



NATIONAL RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITY  
NIZHNY NOVGOROD



*The spirit of freedom is strong in our university.  
We feel the need for permanent growth.  
There are no ceilings to our success.  
It's the path we have chosen.*

**Yaroslav Kuzminov, Rector**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

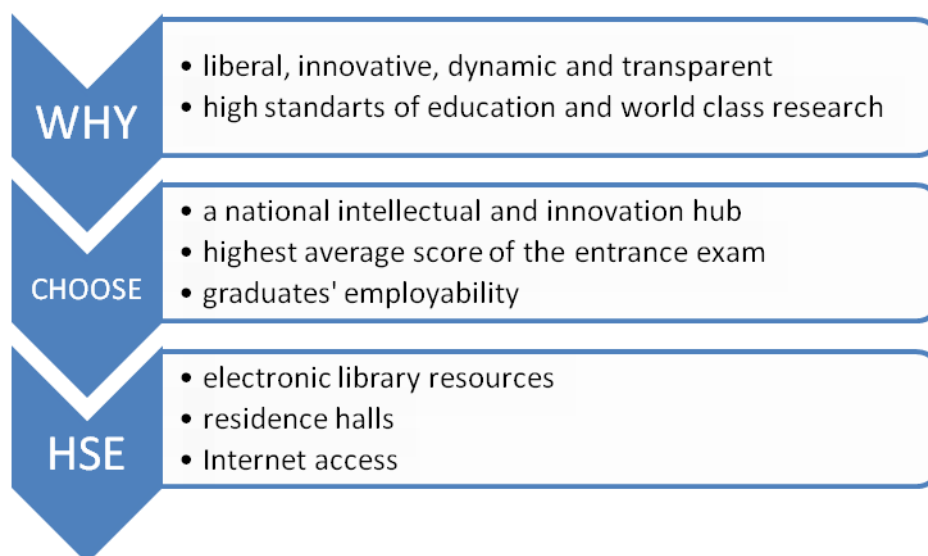
National Research University - Higher School of Economics (HSE) was founded in 1992 on the initiative of renowned Russian economists and reformers.

HSE is the largest higher education and research institution of social sciences in Eastern Europe.

Our mission is to promote economic and social reforms in Russia through the education of a new generation of researchers and practitioners.

HSE aims to foster new ideas for economic and social reforms and the formation of new corporate strategies.

HSE has grown into a multiregional structure housing its education and research facilities in four campuses: HSE - Moscow, HSE - Saint-Petersburg, HSE - Perm, HSE - Nizhny Novgorod.



## HSE-NIZHNY NOVGOROD

Established in 1996 HSE - Nizhny Novgorod is the oldest and largest among HSE regional campuses. It offers high quality education within its 5 faculties: Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Management, Faculty of Business Informatics and Applied Mathematics, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Humanities.

HSE - Nizhny Novgorod is highly-rated for its achievements in a variety of research areas spanning ERP systems architecture, decision systems, mathematical modeling in economics, logistics and supply chain management innovation management, communication studies, computational linguistics.

Its modern facilities including 4 studying halls, a dormitory, a library and a publishing house are distributed across the city.





## The City of Nizhny Novgorod

Nizhny Novgorod was founded in 1221 by Grand Prince Georgy Vsevolodovich of Vladimir as a major stronghold border protection of Russian principalities against invasions of militant tribes and an eastern point for development of trade. The city is located at the confluence of two great rivers, the Volga and the Oka.



Nizhny Novgorod (colloquially shortened as “Nizhny”) is an ancient Russian village grown into one of the biggest and best-developed cities of the country. Nizhny has always played an important role in the political and commercial life of the East-European Plain Russia. As an industrial hub of major importance and a leading economic centre Nizhny Novgorod enjoys dynamic social and cultural life, with its lively downtown in the heart of a metropolitan region of over 1 million people.

There are more than six hundred unique historic, architectural, and cultural monuments in the city; that gave grounds to UNESCO to include Nizhny Novgorod in the list of 100 cities of the world which are of great historical and cultural value.

Besides its historical heritage and industrial advancements Nizhny represents an excellent place for education and research boasting a peaceful provincial environment. Unlike Moscow and Saint Petersburg Nizhny is a big city with a small-town feel.

