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**NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY  
"HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS"**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**PORTFOLIO EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**for foreign citizens applying for  
Master's degree program "History of the Modern World"**

**Academic Program Director**

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The admission process for the Master's Degree program "History of the Modern World" begins with a "portfolio competition".

The examination committee evaluates all the documents submitted by you and individually considers all those who wish to be admitted to the program. After reviewing the documents submitted for the "portfolio competition" you will be invited for an interview with the academic director of the program.

### **Portfolio composition for foreign applicants to the master's degree program "History of the Modern World"**

#### **Main mandatory documents:**

- *Motivational Letter (500 - 1000 words)*

In this letter, the applicant writes about his/her scientific interests and areas for future research, the expectations of the Master's program, further plans for development and goals after graduating, what theoretical and practical skills the applicant expects to obtain in the process of training. The motivation letter can be written in Russian or English;

- *Résumé/CV*

CV (including education, language skills, list of publications, research experience, participation in research projects, conferences, student programs, research grants, and other academic achievements). The CV can be written in Russian or English;

- *Recommendation letters (two required) (At least one from someone familiar with the applicant's academic and scientific accomplishments)*

Recommendation letters must be written in English and Russian and must contain specific information of the addressee.

- *Copy of Higher Education diploma with a list of completed subjects and their grades (this list is usually called "Transcript")*

If the applicant has not yet earned an undergraduate degree, he or she may attach an official copy of the complete list of courses with their grades. Diplomas of Higher Education from any major degree are accepted.

#### **Additional documents:**

- *Scientific works written by the applicant (as PDF files), if any (graduate works or dissertations are also accepted)*

Publications and graduate Humanities dissertations may be considered relevant.

- *Diplomas and certificates confirming other academic achievements (victories in student Olympiads, student competitions, etc.); academic scholarships, study grants; language skills, advanced training courses.*

**Portfolio evaluation criteria for foreign applicants to the master's degree program "History of the Modern World"**

	<b>Portfolio section</b>	<b>Maximum number of points</b>
<i>Mandatory documents</i>		
Motivational letter	The letter must thoroughly describe: -The candidate's education and practical experience (pre-baccalaureate work experience need not be listed); -the candidate's purpose of studying a Master's degree program; -the reasons to study in the selected Master's program at the Higher School of Economics; - professional plans after graduating from the master's program.	15 points
Résumé/CV	Work experience or scientific activity in the specified area of studies, including practice during the Bachelor studies with job title and responsibilities.	5 points
Recommendation letters	Written recommendations from specialists, teachers, colleagues.	5 points
Diploma or <i>transcript</i> with grades	If a diploma is available at the time of application, a copy of the diploma with the list of disciplines studied shall be provided. In the absence of a diploma, a transcript with grades confirming the last certification.	10 points
Diploma with honors	Dissertation qualified <i>excellent</i> Grades A+, A, B+	+10 points +10 points
Master's degree or other academic degree		+10 points
<i>Other documents that may be included in the portfolio</i>		
Scientific publications, presentations at scientific conferences / symposia / seminars	List of articles in scientific and professional journals, articles/theses in collective publications of scientific conferences (including student ones), indicating the author's full name and title of the publication	15 points
Advanced training	Certificate or diploma from the organization responsible for the	8 points

/ Retraining and skills updating programs / additional specific courses in humanities	courses, the name of the course and the number of hours attended.	
Second Language Proficiency	Valid international certificate of proficiency through the Intermediate level	5 points
Third Language Proficiency	Valid international certificate of proficiency through the Intermediate level	7 points
	TOTAL	100 points

The minimum passing score for admission to the Master's degree program "History of the Modern World" is 40 points.

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Signature