

**FACT SHEET 2023 – 2024 FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND
INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

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Rector	Academician Victor A. SADOVNICHY	
Date of Establishment	1755	
Official website	https://www.msu.ru/en	
Facts and Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50,000+ undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students ▪ 10,000+ international undergraduate, graduate, PhD students and interns from 50+ countries ▪ 6,000+ candidates of science ▪ 6,000+ full professors, lecturers, and tutors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 800+ agreements in force with universities and international organizations ▪ 41 Faculties and Schools ▪ 13 Research Institutes and Centers ▪ 8 Branches in Russia and abroad ▪ 6 research and educational satellites ▪ 4 supercomputers ▪ 11 university graduates won Nobel Prize awards
Rankings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 17th in MosIUR 2023 ▪ 87th in QS World University Rankings 2024 ▪ 101-150th in ARWU World University Rankings 2023 	

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

Eligibility	<p>To be eligible for a study as an exchange or a visiting student at MSU, student must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale, or the equivalent; ✓ to take courses in English (for non-native English speakers): English language level equivalent to IELTS 6.0; ✓ to take subject courses in Russian: TORFL-II / B2 level of Russian language; ✓ to study Russian language: TBL / A2 level of Russian language.
Nomination Procedure for Partners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inform your students about the opportunity to participate in a mobility program in MSU and select students to be nominated. 2. Send to the academic mobility coordinator responsible for cooperation with your university in MSU an official nomination letter with the following information about each student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full name of the student • Email of the student. • Faculty/Department/School/Institute at home university and Study Program • Study level (Bachelor/Master/PhD) and year • MSU Faculty and Study Program the student will apply to • Period of study: Spring semester/Fall semester/Academic year 3. Inform your students about the online application procedure and deadlines in MSU, make sure that your students start collecting the documents in advance. 4. Keep in touch with your students before and during mobility program.
Nomination Period	<p>For Autumn Semester and Full Academic Year: February 20th - April 1st For Spring Semester: September 20th - November 1st</p> <p>If you are late with nominations, please check if it is possible to nominate your students with MSU mobility coordinators.</p>
Application Procedure for Exchange and Visiting Students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask the international coordinator at your home university: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — to nominate you for international mobility program at MSU (if you study at MSU partner university); — to approve your desire to study on international mobility program at MSU as a free-mover or to apply for signing a cooperation agreement with MSU. 2. Prepare the documents (here you can find the drop-down list: https://international.msu.ru/mobility-en#documents) and fill in the online application: https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/64352bc484227c0f2fd14096/; 3. Upon receiving your nomination and online application, MSU Department for Internationalisation Development will assess your submitted application and will send it for approval to a particular Faculty; 4. Once MSU Faculty approves your application and provisional study program, MSU mobility coordinator will send you a formal acceptance e-mail with all the information. If there are any issues with your application, you will be informed about that.
Application Deadlines for Students	<p>For Autumn Semester and Full Academic Year: April 30th For Spring Semester: November 15th</p> <p>Please respect the deadlines. Late submission of the application may lead to refusal to accept you into exchange program.</p>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar	<p>Academic year: September 1 - June 24.*</p> <p>Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study period: September 1 – January 24 • Winter exam session: January 3 – January 24 <p>Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study period: February 7 – June 24 • Summer exam session: June 1 – June 24 <p>*Some Master's programs have their own schedule, which is connected with the specifics of the study field. Checking study calendar with the mobility coordinator is recommended.</p>															
Course Information	<p>Typically, an exchange student is enrolled in the host faculty in which he plans to study. Attending 1-2 additional courses at another faculty is possible but it needs to be mutually agreed in advance.</p> <p>Course offer and language of instruction:</p> <p>Most of the courses are conducted in Russian, some in English.</p> <p>The list of courses taught in English: https://international.msu.ru/mobility-en#english_courses</p> <p>The list of courses taught in Russian is available at the website of each faculty: https://www.msu.ru/info/struct/#facult.</p> <p>Credit system:</p> <p>One academic semester corresponds to 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits. Typically, a course at MSU is estimated at 2 or 4 credits, that means the students has 36 or 72 academic (class) hours respectively or 72 or 144 hours of total workload. 1 academic hour = 45 minutes.</p> <p>Usual workload:</p> <p>Exchange students can take up to 30 ECTS per semester (60 ECTS per year). Students are encouraged to check in with their home universities for credit load requirements.</p>															
Russian Language Classes	<p>Some faculties may also offer Russian Language classes for exchange students during their stay at Moscow State University. It is necessary to ask the host faculty in advance whether it is possible or not.</p>															
Grading System	<p>The Russian grading system is based on a scale from 0 to 5, where 3 is the minimum passing mark.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1402 1507 1717"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">MSU grading system</th> <th>ECTS grading system (approx. equivalence)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Excellent (Excellent / Sobresaliente)</td> <td>5</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good (Notable / Notable)</td> <td>4</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass (Aprobat / Aprobado)</td> <td>3</td> <td>C, D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fail (Suspens / Suspendido)</td> <td>0-2</td> <td>E, FX and F</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	MSU grading system		ECTS grading system (approx. equivalence)	Excellent (Excellent / Sobresaliente)	5	A	Good (Notable / Notable)	4	B	Pass (Aprobat / Aprobado)	3	C, D	Fail (Suspens / Suspendido)	0-2	E, FX and F
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Transcript of Records	<p>Transcripts in pdf are sent to students within 3-5 weeks after the official end of the semester. Hard copies are sent upon the home university coordinator's request to the institution's address. If necessary, contact the International Office of the Faculty to issue a certificate of study at MSU.</p>															

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Entering and staying in Russia	Algorithm of entering and staying in Russia: https://international.msu.ru/int-en#entry Important information for international students: https://international.msu.ru/int-en#important
Accommodation	Exchange and visiting students can apply for on-campus accommodation. Usually international students live in the Student Residence Hall on Leninskie Gory (DS, MSU Main Building). Accommodation fees depend on the provisions of inter-university agreements and on living conditions.
Campus	Virtual tour around campus: http://en.tour.vrmsu.ru/ Map of campus on Leninskie Gory: https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Lengorien.html Map of MSU Main building: https://www.msu.ru/info/map/gz.html Map of campus on Mokhovaya street: https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Mohovayaen.html