



**HSE**

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University Higher  
School of Economics

# GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

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# About HSE

National Research University - Higher School of Economics (HSE) is one of the top research universities in Russia. Having started as a school of economics in 1992, it now offers programs at all levels of university education across an extraordinary range of fields of study including sociology, business, philosophy, political science, international relations, law, Asian studies, media and communications, IT, mathematics, engineering, and others.

HSE is a place of top-quality study and research. It is a young and renowned dynamic university with global connections and incredible opportunities for using the resources of its international partners. HSE uniquely combines widely recognized Russian educational traditions with the best international teaching and research practices.

I was highly motivated to get the best education possible after I finished high school with the highest marks and won the All-Russian Olympiad in Economics and a couple of other Olympiads. I was accepted to economics programs in all Russian universities, and it was not an easy choice. Now as a sophomore at the Higher School of Economics, I can say that it is the best university one can find in Russia.

**Anton Vorobyov**, HSE student

Dozens of distinguished international teachers and researchers work at HSE. Eminent professors from all over the world head HSE international laboratories. The rapidly growing contingent of international students is transforming HSE's student community into a highly talented multicultural community. Many of them come to HSE to get hands-on experience on the emerging markets of Eurasia. At HSE, non-Russian speakers find a comfortable language environment – HSE students and faculty speak English, and many of them also speak other European or Asian languages.

Operates in **Moscow** (main campus), **Nizhny Novgorod**,  
**Perm**, and **Saint Petersburg**

**50**

faculties and schools

**4,100**

teachers and researchers

**15**

international laboratories

**49**

research centers

Over **20,000** full-time students

**30** double degree Bachelor's, Master's and PhD programs with international partners

Over **400** postgraduate and continuing professional education programs



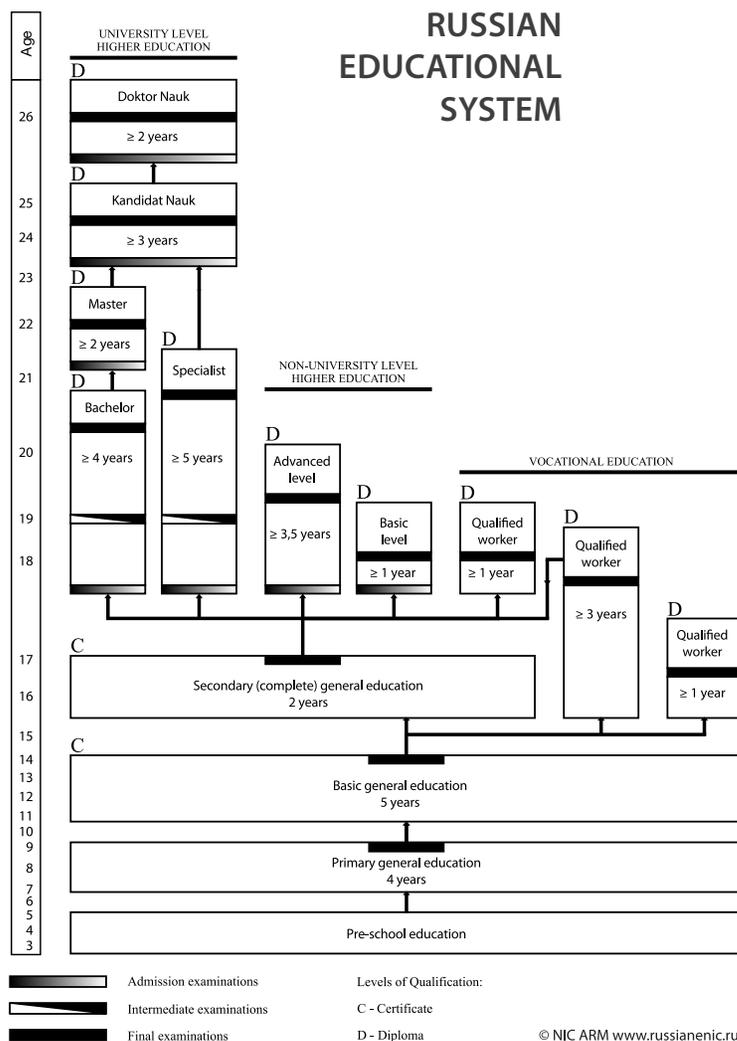
# Higher education in Russia

Russia has a long-standing tradition of high-quality life-long education as well as one of the most advanced educational systems in the world. According to a 2012 OECD report, the Russian Federation has the highest attainment rate of college-level education.

