

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



**LOMONOSOV  
MOSCOW STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

<b>Name</b>	Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU)	
<b>City, Country</b>	Moscow, Russia	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Lomonosov Moscow State University, 1 Leninskie Gory, Moscow, 119991, Russian Federation	
<b>Rector</b>	Victor A. SADOVNICHY	
<b>Date of Establishment</b>	1755	
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.msu.ru/en/">https://www.msu.ru/en/</a>	
<b>Promotional Materials</b>	<a href="http://international.msu.ru/promo">http://international.msu.ru/promo</a>	
<b>Facts and Figures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>50,000+</b> undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students</li> <li>▪ <b>10,000+</b> international undergraduate students, PhD students and interns from <b>50+</b> countries</li> <li>▪ <b>6,000+</b> candidates of science</li> <li>▪ <b>6,000+</b> full professors, lecturers, and tutors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>2,000+</b> agreements with universities and international organizations</li> <li>▪ <b>41</b> Faculties and Schools</li> <li>▪ <b>40</b> Research Institutes</li> <li>▪ <b>8</b> Branches in Russia and abroad</li> <li>▪ <b>6</b> research and educational satellites</li> <li>▪ <b>4</b> supercomputers</li> <li>▪ <b>11</b> university graduates won Nobel Prize awards</li> </ul>
<b>Rankings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> university in Russia in all rankings</li> <li>▪ <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> in MosIUR 2021</li> <li>▪ <b>38<sup>th</sup></b> in THE World Reputation Rankings 2021</li> <li>▪ <b>78<sup>th</sup></b> in QS World University rankings 2022</li> <li>▪ <b>97<sup>th</sup></b> in ARWU World University Rankings 2021</li> </ul>	

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<b>Name of the Office</b>	Department for Internationalisation Development	
<b>Website</b>	For international partners: <a href="http://international.msu.ru">http://international.msu.ru</a> For exchange and visiting students: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng</a>	
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## NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

<b>Eligibility</b>	<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"> <li>✓ minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale, or the equivalent;</li> <li>✓ to take courses in English (for non-native English speakers): English language level equivalent to IELTS 6.0;</li> <li>✓ to take subject courses in Russian: TORFL-II / B2 level of Russian language;</li> <li>✓ to study Russian language: TBL / A2 level of Russian language.</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination Procedure for Partners</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In November-December fill in the online-questionnaire for partners;</li> <li>2. Hold an information session for your students to inform them about the opportunity to go on a mobility program to MSU. We are open to cooperation and are ready to take part in your Virtual Study Abroad Fair or conduct an online Webinar for your students who want to come to Moscow State University for exchange;</li> <li>3. Select students to be nominated;</li> <li>4. Download the nomination form (Excel-file) here: <a href="https://file.msu.net/s/nXZKcBR3qbXqx9z">https://file.msu.net/s/nXZKcBR3qbXqx9z</a> and fill it in;</li> <li>5. Fill in the online nomination questionnaire and upload the Excel-file with nominations here: <a href="https://survey.msu.ru/run/survey/4b432fd2">https://survey.msu.ru/run/survey/4b432fd2</a>;</li> <li>6. Inform your students about the online application procedure and deadlines: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#apply">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#apply</a>, make sure that students start collecting the documents in advance;</li> <li>7. Keep in touch with your students before and during the mobility program, support them with signing a Learning Agreement.</li> </ol>
<b>Nomination Period</b>	<p>For Spring Semester (first half of the year): September 20<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>          For Autumn Semester (second half of the year) and Full Year: February 20<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>          If you are late with nominations, please check if it is possible to nominate your students with MSU mobility coordinators.</p>
<b>Application Procedure for Exchange and Visiting Students</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ask the international coordinator at your home university:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— to nominate you for international mobility program at MSU (if you study at MSU partner university);</li> <li>— 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Prepare the documents and fill in the online application: <a href="https://survey.msu.ru/run/survey/82eb3b55">https://survey.msu.ru/run/survey/82eb3b55</a>;</li> <li>3. Upon receiving your nomination and online application, MSU Department for Internationalisation will assess your submitted application and will send it for approval to a particular Faculty;</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>For further information on documents package and online-application procedure please follow: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#apply">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#apply</a></p>
<b>Application Deadlines for Students</b>	<p>For Autumn Semester (second half of the year) and Full Year: April 30<sup>th</sup>          For Spring Semester (first half of the year): November 15<sup>th</sup>          Please respect the deadlines. Late submission of the application may lead to refusal to accept you into exchange program.</p>

