

The role of a transitional relationship in achieving academic excellence

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ICEF

Story:

ICEF, founded in 1997, is based on a unique partnership between the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the Higher School of Economics (HSE)

Mission:

To create an institution in Russia that provides an international-level economics education

Values:

Intellectual freedom and conditions for self- actualization Focus on quality in research and education, but not quantity Openness

Commitment to high academic standards
Equal opportunities for all students and teachers

Profile

BSc

(since 1997)

MSc (since 2007)

International Research Laboratory in Financial Economics (since 2010) Double degree programme

1) UoL Economics

Banking & Finance

Economics & Management

Economics & Finance

2) HSE Economics

Financial Economics

HSE degree,

Verification Letter signed by LSE Director

with the participation of the LSE

The student experience (BSc)

M HSE

4 years, ~40 subjects
High volume of class hours
Examination marks awarded by students' own teachers

LSE LSE

3 years, 12 subjects
Low volume of class hours
Emphasis on self-study
Double-blind procedure



4 years, ~22 subjects

Medium volume of class hours

Emphasis on self-study

ICEF interim exams + UoL external exams

BSc: ICEF curriculum

1 year

Micro- and Macroeconomics

Calculus

Statistics

English

Intellectual history of Europe

Computer-based information systems

2 year

Micro- and Macroeconomics

Principles of banking

Sociology

Mathematics for economists

Introduction to business and management

Jurisprudence

Philosophy

Statistics

English

3 year

Micro- and Macroeconomics

Econometrics

Elements of accounting and finance

Further math for economists

Public sector economics

History of economic thought

Political science

Economic history

4 year

Corporate finance

Industrial economics

Monetary economics

International economics

Banking operations and risk analysis

Organization theory

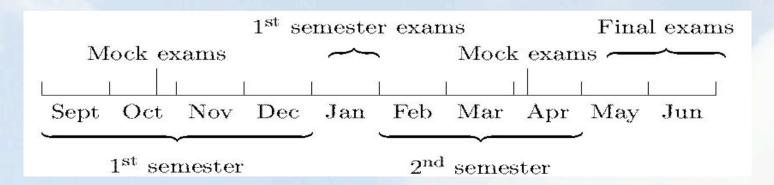
Time series

Institutional economics

Economics of transition

Evaluation of students' knowledge (BSc)

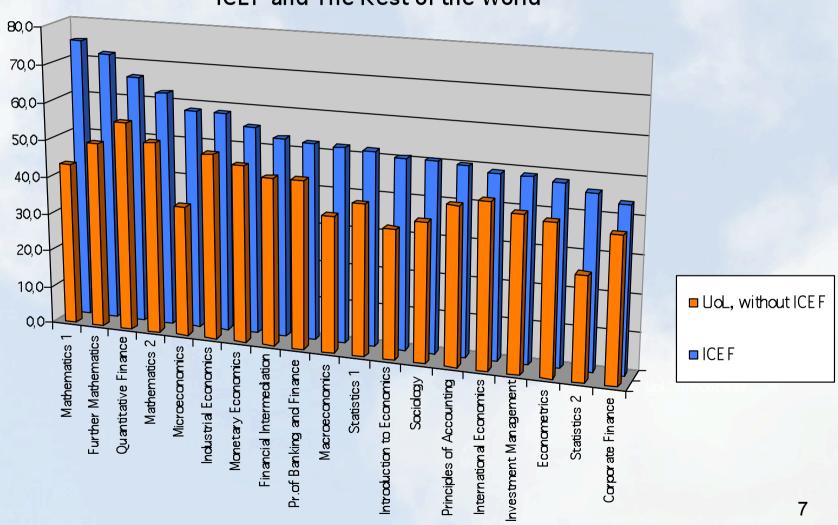
- HSE entrance examinations
- APT&IELTS as entrance examinations to UoL International Programmes (at the end of the 1st year)
- External examinations of the University of London (at the end of each year, except the 1st)
- ICEF mid-term and final examinations