Universities in Russia are famous for in-depth research and rigorous quality control. Russia has one of the most ambitious educational evaluation programs in the world, maintaining high education standards. Student input is strong in Russia: by law, students must be represented on all university decision-making bodies.

The large proportion of adult students makes the university environment ageless. Everyone, regardless of age, feels at home at Russian universities. Many students are professionals or have left one career behind and are preparing for a new one.

In 2003, Russia joined the Bologna process. The participation of Russian universities in the Bologna process resulted in a real reorganization of the Russian academic system, allowing for greater student and teacher mobility by providing them with opportunities for changing countries and universities during their studies.



# Study at HSE

HSE offers a choice of over 100 Master's programs and over 40 Bachelor's programs both in Russian and in English in a broad range of subjects in Economics and Finance, Social Science, Management, Business Informatics, Mathematics, Engineering, and the Humanities. Admission to HSE is highly competitive. With more than 20,000 students pursuing degrees at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels, HSE has the largest Master's enrollment in Russia, carefully selecting students among many talented applicants. HSE has a "learning for life" philosophy of education. The curricula of many programs combine traditional classroom instruction with internships and experiential learning and research projects. Regular visits of professors and corporate leaders from Europe, the UK, Asia, the U.S. and Canada enrich the learning experience at HSE. Our students frequently travel for academic purposes. They can participate in double-degree programs with over 20 international universities or study abroad through student exchange programs with more than 40 partner universities across the globe.

Every year, an increasing number of international students come to HSE from about 50 countries. International students study in HSE full-degree programs in English or in Russian as well as in one-year or semester-long non-degree programs, short-term programs, including internships and research projects, and summer and winter schools.

Courses and programs taught in English are an integral part of the HSE curriculum. Courses in English are offered in Economics and Finance, Management, International Affairs, Sociology, Mathematics, Computational Science and Engineering, Political Science, etc.

For the convenience of international students, courses in English are grouped into several thematic clusters on the basis of common discipline areas. These thematic clusters can help students coming to HSE for non-degree study to develop their individual study plans.

For more information visit:

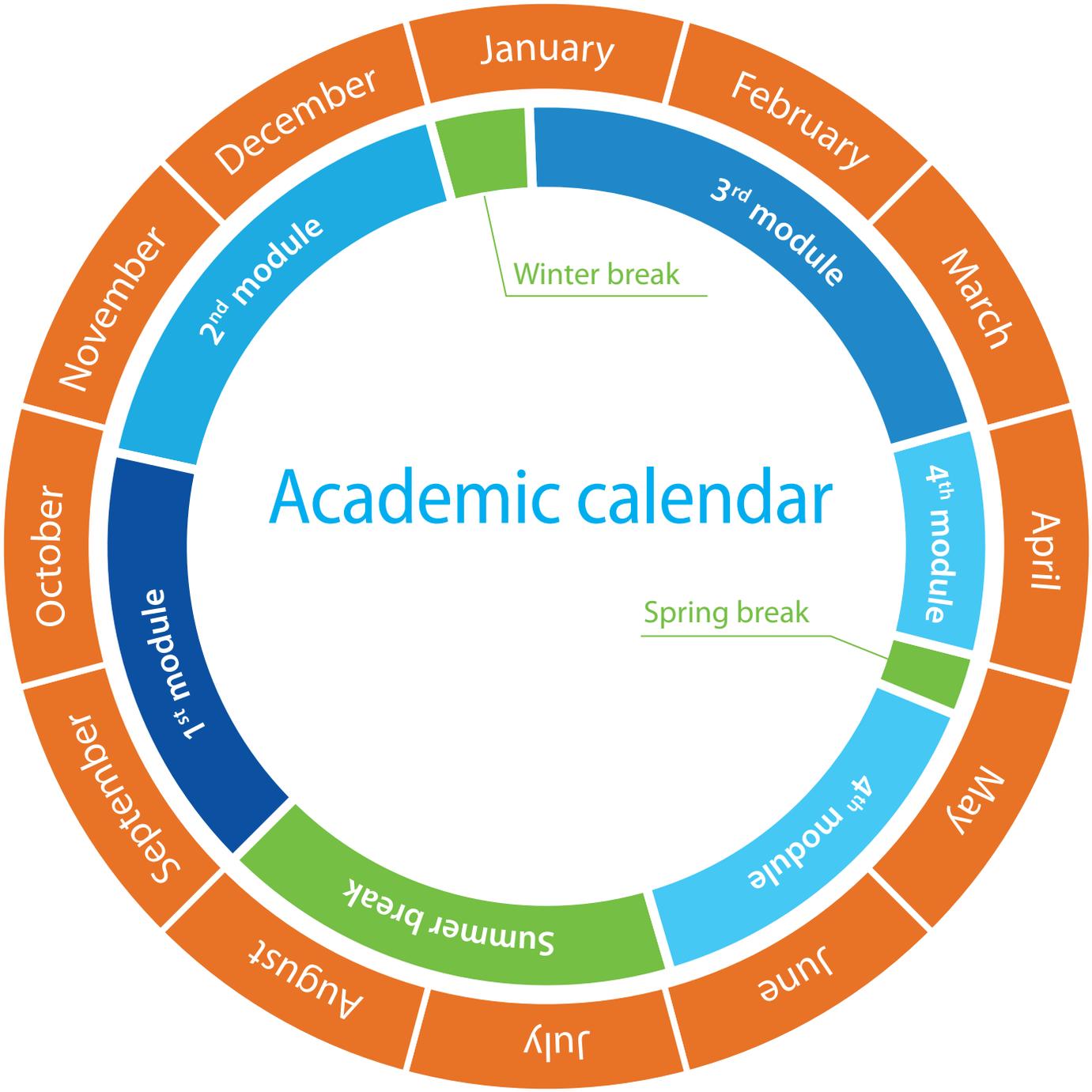
<http://www.hse.ru/en/org/hse/istudents/2013-14>

