

HSE UNIVERSITY FACTSHEET 2024-2025

Name of university	National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE University)
City, Country	Moscow, Russian Federation
Website	http://www.hse.ru/en
Faculties & schools	http://www.hse.ru/en/education/faculty/

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY OFFICE (SIMO)

Website	http://istudents.hse.ru/en (Incoming Mobility) http://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/ (Outgoing Mobility)
E-mail	international.study@hse.ru (Incoming Mobility) studyabroad@hse.ru (Outgoing Mobility)
What we do	Student mobility support: administer exchange nominations; provide invitations for visas and acceptance letters; consult and support partner universities and students before and during exchange; advise on preliminary individual study plans, housing, and health insurance options; organize orientation and adaptation sessions; issue student documents; inform students about events and activities; issue and send out final transcripts, etc. Extension and renewal of international student exchange agreements.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Semester dates	Fall 2024: September 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024 Spring 2025: January 9, 2025 – June 30, 2025
Nomination deadlines	Fall semester dates (second half of year) – May, 15 Spring semester dates (first half of year) – November, 10
Nomination process	Official nominations should be submitted through our Online Nomination form (https://istudents.hse.ru/en/nominate) by the coordinator of a partner university. Every nomination should be submitted separately. NOTE: 1) A nominated student must be at least 18 years old 2) A nominated student's passport must be valid for at least 18 months from the proposed start date of the visa: Fall semester 2024 – March 1, 2026 (1-3 days' difference is allowed) Spring semester 2025 – July 5, 2026 (1-3 days' difference is allowed). Otherwise, the student may be required to apply for a new passport.
Application deadlines	Fall semester dates (second half of year) – May, 20 Spring semester dates (first half of year) – November, 10
Application process	After being nominated, students will receive a welcome letter from international.study@hse.ru with an invitation to fill out an online student account and attach scans of the following documents: ✓ Consent for processing of personal data

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Passport: must be valid for at least 18 months from the start date of the planned visa; Fall semester 2024 – March 1, 2026 (1-3 days' difference is allowed) Spring semester 2025 – July 5, 2026 (1-3 days' difference is allowed). ✓ University/college transcript/records of current studies (if available) (in English) ✓ Motivation letter (300-500 words/in English) ✓ Photo (3x4 cm, passport format) <p>After all documents are submitted, students will receive HSE University Letter of Acceptance and Invitation Letter issued by the Migration Authority (if applicable).</p>
Visa and migration issues	<p>HSE University provides visa support for international students. A visa invitation is required to obtain a student visa. Visa invitations are ordered through the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for every student, and it takes around 45 days for an invitation to be issued.</p> <p>The first visa issued is a single-entry visa valid for 90 days. Then it is extended to a multiple-entry visa, which shall be valid for of the entire period of the student's exchange.</p> <p>NOTE: Be prepared to stay in Russia without leaving for a 90-day period after your initial arrival until you receive your multiple-entry visa.</p> <p>International students arriving in Russia for a period of more than 90 days must undergo medical examination, fingerprinting and official photographing and obtain confirmation certificates. HSE University supports international students on all the issues. The procedures are fee-based (for more information see below).</p>
Orientation session	https://istudents.hse.ru/en/orientation/

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/year
Courses offered	HSE course catalogue: https://www.hse.ru/en/edu/courses/
Is it possible for exchange students to enroll in courses from different faculties?	<p>Students nominated within a university-wide agreement can select any* course.</p> <p>Students nominated within a faculty-level agreement with an HSE faculty/institute should select mainly courses of the corresponding HSE faculty/institute.</p>
*Course/department restrictions	<p>Acceptance on courses depends on whether a student meets course prerequisites and there are free places.</p> <p>Acceptance to certain courses may be subject to the relevant department's approval.</p> <p>At some educational programmes (e.g. at Faculty of Law), Bachelor students can only choose from Bachelor level courses.</p> <p>Courses belonging to the following programmes are not available for exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of International Business • Bachelor's Programme 'International Program 'International Relations and Global Studies''

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSE University and Kyung Hee University Double Degree Programme in Economics and Politics in Asia
Language of teaching	Russian and English
Recommended language level	<p>For courses taught in English – no less than an English level of B2 (TOEFL iBT 75/IELTS 6.5).</p> <p>For courses taught in Russian – no less than a Russian level C1 (based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages levels)</p>
Credit system	<p>HSE University relies on the credit system</p> <p>1 credit = 38 academic hours = 25,3 astronomical hours</p> <p>1 academic hour = 40 minutes; 1 astronomical hour = 60 minutes</p>
Workload	15-30 credits per semester
Grading system	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/credit
Transcripts	<p>Transcripts in pdf are sent to students within 5 weeks after the official end of the semester.</p> <p>https://istudents.hse.ru/en/transcript</p>

COMPULSARY FEES

Visa extension fee	<p>State duty payment for visa extension (1 920 Russian rubles).</p> <p>https://ivisa.hse.ru/en/exchange3#exchange3</p>
Medical examination, fingerprinting and official photographing	<p>International students arriving in Russia for a period of more than 90 days must undergo medical examination, fingerprinting and official photographing. Students need a passport translation certified by a Russian notary to undergo the procedures. The procedures cost about 8 500 Russian rubles (medical examination and fingerprinting – about 7 000 Russian rubles; passport translation certified by a notary – about 1 500 Russian rubles). *</p> <p>https://ivisa.hse.ru/en/dactilo1/</p> <p>*Information is actual as of February 2024</p>

LIVING ABROAD

Housing on campus	<p>HSE University offers dormitory accommodation (double or triple rooms) on a first-come, first-served basis. Bookings shall be made through students' online profiles.</p> <p>Information about dormitories http://www.hse.ru/en/dormitory/</p> <p>Otherwise, the students will be advised to find accommodation in the city.</p>
Local language learning	<p>Russian as a Foreign Language (optional) - 72 classes per semester (6 credits). Levels: from beginner to advanced.</p>
Organizations/ activities	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/active/



Pre-departure checklist	https://istudents.hse.ru/en/arrival
Life in Moscow	http://www.hse.ru/recommends/
Health insurance	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/medical/
Promo materials	https://istudents.hse.ru/en/promo