



HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY



International Master's Program in Comparative Social Research

Duration: 2 years

Language of instruction: English

ECTS credits: 120

Highlights

- 2-year all-english MA program in comparative sociology.
- First deadline for applications is March 1, 2014.
- Study for the first semester in **Moscow**, the second semester in **St. Petersburg**, the third semester on a **research internship** with international partners, and the final semester with an advisor, affiliated with a research laboratory.
- Stipends, tuition waivers for top students.
- Professional, program-specific staffing.
- **Academic orientation**, with additional strengths for international research labour market.
- Potential development into **dual/joint degree partner** abroad.
- Awards "Master of Sociology" degree.
- Created on the basis of the Laboratory of Comparative Social Research (www.lcsr.hse.ru/en).

This program will provide students with the **following skills**:

1. Academic skills – in particular, the ability to write scientific articles based on the analysis of empirical data. Program graduates will be empowered to publish their research papers in international peer-reviewed journals. In addition, students will be encouraged to continue their careers within European partners' PhD programs in collaboration with the HSE academic PhD program.
2. Skills of applied research analysis that are of great demand from the international organizations and companies like World Bank, International Labour Organization, OECD, UNESCO, UNISEFF, GFK and etc.

What will you learn?

Components of the curriculum

Scientific Inquiry

- Research Design (philosophy of science, research question design, literature/theory links, case selection, sampling, selection of methods);
- Academic Practice (publishing, ethics, job market).

Methods

- Quantitative Methods (up to and including OLS and logistic regression);
- Multi-level regression analysis;
- Comparative Empirical Research Using Survey Data;
- Qualitative Methods (to include interview, ethnographic, focus-group methods);
- Methods rotating (these are international guest lecturers for each body of students).

Theory and Thematic Concentration

- Social Theory;
- Comparative Sociology;
- Human Empowerment: The Co-Evolution of Rights and Culture;
- Theory rotating (international guest lectures).

MA Thesis

- MA Thesis Proposal;
- MA Thesis Workshop;
- MA Thesis Written (extended article format, to allow easy conversion for publication);
- MA Thesis Defense.

Research Internship (September – December)

- Research Paper (to be submitted for publication);
- Internship Report.

Application

International and Russian students are welcome. Students from neighbouring disciplinary backgrounds, in addition to sociologists, are encouraged to apply. Stipends will be awarded to the strongest applicants.

Application package should include:

1. Curriculum Vitae,
2. Letter of motivation (one page limit),
3. Statement of research interests and methods knowledge (one page limit),
4. Two letters of recommendation (one should be academic),

5. For non-native English speakers, TOEFL, IELTS, or CAE test results must be submitted, less than two years old at the time of the application submission,
6. Official transcripts of BA studies,
7. GRE results (if available).

The program starts September 2014. The most up-to-date application procedures can be found online.

For more information visit
www.hse.ru/study-sociology