# Teaching excellence

HSE has a thriving academic culture where students are inspired and motivated to achieve their full potential by scholars and professors with national and international reputation for academic excellence and research. More than 4000 teachers and researchers guide a dynamic curriculum made rich by innovative research, best practices and hands-on experience. Students can also take advantage of lectures, seminars and courses regularly delivered by internationally recognized visiting academic experts or practitioners.

Many HSE lecturers have PhDs from top international universities and an impressive record of publishing in leading journals. HSE has a long list of professors with awards from RF President, RF Government, RF Ministries, international awards for academic accomplishments, and media awards. HSE academics deliver lectures and courses in leading international universities across the globe. They speak at international conferences and lead academic and professional communities, associations, and field journals. Our academics serve as experts to the Russian and international media on a spectrum of issues.

Since 2011 the HSE Best Teacher Awards Program has recognized the innovative and outstanding teaching that takes place every day in classrooms. This program provides HSE students with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many contributions teachers make to student learning.



# Academic calendar

Winter break

Spring break

Summer break

# Faculties and schools

## Economics and Management

### Moscow

Faculty of Economics  
School of Statistics, Data Analysis and Demography  
Faculty of Management  
Faculty of Logistics  
Faculty of Public Administration  
Graduate School of Urban Studies and Planning  
Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs  
International College of Economics and Finance

### Nizhny Novgorod

Faculty of Management  
Faculty of Economics

### Saint Petersburg

Faculty of Management  
Faculty of Economics

### Perm

Faculty of Management  
Faculty of Economics

## Humanities, Social Sciences and Law

### Moscow

Graduate School of Education  
Faculty of History  
Faculty of Media Communications  
Faculty of Law  
Faculty of Politics  
School of Integrated Communications  
Faculty of Psychology  
Faculty of Sociology  
Faculty of Philology  
Faculty of Philosophy  
School of Asian Studies  
School of Cultural Studies  
Faculty of Design

### Nizhny Novgorod

Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Law

### Saint Petersburg

Faculty of Sociology  
Faculty of Law  
School of Applied Political Science  
Faculty of History

### Perm

Department of Law

## Mathematics, Informatics and Engineering

### Moscow

Faculty of Business Informatics  
School of Applied Mathematics and Information Science  
School of Software Engineering  
Faculty of Mathematics

### MIEM–HSE (Moscow Institute of Electronics and Mathematics)

Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Engineering  
Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Cybernetics  
Faculty of Electronics and Telecommunications

### Nizhny Novgorod

Faculty of Business Informatics and Applied Mathematics

### Perm

Faculty of Business Informatics

## Selected International Graduate Programs (delivered in the English language)

### **Asian and African Studies:** **Sociopolitical Development and the Challenges of Modern East Asia**

The Master's program in Sociopolitical Development and Challenges in East Asia aims to teach students to conduct interdisciplinary research and use the latest methods for studying the political, economic, social, cultural, ethnical, religious, and language patterns of Asian countries and peoples.