For more information about the city please go to:



[Wikipedia](#)  
[Government of Nizhny Novgorod Region](#)  
[City Guide](#)

## FIELDS OF STUDY

### Economics

Economics and Finance

Financial and Investment Management

Financial Economics and Analytics

Banking

Accounting, Analyses, Audit

World Economy

### Management

Management

Marketing

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Education Management

State and Municipal Management

### Business informatics

Applied Mathematics

Business Informatics

Computing Linguistics

Software Engineering

### Social studies

Philology

Fundamental and Applied Linguistics

Law



## Russian as a Foreign Language

International students can attend classes in Russian as a Foreign Language during their studies at the HSE – Nizhny Novgorod. These are paid extra-curricular classes.

**The course is offered to students with different levels of Russian:**

- Elementary (A1 – A2)
- Pre-intermediate (B1)
- Intermediate (B2)
- Upper-intermediate (C1)
- Advanced (C2)

## INTERNATIONALIZATION

HSE – Nizhny Novgorod aims at maintaining internationalization of its academic and scientific affairs. Every year new agreements with foreign Universities and Organizations are signed, student and faculty exchanges expand. Currently we have agreements with more than 20 Universities and Organizations.

Austrian Library at HSE – Nizhny Novgorod is the leading outpost of Austrian culture in the city. Its collection spans classical and modern Austrian literature attracting students who wish to advance their knowledge of Austria and practice German. A crucial part of the initiative is the program of the German language taught by Austrian faculty. Participants are trained for Austrian Language Certificate.

On a regular basis HSE-Nizhny Novgorod welcomes visiting professors from partner-universities, delivering lectures to students and workshops to faculty.

HSE-Nizhny Novgorod hosts over 5 international conferences a year, welcoming distinguished professors from prominent universities.

In the year 2013 HSE - Nizhny Novgorod in partnership with University of Bergamo, JKU Linz launched a new trilateral Master program “Troika”, where students from the three universities study together, travelling from Russia to Italy and to Austria.



## RESEARCH

As part of a National research university, the Higher School of Economics - Nizhny Novgorod aims to perform world-class academic research in the fields of economics, finance, management, marketing, law and the humanities.

The high quality of education provided at HSE - Nizhny Novgorod is made possible by the constant involvement of students and instructors in research. Students develop research skills, learn to apply theoretical models in applied research, and gain experience in preparing academic publications following seminars and conferences.

HSE – Nizhny Novgorod is a leading regional think-tank providing expertise to business and government community on matters of economic decision-making. Under an agreement with the regional government, the HSE evaluates socio-economic projects and venture initiatives for local and regional authorities.

### LATNA Laboratory

Laboratory of Algorithms and Technologies for Networks Analysis (LATNA) was created in October, 2011 at the Higher School of Economics. It is an independent body of researchers and teachers, under direction of Professor Panos M. Pardalos (University of Florida, USA), funded from a grant by the Ministry of Science of Russian Federation.

The purpose of the laboratory is scientific research and establishment of international relations in the field of algorithms and techniques on algorithms and technologies for networks analysis for fundamental and applied research.

### Laboratory of Decision Choice and Analysis (TAPRADESS)

The Laboratory of Decision Choice and Analysis, administered by the Department of Business Informatics and Applied Mathematics in Nizhny Novgorod, advances decision-making through the use of mathematical techniques, information and simulation modeling, and modern information systems.

The laboratory's mission is to develop theoretical concepts and applied technologies used in decision-making for effective management of complex socio-economic systems. Its goal is to establish an effective mechanism to develop and disseminate advanced theoretical methods and practical decision support technologies using information and communication technologies for the benefit of educational and professional communities.

HSE-Nizhny Novgorod International Research Partners:

- SAP AG
- Laboratoire LITIS
- Institut des Systèmes Complexes en Normandie
- CIAO! Network
- European Research Centre for Information System



## Semester in Nizhny Novgorod

The Higher School of Economics – Nizhny Novgorod invites international students who are currently enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs to take part in its Semester in Nizhny Novgorod exchange programme.

Students will have the opportunity to create their own curricula drawn from a wide array of courses offered by HSE – Nizhny Novgorod. They can attend HSE – Nizhny Novgorod for one or two semesters and earn academic credits that may be transferred to their home institutions.

