



**MGIMO
MOSCOW STATE INSTITUTE
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
(UNIVERSITY)**

INFORMATION 2026-2027

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APPLICATION

Due Date for Nomination

- Fall semester - **April 30**
- Spring semester – **October 31**
- Academic year - **April 30**

Due Date for Application

- Fall semester - **May 15**
- Spring semester – **November 15**
- Academic year - **May 15**

Documents to be submitted before arrival (via e-mail)

- application form
- valid passport copy
- Letter of nomination from the home university
- Transcript of Records
- Motivation Letter (in Russian or in English)

Medical documents to be submitted upon arrival (issued within 3 months of the arrival date):

- medical documents (originals) of:
- Chest XRay (fluorography)
- international certificates of **vaccinations** or an original medical report on vaccinations against tetanus, **measles**, diphtheria, **tuberculosis**;
- personal health records (PHR) for chronic diseases;
- an **international health insurance** valid in Russia for the full period of study (can be purchased at MGIMO medical center upon arrival);
- 5 photos 3cm x 4 cm;

How to obtain application materials

By e-mail: e.orlova@inno.mgimo.ru

ACADEMIC CALENDER 2026/2027		
	<u>Fall semester:</u>	<u>Spring semester</u>
Suggested Arrival dates	August, 25-31	February, 1-6
Integration week	August 26- August 31	February, 1-7
Semester Dates	September, 1 – December 24	February, 7 - June 11
Examination Period	December, 25 - January 25	June, 12 – July 3
Semester Breaks	January 26 – February 07	July 3 – August 31
Official holidays in Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January, 1, 2, 3, 4 , 5 — New Year holiday • January, 6, 7 — Christmas • February, 23 —Defender of the Fatherland Day • March, 8 — International Women’s Day • May, 1 — Spring and Labor Day • May, 9 — Victory Day • June, 12 — Independence Day • November, 4 — Unity Day 	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The language of instruction	The language of instruction is Russian and English
Russian language	<p>Russian language classes are offered free of charge to all exchange students.</p> <p>Study load is 10-12 academic hours per week (12 ECTS credits for semester course) (one class = two academic hours)</p>
Language requirements	<p>English language - B2 level – for the English taught courses</p> <p>Russian language – B1 level – for the Russian taught courses</p> <p>NO LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES (RUSSIAN OR ENGLISH) ARE REQUIRED.</p>
Courses restriction	Classes of foreign languages (French, German, Spanish etc.) and double-degree Master program classes are not available for exchange students
Compulsory courses	No compulsory courses
Course registration	The on-line registration is required for Bachelor –level and Master – level courses taught in English.

Examination regulations

Exam: the type of assessment which only takes place during examination periods (“sessions”).

Zachet: regular tests which take place during the semester and are based on your continuous evaluation throughout a course.

The final grade on ZACHET depends on 3 rating papers (“srez”) during the semester.

Final Grade = (Rating1 + Rating2 + Rating3) / 3

If Final Grade is over 70, that means you have secured your credit for a particular course.

Credit system

Records are transfer to ECTS credits (Office #2046)

MGIMO Grading Conversion System**Pass or Fail Tests****Grading system**

National Grades	ECTS Grades	Rating Grades %
5 (excellent)	A	90%-100%
4 (good)	B	82%-89%
	C	75%-81%
3 (satisfactory)	D	67%-74%
	E	60%-66%
2 (fail)	F	0%-59%

Pass	A, B, C, D, E
Fail	F

Number of credits offered

1 academic year – 60 ECTS credits

1 semester – 30 ECTS credits

ACCOMODATION**Accommodation**

Accommodation is offered in one of MGIMO dormitories

<https://english.mgimo.ru/admission/dorms>

Accommodation is booked upon request.

Cost of accommodation

Around 12 000 Rubles per months for a person in a double room. The contract is to be signed upon arrival and paid for the whole period of study. Some students can be exempted from paying for accommodation in accordance with conditions of the particular interinstitutional agreement.

Additional services

There is a possibility to connect to Internet in the room. There is a laundry at the dormitory (free of charge).

HEALTH INSURANCE**Insurance requirements**

The medical insurance is an indispensable condition for studying in MGIMO University.

There are two options to purchase health insurance:

1. To purchase it in student home country. The insurance company must have agreements with medical centers in Moscow so that student can be treated in one of them.

2. To purchase it at MGIMO medical center. Having MGIMO health insurance students can be treated in MGIMO medical center.

<https://english.mgimo.ru/admission/medical-insurance>

ADDITIONAL

Student associations	MGIMO student association https://english.mgimo.ru/admission
Buddy system	MGIMO student (tutor) is appointed to assist a foreign student to be involved in the new society upon request.
Food service	There are several student canteens at MGIMO. The average check for lunch is 500 RUB .

VISA AND TEMPORAL RESIDENCE PROCEDURE

Getting Russian visa	Upon receiving a completed application form & copy of the passport from the applicant MGIMO sends a request to the Department of Consulate Service of Foreign Ministry of Russia in Moscow (not earlier than 45 days prior to student's arrival). The Department sends an official invitation telex directly to the Russian Consulate in the student's home country. The Reference Number of this telex is forwarded to the student. The Reference Number is the only condition for obtaining a single entry student visa for 90 days. This type of visa is extended upon student's arrival at MGIMO 45 days before the visa expires. Letter of Invitation or Letter of Acceptance is not required!
Temporal registration	All international citizens arriving to Russia must be registered by the Federal Migration Department within 7 working days . The registration should be renewed whenever person temporally leaves Russia and returns back. The penalty for violation the immigration regulations is <u>deportation</u>.

<https://english.mgimo.ru/admission/visa>

Estimated living expenses for international students	Taxi from airport to the dormitory	2500-3000 Rubles
	Express train Aeroexpress from airport to the Railway station	450-500 Rubles
	Dormitory #1, double room accommodation	12000 Rubles/ per month
	Meal in the University canteen	about 1500 Rubles/day
	Medical insurance - "Soglasie" Insurance company Voluntary medical insurance policy	10000 Rubles total (enables to get MGIMO Medical center service)
	Voluntary medical insurance policy + accident insurance	11000 Rubles total
	Moscow metro1 trip ticket Social transport card for students	75 Rubles/single trip ticket 1000 Rubles / 30 days
	- Medical examination +fingerprinting for visa and registration extension (obligatory) - visa extension	8000 Rubles / single procedure 1900 Rubles

