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# Practical Information for Visiting Scholars

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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your interest in collaboration with the Faculty of Journalism, Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU). Here is some brief information about the city of Moscow, transportation in Moscow, places to see while in the city, and a few useful tips which might be helpful during your stay in Russia.

## Shuttle trains

When you arrive in Moscow, shuttle trains are the easiest and fastest way to get to the city centre. Shuttle trains depart from each airport every 30 minutes. When you arrive at the airport, look for the sign “Train to Moscow”, which will lead you directly to the train station. Detailed information on shuttle trains is available at <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/>. You can purchase tickets online in advance and print them out before the trip or do it on site. Another option is going by taxi. The trip may be longer due to traffic jams. If you prefer to go by taxi, make sure you use a reliable taxi service: there is a taxi counter in each airport terminal, so go straight to it, tell the agent or driver the address of your hotel and check how much the trip will cost.



## Housing

There are several housing options available for visiting scholars. The first is MSU's dormitory located on Leninskie Hills in the main campus of MSU. The closest metro station is Universitet (Университет) on a red line in the south-west of Moscow. The second one is hotel “Izmailovo”. The hotel is located very close to the Partizanskaya (Партизанская) metro station (dark blue line in the north-east of Moscow). We also recommend visiting scholars explore other housing options, including hotels, apartments and hostels. Please note that although the Faculty of Journalism, MSU will try to do its best to cover accommodation expenses for visiting scholars, we strongly encourage you to explore other sources of financial aid in case housing at our expense is not available.



## Location of the Journalism Faculty

The address of the Faculty of Journalism is 125009 (zip code) Mokhovaya str. 9, Moscow, Russia. The closest metro station is Biblioteka imeni Lenina (Библиотека имени Ленина), red line. If you are travelling from “Izmailovo” hotel, you can step out on Ploshchad Revolutsii (Площадь Революции) or Arbatskaya (Арбатская) metro station, blue line, without switching to the red one. They both are located pretty close to the Faculty. If you are travelling from MSU's main campus on Leninskie Hills, take a direct train from Universitet (Университет) to Biblioteka imeni Lenina (Библиотека имени Ленина).



## Places to visit in Moscow

The Faculty of Journalism is located in the very centre of Moscow, just across the street from Red Square. A large number of other cultural sites are located within walking distance to the Faculty: Kremlin, Bolshoi Theatre, Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Lenin's Library, etc. A good selection of places to visit in Moscow can be found here:  
<http://wikitravel.org/en/Moscow#b>



## Luggage

If you are flying back home in the evening, you can check out at the hotel and leave your luggage at the Journalism Faculty at the securities' desk (first floor). You can pick it up any time before 10 p.m.



## Safety issues

Moscow is like many other world cities: exciting, filled with people and a place where you want to be practical. When in Moscow, follow general rules for travelers:

- be careful about your belongings in tourist areas and crowded places, such as metro, museums, churches, etc;
- do not carry all your money with you;
- keep an eye on your backpack when in public places;
- shooting video in Moscow metro is prohibited (pictures are ok);
- do not drink tap water. Water should be boiled before drinking, though showering is safe and the amount used to brush teeth is not harmful either;
- if you are shopping for art or antiques, be sure to purchase from a dealer who can provide you with the necessary forms that will be required to take the purchase out of the country. Keep these forms and your receipt to show to customs agents before leaving Russia. Do note that items over 100 years old are not permitted to leave the country;
- if you plan to visit any Orthodox churches or cathedrals while in Moscow, pay attention to how you dress. Dress requirements for Orthodox churches include covered legs and shoulders. Women should have their hair covered and men should take off hats.



## Use of the English language in Moscow

Please, keep in mind that not everyone in Moscow speaks English. We advise you to ask young people for directions, since there is a better chance that you will get a reply in English than when asking older people the same thing.



## Moscow metro

Metro map is available here:

<https://metro.yandex.ru/moscow?ncrnd=5948> Please remember that in Moscow almost all metro stations signs are in Russian. The link provides information both in Russian and English, so you can plan your journey accordingly. Trains depart every 2 minutes. Moscow metro is open from 5.30 a.m. till 01.00 a.m.

**Metro fares are:** 50 roubles – one trip with unlimited number of switches, valid for 5 days; 100 roubles – 2 trips with unlimited number of switches, valid for 5 days; 650 roubles – 20 trips with unlimited number of switches, valid for 90 days. You can buy metro tickets in ticket machines in metro, which have the menu in English.



## Internet at the Faculty

If you need an Internet access you can always check your email and make phone calls (national or international) in the Office of International Affairs (room 107, first floor).



## Electrical appliances

If you are bringing your laptop and electrical appliances, see link for information regarding electrical plug/outlet and voltage information:

[http://www.adaptelec.com/index.php?main\\_page=document\\_general\\_info&products\\_id=187](http://www.adaptelec.com/index.php?main_page=document_general_info&products_id=187)



## Cash

It is best to pay in roubles while in Moscow because credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, Maestro) are not accepted everywhere. You can exchange money at the airport or do it in advance.



## Clothes

We strongly recommend you to bring some warm clothes, gloves, hat and an umbrella – the weather in Moscow except for summer months can be windy and rather cold. There is no strict dress code at the Faculty of Journalism, but business casual or smart casual would be preferred. You might want to bring a more formal attire if you are planning to visit Bolshoi theatre, for example, however there isn't any strict dress code there either (except for jeans and t-shirts, which are not recommended).



## Questions? .....

If you have questions, remarks or something is unclear to you, let us know at [gladkova\\_a@list.ru](mailto:gladkova_a@list.ru). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have problems or questions.



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**We wish you a safe trip to Moscow and hope that you will enjoy your stay here!**

Best regards,  
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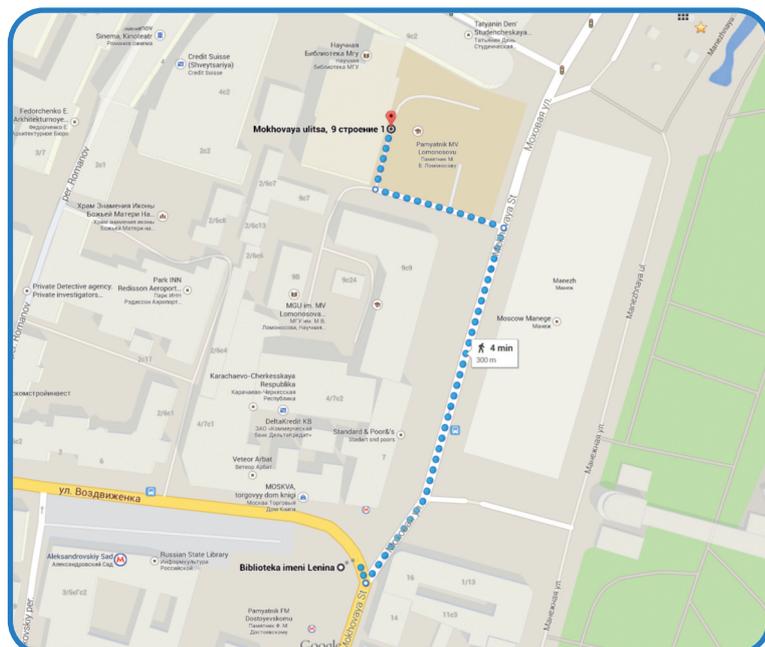


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How to get to the  
Faculty of Journalism  
from Biblioteka imeni  
Lenina or Arbatskaya  
metro stations



# Moscow metro map



1 Faculty of Journalism, MSU

2 MSU's main campus

3 Hotel "Izmailovo"



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