Managers of the Dean's Office and the International Office are available to help students design a curriculum customized to their own interests and goals. Students can choose a specific area of studies, for example, Economics & Finance or Management, or they can combine separate fields.

There are many benefits to studying at HSE – Nizhny Novgorod. Students will be able to explore the real Russian city, as well as travel to nearby destinations like the Moscow, Kazan, St. Petersburg and Golden Ring. They will gain a valuable, practical, hands-on insight into another culture. They also have the chance to enhance their career prospects, make lifelong friends, and study in a friendly, international and intellectually stimulating atmosphere.



## Academic Calendar

The 2015/2016 academic year at the HSE starts on September 1 and ends on July 3. The academic year is divided into four parts called 'modules'.

Module 1	September 1 – November 1	Exams: October 26 – November 1
Module 2	November 2 – December 27	Exams: December 22–27

Winter break      January 1-10

Module 3	January 11 – April 3	Exams: March 28 – April 3
Module 4	April 4 – July 3	Exams: June 15-30

Spring break      May 1-9

Summer break      July 4 – August 31

### National and public holidays in 2015/2016:

November 4; January 1-10; March 7-8; May 1-2, 9; June 12-13

### Timetable

Daily classes are held in double periods of two academic hours:

1 double period = 2 academic hours = 2\*40 minutes

Class	Time
1	8.00 – 9.20
2	9.30 – 10.50
3	11.10 – 12.30
4	12.40 – 14.00
5	14.20 – 15.40
6	15.50 – 17.10
7	17.30 – 18.50
8	19.00 – 20.20



## Credits and Grading System

The HSE student academic load is based on 'academic hours'.

1 academic hour = 40 minutes

1 credit = 36 academic hours = 24 astronomical hours

Total load is made up of contact hours and independent student work. The required load for an academic year is 60 credits, 30 credits in each term.

There are two forms of knowledge assessment: tests and exams. Assessment results are evaluated on a 10-point or 5-point scale and have qualitative characteristics.

ECTS Grades/	Exam	10-point scale	5-point scale
A+	Excellent	10	5
A	Very good	9	5
A-	Very good	8	5
B+	Good	7	4
B-	Good	6	4
C+	Satisfactory	5	3
C-	Satisfactory	4	3
F	Fail	3	2
F	Fail	2	2
F	Fail	1	2

Students are expected to attend lectures and seminars, take tests and complete tasks assigned by instructors. The grade of a course is comprised of:

Form of assessment and requirements (determined by the instructor in each course description; the instructor determines the structure of the grade and number of points); Attendance; Work in seminars; Interim tests; Final exam

Duration of a course unit

1 full academic year = 2 semesters = 4 modules

1 semester = 2 modules

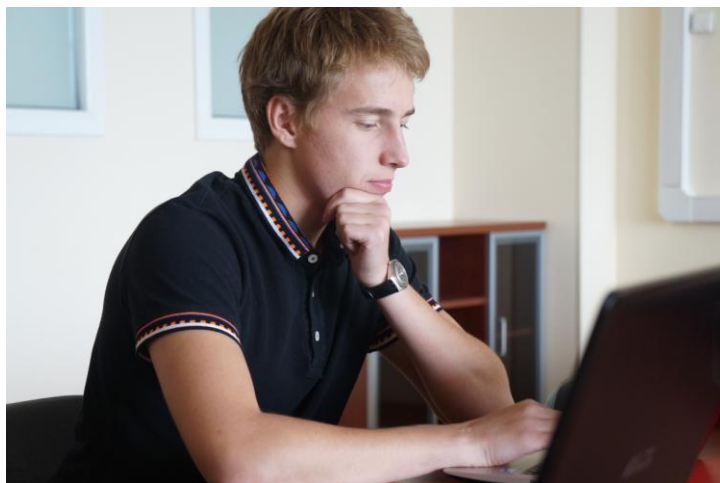
## Individual Study Plan

Every HSE student has an Individual Study Plan.

To determine your Individual Study Plan we recommend that you use these guides while searching for courses:

- <http://www.hse.ru/edu/courses/>  
(for both Russian and English-taught courses). You should choose the Campus in Nizhniy Novgorod : Кампус Нижний Новгород

These guides provide information concerning a module in which a course is held, the number of credits granted for a course, the department holding the course, and type of course it is.



There are several types of courses.

