

**Two-year English-language
Master's Degree Program in Economics
MA in Economics**

Program Profile

M.A. program “Political Economy of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership” aims to train a group of ASEAN and Russian students willing to engage with each other beyond classrooms and to make ASEAN-Russia strategic development part of their career paths. There is no similar educational program in any other Russian or ASEAN University. Yet, experts in Russian foreign policy, as well as experts in Southeast Asian affairs are in high demand both in Russia and ASEAN member states. The program provides students with the necessary skills for employment in the governmental agencies, international organizations, business analytics and consulting. The curriculum best serves those students who would like to be directly involved in promoting ASEAN-Russia cooperation, to create and implement business or socio-cultural projects together. Courses are designed to help graduates embrace their role as global citizens, entrepreneurs and diplomats who would like to align with an international and multicultural environment. Program’s interdisciplinary approach entails a constellation of several thematic courses blocks of such as regional and global processes, macroeconomics and contemporary international economy, ASEAN-Russia relations as well as different aspects of international relations, regional integration, business cultures and digital economy with a focus on Russia and ASEAN.

Academic advisors of the program:

Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics Dr. Mikhail Stolbov
Director, ASEAN Centre, and Associate Professor Dr. Ekaterina Koldunova

Basic Course Structure

The curriculum of the program “Political Economy the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership” consists of core disciplines and elective courses. That allows each student to opt for an individual schedule appropriate to their professional interests and personal inclinations.

The work is divided among lectures, seminars and workshops formats based on field research, visiting experts’ participation, and group reports. For successful graduation, students are obliged to pass final exams and defend the Master’s thesis.

During your studies you will:

- Learn to analyze Russia and ASEAN's role in the world economy, global and regional politics;
- Explore regional integration processes involving Russia and ASEAN as well as their political and economic development;
- Gain an understanding of the international political, trade and investment, legal, digital, and technological dimensions of ASEAN-Russia relations;
- Learn how to apply this knowledge and analytical skills to the real life situations during internships in the leading Russia and ASEAN think tanks, companies, state agencies and NGOs;
- Be able to professionally organize political, economic, business, media and intercultural communication between ASEAN and Russia.

Academic Calendar

Fall semester

September 1st — December 31st

January 10th — January 25th examination session

January 26th — February 6th vacation period

Spring Semester

February 7th — May 30th

June 1st — June 25th examination session

June 26th — August 31st vacation period

Timetable at Master's Programs*

Monday-Saturday

1st class: 14:30-15:50

2nd class: 16:00-17:20

3rd class: 17:30-18:50

4th class: 19:00-20:20

* Intensive modules by Visiting Professors can be out of Schedule

Final Grading

FINAL EXAM — held during the examination session

CREDIT (Mid-term) — held during the last week of study

Classes' attendance is obligatory. Absence from 30 academic hours leads to expulsion.

Total 123 ECTS Credits

1 Year / 1 Semester

Core courses

Subject	Faculty	ECTS Credits
Microeconomics	Department of Applied Economics, Institute of International Trade and Sustainable Development	4
Econometrics	Department of Mathematics, Econometrics and Information technology, School of International Economic Relations	4
Russian Language / Foreign Language	Department of Russian Language/ Departments of Foreign Languages	9 / 13
Russia and ASEAN in Global Politics	ASEAN Centre	4
Academic Writing	Department of Applied Economics, Institute of International Trade and Sustainable Development and ASEAN Centre	3
Research work on Master thesis		

Electives

Subject	Faculty	ECTS Credits
Integration Processes in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	Department for Integration Studies, European Studies Institute	3
Doing Business in Russia	World Economy Department, School of International Relations	3
Origins of Russia's Foreign Policy		2
Foreign Policy Process in ASEAN Countries	ASEAN Centre	2

1 Year / 2 Semester

Obligatory

Subject	Faculty	ECTS Credits
Macroeconomics	Department of Applied Economics, Institute of International Trade and Sustainable Development	4
Global Commodity Markets	Department of International Economic Relations and Foreign Economic Affairs, School of International Economic Relations	4
Russian Language / Foreign Language	Department of Russian Language/ Departments of Foreign Languages	9 / 13
Research work on Master thesis		

