



**HSE UNIVERSITY**  
**SAINT PETERSBURG**

## ABOUT HSE

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| <b>FULL NAME</b> | National Research University Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg Campus (HSE University – Saint Petersburg)   |
| <b>LOCATION</b>  | Saint Petersburg, Russia. Click <a href="#">here</a> for a Virtual tour around the Saint Petersburg campus.  |
| <b>WEBSITE</b>   | <a href="#">HSE University – Saint Petersburg</a><br><a href="#">Semester in St. Petersburg</a> – website for incoming students<br><a href="#">Saint Petersburg HSE Summer School</a> – website for short-term programmes<br><a href="#">Study Abroad Opportunities for HSE students</a> |
| <b>TELEGRAM</b>  | @hsespbinternational<br>@hse_spb_isso  |
| <b>YOUTUBE</b>   | <a href="#">HSE University – St. Petersburg International</a>  |

Established in 1992, Higher School of Economics (HSE) is one of the youngest and most dynamic Russian universities with teaching and research excellence in Economics, Management, Social Sciences and Humanities. HSE University is listed in all prestigious global rankings.

Since 2009, HSE bears the status of a 'National Research University', a mark of highest research impact and excellence in research-led education. Within the elite group of all 29 National Research Universities, HSE is the only institution of Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities core profile.

HSE has become one of the leaders of the "Priority 2030" in the direction of 'Research Leadership'. The main focus of the HSE development program is on the creation of a qualitatively new human capital in Russia, the creation and dissemination of advanced knowledge and technologies, and the strengthening of Russia's position in the heightened global competition.

HSE has established its Saint Petersburg campus in 1998 with its vision & mission to serve as the international hub. Today HSE University – Saint Petersburg embraces 6000 students, including 13% international students from 60+ countries. There are 4 Schools that are available for student exchange:

- Saint Petersburg School of Economics & Management
- Saint Petersburg School of Social Sciences & Area Studies
- Saint Petersburg School of Arts & Humanities
- Saint Petersburg School of Law

We offer 3 undergraduate and 6 graduate programmes fully in English, which also allows for a rich, multidisciplinary selection of English-taught courses to exchange students. Russian Language course is offered to all international students. 15 research units of HSE University – Saint Petersburg provide great opportunities for guided research work and academic internships.

Along with magnificent landscape of Saint Petersburg city, the UNESCO Heritage cite, our highly internationalised on-campus student services, Erasmus Student Network, state-of-the-art study facilities and dormitories create a fascinating and motivating environment for international students from all around the world.

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE & CONTACTS

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## 2022–2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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| <b>STRUCTURE</b>                                     | 2 semesters, each divided into 2 modules   |
| <b>AUTUMN SEMESTER (MODULES 1–2)</b>                 | Module 1: September 1 – October 30<br>Module 2: October 31 – December 30               |
| <b>SPRING SEMESTER (MODULES 3–4)</b>                 | Module 3: January 9 – April 2<br>Module 4: April 3 – June 30                           |
| <b>HOLIDAYS</b>                                      | Winter Break: January 1–8<br>Spring Break: May 1–9<br>Summer Break: July 1 – August 31 |
| <b>RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</b> | Autumn Semester: August 28–31<br>Spring Semester: January 7–8                          |

## ORIENTATION SESSION

The International Office organises an orientation programme for international students and provides useful information about the study process, campus facilities and life in the city. The HSE University – Saint Petersburg Erasmus Student Network (ESN) arranges informal events during the orientation programme.

Please contact the International Office to find out the orientation dates.

# NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

## NOMINATION PERIOD

For Spring Semester: August 25 – October 1  
For Autumn Semester: March 15 – May 15

Nominations are to be submitted via our [Nomination Form](#).

## APPLICATION PERIOD

For Spring Semester: October 1 – October 15  
For Autumn Semester: May 15 – June 1

Application form will be provided to the students after nomination deadline.

*If students need to apply for a Russian visa, we strongly recommend to submit the application before the deadline.*

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION

- Passport (must be valid for at least 18 months after the planned start of the visit)
- Résumé / CV
- Recent Transcript of Records
- Motivation Letter
- Recommendation Letter
- Photo
- Language Certificate (must be sent to [incomingspb@hse.ru](mailto:incomingspb@hse.ru))\*

\*IELTS 6.0, TOEFL iBT 87, Cambridge FCE or higher. It may be substituted with equivalent proof documents approved by home university.