### **Economics:** **Financial Economics**

The Master's program in Financial Economics is implemented by HSE in cooperation with The London School of Economics and Political Science and is supported by several Russian and international corporate donors with the aim of training top international experts in Economics and Finance. The program is both academically rigorous and applied.

### **International Relations:** **International Relations in Eurasia**

The Master's program in International Relations in Eurasia is a two-year double degree program delivered in collaboration with the University College London and the University of Kent (separate tracks). Teaching in the program is based on multidisciplinary approach which allows students to examine complex interrelationship of politics and economics in today's globalized world with the focus on Eurasian studies.

Students of the program benefit from studying in truly international groups under the supervision of international faculty and experts from academia, business and government institutions. We are proud of our alumni who come from the UK, Russia, USA, Germany, Poland, Taiwan, Bulgaria, France, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic and other countries.

### **Management:** **International Business**

The interdisciplinary Master's program in International Business is intended for students with a strong interest in a career in international business. The program provides them with a unique cross-functional set of skills and an understanding of the interconnections between business, international economics and politics. It ensures that students are well-equipped to handle both the demands of daily business and the challenges of working in a global environment. The program is implemented within the framework of the educational and research partnership with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, USA, with the help and direct participation of the Fletcher's professors. Official business partners of the program are Unilever and the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia.

### **Mathematics:** **Mathematics**

The Master's program in Mathematics aims at training professional researchers in mathematical sciences and experts in mathematical education. The students study with leading experts in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics. They choose from a wide range of special topics courses and research seminars and benefit from a uniquely stimulating, dynamic and supportive learning environment.

### **Political Science:** **Public Policy**

This Master's program is based on the best experience of Master's programs in Public Policy around the world and offers two concentrations: Political Analysis and Public Policy and Human Rights and Democratic Governance.

We are constantly developing and improving the program and attract specialists from top Russian, European and American universities, leading think tanks and renowned international organizations.

### **Software Engineering:** **System and Software Engineering**

The program trains professionals in the field of the industrial production of software, information and communication technologies and systems for different purposes. It offers specializations in Software Development Management and Methods and Theory of Software Engineering, the latter leading to two diplomas: a Master's degree from HSE and a Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering from the Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands.

For students interested in studying mathematics Moscow is a great place. There are many large math faculties at different schools and many institutions that offer seminars, lecture series, and opportunities to participate in the mathematics community.

**Austin Mack**  
US student at the HSE Master's program in Mathematics

# Summer and winter schools

HSE is renowned for its large selection of thought-provoking and inspiring international and national summer and winter programs led by distinguished scholars and practitioners. Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students get together to discuss the issues of entrepreneurship, emerging markets, innovation management, institutional economics, labor economics, social networks, intellectual capital, medieval history, human rights, Russian studies, and many other exciting themes. Successful participants can earn ECTS credit points and obtain HSE certificates.

For more information visit:

<http://www.hse.ru/admissions/ndp/summer>

## HSE International summer schools (selected)

- **Escapes from Modernity: Man, Nature, and the Limits of Modernity**
- **Multilevel Confirmatory Factor Analysis and Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling in MPLUS**
- **Social Network Analysis: Internet Research**
- **Russia in World Economy and Politics**
- **Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis**
- **Interdisciplinary Summer School in Higher Education Studies 'Creating Effective Universities'**
- **Summer School of Russian**
- **Management in Emerging Markets: Trends and Strategies**
- **Baltic Practice**
- **E-business and e-commerce**

The Summer School in Lapland was one of the best moments during my university education. First of all, its location in the middle of untouched tundra was simply amazing. The location helped you to change your mind and really allowed you to focus on the subjects of the course. Furthermore, the professors were very competent and explained themes in an understandable way. The School also offered different activities like trekking and sightseeing, which also gave me an impression of the tundra and northern life.

**Simon Infanger**, Switzerland  
Luzern University of Applied  
Sciences and Arts



# Russian language for international students

HSE offers a variety of Russian-language courses at its campuses in Moscow and Nizhny Novgorod. The courses are uniquely designed to address the demands of international students for language training at all levels and their immersion in the rich Russian culture and history. The courses incorporate elements of phonetics, grammar, conversational practice, literary reading, and language of mass media. The teaching strategy combines academic instruction, peer communication, language games, and theater. New technologies are actively utilized, allowing students to do homework assignments online. Russian language classes at the basic level are provided to international students for free.

Besides general language courses, the Center of Russian as a Foreign Language at the HSE Faculty of Philology in Moscow customizes courses for intermediate and advanced students in the following subject areas: Business Russian, Language of Mass Media, Contemporary Cinema and others. Each summer, the Center offers intensive Russian-language summer schools.

