



Faculty of Social Sciences

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Since 2016, HSE University has appeared in the **QS World University Rankings by Subject in Politics & International Studies**. It placed **44th** in 2022—the best result achieved by any Russian university.



Since 2015, HSE University has appeared in the **QS World University Rankings by Subject in Sociology**. It placed **72th** in 2022—the best result achieved by any Russian university.



Since 2019, HSE University has appeared in the **QS World University Rankings by Subject in Psychology**. It placed in the **101–150** group in 2022—the best result achieved by any Russian university.



Since 2018, HSE University has appeared in the **THE World University Rankings by Subject**. It is one of the leading Russian universities in the field of **Psychology**.



Since 2019, HSE University has appeared in the **Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects in Psychology**. It placed in the **301–400** group in 2022 and was the only Russian university to appear in the ranking.

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*We encourage professional independence and develop both education and research. Synergy is one of our key objectives.*

**Andrei Melville**

## **About the Faculty**

The Faculty of Social Sciences is one of the most multidisciplinary faculties at the Higher School of Economics. We offer cutting-edge instruction across the whole spectrum of social science disciplines for the researchers and professionals of today and tomorrow. The Faculty of Social Sciences comprises three Schools and numerous laboratories, research centers and institutes. This synergy of education and research in the sphere of social sciences is in line with international best practices for a modern research university. In the key fields of sociology, political science, public administration, psychology and education, we offer a full range of degree programmes: right through from Bachelor's degrees to an internationally recognized Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). We also provide an array of more focused Master's programmes in education, demography, public policy and civil society, for those interested in preparing for doctoral research or advanced training in their chosen professions. We have been the first social science faculty in Russia to offer Master's degrees entirely in English, and today we offer 8 such programmes. Highly qualified international faculty members make a significant contribution to teaching and research excellence of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

# Comparative Social Research

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<b>Duration of study</b>	2 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full-time education
<b>Field of study</b>	39.04.01 – Sociology
<b>Diploma</b>	Master in Sociology
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English

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## Information on admission in 2023

Tuition-waiver  
for international students

**5**

Tuition-based places  
for international students

**5**

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## About the Programme

This programme provides students a frontmost package of the sociological skills and knowledge. Our students are able to investigate the similarities and differences among nations, cultures, and various social groups in order to understand how contemporary societies, and social issues around the globe evolve. Our programme provides in-depth insights into how society is built and maintained, using either quantitative methodology for investigating norms and values, or qualitative methodology for accessing the individuals' interpretations of their life-world.

## Programme Benefits

Students get to engage into a sociological environment currently ranked among the Top-50 in the world (QS), with lecturers and fellow students from all over the world.

Our international faculty as well as Ronald F. Inglehart International Laboratory for Comparative Social Research at HSE offers our students the research environment for engaging into cross-cultural projects.

Beyond the classroom, our students conduct individually tailored research internships in either Russia or at one of our partner institutions abroad.

## International Academic Mobility

The programme offers its best students an opportunity to participate in academic mobility at two partner European universities. Students may study abroad or conduct their internships at Russian or international partner research institutions.

## Selected Programme Courses

### Core courses (among others):

Comparative Social Research, Methodology and Methods in Quantitative Research & Introduction into „R“, Multi-level Regression Analysis, Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling, Methodology and Methods in Qualitative Research

### Elective courses (among others):

Comparative Public Policy Analysis, Gender and Development, Social Network Analysis, Time in Social Sciences: Approaches and Measures, Introduction into Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Introduction in Big Data analysis

Course descriptions: [www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/courses](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/courses)

## Admission Requirements

### Portfolio:

The applicants need to submit the documents specified by the Admissions Rules ([www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/app/portfolio](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/csr/app/portfolio)): CV, motivation letter, statement of research interests, two reference letters and evidence of English language skills.

## Main Partners

- International Laboratory for Comparative Social Research at HSE
- International Laboratory for Social Integration Research at HSE
- International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development at HSE
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), Double Degree track
- School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, EHESS (Paris, France), Double Degree track
- University of Tilburg (Netherlands), Internships

## Career Opportunities

Many of our graduates enter PhD-programmes at HSE, in the UK, in Europe or in the US/Canada. Our students become general experts in the field of applied empirical research, which equips them excellently to work in the spheres of consulting (PwC, McKinsey) and marketing (e.g. AmoCRM, OMI), but also for international organizations (e.g. World Bank, ILO, OECD, UNESCO, UNICEF) and companies, or in think tanks and other institutions (e.g. Franco-Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry) providing research results for policy and strategic development.



