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 "Data Analytics and Social Statistics"

Portfolio's element	Description	Gradings (100-points scale)
Mandatory Documents		
Document confirming the level of education (diploma)	The average grade for the courses and the status of the diploma with honors are taken into account; confirmed by a copy of the diploma of higher education (bachelor's degree, specialist's degree, master's degree) and the corresponding supplement to it. The direction of basic education is not important.	15
Motivation letter	About 1000 words, written in English. In the motivation letter, the applicant must demonstrate awareness of the choice of specialization, how his/her practical and scientific interests are related to the use of data analytics, applied statistics and network analysis, what he/she expects to get from studying in the master's program, what he/she plans to do in the future. The content of the letter, structure, and language of presentation are assessed.	20
Resume (CV)	The following is taken into account: — experience in scientific research: final qualifying works; participation in scientific conferences, seminars and schools; scientific works published and accepted for publication in professional journals; participation in specialized research works; — experience in professional activities in the field of statistics, data analysis or related fields; — personal achievements of the applicant: participation in Olympiads, scientific conferences, personal scholarships.	20
Documents confirming the level of proficiency in foreign languages (English language)	Not required if the applicant's native language is English, or if the language of education is English. In this case some confirmation should	10

	be presented, e.g. that previous studies were performed in English. Proof of English language proficiency is provided by completing courses in English (lectures, seminars, written work, oral presentations) at a university, as well as publications in English. Optional: TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent tests.	
Documents that can be included in the portfolio		
Letters of recommendation from the employer and/or supervisor	Two letters, certified by signature, one of which is from a teacher or academic supervisor, indicating the full name, position, academic degree, place of work, telephone number and e-mail. 5 points for 1 letter of recommendation. The letters of recommendation should clearly stipulate recommendation for the program "Data Analytics and Social Statistics". Also, letters should be dated as the most recent ones (not later than 3 months before submission for HSE University master's program application).	10
Interview results	Interview in English (online) with the administration of the master's program.	10
Additional documents on education (on advanced training, completion of courses, professional certificates, etc.)	Materials on additional education are accepted: certificates of online courses (any Russian or foreign platforms), summer schools, advanced training courses. Of particular importance is the completion of mathematical courses and statistics courses, if there were none in basic education.	4
Documents confirming scientific publications, presentations at scientific seminars/conferences	Additional evidence of academic and professional achievements that will assist the candidate is accepted, such as awards for participation in scientific events (certificates of honor, letters of gratitude, etc.), publications, presentations at conferences, etc.	4
Documents confirming experience in scientific research activities	Additional evidence of academic and professional achievements that will benefit the candidate's portfolio, such as membership in academic and professional societies, leadership of teams or projects (in work or study), etc.	4

Documents confirming the availability of international scholarships or grants	Evidence of the applicant's participation in international scholarships and grants (official invitations, confirmation of participation, document on completion of the grant, etc.) is accepted.	3