Electives

Subject	Faculty	ECTS Credits
Political Systems in Eurasia	Department of Asian and African Studies, School of International Relations	2
Political Systems in ASEAN Countries	ASEAN Centre	2
Integration Processes in ASEAN and East Asia	Department of Asian and African Studies, School of International Relations	3
Business Culture and Etiquette in Southeast Asian Countries	ASEAN Centre	3
Energy Diplomacy	Department of Applied International Analysis, School of International Relations	2
Country Risk Assessment Methodology for Business	Department of Applied International Analysis, School of International Relations	2

2 Year / 3 Semester

Obligatory

Subject	Faculty	ECTS Credits
International Investment	Department of International Economic Relations, School of International Economic Relations	4
Russian Language / Foreign Language	Department of Russian Language/ Departments of Foreign Languages	9 / 13
Research work on Master thesis		

Electives

Subject	Faculty	ECTS Credits
Digital Economy	Department of International Economic Relations, School of International Economic Relations	4
Investment Strategies of Russia and ASEAN Countries	Department for Integration Studies, European Studies Institute	4
Legal Regulation of Foreign Trade Activities of Russia and EAEU Countries	The International Law Department, International Law School	2
Technological Development Strategies of Asian Countries	Department of Asian and African Studies, School of International Relations	2
Global Financial Markets	Department of International Finance, School of International Economic Relations	2
Spatial Analysis in International Relations	Center for Spatial Analysis in International Relations	2
Contemporary Network Diplomacy	Department of Diplomacy, School of	2

	International Relations	
Business in Russia: Legal Aspects		2

2 Year / 4 Semester

Subject	ECTS Credits
Internship	21
Final Exams and Master Thesis's Defence	9

Admissions Information and Requirements

- Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, relevant to the chosen field of study.
- All courses are taught in English.
- At least some command of Russian is recommended but not required.
- The admission to the program is carried out on the basis of students portfolio that should be sent to masters@inno.mgimo.ru
- To apply to MGIMO Master Programs you must also register and fill in the form on <https://master.mgimo.ru/>

Application End Date

July 20, 2023

Required Documents

- The completed University application form
- Online application: <https://master.mgimo.ru/>
- CV/Resume that includes professional experience, educational background, and other relevant experience
- Application essay (motivation letter)
- Two letters of recommendation (professional/academic)
- Copy of official transcript from each college and graduate school attended
- Copy of language certificates: IELTS (6,5), TOEFL, CAE, CPE (for non-native English speakers)
- Passport copy with a notarized translation
- Apostilled Diploma

Advantages

- MGIMO is one of the top-leading universities in Russia. The University offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs — from international law, political science, business management, energy policy and digital economy. It has been a Russian home for students all over the world

who now flourish in life as leaders in public and private sectors of their own countries, including ASEAN states.

- Since 2010 the [ASEAN Centre](#) operates under MGIMO University as a joint Russia-ASEAN project. The Centre carries out research on issues related to ASEAN member states, forges economic ties as well as promotes cultural awareness and strengthens educational opportunities for ASEAN and Russia. It has established working contacts with ten ASEAN member states and their universities and think tanks.
- Leading Russian and foreign scholars teaching staff, including ASEAN countries' citizens, with qualifications meeting Russian and international recruitment criteria.
- Program entirely taught in English.
- The opportunity to study Russian (for non-native speakers).
- Internships in leading Russian companies and state agencies, international organizations and NGOs, media companies, think tanks, universities and research centers.
- Universities' and ASEAN Centre's extracurricular activities: honorary speakers' lectures, conferences, roundtables and workshops (*ASEAN Academic Days*), Southeast Asian student's club, *ASEAN Week* and Days of ASEAN countries in MGIMO, research internships, visits to ASEAN embassies, Russian state agencies and top-companies, and many more.

Career Opportunities

Program graduates have employment opportunities in private companies and state institutions, international organizations and NGOs, media companies, diplomatic service and academia, think tanks, universities and research centers. MGIMO graduates are in high demand by employers in business and industry.

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