For more information visit:

<http://philology.hse.ru/summerschool/rlc>

## Library

HSE has a big contemporary university library with academic works in Economics and Management, Social and Political Sciences. It comprises over 600,000 items, most of which are recent works by Russian and foreign scholars. The Library's five branches in different parts of Moscow are open and accessible to international students; a special ILS is used to support the acquisition and circulation of books, and RFID tags have been introduced for book identification.

### Library subscriptions to electronic resources include

- Leading journal publisher and aggregator platforms (ScienceDirect, SpringerLink, SAGE, T&F, OUP, CUP, EBSCO, ProQuest, InfoTrac, etc.)
- Electronic books (ebrary, Springer Books, Elsevier Books, Oxford Scholarship Online...)
- A&I databases, such as MathSciNet, EconLit and SocIndex
- Citation-based resources, including both Web of Science and Scopus
- 1 million full-text dissertations from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses
- Statistics resources from OECD, IMF, and the World Bank
- Special business resources such as Factiva and GMID
- Patent database QPAT together with some Russian e-resources

For more information visit:

<http://www.hse.ru/en/en/a-z/library.html>



# Research opportunities for students

HSE is the biggest center for socioeconomic analysis in Russia and Eastern Europe. It continuously invests its own resources in large-scale integrated studies and individual research projects. These efforts have resulted in the sustainable operation of 14 international laboratories and 49 research centers. A characteristic feature of HSE is represented in the combination of university level education programs with a set of high level research and development centers.

HSE labs are headed by distinguished Russian and international scholars including the Nobel Prize winner Eric Maskin and the internationally renowned Ronald Inglehart, Fedor Bogomolov, Jacques-François Thisse, Timothy Frye, Shalom Schwartz, and Martin Carnoy.

All students can participate in HSE research and study laboratories and centers as well as students academic conferences organized at the HSE faculties and university-wide. Young researchers gain experience in implementing large-scale research projects. PhD and graduate students get more freedom and real responsibilities at the same time.

Young researchers at HSE have many opportunities for further development: they can apply for a grant, participate in one of HSE contests, such as the contest for visiting international scientific events, or take part in HSE and intercollegiate conferences.

## Research and education activities are carried out in such areas as

- **Economic theory**
- **History of economic studies**
- **Institutional economic theory**
- **Macroeconomics**
- **Mathematical and instrumental methods in economics**
- **Sociology**
- **Law**
- **Psychology**
- **Public administration**
- **Education**
- **Information science**
- **Political science**
- **Humanities**
- **Information Science**

For more information visit:  
<http://www.hse.ru/en/science/>

A lab is an ideal solution for those who want to work without affecting their studies. In our research center, we apply the knowledge acquired in regular courses, improve data collection and data analysis skills, and learn to work with scholarly literature and HSE e-resources. Nevertheless, the most important thing is to master academic writing skills. Responsible, deep and research-inclined people stay with us.

**Olga Pavlenko**, research intern  
Lab for Social Psychology Research



# Student life

Studying at HSE is a unique opportunity to spend time as a student in Moscow, one of the most dynamic and exciting cities in the world. Aside from meeting and working with classmates, students get the chance to make lifelong network relationships which are essential for their future careers.

HSE is marked by a vibrant student life and a wide range of activity options catering to every taste and style.

Participation in student associations and clubs makes the student experience at HSE more complete, enjoyable and comprehensive. Many clubs started as initiatives of HSE students who graduated from the university a long time ago, while their projects successfully live on at HSE.

Student councils play an active role in the life of HSE's departments and schools protecting students' rights, facilitating the dialogue between the students and the administration, and contributing to the university's corporate culture and traditions.

Many services are available to HSE students for free or at a minimum fee. The University Career Center has become a recognized expert in Russia for graduate recruitment. It advises students on career opportunities and regularly organizes job fairs matching students with potential employers. The Center for Psychological Counseling provides free advice to students, as well as training programs for personal development.

HSE is home to the Moscow office of the international student organization AEGEE-Moskva and has the AIESEC-HSE branch.

