



## FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

### University

**Full name** National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) — Saint Petersburg

**Location** Saint Petersburg, Russia

**Website** <http://spb.hse.ru/en/>

**Twitter, Facebook** @HSE\_SPb\_ISG; [www.facebook.com/hsestpetersburg](http://www.facebook.com/hsestpetersburg)

**About HSE Saint Petersburg** Higher School of Economics (HSE) is one of the top Russian research universities in the fields of economics, management, social science and humanities. It was founded in 1992, initially as a master's education center. The Saint Petersburg campus enrolled its first students in 1998.

In 2008 HSE received the status of National Research University which means that one of its strategic goals is to provide an education process which is fully integrated with research activities.

HSE is one of 21 universities in Russia that are members of the Global Competitiveness Program aimed at joining the ranks of the world's top research universities.

HSE Saint Petersburg has three schools:

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

The schools offer a large variety of courses in English open for undergraduate and graduate exchange students in the fields of management, economics, finance, political science, history, sociology, literature and Asian studies. Five Master's programs are taught entirely in English: "Finance", "Management and Analytics for Business", "Applied and Interdisciplinary History", "Comparative politics of Eurasia" and "Business and politics in modern Asia". There are also three Bachelor's English taught programs: "Management", "Political Science" and "Sociology and Social Informatics".

HSE Saint Petersburg can also boast of several international research laboratories and centers that are headed by globally renowned scholars.

## International Office & Contacts

**International Office** 123A Naberezhnaya Kanala Griboedova, room 215  
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[internationaloffice@hse.ru](mailto:internationaloffice@hse.ru)

**Student exchange related website** <https://spb.hse.ru/en/io>

**Contact person for incoming & outgoing student mobility** Daria Zima  
[dzima@hse.ru](mailto:dzima@hse.ru)

## Academic Calendar 2018–2019

**Structure of academic calendar** Two semesters, each separated into 2 quarters

**Autumn semester (quarters 1–2)**  
**Quarter 1:** September 1 — October 30  
**Quarter 2:** October 30 — December 31\*  
*\*Earlier departure (before December 24) is possible upon request of the student and confirmation with the International Office.*

**Spring semester (quarters 3–4)**  
**Quarter 3:** January 9 — April 2  
**Quarter 4:** April 3 — June 30

**Vacation**  
**Winter Break:** January 1–8  
**Spring Break:** May 1–9  
**Summer Break:** July 1 — August 31

**Recommended arrival dates (subject to change)** August 29–31 (Autumn semester)  
January 8–9 (Spring semester)

**Orientation**  
The International Office organizes an orientation program for international students and provides useful information about the study process, campus facilities and life in the city. The HSE – Saint-Petersburg Erasmus Student Network arranges informal events during the orientation program.

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

## Application Procedure

### Nomination

Nominations are to be sent to Daria Zima ([dzima@hse.ru](mailto:dzima@hse.ru)). The following details about the nominated students are required: *full name, date of birth, sex, citizenship, name of degree program, level of studies, and contact email.*

### Application deadlines for nominated students

15 October (Spring semester)

15 May (Autumn semester)

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

### Application form

Will be provided to the students after nomination

### Supporting documents to be attached with the application

- Resumé / CV
- Recent Transcript of Records
- Motivation Letter

### Minimum English language requirement

B2 level according to CEFRL.

*Although language certificates are not formally required, it is the responsibility of the home institution to ensure the fluency in English of the nominated students.*

### Do we accept students who do not meet the minimum English language requirement?

Yes, if they can take courses in the Russian language. The minimum level of Russian language proficiency is B2 according to CEFRL.

## Visa & Arrival

### VISA

Most exchange students will need a study visa to enter Russia. The International Office will issue a visa invitation for the student and send the hard copy by post or TELEX system. To learn more about Russian visas, please see here: <https://spb.hse.ru/international/visa>. For visa application requirements the students should consult their local Russian embassy / consulate.

### Airport pick-up service

Members of the The HSE – Saint-Petersburg Erasmus Student Network will pick up exchange students at the airport or train station.

## Study Plan

### Courses eligible for exchange students

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 on our [website](#).

*For more information please contact the International Office.*

### Course selection & workload

The course selection is done before the start of each semester. The HSE coordinator will contact the student and request the completion of the "Course Selection Form". The first two weeks of each quarter is the period when changes in the student's study plan are possible.

*Exchange students normally take a workload of up to **30 ECTS** per semester.*

### Russian language course

HSE Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students a one-semester-long intensive Russian language course (8 ECTS) free of charge. After the placement test during the orientation program, the students will be split into groups according to the level of language proficiency.

## Housing

### Student dormitory

HSE Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students an opportunity to stay in a brand new student dormitory 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.

*To learn more, please check our website:*  
<http://spb.hse.ru/international/housing>

### Housing application deadlines

15 May (Autumn semester)

15 October (Spring semester)

*No special housing application form is required, however student will be asked to confirm his request for the dormitory in the welcome letter.*

### Supporting documents required for the student dormitory

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 could be done upon arrival

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