

Frequently asked questions on Course Selection procedure

Topic	Notes
INTRODUCTION	HSE University St. Petersburg is pleased to announce a wide offer of English language undergraduate (Bachelors) and postgraduate (Masters) courses. The range of disciplines includes Economics, Finance and Management; History; Sociology; Politics and Public Administration, among other smaller disciplines.
WHY PROVISIONAL?	It is anticipated that all of the courses listed will run and indeed they have been offered as options to HSE (home) students for 2017-18. However, it is not impossible that some courses, marked as electives, will not have sufficient students to run and may therefore be postponed.
CORE OR ELECTIVE?	Courses marked as being 'core' courses are those courses that are part of the compulsory curriculum for HSE students and therefore will definitely run. The electives are chosen by HSE students from among a wider list. There is a chance that some of them won't run.
YEAR	The HSE Bachelors programme is a 4 year programme and so, the higher the year, the more advanced the course content. HSE Masters courses run over 2 years, and you can expect that second year courses will often be more advanced in content than first year courses.
QUARTER	The HSE academic year consists of 2 semesters which each disaggregate further into 2 half semesters, yielding 4 'quarters'. Quarter 1 and 2 take place between the start of September and the end of December. Quarters 3 and 4 take place between early January and mid-June.
HOURS	The hours listed refer to the actual contact hours on the course. The expected study hours are obviously much greater than this but there is no straightforward relationship between contact hours and study hours. For a guide to study expectations, look at the ECTS value.
ECTS	ECTS refers to the European Credit Transfer System unit of credit, now in operation across the European Higher Education Area.
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE	A wide range of Russian language courses are available at HSE for exchange and visiting students. They are not listed in these course listings, but can be found easily here https://www.hse.ru/edu/courses/ .
CHOOSING COURSES	In choosing courses, consider carefully the appropriate level of course, the relevance of the course to your home university degree and the ECTS values of the courses as well as the semester and quarter in which they are scheduled to run. Bachelors students may choose year 1 masters courses, but must have a main selection of Bachelors course as well. A full academic year is 60 ECTS, while a semester (2 quarters) is 30 ECTS.
QUESTIONS?	If anything is unclear please contact the Head of the Internationalisation Steering Group, Professor Christopher Gerry (cgerry@hse.ru) and Daria Zima, Manager of the Center for International Education (dzima@hse.ru)