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высшего образования**

**НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫЙ ИССЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬСКИЙ УНИВЕРСИТЕТ  
«ВЫСШАЯ ШКОЛА ЭКОНОМИКИ»**

**Факультет социальных наук  
Департамент социологии**

**Состав и критерии оценки портфолио  
для поступления на образовательную  
программу магистратуры  
«Сравнительные социальные исследования»**

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**Application portfolio**  
**“International Master in Comparative Social Research”**  
School of Sociology

*Candidates should apply via the HSE International Admission Office*  
*(<https://admissions.hse.ru/en/graduate-apply/step1>)*

**1. Curriculum Vitae (2 page limit).**

Candidates should submit a standard CV, including, at a minimum, their achievements in study and research, work and research experience, publications and conferences participation (if any), and foreign experience and foreign language proficiency.

**2. Letter of motivation (1 page limit).**

This letter should describe the candidate's reasons for applying to this Master's Program, in the context of the candidate's long-term career goals and educational as well as research background. The candidate should also explain his/her interest in comparative social research.

**3. Statement of research interests and methods knowledge (2 page limit).**

This statement should consist of at least one paragraph describing the candidate's research interests and another describing their experience with research projects and in using different social science research methods (such as regression analysis, cluster analysis, factor analysis, expert interviews, narrative interviews, focus groups, experimental design, etc.). Moreover, the applicant should shortly describe what research ideas or questions he/she is planning to follow up on during his/her studies in the programme and what perspectives does she/he sees for comparative analyses.

**4. Two short letters of recommendation (at least one should be academic).**

These two letters should be submitted directly to the programme by email (cfroehlich@hse.ru, echeklina@hse.ru). Each letter should specify how the reference knows the student (and for how long) and should address the student's study and research qualification for this program and for further academic study in general. At least one of this letters must be from a current or former teacher (or senior academic colleague) of the student. Preferably, both letters should be submitted in English.

**5. Compulsory Interview**

Each applicant has to participate in a short interview with the programme's intake commission either personally at the Higher School of Economics or via an online communication device.

This interview will assess

- a) the overall level of English of the applicant,
- b) the fit between the applicant and the programme.

**6. Official transcripts of previous educational studies.**

All applicants must include up-to-date BA (or equivalent) transcripts even if the candidate is not yet complete with his/her degree. These transcripts should be official copies, stamped or approved by the study program's Director of Studies. Students with also a higher degree (such as another MA), should submit both transcripts within their application.

## Criteria for Portfolio Evaluation

Criteria	Maximum points
<b>Academic qualifications and potential, documented by:</b>	<b>50</b>
Official transcript of previous studies (BA or equivalent)	15
Statement of research interests and methods knowledge	20
Curriculum vitae	10
Two letters of recommendation	5
<b>Student motivation, documented by:</b>	<b>30</b>
Letter of motivation	20
Two letters of recommendation	5
Curriculum vitae	5
<b>English Language Ability, documented by:</b>	<b>20</b>
Interview	10
Letter of motivation	5
Statement of research interests and methods knowledge	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



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