

2. Projects

Definition of project work (PW)

1. Student project work is organized to practically apply knowledge and experience acquired by students during their studies, as well as to solve problems of practical or theoretical relevance.
2. The PW is a mandatory element of the study plan of the first and second years of the Master's programme, should not be identical to the topic of the term paper (referred to as TP) or master's thesis (referred to as MT), but it can complement it.
3. Students' PW should contribute to research projects, study groups, research units of all sorts at HSE or at external organisations in Russia or abroad.
4. The PW place and activities of the PW needs to be approved by the Academic Supervisor of the Programme, who may refuse to approve the PW, if it does not meet the objectives of the Programme.
5. It is not necessary to complete the whole PW in just one project, the needed hours for PW can be complete in several project involvements.

Initiation of PW

1. When initiating their PW, students can use the Programme's recommendations for cooperation with the Programme's partner organizations, or they can search for PW possibilities on their own. Typical PW arrangements are engagements in research projects of faculty members and teaching staff, or in research laboratories and institutes at HSE. Students can also choose projects from the HSE Project Fair. In all of these cases, there should be a mandatory approval of the PW plan by the Programme.
2. Students submit to the Programme's study office the application form for participation in the PW (Appendix 1) for approval by the Academic Supervisor of the Programme.

PW realization by the student

1. Responsibility for the fulfillment of the PW plan lies with students.
2. PW is carried out at any time during the 1st study year and during the 1st to 3rd module of the 2nd study year.

Assessment of PW and grading

1. PW carries a weight of 9 credits, which equals 342 hours of engagement. Students should distribute these hours throughout the module 1-4 of the 1st and 1-3 of the 2nd study year. It is possible to collect the sum amount of hours during several, separate project involvements.
2. The grading for PW is accomplished in the following way:
 - a) the PW supervisor(s) submit(s) the filled-out PW review sheet (Appendix 2) and propose a mark on the usual 10-point scale.
 - b) the student presents the project(s) he/her were involved in, with particular focus on the accomplished tasks. The PW presentations will be held during a separate seminar event at the end of the 3rd module of the 2nd study year.
 - c) after the PW presentation, the academic supervisor of the Programme will define the final grade for PW taking into account the reviews by the PW supervisor(s) and the PW presentation.

In case of successful completion, students acquire a satisfactory grade. Otherwise, an unsatisfactory grade and academic failure are given. Academic failure should be compensated by the student under the HSE regulations.