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| <b>REQUIREMENTS</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– GPA of 3 (4.0 scale) or higher.</li> <li>– English Proficiency level: B2 level according to CEFRL.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Do we accept students who do not meet the minimum English language requirement?</b> | Yes, if they can take courses in the Russian language. The minimum level of Russian language proficiency is B2 according to CEFRL.                     |

## VISA & ARRIVAL

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| <b>VISA</b>            | <p>Most exchange students will need a <a href="#">study visa</a> to enter Russia.</p> <p>The International Office will apply for the electronic invitation letter for the student and send the copy by email. To learn more about Russian visas, please see <a href="#">Step 2. Invitation Letter</a>.</p> <p>For visa application requirements the students should consult their local Russian Embassy/Consulate or Visa Centre.</p> |
| <b>BUDDY PROGRAMME</b> | <p>Erasmus Student Network buddies are HSE volunteers here to help international students to adapt to life in Saint Petersburg and on campus. Learn more about buddies <a href="#">here</a>.</p>  |

## STUDY PLAN

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| <b>COURSES AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS</b> | <p>All courses are open to exchange students, provided that the student complies with course prerequisites and language requirements. The list of courses in English can be found in the <a href="#">HSE University Course Catalogue</a>.</p> <p><i>For more information please contact the International Office.</i></p> |
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| <p><b>COURSE SELECTION &amp; WORKLOAD</b></p> | <p>The preliminary course selection is done before the start of each semester. The Incoming Mobility Coordinator will send a student the instruction on how to sign up for the preliminary chosen courses in the SmartLMS system 4-10 weeks before the start of the semester.</p> <p>The first two weeks of each semester is the period when changes in the student's study plan are possible. For more information please see <a href="#">Course selection process</a> section on our website.</p> <p><b>Exchange students normally take a workload of up to 30 ECTS per semester.</b></p> <p>Note:<br/>The HSE student academic load is based on 'academic hours':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 academic hour = 40 minutes</li> <li>• 1 credit = 38 academic hours</li> </ul> <p>Total load is made up of contact hours and independent student work.</p> <p>At the HSE, student learning is assessed exclusively through exams. Assessment results are evaluated on a 10-point or 5-point scale.</p> |
| <p><b>RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSE</b></p>         | <p>HSE University – Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students a one-semester-long intensive Russian language course (8 ECTS) free of charge (with the exception of free mover students). After the placement test during the orientation programme the students will be divided into groups according to the level of language proficiency. Please find more information in <a href="#">Russian as a Foreign Language</a> section.</p>  |

| GRADING SYSTEM | ECTS Grades |              | Exam           |               |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
|                |             |              | 10-point scale | 5-point scale |
|                |             |              |                |               |
|                | A++         | Excellent    | 10             | 5             |
|                | A+          | Very good    | 9              | 5             |
|                | A           | Very good    | 8              | 5             |
|                | B+          | Good         | 7              | 4             |
|                | B-          | Good         | 6              | 4             |
|                | C+          | Satisfactory | 5              | 3             |
|                | C-          | Satisfactory | 4              | 3             |
|                | F           | Fail         | 3              | 2             |
|                | F           | Fail         | 2              | 2             |
|                | F           | Fail         | 1              | 2             |

## ACCOMMODATION

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| <b>STUDENT DORMITORY</b>                                       | <p>HSE University – Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students an opportunity to stay in a <u><a href="#">brand new student dormitory</a></u> at affordable rates. Places in the dormitory are limited and we disseminate them on first come first served basis, so early accommodation application is required.</p> <p>To learn more, please check out <u><a href="#">our website</a></u>.</p> |
| <b>HOUSING APPLICATION DEADLINES</b>                           | <p>Autumn Semester: June 1<br/>Spring Semester: October 15</p> <p><i>Students are to request the place in the dormitory during filling out the application form.</i></p>   |
| <b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE STUDENT DORMITORY</b> | <p>Upon check-in to the dormitory students are required to provide a general health certificate and a certification of a recent fluorographic chest/lungs X-Ray translated into Russian. Translation to Russian can be done upon arrival.</p> <p>See the full list of documents <u><a href="#">here</a></u>.</p>   |