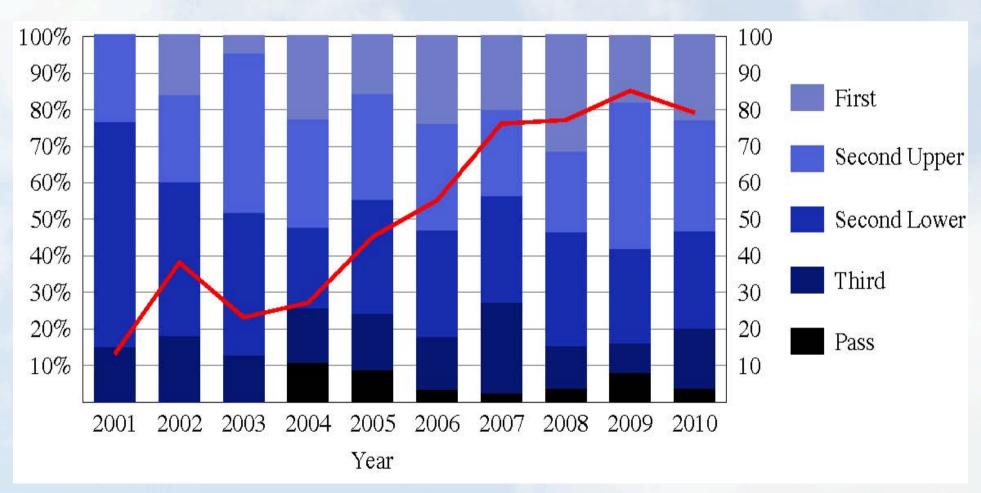
Final research paper (undergraduate thesis) defence (at the end of the 4th year)

Academic achievement

Mean Grades at the University of London Exams, 2010: ICEF and The Rest of the World



Degree classification and number of graduates



MSc programme in Financial Economics

| Objective | To provide graduates conversant with modern economic theory in the field of finance and economics with a careful balance of academic and applied focus |
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| International standing of the programme | LSE involvement The curriculum is designed by LSE and ICEF teachers Teaching in English by teachers with internationally recognized qualifications (PhD) Exams are double-marked by ICEF and LSE teachers Programme graduates receive a Russian MSc degree and an official letter of validation (signed by the LSE Director) certifying that the programme is compatible with international quality standards |
| Students | BSc graduates from different countries Scholarship Programme provided by VTB24 Bank helps attract the best applicants to the programme 9 |

Placement (2001-2010)

Main foreign universities in which ICEF graduates continue their studies

Continental Europe

Amsterdam Business School University of Amsterdam

Erasmus University Rotterdam

ESLSCA Graduate School of Business

Stockholm School of Economics

EADA Business School, Spain

EDHEC Business School, France

Gent Management School, Belgium

University of St. Gallen

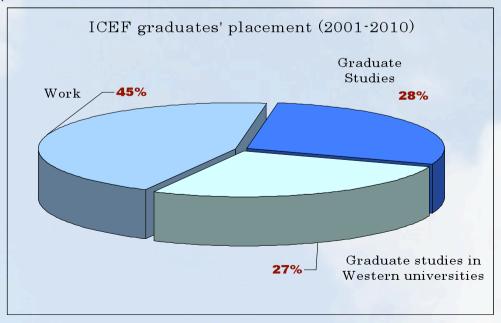
Maastricht University

INSEAD

Bocconi University University of Bremen Humboldt University

USA

University of New York
Columbia Business School
Stanford University
Carnegie Mellon University
Tepper Business School
Thunderbird University
Boston University



UK

The London School of Economics

and Political Science

The London Business School

University of Oxford

University of Cambridge

Warwick Business School

Tanaka Imperial Business School

Cass Business School

University of Birmingham

University of Edinburgh

City University of London

Imperial College London

Aston University

University of Westminster

Durham University

Durham Business School

University of Aberdeen

Key Factors of Success

1. Academic support of LSE

Modernization and development of Russian degree in Economics, modern teaching methods

2. Strengthening of ICEF academic potential

Creation of research environment

3. UoL International Programmes

Benchmarking: international standards and international recognition of degree

4. Double degree format creates added value for students, teachers and university

Opportunity to take the best from both universities = competitive advantages of graduates

5. Support of ICEF Board of Trustees

Accessible to brilliant students from families with low incomes
Recruitment of teachers with international qualification

6. Rewarding academic achievement

Competitive enrollment
Significant discounts for high achievers

Development of academic potential in cooperation with the LSE

- Development of research activities
- Joint elaboration of the curriculum and syllabi
- Academic monitoring of current progress including peer review visits
- Teaching methods workshops with the participation of LSE academics
- Academic mobility

Diversified financing

Income:

Differentiated student fees

Trustees

State

75%20%5% (University facilities)

Expenses:

- 25% payment for the UoL International Programmes and the reimbursement of LSE academic support
- 55% payment for teachers (including teachers with PhD degrees)
- 5% scholarships and social support of students
- 15% support and current activities of the College

Main objectives development up to 2013

- Increase in quantity and quality of research
- Preparation for opening an international-level PhD programme
- Further development of ICEF's double-degree BSc programme and MSc programme
- Development of international ties and opportunities for foreign students
- Disseminate ICEF experience and facilitate HSE recognition in the world

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