Political Science & World Politics

BA programme at the HSE in St. Petersburg
Whom is this programme for?

1. For someone who is interested not only in Russian politics but also in political developments in other countries and in politics among nations.

2. For someone who wants to be able to formulate political and policy objectives and to pursue them effectively and efficiently.

3. For someone who wants to master research methods, analytical techniques, and foreign languages.

4. For someone who strives to think about politics comprehensively and to be able to explain how it works to others.
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Polina Koryagina, BA student at the programme, states that she has always been interested to learn how societies interact with governmental structures and how this complexity of relations can be approached and studied comprehensively. This is why she decided to enter this programme in 2013 and, since then, has never regretted the choice for the Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg she made that July.

For more details, please check the website: https://spb.hse.ru/en/ba/political/
Anna Petrosyants, BA student at the programme, thinks that the HSE in St. Petersburg helps students be themselves letting a thousand flowers of ideas and points of view bloom. The HSE provides students with the endless opportunities to realize both their professional and creative potential.

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How & what do we teach?

Regional tracks
Northern Europe & BRICS countries.

Methods & practical skills
Quantitative & qualitative research methods, Project management, etc.

The fundamentals of political science
Courses on World politics & international relations, Russian politics, Comparative politics, Political theory, Policy analysis, etc.
“Today, in the age of rapid technological advancements, such notion as ‘job placement matching one’s strictly defined specialization’ has already lost its meaning. We, at the programme, embrace these changing circumstances, and this is why we adjust the curriculum the way our graduates possess all the relevant skills to find their true vocation.”

Dr. Andrey V. Starodubtsev
Academic supervisor of the BA programme in Political Science and World Politics
Fundamentals of Political Science & World Politics

Base
(taught during the 1st and 2nd years of studies)
Each student has to pick a region of her interest: either northern Europe or BRICS countries.

During their 2nd and 3rd years of studies students master one of the 9 minor programmes.

Political Science, World Politics & English language

Either German or Chinese

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

REGIONAL TRACKS

MINOR

BASE

2 regional tracks, minor programmes and foreign languages: you mould your educational trajectory yourself
Regional tracks: courses

Social Policy
Economic Policy
Public Economics
Interest Groups Politics
Human Rights
Politics & Media
Migration Policy
Public Opinion & Electoral Behaviour
Urban Government
Ethnicity, Religion, and Politics
Environmental and Energy Politics

European Integration
International Organisations
Politics and Society in the European Countries
Politics and Societies in the BRICS states
International Conflict Resolution
International Law
International Security
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Trade and Investments
Crosscultural Communication

Individual trajectory:
10 courses out of 21
(3rd and 4th years of studies)
RESEARCH SKILLS

Qualitative methods
Quantitative methods
Advanced methods seminar
Research seminars
Research papers
PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICAL SKILLS

Project Management
Political and Social Campaigns
Public and Governmental Relations
Project Seminars
Projects
Our programme is unique

Typical BA programmes in Political Science in Russia:
  • heavily focus on political theory;
  • almost exclusively focus on Russian politics (not placing Russia in comparative context);
  • are taught in Russian.

Our programme:
  • places Russia in comparative perspective and discusses political developments within other states and politics among nations;
  • provides students with analytical, administrative and research skills;
  • teaches students to become experts in international collaborative projects with foreign partners;
  • is taught in English;
  • provides students with the opportunity to learn either German or Chinese.
“The HSE is not only about high-quality education but it is also a tremendous life experience. It seems that when I graduate I will be able to overcome anything and to achieve whatever I want. Only self-mastery and power of will!”

Nikita Slovogorodskiy, BA student at the programme
Our alumni

MA programmes – careers in media – in government service – in business

To learn more about our alumni, please check our website: spb.hse.ru/en/ba/political
“Have the previous 4 years of my BA studies influenced my decision with regard to what I am going to do next? Yes, of course! And I am talking not only about the toolkit of knowledge and skills that allow to move to the next stage in my life. It is more about a sense of prospects and a feeling of a bright future.”

Liza Potapova, alumna 2015
PhD student at the Central European University in Budapest
“Personally, I think that such course assignments as essay-writing were very useful, since they allowed me to sharpen my individual style of writing. Moreover, journalism requires the breadth of the learning and knowledge about details to capture reader’s attention. No doubt, knowledge and skills obtained during my BA studies help a lot to work in the field.”

Yegor Sennikov, alumnus 2014
Political journalist
“The fact that I was able to form my own trajectory during my studies and to focus on the areas in Political Science that were the most interesting for me, has helped me to find a job quickly and easily. Self-dependence is the skill I value the most after graduating the programme. I mean the ability to independently formulate the objective and to find the ways to reach it.”

Yekaterina Glukhova, alumna 2012
Analyst at the Ombudsman Office in St. Petersburg
“Of all the knowledge and skills obtained during my studies I would like to point out the independence in thinking about political processes that allows to understand what is really going on and to evaluate the political decisions taken and administrative choices made at the local, regional and federal levels.”

Mikhail Danilov, alumnus 2010
Head of the Department of regional development, Multifunctional center
Thank you!

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