HSE has established a world-class MA programme in Comparative Social Research. Its major strength is how it synergizes dedication, skill and diversity among both its student body and faculty. This programme has created a real spirit.

**Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel,**  
University of Lüneburg, Germany



# Politics. Economics. Philosophy

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<b>Duration of study</b>	2 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full-time education
<b>Field of study</b>	41.04.04 – Political Science
<b>Diploma</b>	Master in Political Science
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English

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## Information on admission in 2023

Fee-paying places	Fee-paying places for international students
<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>

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**International accreditation ZEvA (Central Evaluation & Accreditation Agency Hannover)**

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## About the Programme

For many decades, the social sciences have rewarded narrow specializations in both topic and methodology, believing this to be the best way to achieve results. The established systems of higher education have also strongly supported this trend through the development of stand-alone departments and programmes. However, today, the task of addressing real-life economic, social, political and environmental issues and designing appropriate policy responses requires a combination of approaches and bodies of knowledge across different sciences and intellectual traditions. Problems like climate change, environmental degradation, crime, disease, policy failures, technologies running amok, loss of trust in institutions, etc. recognize no state borders, so the tradition of insulating disciplines, methodologies and geographic areas of expertise is harmful because it allows disciplinary biases and blind spots to obscure needed solutions.

The Master's Programme 'Politics, Economics, Philosophy' encourages students to do research into the political, economic, and moral dimensions of real-life social problems of various origins and to integrate tools and insights from the core disciplines in the Programme's name with an eye on changing the world for the better.

The Master's Programme 'Politics, Economics, Philosophy' offers two tracks.

The first – PEP – track reproduces the spirit and purpose of the Oxford-style 'Politics, Philosophy, and Economics' (PPE) programmes and offers a combination of classes in Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy.

'Russia in Comparative Perspective: Politics, Society, Cultures'. Previously track is designed by experienced Russian academics with an eye on the practical benefits of professional expertise in Russia coupled with a strong background in political science and other related scientific disciplines.

"Public Policy Analysis" track is focused on the sophisticated dimension of policymaking—an area where politics meets policy. Public policy is characterized by an ongoing search for the answers to the most burning

challenges in society, governance, and collective decision-making for the purpose of the public good. The goal of the track is to educate professional analysts capable of dealing with the complex public policy issues of the modern world. The track provides each student with a strong multi-disciplinary foundation of skills and knowledge and an opportunity to apply them to contemporary public policy issues.

## **Entry opportunities:**

- Through the HSE Olympiad for students and graduates ([www.olymp.hse.ru/ma/navigator](http://www.olymp.hse.ru/ma/navigator))
- Through standard entry procedures including:
  - a pass/fail exam in English (or an appropriate language proficiency certificate)
  - portfolio completion (applicants need to submit the documents specified by the Admissions Rules - [www.hse.ru/ma/pep/tracks](http://www.hse.ru/ma/pep/tracks))

## **Selected programme courses**

### **Core courses:**

Methodology and Research Methods of Political Science and Economics (or a more quantitative Methodology and Research Methods of Political Science); Modern Political Science

### **PEP track-specific courses and the electives:**

Contemporary Issues in Legal Theory; Populism, Radicalism and Democracy; Explaining Contemporary Russian Politics: Institutions and Practices; Psychology of Thinking and Reasoning; Off the Center: Introduction to the Radical Political Thought; Political Science, Political Ethics; Contemporary Economics; Philosophy of New Social Movements etc

Public policy analysis track-specific courses and the electives: Foundations of public policy, Theory and practice of policy analysis, Anti-corruption and compliance in contemporary public policy, Global actors in public policy, Non-Government organizations as development agents, Education and innovation policy, Comparative social policy analysis, Think tanks and policy expertise, Corporate Social Responsibility, Social entrepreneurship and social innovation

### **'Russia in Comparative Perspective: Politics, Society, Cultures' track-specific courses and the electives:**

The EU-Russia Politics of Global Strategy; Internet in the Post-Soviet Area; Culture of Russian society: prospects for a sociological study; Transformations of Post-Soviet Space: Politics, Societies, Economies;

Russian Media System; Regional Dimensions of Russian Politics; Russia in the Global World: International Relations and Foreign Policy of Russia etc.

