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**FACULTY OF ASIAN
AND AFRICAN STUDIES**



MASTER PROGRAMME «Languages and Cultures of Africa»

Type of instruction: Full-time

Duration: 2 years

Language of instruction: English



BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Many years experience of teaching African languages combined with a comprehensive set of courses relevant for African studies.
- Complex approach to African Studies.
- Department of African Studies is the oldest university department of African Studies in USSR/Russia (since 1944).

KEY SKILLS

- Students acquire skills in working with academic and reference literature as well as its analysis.
- Expert evaluation and analysis of problems related to Africa.
- Knowledge of the ethnolinguistic situation in the region and ability to understand the multicultural environment, basic knowledge of African languages.

COURSES

- Introduction to African Studies
- Historical and typological linguistics of African languages
- African languages and general linguistics
- African folklore and oral tradition
- Ethnopsychology of African peoples
- Areal linguistics and dialectology of African languages
- African geography and modern political situation
- African literatures in European languages
- Literatures in African languages
- Sketch of African history
- Religions of Africa
- African arts
- Amharic, Bambara, Hausa, Swahili (2 languages on choice)



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are well-placed to secure positions in leading academic institutions and universities worldwide, government bodies, advertising and travel agencies, international policy and economic organizations, research and analytics centers, mass media agencies and publishing houses, archives, libraries, museums and educational institutions (about 30 graduates work abroad in spheres connected with Africa).

TEACHING STAFF

All professors have an experience of field work in African countries (Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mali, Guinea, Rwanda, Côte d'Ivoire)

Head of the program: Alexander Zheltov (Professor, PhD, Doctor in Philology)

HOW TO APPLY:

1. International applicants can be enrolled to the MA program Languages & Cultures of Africa on a **fee-paying basis only**.
2. Applicants may apply (submit application) and upload all needed documents online (**see the list of documents required bellow**)
3. Make sure that you have your Russian Visa (**see the HOW DO I GET MY RUSSIAN VISA? section bellow**)
4. Applicants should have practical English skills at level B2 or more.
5. For more information on admission please follow the link:

<https://abiturient.spbu.ru/russkij/admissions-of-foreign-citizens/admissions-of-foreign-citizens/for-persons-arriving-to-spsu-for-study.html>

THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- a copy of an identity document with the indication of his/her nationality (the following pages must be scanned: the applicant's photograph, surname, given name, patronymic, gender, date and place of birth, nationality, document series and number, information about the issuing governmental agency and the applicant's place of registration);
 - an application for admission to MA program presented filled in the applicant's Personal Account and signed by the applicant;
 - the applicant's photograph (taken in the current calendar year, with vertical resolution of at least 800 pixels and horizontal resolution of at least 600 pixels);
 - a standard educational credential;
 - documents for participation in the competitive selection of **portfolios (see WHAT DOES A PORTFOLIO INCLUDE part bellow)**;
- All the documents must be scanned and attached to the registration form through the applicant's Personal Account**

HOW DO I GET MY RUSSIAN VISA?

Remember to submit your visa application **in advance** if you are applying for a fee-paying program and require an entry visa.

Note that **processing time** for a **visa invitation** is up to 2 months.

Step 1: Fill in an application for a visa invitation and upload it to your Personal Account

Step 2: Get the original copy of the invitation

Step 3: Get your visa from the Russian Embassy in your country

<http://ifea.spbu.ru/en/registration-of-foreign-citizens-coming-to-spsu>

WHAT DOES A PORTFOLIO INCLUDE?

Mandatory documents: a motivation letter (*Why this MA program was chosen?*) and an essay (*What is the field of my scientific interests?*).

Additional documents: international language certificates (confirming knowledge of English at the required level); academic publications; certificates of participation in student scientific competitions, conferences and research projects; study abroad certificates.

The maximum score is ≥ 100 points.

APPLYING TIPS FOR YOUR ON-LINE APPLYING PROCEDURE

1. Create a Personal Account

<https://cabinet.spbu.ru>

2. Fill in an Application Form in your Personal Account

3. Create and Upload a **Portfolio** to your Personal Account.

Required documents are listed above.

4. If you have successfully completed the application process and succeeded in **portfolio** competition, the only thing left is just to **sign the Agreement on Education**.

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REGULATIONS FOR ADMISSION

to Main Educational Programmes of Higher Education (Master Programmes) at St Petersburg University in 2019

https://abiturient.spbu.ru/files/2019/pravila_priema_eng_2019.pdf

Tuition per year (2019/20) is (approx. 350.000 rubles)

The final sum will be set and published by June 01 2019.

Applying deadline (2019): applications and other documents for **portfolio** competition shall be accepted in electronic form through the applicants' Personal Accounts from **March 1, 2019 to July 20, 2019, 6 p.m., Moscow standard time**.

Dormitories for applicants

To get all the information required, please, contact us.



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