



## FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

### University

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

**Location** Saint Petersburg, Russia

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

**Facebook** [www.facebook.com/hsestpetersburg](http://www.facebook.com/hsestpetersburg)

### About HSE Saint Petersburg

Established in 1992, Higher School of Economics (HSE) is one of youngest and most dynamic Russian universities with teaching and research excellence in Economics, Management, Social Sciences and Humanities. HSE University is ranked #38 by QS Top50Under50 and #84 by THE among the young universities worldwide.

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 University is the driving member of the Russian Global Competitiveness & Excellence Initiative known as '5-100'. HSE and its campuses are ranked within Top-5 universities nationally, as well as internationally (QS by Subject) within Top-100 in Sociology, Politics & International Studies and within Top-150 in Economics & Econometrics, Math as well as Business and Social Sciences (THE by Subject).

HSE has established its Saint Petersburg campus in 1998 with its vision & mission to serve as the international hub. Today HSE - Saint Petersburg embraces 6000 students, including 10% international students from 50+ countries. Our campus is made of 5 Schools:

- St Petersburg School of Economics & Management
- St Petersburg School of Social Sciences & Area Studies
- St Petersburg School of Arts & Humanities
- St Petersburg School of Mathematics, Physics & Computer Science
- St Petersburg School of Law

We offer 3 undergraduate and 5 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 Saint Petersburg provide great opportunities for guided research work and academic internships.

Along with magnificent landscape of Saint Petersburg city, a UNESCO Heritage cite and World Travel Award Europe 2017 winner, our highly internationalized on-campus student services, ESN Club, state-of-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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## Academic Calendar 2018–2019

<b>Structure of academic calendar</b>	Two semesters, each separated into 2 quarters
<b>Autumn semester (quarters 1–2)</b>	<p><b>Quarter 1:</b> September 1 — October 30</p> <p><b>Quarter 2:</b> October 30 — December 31*</p> <p><i>*Earlier departure (before December 24) is possible upon request of the student and confirmation with the International Office.</i></p>
<b>Spring semester (quarters 3–4)</b>	<p><b>Quarter 3:</b> January 9 — April 2</p> <p><b>Quarter 4:</b> April 3 — June 30</p>
<b>Vacation</b>	<p><b>Winter Break:</b> January 1–8</p> <p><b>Spring Break:</b> May 1–9</p> <p><b>Summer Break:</b> July 1 — August 31</p>
<b>Recommended arrival dates (subject to change)</b>	<p>August 29–31 (Autumn semester)</p> <p>January 8–9 (Spring semester)</p>
<b>Orientation</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Please contact the International Office to find out the orientation dates.</i></p>

## Application Procedure

### Nomination

Nominations are to submit via our [Nomination form](#)

#### Deadlines for nominations:

15 October (Spring semester)

15 May (Autumn semester)

### Application deadlines for nominated students

1 November (Spring semester)

1 June (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 deadline

### 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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