**There are more than 40 student clubs and societies at HSE, including sport societies (Extreme Sports, Soccer, Frisbee), Association of World Economy, Association of Intellectual Clubs, Association of Russian and German Economists, Debate Club, Travel Club, History Reconstruction Club, Environmental Club, Chamber of Nationalities, Illustrative Graphics Studio, Graphics and Design Studio, Photo Studio, University Chorus, DJ Club, Piano Class, Music Records Studio, Board Games Club, Student Theater, Modern Choreography Class, as well as charity and volunteer organizations, business organizations, and media projects.**

HSE has its own Cultural Center in a beautiful old part of downtown Moscow. Students and staff enjoy concerts by Russian and international musicians, theater performances, lectures and exhibitions. Cultural Center events include dance battles, speed dating, Christmas performances, Miss University contests, award ceremonies, music festivals and a lot more.

For more information visit:

<http://www.hse.ru/en/recommends/>

HSE provides you with opportunities to engage in football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, swimming, chess, dancing, and extreme sport training. Furthermore, it offers case clubs, stand-up comedy meetings, and theater rehearsals, just to name a few of the available ways of entertainment. There are always some educational seminars taking place as well, so if you wish, you won't have time for being bored.

**Dmitrijs Golubnicjs,**  
Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

# HSE

## Business incubator



In the HSE Business Incubator, students learn to launch new businesses using the most advanced methods.

The Business Incubator supports innovative startups in all industries. Every startup can get access to the Incubator's resources and assistance from its experts. The most promising startups, selected through competitions, are provided with free office space and become residents at the Incubator.

Some projects have turned into profitable businesses that get investments and engage in product development.

For more information visit:

<http://inc.hse.ru/eng/>

The bilateral exchange program with HSE students has definitely been enriching. The program organized in conjunction with HSE Incubator was well planned, succinct and a true eye-opener. I have learnt a lot more about the business environment, current opportunities and future trends in Russia. I am also thankful for the commitment shown by the HSE students who went beyond the extra mile to introduce and explain the rich Russian culture and traditions. I am glad to have participated in this program and would definitely treasure this international experience.

**Anandraj Tamilagan,**  
«International Entrepreneurship Russia-Singapore» program participant

# HSE alumni

A combination of knowledge in business, political economy, foreign policy, international law, and regional studies gives HSE graduates significant competitive advantages on the market from the very start of their careers. Our graduates are working in think tanks, academia, private companies and non-government organizations, both Russian and international, making outstanding business and academic careers, working in universities, governmental structures, financial institution and media companies.

**About 80% of students already find jobs by the time they graduate.**

## Where our graduates work:

**Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, HSBC, UBS, Credit Suisse, Barclays, Citigroup, Central Bank of Russia, Sberbank, International Finance Corporation, Lukoil, Gazprom, McKinsey, Ernst & Young, Olivier Wyman, etc.**

Studying at HSE gives you self-confidence and a feeling that you can find solutions to problems that seem unsolvable. The most important thing is to study scholarly literature, make an effort, and do your best.

**Oleg Fomichev,**  
Deputy Minister,  
Ministry of Economic Development  
HSE graduate

I signed my contract the summer after I finished my studies. I have a two-year contract now with the French company BNP Paribas. These last two years have been a great experience and a huge boost in my career (I hope!) as I now have a pretty good level of Russian. Hopefully, I'll find an opportunity that would keep me in touch with Russia, and, of course, I'll come back to visit all the things I didn't have time to see!

**Claire Lucien,** France  
HSE graduate



Higher School of Economics  
**alumni  
association**

The HSE Alumni Association was created to help graduates establish professional relationships, develop their careers and start their own businesses. HSE graduates assist their alma mater in maintaining and preserving HSE traditions. The Association organizes regular meetings, dinners with famous HSE graduates, and outdoor events. The alumni generously share their time, knowledge and experiences with the Association members and university students acting as lecturers, experts, conference presenters and job fair recruiters.

Maintaining and developing relations with its alumni is a top priority for HSE.



**ICE**

International College of Economic and Social  
University - Higher School of Business

This is to certify  
Elena Kochegorova

has successfully completed the requirements for the degree of

# Support for international students

Moving across national, cultural, and linguistic borders is a challenging but rewarding experience. The HSE International Academic Mobility Office provides a range of key services for international students. The Office facilitates the adaptation of international students in Russia and at HSE from consulting prospective students to welcoming them at HSE and supporting them during their stay here up to the successful completion of their study programs.

The Office gives pre-departure consultations, advises about the admissions process and requirements and provides visa support. Upon students' arrival in Russia, the Office organizes orientation programs and events, prepares individual study plans and learning contracts, and provides on-site guidance in academic and everyday life in Moscow.

