Lomonosov Moscow State University: Faculty of Global Studies

1. Name of university: Lomonosov Moscow State University.
2. Year of foundation: 1755.
3. Name of faculty where Global Studies are taught: Faculty of Global Studies.
5. Number of students: 550 students are enrolled in the program.
6. About:
The faculty specializes in preparing highly qualified specialists in the field of international relations and various aspects of Global Studies – an interdisciplinary scientific knowledge on globalization and global issues that integrate approaches and methods of humanities and natural sciences.

The educational program is implemented in accordance with the educational standard of Lomonosov Moscow State University in ‘International Relations’.

The university was the first one in Russia to bring to life the idea of educating a new generation of specialists, who would not only have a deep understanding of international relations and Global Studies, various global socio-natural processes and systems, but also speak several foreign languages and apply methods of mathematical modeling to global processes.

Keeping in mind the importance of a clear understanding of the world structure, system, dynamics and ever-increasing interdependence of its different parts, the Faculty of Global Studies focuses on studying the key processes in the fields of politics, economics, philosophy, sociology, geography, environmental science and other spheres that contribute to the formation of the global dynamics.

7. Levels of study (undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD):
Specialists in the field of International relations (educational program ‘Global and interregional processes’) – 5 years.
Since 2010 – PhD in Political Sciences (Political problems of international relations, global and regional development) – 3 years.
Since 2011 – Bachelor degree in International relations (‘Global studies’) – 4 years.
Since 2011 – Master degree in International relations (‘Global studies’) – 2 years, 130 credits.

8. Languages of study: English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, and Chinese.

9. Departments and Chairs:
Faculty of Global Studies has two departments (‘Global Economics and Management’ and ‘Geopolitics and Diplomacy’) and four chairs (Chair of Globalistics, Chair of Geopolitics, UNESCO Chair on Global Problems and Emerging Social and Ethical Challenges for Large Cities and their Population, Chair of Global Social Processes).

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10. Specializations:
The Faculty of Global Studies offers students a choice of two specializations, each program being associated with one of the departments of the Faculty.

Department ‘Geopolitics and Diplomacy’ (Specialization ‘International Security’).
The program is aimed at educating graduates in the field of general international relations and world politics issues, as well as giving them necessary skills and knowledge for dealing with global political processes and practical aspects of international security.

Department ‘Global Economy and Management’ (Specialization ‘International Economic Integration and International Organizations’).
The program integrates global theoretical outlook on international issues and professional insight into processes of global economics and economical politics in different countries and world regions. Graduates have solid mathematical background and are able to create and apply multifactor models for the analysis and interpretation of complex economic issues of the globalizing world.

11. International activities:
International academic cooperation of Moscow State University is based upon inter-university agreements and memoranda, as well as upon special protocols and working programs. Of about 450 total agreements, one third is of central university level, and the others – of the faculty and institute level.

Faculty of Global Studies has established a number of international academic cooperation agreements to enhance the mobility of students and lecturers. Currently, our faculty is proud to have strong contacts with research-and-education centers of such countries as Australia, Belarus, China, Germany, Egypt, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, the USA, Switzerland, and Ukraine, etc. We have signed inter-faculty agreements with the departments of relevant majors in J. W. Goethe University (Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany), Hong Kong University, La Sapienza University (Rome, Italy), Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (Chengdu, China), Tsing Hua University (Beijing, China), etc.

To improve language skills and to provide students with an experience in international communication, our faculty regularly organizes various international student conferences and academic exchange programs with universities in China, Italy, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, the USA, etc.

Annually, our faculty hosts large-scale international scientific and research-and-practice forums and conferences. In 2009 and 2011, the Faculty organized the 1st and the 2nd International Scientific Congresses ‘Globalistics’. They both have allowed more than 500 scholars from 35 countries to discuss the most significant aspects of Global Studies. In June 2012, our faculty was honored to host and co-organize the 5th Annual International Global Studies Conference ‘Eurasia and Globalization. Complexity and Global Studies’ that was attended by more than 300 participants from 60 countries.

The 3rd International Scientific Congress will be held in October 2013 and will be dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the great Russian scientist Vladimir Vernadsky.

Our Faculty has initiated the International Association of Researchers in Global Studies – a scientific association open to scientists from all over the world who are interested in global studies (www.globalistics.org).
Our Faculty is the member of the Global Studies Consortium, a group of graduate programs in Global Studies seeking to collaborate in teaching and research. The sixth meeting of the Consortium will be held in June 2013 in Moscow.

12. Publications:

In English: the academic periodical Journal of Globalization Studies, the international encyclopedia Globalistics, and The Global Studies Dictionary.

In Russian: Introduction to Globalistics, Global Geopolitics, City in the Context of Global Processes.

The project ‘Who is Who and What is What in Globalistics’, set up by the Faculty of Global Studies, is aimed at creating the most comprehensive database on scientists and scholars; organizations, institutions, centers and universities; periodicals; conferences, congresses, forums worldwide, all focused on global issues.

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