

EXCHANGE FACTSHEET 2020-2021

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUPPORT

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Website	http://istudents.hse.ru/en (Incoming Mobility) https://www.hse.ru/international/semester (Semester in Moscow) http://studyabroad.hse.ru/en/ (Outgoing Mobility)
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What we do	Administer exchange nominations; provide invitations for visas and acceptance letters; send out pre-departure information letters; consult on preliminary individual study plans, housing, and health insurance options; organize orientation and adaptation sessions; administer the issue of student documents; inform students about events and activities; issue and send out final transcripts, etc.
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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Nomination deadlines	Fall semester dates (second half of year) – April, 15 Spring semester dates (first half of year) – September, 30
Nomination process	Official nominations should be made through our Online Nomination form by the coordinator of a partner university. Each nomination should be submitted separately. NOTE: a) A nominated student's passport must be valid for at least 18 months from the proposed start date of the visa: Fall semester 2020 – February 27, 2022 (1-3 days' difference is allowed); Spring semester 2021 – July 15, 2022 (1-3 days' difference is allowed). Otherwise, the student may be required to apply for a new passport. b) Students who are citizens of migration-risk countries are required to have a notarized translation of their passport for visa application.¹
Application deadlines	Fall semester dates (second half of year) – May, 15 Spring semester dates (first half of year) – October, 15
Application process	After nomination deadline 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: ✓ Passport: must be valid for at least 18 months from the start date of the planned visa; Fall semester 2020 – February 27, 2022 (1-3 days' difference is allowed); Spring semester 2021 – July 15, 2022 (1-3 days' difference is allowed). ✓ University/college transcripts/records of current studies (if available) (in .pdf/ Original + certified translation in English); ✓ Motivation letter (300-500 words/in English); ✓ Photo (3x4 cm, passport format). <i>After all documents are submitted, students will receive HSE University Letter of Acceptance and Invitation Letter issued by the Migration Authority (if applicable).</i>
Visa (if necessary)	HSE University provides visa support for international students. Formal visa invitations are ordered through the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs for every student. A visa invitation is required to acquire a student visa. The first visa issued is, initially, a single-entry visa. It is then extended to a multiple-entry visa, which shall be valid for of the entire period of the student's exchange. 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.
Orientation sessions	https://istudents.hse.ru/en/orientation/

¹ Please check the list of migration-risk countries at the Russian Embassy/Consulate/Visa Centre.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/year
Courses offered	Courses available in Russian: http://www.hse.ru/edu/courses/ Courses available in English: https://www.hse.ru/en/edu/courses/
Is it possible for exchange students to enrol for courses from different faculties?	Students are expected to register at least 60 % of the courses at one HSE faculty/institute based on their home university major, being able to take up to 40 % of their credits from a different study area (depending on availability and overlaps).
Course / department restrictions (if any)	Acceptance to certain courses may be subject to the given department's approval.
Language of teaching	Russian and English
Recommended language level	For courses taught in English – no less than an English level of B2 (TOEFL iBT 75/IELTS 6.5) For courses taught in Russian – no less than a Russian level C1 (based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages levels)
Credit system (ECTS or any other)	HSE University relies on the ECTS system 1 ECTS = 38 academic hours = 24 astronomical hours 1 academic hour = 40 minutes / 1 astronomical hour = 60 minutes
Usual work load	30 ECTS per semester, 60 ECTS per year
Grading system	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/credit
Transcripts	Transcripts in pdf are sent to students <u>within 5 weeks after the official end of the semester</u> . Hard copies are sent upon the home university coordinator's request to the institution's address. https://istudents.hse.ru/en/transcript

LIVING ABROAD

Housing on campus	HSE University offers dormitory accommodation (double or triple rooms). Bookings shall be made through students' online profiles. http://www.hse.ru/en/dormitory/
Organizations/ activities	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/active/
Pre-departure checklist	https://istudents.hse.ru/en/checklist/
Local language learning	Russian as a Foreign Language (optional)-72 classes per semester (6 ECTS).
Life in Moscow	http://www.hse.ru/recommends/
Health insurance	http://istudents.hse.ru/en/medical/