The staff of the International Academic Mobility Office assures that every international student has access to all support and development resources and provides assistance on academic and social issues within the university. A buddy system at HSE helps international students adapt to and integrate into the new environment as quickly as possible. Buddies share their own experience to help foreign students find their way around the campus and the city of Moscow and get used to life in Russia in general.

For more information visit:

<http://www.hse.ru/org/hse/istudents>

## International students speak about their experience at HSE:

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I liked Moscow by night and its parks, clubs, bars, Red Square, beautiful monuments. I found that lots of Russians like speaking to foreigners. Russia is a great experience and it is more than worth it.

Moscow is certainly an amazing cultural place, almost perfect! Before coming I had read that it was a very dangerous city, and found that it was totally wrong. I felt really secure.

Russian history and art are impressive and huge, there are so many things to learn. Moscow and Russia have a great interesting history and lots of places where they show it.

I like the life in Moscow, I like the atmosphere at the dorm, the life is cheaper than in France, and Moscow is much safer than Paris, it was really appreciable for us even we went out late during the night.

It was a great experience. I was positively surprised by the comfort in dormitory. I met so many interesting people, and this city is perfect for sightseeing, for going out. It is a new culture, new living standards.

From HSE survey

# HSE campus

In Moscow, HSE has a distributed campus with buildings located conveniently close to subway stations, providing unparalleled research and internship opportunities with quick access to entertainment, culture, and hands-on career experience. In addition to educational facilities, HSE has its own dormitories and gyms and a cultural center.

The university has one of the best student dormitories in Moscow. The dorm for international students is located in downtown Moscow and offers double rooms with free internet access, laundry facilities and kitchen. PC labs and rooms for individual studies are available both on campus and at the HSE dormitory. For international visiting faculty, HSE offers comfortable accommodations at the professors' guest house, also located in the central part of Moscow.

## Estimated cost of living in Moscow SAMPLE MONTHLY BUDGET

**HSE Dorm \$160**

**Food \$300-500**

**Transportation \$40**

**Internet Free**

(in HSE dorms and other buildings)

**Phone \$25**

(excluding international calls)

*Currency: Russian ruble*

*(ruble : US dollar = approx. 30:1)*



Russia has a unique geographic location. The biggest country in the world, it is situated in both Europe and Asia. Russia borders 16 countries, and its territory encompasses nine time zones and 83 regions. Our students can travel within the country and abroad (only 2 or 3 hours by plane to most European cities).

While most major events take place in Moscow, the capital city, Russia has a lot more to offer, and its heart lies in smaller areas, like in any other country. Life in smaller towns allows one to immerse fully in Russian culture and history. Historical ensembles, fabulous churches, and natural beauty with enormous rivers, mountains and forests will satisfy everyone's taste.

# HSE cities

## MOSCOW

Moscow is the capital city of Russia. Moscow is the ideal destination for students who wish to experience something different while getting a great education. This fascinating city has so much to offer.

To satisfy your curiosity, you can explore world-class museums and historic sites (many date from tsarist times), travel through time down Moscow's best-known streets, discover numerous art venues, or go for a stroll in charming parks and gardens that stem from completely different epochs.

A city that never stops, Moscow is very energetic and busy at any time of the day and night. This rapidly developing city provides vast opportunities to start a successful career with the world's leading companies.

## ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg is the cultural heart of Russia and one of the world's most beautiful cities. Some countries do not have as many great sights as this one city, also known as Peter the Great's "Window to the West".

Its treasures include the world-famous Hermitage and Russian Museums, splendid architectural gems like the Winter Palace and the Kazan Cathedral, and many other sights. The city comprises forty-four islands connected to each other by beautiful bridges, many of which are masterpieces of engineering and architecture.

Each season brings its own special celebrations to St. Petersburg. World-class ballet and opera theaters and cafés are all part of the Petersburg way of life.

