

**THE BELARUSIAN
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

STUDY GUIDE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS



MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Training along The Master's Degree Program is organized at the BSU major Faculties and Educational Institutes through 45 specialities.

Program's Aim

The Master's Degree Program is aimed to form comprehensive knowledge and special skills for scientific, pedagogical and research activity.

Duration of Studies

1-2 academic years. Classes last from 1 September - until 30 June. In some cases there is a possibility for overseas students to study according to the individual curriculum without a fixed dates of studies.

Document Issued upon Successful Completion

Diploma of Master.

Language of Study

The Official Languages of the Republic of Belarus - Russian and Belarusian. Overseas students are trained in the Russian Language.

Curriculum

The Curriculum includes theoretical and applied disciplines, independent study, preparation and defence of the Final research project.

Process of Learning

The BSU operates a two semester system of education. Learning methods incorporate lectures, seminar discussions, tutorials, workshops, and independent work. The full attendance of classes is required.

System of Assessment

Academic success of students is assessed at the end of each semester in the form of oral and \or written tests (students receive 'pass' \fail') and examinations (marks according to a 10-point grading scale).

<i>10-point grading scale (introduced in 2004)</i>	<i>Definition</i>
10	Excellent
9	
8	Good
7	
6	

5 4	Satisfactory
3 2 1	Fail

Academic Calendar

The academic year is split into the autumn and spring semesters each ending in examination session and vocation periods.

	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Examination session</i>	<i>Holidays</i>
Autumn Semester	SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER	JANUARY	TWO WEEKS IN FEBRUARY
Spring Semester	FEBRUARY – MAY	JUNE	JULY-AUGUST

LIST OF SPECIALTIES OFFERED BY THE BSU

Faculty	Speciality
Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics	Mathematics
	Mechanics
Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science	Applied Mathematics and Computer Science
Faculty of Radio Physics and Electronics	Radio Physics
	Physical Electronics
Faculty of Physics	Physics
Faculty of Chemistry	Chemistry
Faculty of Biology	Biology
	Ecology
Faculty of Geography	Geography
Faculty of Economics	Finances, Monetary Circulation and Credit
	Mathematical and Financial Engineering
	Management
Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences	Philosophy
	Psychology
	Sociology
faculty of History	History
	History of Belarus
	Archaeology
	Ethnography, Ethnology, and Anthropology

	Documents Study, Research, and Archives
	Historiography, Study of Historical Sources, Methods of Historical Survey
Faculty of Philology	Russian Philology
	Theory and Methods of Teaching
	Slavonic Languages
	Germanic
	Romantic
	Language Theory
	Foreign Literature
	Literary Criticism
General linguistics	
Faculty of Journalism	Journalism
Faculty of Law	Jurisprudence
	Political Science
Faculty of International Relations	Germanic
	Theory of Language
	Cultural Studies
	History of International Relations and Foreign Policy
	Jurisprudence
	World Economy
Faculty of Liberal Arts	Management in Social and Economic Systems
	Psychology
Center for Education Development Problems	Pedagogic, History of Pedagogic and Education
Institute for Systemic Research of Education and Youth Problems	Management

TUITION FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

In 2008-2009 academic year Master's Degree Program costs from 1770 - to 3070 US dollars per year. Please, note that fees are subject to change every year. For up-to-date information on tuition fees see www.bsu.by/UMS/Price_List_eng.pdf

Accommodation

Cost depends on the type of accommodation and varies from 10 to 25 US dollars per month

Maintenance

Estimated living expenses and personal costs could be based on the following average figures

- Lunch / Dinner at the students canteen is up to 5 US dollars
- Minimum set of foodstuff - 40 US dollars / per week
- Monthly full-package traffic pass - 25 US dollar per month
- International Phone calls expenses - from 5 US dollar per week

Administrative Expenditures

1. Invitation formalities due - 35 US dollar
2. Airport transfer - 40 US dollar
3. Registration (Residence Permits) - 50 US dollar
4. Obligatory Medical Insurance Policy - 85 US dollar / 1 year
5. Obligatory medical examination - 55 US dollar
6. «Holiday Permit» - 45 US dollar
7. «Exit Permit» - 30 US dollar

All fees and expenditures are paid upon arrival in Belarus in US dollars and Belarusian rubbles.

Note!

These fees are calculated on the basis of one year staying period. If the duration of study is less than one year fees indicated in the points 3,4,5,6,7 are subject to decline.

The Meeting and orientation fee includes meeting at the airport, transfer to the city, help with dormitory accommodation, general assistance with enrolment procedures, other payments, etc. This is an optional fee.

The Obligatory medical examination (55 US dollar) fee is for students staying in Belarus for more than three months. If the duration of staying is less than three months period, there is 10 US dollars fee for Dormitory Medical Certificate. «Holiday Permit» and «Exit Permit» are issued if students' visa expires before the anticipated period of travelling home for holidays or upon graduation

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application process is administrated by the International Relations Office of the Belarusian State University.

Requirements for Applicants

- 1) Higher education not lower than Bachelor level (4 years of university studies is required)
- 2) Strong command of the Russian Language

Documents Required

- 1) Completed Application Form for the Master Degree Program (brown)
- 2) Notarized copies of Diploma on Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)

- 3) Copy of The Pre-University Education Program Graduation Certificate / document confirming Strong command of the Russian Language
- 3) Notarized copy of standard medical certificate issued by the official health care agency in the applicant's home country
- 4) Letter of Motivation
- 5) Copy of passport valid for the entire study period

Documents Language Requirements

All the documents issued in a foreign language require a notarized translation into the Belarusian \Russian or English languages.

Posting Requirements

Documents are to be marked "Application for study" and sent to the university by the post service only. Documents sent by fax or e-mail are not considered! Our Address is shown on the application form.

Applicants' Eligibility

The Admission to the Master's Degree Program is granted on the competitive basis in accordance with the number of openings available. The following criteria are taken into consideration during the documents evaluation process:

- 1) due application procedure
- 2) university results
- 3) Russian Language proficiency
- 4) presence of additional education

Application Calendar

Deadline for posting Application materials	<i>August 10</i>
Candidates' Evaluation	<i>August 10-15</i>
Enrolment deadline	<i>September 15</i>
If study according to the individual curriculum Application and enrolment has no fixed deadlines	

BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

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you Photo
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SECTION 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____
(as for passport)

Sex: (Male/Female): _____ Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year): _____

Place of Birth (country / city) _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of issue: _____

Issuing authority _____ Valid until: _____

Current Address _____

Tel.(Home) _____ Tel.(Mobile) _____ E-mail: _____

Have you ever been to the Republic of Belarus: Yes No

If yes, please specify dates, places and purpose of your previous visit _____

SECTION 2. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

(please provide us with the detailed information about all schools or other educational establishments you have been studying at)

School / Institution and its' address	Period of study	Major	Certificate / Degree Conferred

SECTION 3. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM CHOSEN

Indicate Faculty and Speciality

Faculty: _____ Speciality: _____

SECTION 4. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have included in this application form the following enclosures (tick off an enclosure (✓))

Notarized copies of Diploma on Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)

Copy of The Pre-University Education Program Graduation Certificate / document confirming the Russian Language proficiency

Two passport-size photos;

Copy of passport valid for the entire study period

Notarized copy of standard medical certificate issued by the official health care agency in the applicant's home country

Envelope with your postal address the invitation letter to be send on

I declare that the information provided in this application is correct and true.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Post your application materials to:

International Relations Office,
Belarusian State University,
4, Nezavisimosti Ave.,
220030, Minsk,
Republic of Belarus
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NOTE:

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