**Compulsory courses** are always on schedule and are held annually on a regular basis.

**Elective courses**, however, are optional and are offered only if five students are registered. If fewer than five students register for the course, it will be cancelled. The ultimate decision on whether to hold or cancel such courses is taken at the beginning of September.

The HSE places no restrictions regarding courses and credits. You can take as many elective or compulsory courses as you wish. The main criterion is your interest and the requirements of your home university.

Please keep your home university requirements in mind when developing your individual curriculum.

After you decide on the courses you would like to take contact the International Office. If you have a problem finding the courses, contact the International Office for help.

## Knowledge Assessment

Student knowledge assessment at the HSE comprises the routine assessment, intermediate assessment, and the final assessment.

**Routine assessment** is carried out during the course, and is designed to organize students' independent work and a systematic monitoring of their academic knowledge.

**Intermediate assessment** is aimed at evaluating students' knowledge acquired while studying a part of an academic subject. Assessment is held upon module completion during an examination session. Some academic subjects may not require intermediate knowledge assessment.

**Final assessment** is held upon completion of a course, primarily in written form as a pass-fail test or exam.

Students receive a **cumulative grade** based on the results of routine assessment. The cumulative grade is calculated prior to final assessment and comprises grades for all types of routine assessment during the course, for example class participation (0.1 points) + homework assignments (0.1 points) = 0.2.

Students receive **grades for exams** after passing final assessments. A cumulative grade and an exam grade form a final grade. The final grade is a weighted sum of the cumulative grade, midterm grade and a grade received on the exam. The grade composition for each discipline is defined in the course syllabus, for example:

The **Final grade** is determined on the following basis:

- homework assignments (10%)
- class participation (10%)
- midterm (20%)
- final exam (60%)

The final grade is a grade for the course that is included in the transcript of records/diploma. In extraordinary occasions, a student can be exempted from an exam and granted a resulting grade equal to the cumulative grade.

Please keep in mind that the HSE's academic rules are the same for all students (Russian, foreign, exchange and non-exchange). To succeed on a course, we advise international students to attend all lectures and seminars, prepare their home assignments and meet the deadlines for all essays, reports, etc.

### **Re-examination**

A student who fails an exam may have two extra attempts to re-take it, meaning an extra examination on a particular course can be scheduled no more than twice. If a student fails both re-examinations, he or she cannot be given a grade for the course. Such course cannot be included in the student's transcript of records.

### ***Exam Schedule***

Official exam schedules are formed one week before the exams start. Schedules are then published on the faculty web pages and posted on faculty bulletin boards.

### ***Absence from an Exam***

A student must come to the exam at the time indicated in the exam schedule. If a student is late, the examination time is not extended. Failure to attend the exam is marked with the word 'absent' on the examination record sheet.

If confirmed by a standard medical certificate, illness is considered a reasonable excuse for absence from an examination. Medical certificates should be submitted to the Faculty Study Office or the International Students Office on the first day of recovery as indicated on the certificate.

A student who fails to attend an exam without a reasonable excuse is considered as having failed the final assessment (exam).



## Documents

The HSE pass card allows entry into all HSE buildings.

Exchange students and interns receive a *temporary* pink pass card.

Full-degree students can apply for a regular *permanent* student pass after they receive their student ID.

It can be done at the International Office

When your study ends, return your pass card to the dormitory staff, the ISO or the faculty staff depending on where the card was given to you.

## Visa and Registration

HSE-Nizhny Novgorod provides an official letter of invitation for visa application at Russian Consular offices abroad and registration.

Students, coming as exchange students need a Student visa. Dates of validity of the visa will correspond with the dates mentioned on your letter of invitation issued by a Russian Federal Migration Service agency or on your official letter of invitation from our University.

HSE – Nizhny Novgorod provides an official letter of invitation for visa application at Russian Consular offices abroad. Please note, that letters of invitation for EU citizens are issued in up to 15 days (by our University) and for nationals of other countries (including USA and Canada) – in 45 days.

Please be aware, that your international passport should have at least two blank pages for visas. The passport should be valid for a minimum of six months after visa expiration date. If you do not have a blank page to which a visa can be affixed or your passport is valid for a shorter period of time than 6 months after visa expiration date, a new passport must be obtained before submitting your application.

A normal application procedure takes at the Russian Consular office approximately 7 calendar days.

