in the academic schedule. Teaching is in English and takes place in the HSE main building in downtown Moscow.

The SRS aims also to promote knowledge and discussion of Russia in the broader academic community and with the public at large. Its activities enhance the quality of both postgraduate and undergraduate teaching for students with an interest in Russia.

Prof. Leonid Ionin, Dean