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.

If you are interested in entering the programme, please contact the academic supervisor of the programme as soon as possible in the year preceding your intended studies, with a copy to both addresses below: Daria Ryzhova — dryzhova@hse.ru, daria.ryzhova@mail.ru. This is necessary to allow enough time to submit offline assignments that will make part of evaluation of your interview.

Master's Programme
"Linguistic Theory and Language Description"

Portfolio's element	Description	Gradings (100-points scale)
Mandatory Documents		
1. CV	CV should explain, step by step and in a chronological order, direct or reverse, your academic background and trajectory (your BA programme, courses you took within this BA programme or additionally that are relevant to the profile of our MA programme), academic projects you took part in and publications that resulted from these projects. At the beginning of the CV, provide a quick overview of the other documents you submitted that are relevant to your academic assessments (your publications, conference abstracts, summer school participation etc.), so that it also serves as a cover letter to your application.	Not graded
2. Diploma of higher education (or certificate of academic performance)	Background in theoretical and computational linguistics is graded high. Knowledge of an ancient or a non-SAE (standard average European) language, proficiency in maths and programming give bonus scores.	0-20
3. Publications, conference abstracts (if applicable)	List of your academic publications, including all relevant bibliographic information: the title of the paper, the title and the issue of the journal where your work is published, the year of publication, your coauthors (if there are any).	0-40 (plus bonus scores)

	Note that the score depends on how close the topic of your article / research is to the profile of the programme.	
4. Research projects and fieldtrips (if applicable)	List of the research projects and fieldtrips you participated in, including the title of the project, the name of the leader of the project, a brief description of your role in the project. Note that the score depends on how close the topic of the project is to the profile of the programme.	0-20
5. Interview	Evaluation of the portfolio includes the grade for the online interview. The main objective of the interview is to understand the applicant's educational background and potential, with a special focus to theoretical linguistics. The interview may include discussing offline assignments that may be sent to the applicant after he or she contacts the programme supervisors (see above). Success in such assignments may significantly increase the scores assigned for the interview, including bonus grades higher than the max interview grades. Because offline assignments are complex and take a lot of time, we suggest that applicants contact the programme supervisor at their earliest convenience, including before the application itself. This can be done even before the application procedure is open.	0-20 (plus bonus scores)

Documents that can be included in the portfolio

1. Certificate of English	You may but do not need to submit a certificate of English. In all cases, the interview is held in English, and your level will be assessed and may be included as part of the interview grading.	not graded
2. Motivation letter	The letter is not graded, but helps the committee to have a preliminary general idea of the applicant's background. You may want to address the following questions: · Why did you choose this MA programme? · What do you know about theoretical linguistics? · Do you have experience of academic research in the past? · What do you expect of the MA programme you are applying to? · What do you plan to do after MA studies? In your motivation letter, if you decide to submit it, please try to be as specific as possible.	not graded
3. Diploma and certificates related to	Note that the score depends on how close the topic of the research is to the profile of the programme.	bonus scores

	research activities		
4.	International academic mobility	Confirmation of international academic mobility (internships, trainings, scholarships)	bonus scores
Maximum Score			100