

Summary of Degree Programme 'Russian Studies'

Field of Studies

41.04.04 Political Science

Approved by

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HSE University Educational Standard

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Network Programme

No

Length of Studies, Mode of Studies, Credit Load

2 years

Full-time, 120

Language of instruction

ENG

Instruction in English

Qualification upon graduation

Master

Double-degree Programme

No

Use of online learning

With online tools

Competitive Advantages

Our approach to studying Russia is academically comprehensive but practically oriented. Programme centers comparative approach, working with inter-regional trends such as life and politics of post-Soviet countries, and so-called East and West, and global trends.

Studying in Russia's capital at the country's leading university provides an opportunity not just for scientific studies but also for diverse personal experience of Russian reality.

Seminars and lectures are delivered by award-winning faculty members, renowned visiting professors from Russia and abroad, and experts and practitioners from the government agencies, business companies and NGOs who have a record of advising government agencies, doing electoral campaigns, elaborating development strategies for regional and municipal governments. They know Russia first-hand. This team will transfer their knowledge of Russian politics and society to anyone aspiring to work **IN** Russia or **WITH** Russia.

Professional Activities and Competencies of Programme Graduates

Russian Studies MA Programme prepares specialists with the regional focus on Russia who possess a variety of research, analytical, and writing skills to enter the job market or advanced degree programs (including PhD programs) in Russia or abroad with a competitive advantage. Diploma of the university ranked among the top 100 universities in the 'Politics and International Studies' category in the QS World University Rankings by Subject increases their employment prospects. Such experts are in high demand in a wide range of fields such as:

- International businesses in diverse economy and financial sectors active in Russia
- International consulting and audit companies
- International organizations of the UN family
- Politics and diplomacy
- NGOs and non-profits
- Travel agencies, interpretation and translation services
- Mass media and communication companies
- Academia, research and teaching

Programme Modules

In the 1st semester of the first year, studies begin with required courses in Political Science and Russian Studies. Political science serves as the core of the programme, so the students receive a strong background in this particular discipline, but they have many opportunities to augment it with other disciplinary approaches of their choosing. They also receive a robust background in Russian studies in the required courses of the 1st year.

From the 2nd semester of the first year, students can build their own curriculum from the variety of elective courses and optional courses, according to their academic interests.

Required Courses in Political Science:

- Modern Political Science
- Methodology and Methods of Political Research

Required Basic Courses in Russian Studies:

- Explaining Contemporary Russian Politics: Institutions and Beyond
- Regions of Russia and the World in Comparative Perspective

- Russia in the Global World: International Relations and Foreign Policy of Russia
- Business and State in Russia

Elective Courses:

- China and Russia: Great Powers in an Era of Global Disorder
- Civil Society in Contemporary Russia
- Culture of Modern Russian Society: Sociological Analysis
- Demographic Development and Migration in the Post-Soviet Space
- Gender Politics in Russia
- Informal Economy and Entrepreneurship in Contemporary Russia
- Modern Russian City and Life in a Megapolis
- Parties and Elections in Russian Regions
- Russia and the Muslim World
- Russian Media System
- Russian Population Structures
- Transformations of Post-Soviet Space: Politics, Societies, Economies
- Values and Identities: Russia in Comparative Perspective

Methodology and Thesis Preparation:

- Research Seminar
- Project Seminar
- Term Paper (1st year)
- Master's Thesis (2nd year)

Options for Students with Disabilities

This degree programme of HSE University is adapted for students with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities. Special assistive technology and teaching aids are used for collective and individual learning of students with SEN and disabilities. The specific adaptive features of the programme are listed in each subject's full syllabus and are available to students through the online Learning Management System.

Programme Documentation

All documents of the degree programme are stored electronically on this website. Curricula, calendar plans, and syllabi are developed and approved electronically in corporate information systems. Their current versions are automatically published on the website of the degree programme. Up-to-date teaching and learning guides, assessment tools, and other relevant documents are stored on the website of the degree programme in accordance with the local regulatory acts of HSE University.

I hereby confirm that the degree programme documents posted on this website are fully up-to-date.

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