Please bring your passport and the migration card (you will get it upon arrival at the airport) on the first day at the University (not more than after 2 days after your arrival). We will need these in order to register you with Russian Migration Bureau.

Note that it is vitally important to keep the migration card that you receive when you enter Russia. This document has to be presented at the passport control when you leave. The same is with the registration slip.

### **Extension of the visa**

If you wish to stay in Russia for more than 90 days, we will need to extend your visa (only single-entry visas may be extended).

The extension process takes from 30 to 45 days. The Federal Migration Service charges 1600 rubles for this. Before you get a new, multiple-entry visa your visa is still single-entry and you may not leave and re-enter the Russian Federation, so don't make any travel plans for this period.

While applying for an exchange semester, please specify the duration of the period you want to study at HSE – Nizhny Novgorod. So we will know in advance whether you will or won't need the visa-extension.

# HSE- Nizhny Novgorod – Buildings

Main building: ulitsa Bolshaya Pecherskaya 25\12



Faculty of Management: ulitsa Rodionova 136



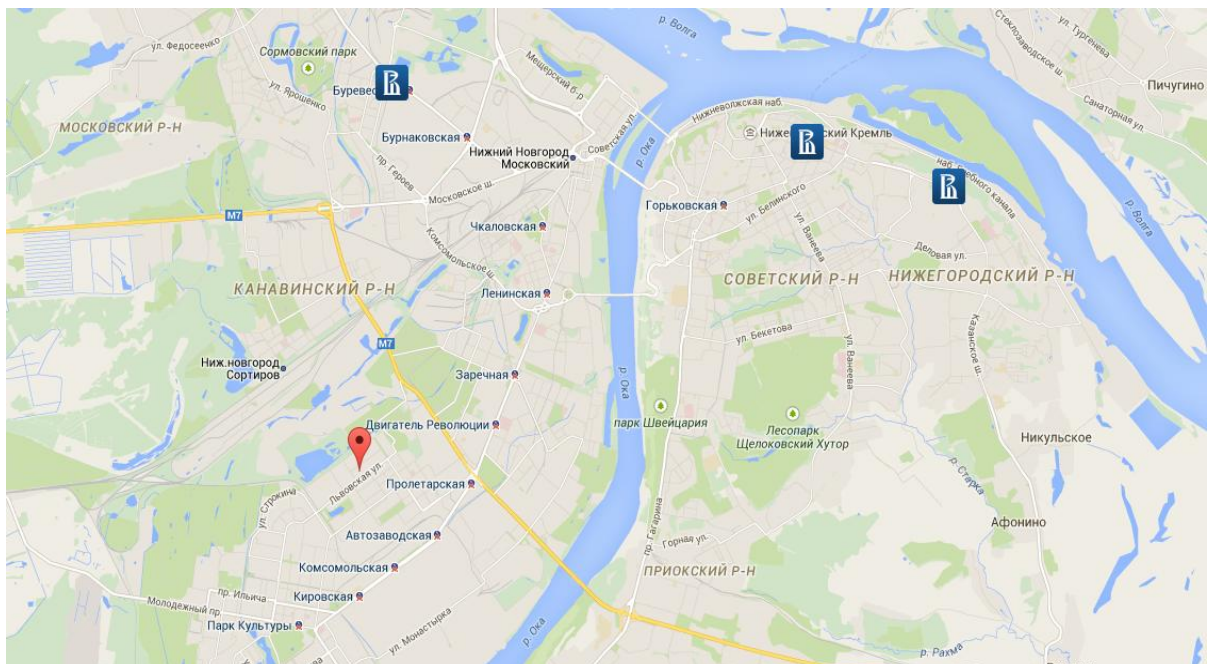
Sormovo: Sormovskoe Shosse 30



Avtozavod: ulitsa Lvovskaya 1B



## HSE-Buildings on the city map

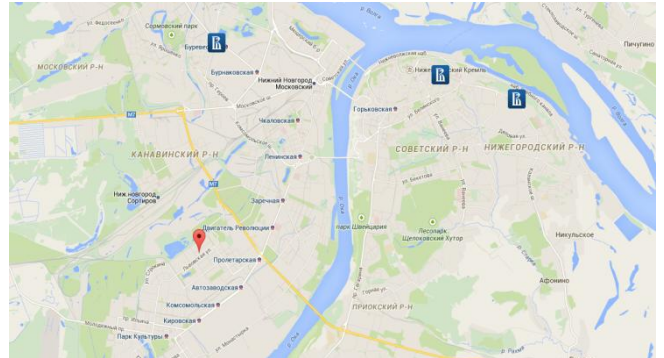


# Accommodation

## Dormitory for international students coming for the whole year

**Students' bedrooms** are arranged on the basis of double or quadruple occupancy. Each room is equipped with the following items:

