

List of documents* for the admission examination in the form of a competitive selection (portfolio) for international applicants in a separate competition, and criteria for evaluating the portfolio

Master's degree program "Economics and Economic Policy"

Portfolio section	Description	Maximum number of points (total of 100)
<i>Required documents (mandatory)</i>		
Motivation Letter	<p>Up to 1000 words.</p> <p>The applicant should disclose his/her research interests and areas of planned research, his/her interest to pursue admission to this particular program, expectations related to studying on the program, rank the tracks by highlighting the most preferred one and explaining his/her choice, outline the goals after graduation, the theoretical and practical skills the applicant expects to acquire during his/her studies.</p> <p>Higher grades will be awarded to the letters which demonstrate the applicant's deep understanding of the topic and key features of the most preferred track and also the applicant's high interest in studying on the chosen program.</p>	20
Copy of the diploma and transcript	<p>If an undergraduate/graduate diploma is available at the time of application, a copy of the diploma and an annex with a list of subjects studied should be provided. In the case of no diploma, a transcript with grades confirming the last attestation.</p> <p>Based on the transcript with grades, the availability and success of studying the undergraduate mathematic and economic courses are assessed. A special focus is made on the programs and the volume of the key disciplines, such as mathematical analysis, linear algebra, probability theory and statistics, differential equations, mathematics for economists, microeconomics-1, macroeconomics-1, microeconomics-2. macroeconomics-2.</p> <p>Higher grades will be awarded to the diplomas with honors and diplomas with an average grade above 85% of the maximum grade, if the applicant has studied a large volume of the key mathematic and economic courses. The absence or a small volume of mathematic and economic courses in the transcript (diploma) does not allow to award a high grade for this criterion.</p>	35
Letter of Recommendation	<p>One recommendation letter from your teachers or academic advisors from the university where you studied.</p>	10

Valid English Proficiency Test Certificates	<p>English proficiency. One of these certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS, at least 6 • TOEFL IBT (Internet Based), at least 80 • TOEFL PBT (Paper Based), at least 500 • CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English), at least C • CAE (Certificate of Advanced English) • BEC Higher (Business English Certificate) • SCT Linguatext (Academic / Business), at least 66. <p>Alternatively: official confirmation that your previous undergraduate/graduate studies were in English.</p>	Valid, if the scores are above the applicable threshold
CV	Should include: your education, work experience, publications, conferences, workshops, summer schools, grants (if any), academic and other achievements, languages and computer skills, social activities (for example, sport achievements, volunteering etc.)	15
<i>Additional documents (optional)</i>		
Interview	May be held by the admission committee to refine the final assessment.	0
Copies of additional educational documents	<p>Academic achievements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here you can provide certificates of additional courses (for example, on Coursera platform) on economics, maths, econometrics. We strongly recommend to use this option if you have not taken sufficient volume of the key mathematic and economic courses as a part of your undergraduate degree or if you have low grades; • Upload your best research papers (including working papers, publications, theses and conference papers) or term papers (up to 3 files) Diplomas of winners, laureates, participants of student Olympiads, scientific student competitions and other documents confirming additional professional qualifications (other than international language certificates and secondary school diplomas); • Certificate of a special/academic scholarship received during your previous studies; • Additional diplomas/certificates. 	20

* All documents should either be in English or in Russian!