Comparative Politics of Eurasia (St. Petersburg)

National Research University - Higher School of Economics

Degree or qualification is awarded: masters degree in Political Studies

Language of study: **English** Mode of study: **full-time** Duration: **2 years** Availability of free education: **yes** Price:

Programme webpage at the university website: https://spb.hse.ru/en/ma/pm/

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The HSE St. Petersburg Masters Programme in "Comparative Politics of Eurasia" responds to the growing strategic importance of the wider Eurasian region, including the former Soviet Union and the countries of East Asia, as well as the associated need for both national and international expertise in the comparative politics of this vital region. The programme provides for a discipline based professional training in Comparative Politics complemented with an advanced, specialist understanding of the unique and challenging political and social environment of the Eurasian region.

The programme curriculum is developed around a core conceptual training in comparative political science and a comprehensive empirical training in contemporary methods of social science research. Alongside this core, the programme offers an exciting range of elective courses in two broad groups. The first group, augmenting the core training in comparative political science covers: politics and society in contemporary Russia; the social and political transformations of Central Asia, China and Vietnam; and the political economy of post-communist development. A second, more multi-disciplinary grouping of courses includes those that cover: the international relations of Russia, Central Asia, China and Vietnam; Russia's energy policies and dilemmas; and Russia's geo-political standing in the context of the wider Arctic region.

The Programme's location in St. Petersburg with its extraordinary cultural and historical heritage will provide students with unique opportunities for cultural enrichment, historical understanding and the learning of Russian language. Within the structure of the programme, students can take classes in Russian Language and in the History of Russian Art and Culture.

The rigorous conceptual and methodological design of the programme means that it is accessible to good students from all academic backgrounds and with different professional experiences. Through the programme, students will attain the subject and disciplinary knowledge, the methodological expertise and the professional sophistication to successfully pursue careers in the public or private sector; including in academia, think tanks, risk and business consultancies, political consultancy, the government and international organisations, NGOs, the media and journalism, and diplomacy.

Specializations within this programme