- desks
- bookshelves
- a closet
- single beds
- mattresses, blankets and pillows
- bed linen and towels
- free LAN Internet access.



Residents are asked to purchase their own cutlery and kitchen utensils, laundry detergents, shampoo and shower gels.

Everything provided in the room is the property of the University, and students will have to pay if damages and loss occur. Rooms are provided only for registered students, and no one else is permitted to stay overnight in the room.

## Cost 5000 rub\month

## Other possibilities

### Rent a room

To rent a room in a flat costs approximately **10 000** rub. per person.

### Rent a flat

To rent a flat costs approximately **25 000** rub.

Please contact the International Office to help you by finding an accommodation.



## STUDENT LIFE AND SERVICES

**Higher School of Economics – Nizhny Novgorod provides a unique and vibrant student experience that adds significant value to an individual’s personal development. HSE – Nizhny Novgorod graduates are known to be innovators in their fields, leaders in their communities and ambassadors of excellence.**

Student life at HSE – Nizhny Novgorod provides young people with many ways to develop essential academic and job-related skills to ensure that students are successful in communicating their ideas, planning, and managing time.



Participation in student associations and societies makes the student experience at HSE more complete, enjoyable and comprehensive. Students may choose from Students’ Law Office and Political Club to a wide range of sports, music, arts and other activities.

**HSE** students volunteer for charitable causes at hospitals, orphanages, and

in rural areas.

You can join the following student clubs while studying at HSE – Nizhny Novgorod:

- Student Law Club
- Student Pedagogical Club “KoMoToS”
- Student Press Center
- Club of Intellectual Games
- Sports Club
- Music Club
- Theater Studio “Lobby”
- Dance Studio
- Club “Manager”
- Bike Club
- Cinema Club
- Political Club
- Historic Club
- Business Club “Entrepreneur”
- Volunteer Club



## SUMMER SCHOOLS

Higher School of Economics – Nizhny Novgorod hosts annually schools on Russian Language and Culture, Business Informatics and Political Linguistics.

Over 60 students and postgraduates from all over the world come to HSE – Nizhny Novgorod within the framework of these programs.

Two new specialized summer schools were launched recently: Summer School on Russian Law and Summer School on Russian Economy.

The team behind HSE Summer Schools in Nizhny Novgorod comprises professional teachers of Russian as a foreign language and recognized scholars with vast teaching experience and commanding knowledge of foreign languages.

Located in the very heart of central Russia Nizhny Novgorod enjoys proximity to country's major historic sites proffering vast opportunities for first-hand cultural experience. All summer schools at HSE include a series of side trips to top historic locations in the vicinity and broader region.

### Summer schools 2015

April, 29 – June, 10

Summer School on Russian Language and Culture

July, 6 – July, 30

Summer School on Russian Language and Culture

July, 19 – August, 01

Summer School "Law in Russia: National Aspects"

August, 24 –

September, 11

Summer School

'Economics in

Russia: National

Aspects'



## **International Office**

International Office is a support unit for the international activities of all the HSE – Nizhny Novgorod faculties.

International Office can help you

- with the official invitation letter from the HSE – Nizhny Novgorod. You will need it to apply for a visa;
- to find the accommodation, that suits you the most;
- to find the right courses you can take during your exchange semester;
- provide you with a “student buddy” – a Russian student, who will help you with adaptation to HSE – Nizhny Novgorod University and city life;
- with any other questions you may have before, while or after the exchange semester.

### **The application deadlines for exchange students:**

**For students, who come for the winter semester and for a year – 30 of June**

**For students, who come for the spring semester – 31 of October**

For further information please contact the International Office: [astsvetkova@hse.ru](mailto:astsvetkova@hse.ru)

**[www.nnov.hse.ru](http://www.nnov.hse.ru)**