HSE UNIVERSITY SAINT PETERSBURG FACT SHEET 26/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

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ABOUT HSE UNIVERSITY

FULL NAME	National Research University Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg (HSE University – Saint Petersburg)
LOCATION	Saint Petersburg, Russia.
WEBSITE	HSE University – Saint Petersburg Semester in St. Petersburg – website for incoming students Saint Petersburg HSE Summer School – website for short-term programmes Study Abroad Opportunities for HSE students
TELEGRAM	@hsespbinternational @hse_spb_isso
YOUTUBE	HSE University – St. Petersburg International

Established in 1992, Higher School of Economics (HSE) is one of the youngest and most dynamic Russian universities with teaching and research excellence in Economics, Management, Social Sciences and Humanities. HSE University is listed in all prestigious global rankings.

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 has become one of the leaders of the 'Priority 2030' in the direction of 'Research Leadership'. The main focus of the HSE development program is on the creation of a qualitatively new human capital in Russia, the creation and dissemination of advanced knowledge and technologies, and the strengthening of Russia's position in the heightened global competition.

HSE has established its Saint Petersburg campus in 1998 with its vision and mission to serve as the international hub. Today HSE University – Saint Petersburg embraces 8000 students, including 12% international students from 60+ countries. There are 7 Schools that are available for student exchange:
– Saint Petersburg School of Economics and Management
– Saint Petersburg School of Social Sciences
– Saint Petersburg School of Humanities
– Saint Petersburg School of Law
– Saint Petersburg School of Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science
– Saint Petersburg School of Art and Design
– Saint Petersburg Institute of Asian and African Studies

We offer 3 undergraduate and 6 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 University – Saint Petersburg provide great opportunities for guided research work and academic internships.

Along with magnificent landscape of Saint Petersburg city, the UNESCO Heritage site, our highly internationalised on-campus student services, Erasmus Student Network, state-of-the-art study facilities and dormitories create a fascinating and motivating environment for international students from all around the world.

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2026–2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

STRUCTURE	2 semesters, each divided into 2 modules
AUTUMN SEMESTER (MODULES 1–2)	Module 1: September 1 – October 31 Module 2: November 1 – December 30
SPRING SEMESTER (MODULES 3–4)	Module 3: January 11 – March 31 Module 4: April 1 – June 30
HOLIDAYS	Winter Break: December 31 – January 10 Spring Break: May 1–9 Summer Break: July 1 – August 31
RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	Autumn Semester: August 28–29 Spring Semester: January 9-10
ORIENTATION SESSION	The International Office organises an orientation programme for international students and provides useful information about the study process, campus facilities and life in the city. Please contact the International Office to find out the orientation dates.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

NOMINATION PERIOD	For Spring Semester: August 20 – October 1 For Autumn Semester: March 15 – May 5 Nominations are to be submitted via our Nomination Form.
APPLICATION PERIOD	For Spring Semester: October 1 – October 15 For Autumn Semester: May 5 – May 15 Application form will be provided to the students after nomination deadline. *If students need to apply for a Russian visa, we strongly recommend to submit the application before the deadline.*
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION	– Passport (must be valid for at least 18 months after the planned start of the visit) – Resumé / CV – Recent Transcript of Records – Motivation Letter – Recommendation Letter – Photo – Language Certificate (must be sent to incomingspb@hse.ru)* *Equivalent to B2 level. May be substituted with equivalent proof documents approved by home university.
REQUIREMENTS	– GPA of 3 (4.0 scale) or higher – English proficiency level: B2 – Russian proficiency level: C1 for those who want to take Russian-taught courses
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 C1 according to CEFR.

STUDY PLAN

COURSES AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Most 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 in the HSE University Course Catalogue. *For more information please contact the International Office.*
COURSE SELECTION & WORKLOAD	The preliminary course selection is done before the start of each semester. The Incoming Mobility Coordinator will send a student the instruction on how to sign up for the preliminary chosen courses in the SmartWay system 4-10 weeks before the start of the semester. The first two weeks of each semester 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.** Note: The HSE student academic load is based on 'academic hours': • 1 academic hour = 40 minutes • 1 credit = 38 academic hours Total load is made up of contact hours and independent student work. At the HSE, student learning is assessed exclusively through exams. Assessment results are evaluated on a 10-point or 5-point scale.
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE COURSE	HSE University – Saint Petersburg offers all exchange students a one-semester-long intensive Russian language course (8 ECTS) free of charge (with the exception of free mover students). After the placement test during the orientation programme the students will be divided into groups according to the level of language proficiency. Please find more information in Russian as a Foreign Language section.

	ECTS Grades		Exam	
			10-point scale	5-point scale
GRADING SYSTEM	A++	Excellent	10	5
	A+	Very good	9	5
	A	Very good	8	5
	B+	Good	7	4
	B-	Good	6	4
	C+	Satisfactory	5	3
	C-	Satisfactory	4	3
	F	Fail	3	2
	F	Fail	2	2
	F	Fail	1	2

ACCOMMODATION

STUDENT DORMITORY	HSE University – 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 lean more, please check out our website.
HOUSING APPLICAION DEADLINES	Autumn Semester: June 1 Spring Semester: October 15 *Students are to request the place in the dormitory during filling out the application form.*

VISA & ARRIVAL

VISA	Most exchange students will need a study visa to enter Russia. The International Office will apply for the electronic invitation letter for the student and send the copy by email. To learn more about Russian visas, please see Invitation Letter and Russian study visa. For visa application requirements the students should consult their local Russian Embassy/Consulate or Visa Centre.
BUDDY PROGRAMME	International Student Union buddies are HSE volunteers here to help international students to adapt to life in Saint Petersburg and on campus. Learn more about buddies here.

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