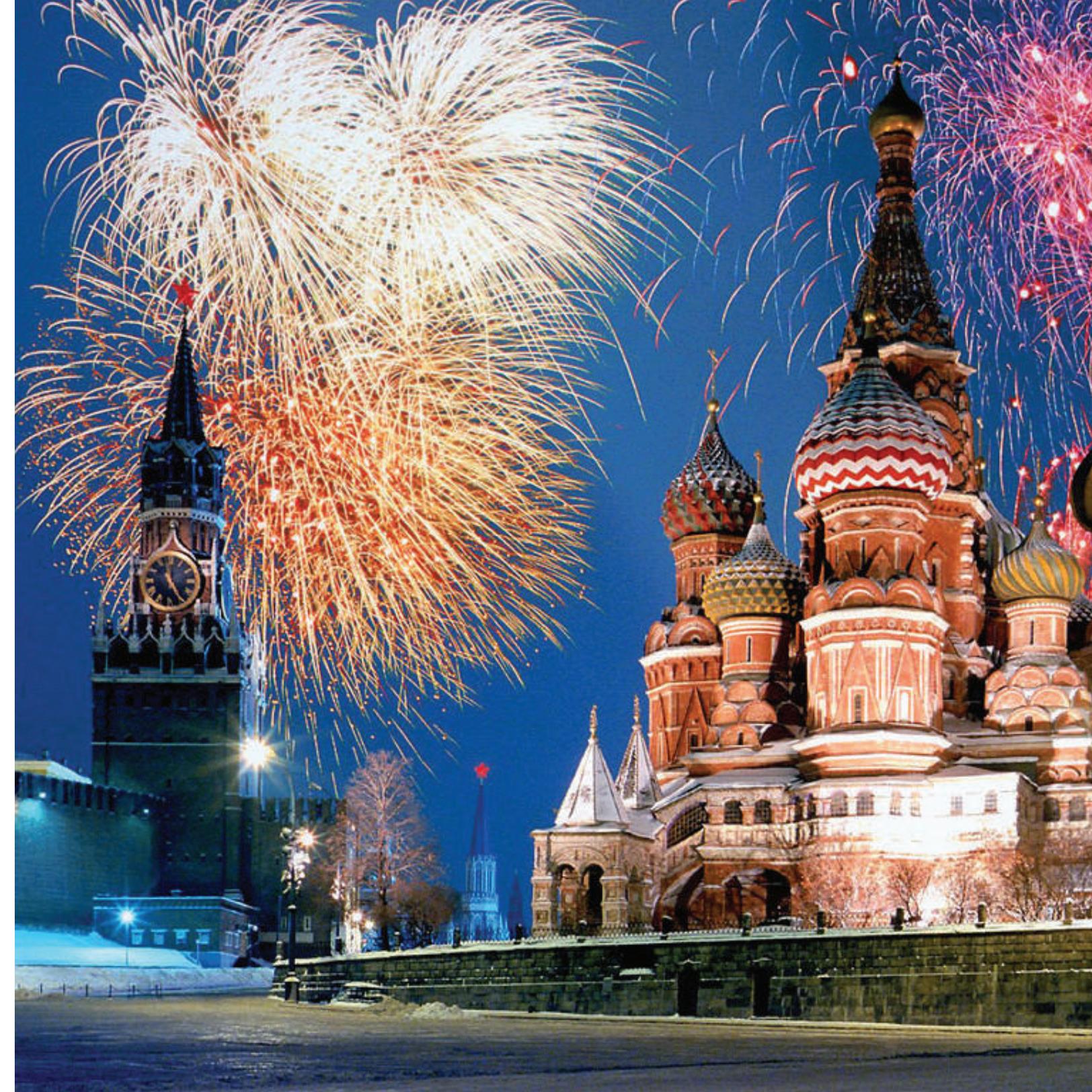
## PERM

The city of Perm is situated on the Kama River near the Ural Mountains. A well-known geological period that ended 251 million years ago is named after the city, which is a doorway from Europe to Asia and, in particular, to Siberia. A closed city during Soviet times on account of labor camps and weapons factories that produced tanks and missiles, Perm is currently one of Russia's fastest growing metropolises.

The city impresses visitors with its unique open-air "Perm-36" Museum of the History of Political Repressions (famous both in Russia and abroad), art galleries, Stalinist buildings converted into museums, a world-class ballet and avant-garde theater, city festivals, and the restored Dr. Zhivago house, which is believed to have served as a model for Nobel Literature Laureate Boris Pasternak.

## NIZHNY NOVGOROD

Having preserved many of its historic treasures, Nizhny Novgorod has been included on UNESCO's list of 100 world heritage cities. In past centuries, Nizhny Novgorod was Russia's commercial hub and one of the country's wealthiest cities. As the old saying goes, "Moscow is Russia's heart, St. Petersburg its head, and Nizhny Novgorod its pocket." Today, Nizhny Novgorod is one of the leading industrial cities of the Russian Federation and a major scientific center with 14 universities and nearly 100 research institutions. The Nizhny Novgorod region is home to numerous traditional crafts that produce many of the items synonymous with Russia: matryoshka dolls, crockery and brightly painted boxes. Its proximity to Moscow makes it an ideal base for exploring the "real" Russia with its colorful wooden houses, gray Volga skies, and fairytales.





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