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Academic year:</b> September 1 - June 30.</p> <p><b>Spring Semester:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study period: February 7 – June 24</li> <li>• Summer exam session: June 1 – June 24</li> </ul> <p><b>Autumn Semester:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study period: September 1 – January 24</li> <li>• Winter exam session: January 3 – January 24</li> </ul> <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> <p>Please, note that exchange and visiting students must arrive in Moscow a few days before the start of the academic semester to participate in the Orientation Days.</p>															
<b>Course Information</b>	<p>Depending on whether a partner university has an exchange agreement with a specific Faculty or a university-wide exchange with Moscow State University, students can choose courses at a particular Faculty or across the entire university (at different Faculties).</p> <p><b>Course offer for undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students:</b></p> <p><a href="http://international.msu.ru/mobility#courses">http://international.msu.ru/mobility#courses</a></p> <p><b>Language of instruction:</b></p> <p>Most of the courses are conducted in Russian, some in English and Chinese. Please check the language of instruction in the course catalogue.</p> <p><b>Credit system:</b></p> <p>One academic semester corresponds to 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits that are normally equivalent to 1080 academic hours of total workload and about 400-500 contact academic hours for bachelor students and 300-400 contact academic hours for master's students per semester. 1 academic hour = 45 minutes.</p> <p><b>Usual workload:</b></p> <p>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>															
<b>Russian Language Course</b>	<p>In order to provide exchange and visiting students with an added value to the mobility program, as well as to awaken an interest in the language and culture of Russia, MSU offers Russian language courses. Students who wish to learn Russian will have to take a test in Russian. Based on its results student will be granted a number of free Russian language classes. ECTS credits are awarded for the course.</p>															
<b>Grading System</b>	<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 1591 1507 1904"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">MSU grading system</th> <th>ECTS grading system (approx. equivalence)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Excellent</b> (Excellent / Sobresaliente)</td> <td>5</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Good</b> (Notable / Notable)</td> <td>4</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Pass</b> (Aprobat / Aprobado)</td> <td>3</td> <td>C,D and E</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Fail</b> (Suspens / Suspendido)</td> <td>0-2</td> <td>FX and F</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	MSU grading system		ECTS grading system (approx. equivalence)	<b>Excellent</b> (Excellent / Sobresaliente)	5	A	<b>Good</b> (Notable / Notable)	4	B	<b>Pass</b> (Aprobat / Aprobado)	3	C,D and E	<b>Fail</b> (Suspens / Suspendido)	0-2	FX and F
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<b>Transcript of Records</b>	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.
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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

<b>International Students Support</b>	<p>There are 5 components of international students support system in MSU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Online portal for exchange and visiting students</b> with all the information: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange</a>;</li> <li>✓ <b>Pre-departure webinar</b> held a few weeks before the mobility program starts;</li> <li>✓ <b>Orientation session</b> held during the first week of the mobility program;</li> <li>✓ <b>Personal buddy</b>, providing the exchange/visiting student with good support while dealing with organizational issues, adapting to study process and life in Moscow <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#buddy">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#buddy</a>;</li> <li>✓ <b>Student hotline and volunteers of the Student Union International Centre</b> ready to give precise answers to the questions: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#hotline">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#hotline</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Visa</b>	MSU provides invitation and visa support for exchange and visiting students. For further information please follow: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#visa">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#visa</a>	
<b>Health Insurance</b>	All foreign citizens are required to purchase a health insurance policy valid throughout Russia at their own expense. For more information please follow: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/medicine-eng">https://studentin.msu.ru/medicine-eng</a>	
<b>Accommodation</b>	Exchange and visiting students can apply for on-campus accommodation in accordance with the inter-university agreement. 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. For further information on accommodation please follow <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#accommodation">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng/exchange#accommodation</a>	
<b>Estimated Cost of living</b>	Housing	4 000 - 14 000 RUB (45 - 155 €) per month
	Food	200 - 250 € per month
	Public Transport	5 - 10 € per month
	Health Insurance	122 € per 6 months, 145 € per 12 months
	Other Personal Expenses	150 - 200 € per month
<b>Student Life &amp; Sports</b>	The university provides students with extensive opportunities for realizing creative potential and doing sports. For further information on student organisations please follow: <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/students-eng">https://studentin.msu.ru/students-eng</a> <a href="https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng#opportunities">https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng#opportunities</a>	
<b>Campus</b>	Virtual tour around campus: <a href="http://en.tour.vrmsu.ru/">http://en.tour.vrmsu.ru/</a> Map of campus on Vorobyovy Gory: <a href="https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Lengorien.html">https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Lengorien.html</a> Map of campus on Mokhovaya street: <a href="https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Mohovayaen.html">https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Mohovayaen.html</a>	