

Portfolio requirements for International Applicants to Graduate (Master's) Programmes of HSE St. Petersburg - 2017 intake

Element of Portfolio ->	CV				Motivation letter				Reference letters				Previous degree certificate or diploma				International English language certificate / English language proficiency				Other academic, scientific or professional achievements, incl. GMAT/GRE certificate				Interview*					
Graduate (Master's) Programme	status	requirements	min. score	max. score	status	requirements	min. score	max. score	status	requirements	min. score	max. score	status	requirements	min. score	max. score	status	requirements	min. score	max. score	status	requirements	min. score	max. score	status	requirements	min. score	max. score		
Big Data Analysis	mandatory	EuroPass CV in Russian language	fail	pass	mandatory	Maximum volume 1 page A4 Times New Roman 14 pt Provide answers to following questions: 1) Why do you want to study in Russia? 2) Why do you choose HSE St. Petersburg and this programme as your study destination? 3) How studying at this programme would contribute to your further career? 4) How will you contribute to the campus community? in Russian language	0	5	mandatory	Reference letter shall be on a headed paper with signature, full name and contacts of the referring person It should be written in Russian or in English language. At least 1 reference letter is required. Maximum 2 reference letters are considered and score as below: 1 reference letter = 1 score 2 reference letters = 2 scores	5	10	mandatory	Bachelor's degree or equivalent diploma with supplement = 5 scores Additional score could be awarded for: 1) matching of applicant's previous academic background with the profile of selected programme +5 scores (except the Master in Applied and Interdisciplinary History) 2) diploma with honors or high GPA (if applicable) +5 scores if your previous diploma and its supplement is issued in any language other than Russian or English, please attach its official translation into Russian language	5	15	optional	Following minimal level of language certificates is considered (awarded 5 scores if optional / required if mandatory) : IELTS 6.0 TOEFL iBT 80-90 TOEFL PBT 500-550 CAE / CPE / BEC or if previous degree programme was delivered fully in English (should be confirmed in the diploma) 10 scores are awarded for: IELTS >6.0 TOEFL iBT >85 TOEFL PBT >550 or if the applicant is a native English speaker	5	10	optional	The Selection Commission considers: participation in international academic or scientific competitions, conferences, olympiads, summer/winter school of HSE; academic honours; other international certificates, incl. GMAT/GRE; publications in internationally recognized magazines. Subject to the Commission's decision, up to 10 scores in total can be awarded for this section of the portfolio for applicants to the Master in Finance programme, following additional score is awarded for submitting GMAT or GRE certificate: GMAT 500-600 = 15 scores GMAT >600 = 20 scores GRE Math 450-600 = 15 scores GRE Math >600 = 20 scores	0	10	mandatory	interview with the Selection Committee in Russian language	fail	50	interview in English language*	interview in English language*
Applied Economics and Mathematical Methods																														
Marketing Technologies																														
Strategic Management in Logistics																														
State, Society and Economic Development of Modern Asia																														
Urban Development and Governance																														
Modern Social Analysis																														
Advocacy																														
Civil and Commercial Law																														
Experience Economy: Management of Tourism and Hospitality																														
Finance (in English, ACCA-accredited)																														
Applied and Interdisciplinary History (in English)																														
Comparative Politics of Eurasia (in English)																														

* The Interview basic rules:

1. The interview normally takes place within around 14 days from the date of on-line application, in case the application and the submitted portfolio are complete. and meet all requirements.
2. The date and time of the interview are appointed by HSE St. Petersburg. The applicant is allowed to ask for a new appointment once due to a reasonable excuse by sending a notification to the Commission (iadmission-spb@hse.ru) in advance.
3. The applicant can choose to have the interview remotely (via Skype, web-camera is mandatory) or in person in St. Petersburg.
4. Should the Skype interview take place, the applicant must show his/her passport or other ID as stated in the application to the Commission to pass the authentication before the interview.
5. The average duration of an interview is around 30 minutes.
6. During the interview the Applicant is asked to present on various aspects of his/her application and portfolio, to speak on motivation and to demonstrate good understanding of programme's profile. The Commission also evaluates applicant's ability to communicate in the language of instruction of selected programme and the level of academic language proficiency.
7. The interview is made in the language of instruction of selected programme: in English for English-taught programmes Master in Finance, Master in Applied and Interdisciplinary History, Master in