

List of documents for passing the entrance examination in the form of competitive selection (portfolio) for foreign citizens entering through a separate competition, and criteria for evaluating the portfolio.

Master’s Programme 'Politics. Economics. Philosophy'

Portfolio’s Element	Description	Gradings (100- points scale)
<i>Mandatory Documents</i>		
1. Letter of Motivation	Letter of motivation must be submitted in English (no less than 4 000 and no more than 7 000 characters with spaces). In the letter, an applicant describes his or her academic and professional achievements and area of academic interests, reveals what skills and knowledge he or she expects to acquire with the Master's programme “Politics. Economics. Philosophy”, and also describes possible directions of research during studies at one of the tracks of the Master's programme “Politics. Economics. Philosophy”. An applicant is expected to convincingly connect specific grounds of interest in studying at the Master's programme “Politics. Economics. Philosophy” (indicating a preferred track of studies) with the present and possible future professional activities.	0-20
2. Interview	<p>An interview is conducted with the aim of assessing the level of preparedness of an applicant to master the interdisciplinary programme “Politics. Economics. Philosophy”, actual motivation of an applicant, as well as, if necessary, to receive comments and clarifications from an applicant on the documents submitted.</p> <p>The duration of an interview is not regulated.</p> <p>An interview is conducted online (via browser based MTS Link app).</p>	0-30
3. Diploma of higher education	<p>Diploma of higher education</p> <p>If an applicant has not yet received a diploma of higher education, an official copy of the most recent academic transcript must be presented.</p>	0-10

4. Letters of recommendation	<p>Applicants are advised to use HSE's letter of recommendation guidelines.</p> <p>Letters of recommendation of a supervisor, another faculty member (researcher) or an employer who personally knows the applicant as a student (and/or as a researcher and/or as an employee). A recommendation must be targeted; otherwise, a recommendation cannot be accepted for consideration. A recommendation should inform of the specific activities and achievements of the applicant during joint work with the referee and contain arguments in favour of studies at the Master's programme "Politics. Economics. Philosophy".</p>	0-10
<i>Documents that can be included in the portfolio</i>		
5. Certificates of additional education (advanced training, completion of MOOCs, professional certificates, etc.)	Certificates of completion of online courses on recognized MOOC platforms (Coursera, etc.), certificates of advanced training and professional certificates.	0-5
6. Valid English proficiency exam results	<p>Valid certificates indicating the level of proficiency in a foreign (English) language.</p> <p>Native English speakers and students who completed their entire degrees exclusively in English are not required to submit proof of their English proficiency, but will not get 5 points.</p>	0-5
7. Academic publications, conference (seminar) reports	<p>Copies of publications (including publications in co-authorship) in peer-reviewed academic journals (with imprint).</p> <p>Applicants may submit texts from publications not included in citation bases (on the condition that publications have ISBNs).</p> <p>Applicants may submit articles and book chapters accepted for publication (with a certificate of acceptance for publication).</p> <p>In the absence of scientific publications, an applicant may submit a defended (or submitted for defense) qualification work. Assessment remains at the discretion of the selection committee, but cannot be higher than the assessment of a scientific publication.</p>	0-15

<p>Documents confirming participation in research activities</p> <p>Certificates of participation in academic conferences, seminars, etc.</p> <p>Certificates of international scholarships and (or) grants</p>	<p>If an applicant has participated in applied and (or) academic research projects, relevant certificates (documents) are to be presented.</p> <p>Certificates of conference participation (indicating name and date of a conference, name of a speaker, topic of a report); copy of the conference program can be submitted with an indication of name, place and date of a conference, name of a speaker, and topic of a report; a collection of conference abstracts can be submitted with an indication of a name, place and date of a conference, name of a speaker and topic of a report).</p> <p>If an applicant has been a recipient of international scholarships and (or) grants, relevant certificates (documents) are to be presented. Certificates of national scholarships and (or) grants may also be presented.</p>	<p>0-5</p>
<p>9. CV</p>	<p>The applicant provides a standard CV describing his or her achievements in the educational and research fields, work and research experience, a list of publications and participation in conferences (if any), work/study experience abroad, knowledge of languages, etc.</p>	<p>Not graded</p>
<p>Maximum Score</p>		<p>0-100</p>