The Programme offers bridging courses to help students fill in the gaps in their educational backgrounds.

Students are to write and defend term papers at the end of the first year of studies and Master theses at the end of the second year of studies.

Research and applied projects are an important part of the curriculum. The list of partners to offer various forms of integration in projects includes the Laboratory for Monitoring the Risks of Socio-Political Destabilization, the International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, the Joint Department with Centre for Political Technologies, etc.

## **Our Partners**

- PPE Programme at Witten/Herdecke University, Germany
- Philosophy & Economics Programme at Bayreuth University, Germany

Programme's best students are encouraged to participate in academic mobility programmes with HSE-University and the Faculty of Social Sciences partner universities.

## **What jobs for graduates?**

'Politics. Economics. Philosophy' Master's programme is designed to prepare students for the following professional career tracks:

- experts and consultants in the field of strategic decision-making in either public agencies or non-governmental organizations (political parties, PR agencies, business analytical centres, NGOs, etc.);
- analysts, researchers and instructors in the academia looking to continue their studies in PhD programmes at leading universities in Russia and abroad.

The main goal of the programme is to provide the strongest, most motivated and ambitious students with the opportunity to receive serious interdisciplinary training, as well as to broaden their intellectual horizons, improve their critical thinking and effective communication skills, and increase their own social and academic capital.

# Population and Development

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<b>Duration of study</b>	2 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full-time education
<b>Field of study</b>	38.04.04 – Public Administration
<b>Diploma</b>	Master in Public Administration
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English

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## Information on admission in 2023

Fee-paying places	Fee-paying places for international students
<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

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## About the Programme

The main aim of the “Population and Development” programme is to prepare the specialists who will be ready for practical development problems solution.

The primary goal of this programme is to develop students’ skills in applying multi-disciplinary analytic approaches to population development and resource allocation issues, essential for public administration in numerous sectors.

The programme is for individuals with different backgrounds who want to understand the ways in which changes in development and population influence each other.

A strong theoretical background and the history of population development issues are provided together with up-to-date approaches to analyzing and projecting population structure and needs for resources.

## Programme benefits

The main aim of the «Population and Development» programme is to train the specialists who will be ready for practical development problems solution in the sphere of public administration.

The specialists graduated from our programme will have skills and knowledge in principals of population changes and social economic development. They will be able to use modern methods of data and qualitative analysis. They will understand the capacities and limitations of the basic instruments of development and their practical usage. They will be ready to make decisions in the challenging situation of rapid changes in social and economic sphere.

## Selected programme courses

Core courses: Public Economics, Statistical analysis and statistical packages, Demography, Introduction into development

Elective courses: Gender and Development, Migration and Development, Social policy: foundations and implementation, Culture, Social Capital and Development Through History , Global Political Economy and Economic development, Foundations of Social Research: Qualitative and Mixed Methods, Health systems and health policy: comparative analysis, Measurements of Poverty and Inequality, Ageing society and development, Humanitarian Actions, Course descriptions:  
[www.hse.ru/en/ma/pd/courses](http://www.hse.ru/en/ma/pd/courses)

## Admission requirements

Portfolio: the applicants need to submit the documents specified by the Admissions Rules (<https://www.hse.ru/en/ma/pd/tracks>): a motivation letter and CV, an academic diploma or transcript, a reference letter, a writing sample (preferably thesis or their final work for previous degree), publications and other relevant diplomas and certificates.

## Partners

- Università di Bologna, Italy
- Institut national d'études démographiques, France
- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research ,Germany
- Université catholique de Louvain: UCL, Belgium
- Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II , Italy

## Career opportunities

- Private companies (consulting, recruiting, marketing, insurance, pharmaceutical, and healthcare).
- Public administration work in government agencies and services at different levels.
- International funds and nongovernmental organizations (UN, WHO, the World Bank etc.).
- Academic work at research centers and universities (starting with a PhD in a leading research centers).



I love my programme. In the Master of Population and Development, I feel like I learned how the world works, and so many things that I have seen around the world make more sense to me now. I also love our professors. They are passionate in what they do and they seem very hands-on and approachable making it easy to make connections with them.

**Patrick Whelan,**  
programme graduate, (Canada)





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