FACT SHEET 2025 – 2026 FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name	Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU)	
City, Country	Moscow, Russia	
Mailing Address	Lomonosov Moscow State University, 1 Leninskie Gory, Moscow, 119991, Russian Federation	
Rector	Academician Victor A. SADOVNICHY	
Date of Establishment	1755	
Official website	https://www.msu.ru/en; http://international.msu.ru/en	
Facts and Figures	▪ **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	▪ **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	▪ **17th** in MosIUR 2024 ▪ **105th** in QS World University Rankings 2026 ▪ **101-150 in** ARWU 2025	

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

Eligibility	To participate in an exchange program, a student must possess: ✓ minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale, or the equivalent; ✓ English language level equivalent to IELTS 6.0 (for those who will register for courses taught in English); ✓ TORFL-II / B2 level of Russian language (for those who will register for courses taught in Russian); ✓ TBL / A2 level of Russian language (for those who will be studying Russian language).
Step-by-step Nomination Procedure for Partner University	1. Inform your students about the opportunity to participate in an exchange 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: • Full name of the student, • Student's E-mail and phone number, • Faculty/Department/School/College at home university and Study Program, • Study level (Bachelor/Master/PhD) and year of study, • Faculty and programme of study that the student has chosen at MSU, • 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	For Fall Semester and Full Academic Year - **from February 20th until April 1st** For Spring Semester – **from September 20th until November 1st** If you are late with nominations, please check with MSU mobility coordinators if it is possible to nominate your students.
Application Procedure for Exchange and Visiting Students	1. Ask the international coordinator at your home university: — to nominate you to participate in exchange program at MSU (if there is a student exchange agreement with MSU) or — to approve participation in the free mobility programme under the terms of a training contract. 2. Prepare the requited documents: https://international.msu.ru/mobility-en#documents and fill in the online application: https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/64352bc484227c0f2fd14096/ 3. Upon receipt of your nomination and online application, the MSU Department for Internationalization Development will review your application and forward it to the faculty of your choice. 4. If the faculty of your choice approves your application and the list of courses you have chosen, MSU Academic Mobility Coordinator will send you an official letter informing you that you have been accepted. If there are any problems with your application, you will also be informed.
Application Deadlines for Students	Deadline to apply for the Fall Semester and Full Academic Year - **April 30th** Deadline to apply for the Spring Semester - **November 15th** Please adhere to the deadlines. Failure to submit your application on time may result in refusal to consider your documents.

STUDY INFORMATION

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<tr><td>Calendar</td><td>Academic year: from September 1st until June 24th.*
Fall Semester:
Study period: September 1 — December 26
Exams: January 3 — January 24
Spring Semester:
Study period: February 7 — May 30
Exams: June 1 — June 24
*Some Master's programs have their own schedule. Please check study calendar with the mobility coordinator.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Course Information</td><td>As a rule, exchange students are enrolled in the faculty they have chosen in the application form. Attending one or two additional courses in another faculty is possible, but this must be agreed in advance.
Courses offered and language of instruction:
Most of the courses are taught in Russian, some in English.
Please check the availability of the course in a foreign language for the intended period of your visit with the exchange coordinators.
The list of courses taught in English:
1) https://international.msu.ru/mobility-en#english_courses
2) https://disk.yandex.ru/i/zBjVoz_vQ08opQ
The list of courses taught in Russian is available at the website of each faculty: https://www.msu.ru/info/struct/#facult.
Credit system:
Moscow University has its own credit system, ranging from 26 to 36 credits per semester. A typical course of study with a labour input of 36 academic hours of classroom work is evaluated in 2 credit units. 1 academic hour equals 45 minutes.
Exchange students can take up to 30 credits per semester. Students are encouraged to check in with their home universities for credit load requirements.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Russian Language Classes</td><td>Some faculties may also offer Russian Language classes for exchange students during their stay at MSU. It is necessary to ask the host faculty in advance whether it is possible or not.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Grading System</td><td>The Russian grading system is based on a scale from 0 to 5, where 3 is the minimum passing mark.
<table><tr><th>MSU grading scale</th><th></th><th>ECTS grading scale (approx. equivalence)</th></tr><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
(Aprovat / 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></table></td></tr>
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Transcript of Records	Transcripts in pdf format are sent to students within 3-5 weeks after the end of the semester. Hard copies are mailed to the institution address upon request of the home university coordinator. If necessary, it is recommended to contact the Department of International Cooperation of the Faculty to obtain a document of study at MSU.

USEFUL INFORNATION

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	Students participating in the exchange programme can apply for accommodation in the university dormitory. Usually foreign exchange students are accommodated in the student dormitory on Leninskie Gory (Main Building of MSU).
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