



HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

**Evaluation criteria of a portfolio
for foreign citizens applying for educational programmes of higher education -
Master's programs within the framework of a separate competition for foreign
citizens within the admission campaign 2021**

Saint Petersburg, 2020

**Criteria for portfolio assessment for English-taught Master programmes at
HSE St. Petersburg 2021-2020:**

38.04.00 Economics and Management

Finance
International Business
Arts and Culture Management
Management and Analytics for Business

41.04.00 Political Science and Area Studies

Social Data Analysis for State and Society
Comparative Politics of Eurasia

46.04.00 History and Archaeology

Global and Regional History

58.04.00 Asian and African Studies

Business and Politics in Modern Asia

** Interview is held in English*

	Status	Requirements	Score
CV	Compulsory element	Europass format or similar form of curriculum vitae in English	Fail / Pass
Motivation Letter	Compulsory element	Max 1 A4 page, font Times New Roman, font size 14, space 1,5. Language - English Please, include the answers of the following questions to your Motivation letter: 1) Why do you want to study in Russia? 2) Why do you choose HSE St. Petersburg and the programme you are applying for? 3) How will education at HSE St. Petersburg contribute to your professional development? 4) What ways do you think you can make a contribution to the University? 5) What makes you a good candidate for this programme?	0-5
Recommendation Letter	Compulsory element	The formal letter of reference should be written on the official letterhead including the contact information and signature of the header for recommendation letter. It is strongly recommended to submit at least one recommendation letter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 letter – 5 scores • 2 letters – 10 scores
Diploma with transcript of records	Compulsory element	Diploma of Higher Education / University Diploma with the transcript of records = 5 scores Additional scores could be awarded for: 1) Match with educational programme specialization + 5 scores	5 - 15

		2) Diploma with Distinction / high GPA + 5 scores 3) In case you are in the final year of Undergraduate studies and have not received the Diploma yet, you should submit the transcript of records for all academic years. +5 scores are awarded for the transcript of records with primarily excellent marks. *It is required to provide a verified translated certified copy of your Diploma in Russian in case the Diploma with transcript of records is neither in English nor in Russian.	
Certificate of Language Proficiency	Additional element	General requirements to the submitted certificates (+5 scores): IELTS 6.0 TOEFL iBT 80-90 TOEFL PBT 500-550 CAE / CPE / BEC – previous studies taken in English (verified by Diploma and transcript of records) +10 scores if IELTS >6.0 TOEFL iBT >85 TOEFL PBT >550 Native English speaker	5 – 10
Academic, professional and personal merits, including GMAT/GRE certificates	Additional element	Participation in international competitions, conferences, summer and winter schools at HSE, distinction in studies, other international certificates including GMAT/GRE; publications. At the discretion of the programme, max 10 scores might be awarded.	0-10
		For the Master programme in Finance the following rank or scores is applied: GMAT or GRE: GMAT 500-600 = 15 scores GMAT >600 = 20 scores GRE Math 450-600 = 15 scores GRE Math >600 = scores	0 - 30
Interview	Compulsory element	The interview is in English. The procedure is following: 1. The interview has to be appointed in 14 days after the day the application has been submitted upon condition that the application form is properly filled out and all required documents are submitted. 2. Data and time for the interview are appointed by HSE St. Petersburg. By request of an applicant it is permitted to reschedule the time for interview once only. The applicant has to inform the Commission about rescheduling by sending an email to: iadmission - spb@hse.ru 3. Skype with web - camera or similar available communication tool (Google Hangouts) is used in order to conduct the interview. The interview might also be conducted internally. 4. Before the interview starts, the Commission has to verify the	Fail – 50

		Applicants identity (the Applicant has to show the ID) 5. Recommended duration of the interview – 30 minutes 6. During the interview the applicant has an opportunity to give the comprehensive comments on the application and the motivation letter; to show the understanding of the educational specialization; to show strong communication skills in English	
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