

Success with Touchstone

The National University of Science and Technology, "MISiS" is one of Russia's leading teaching and research educational centers. Established over 80 years ago, it provides 14,000 plus undergraduate and postgraduate students with a first-class professional education each year.

Facilitating global communication

MISiS aims to support Russia's ability to successfully compete with other advanced economies, as well as to fully integrate into the international community. In recognition of the vital role that English plays in global communication, MISiS is committed to improving English teaching at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

With the ongoing support of Cambridge University Press, all MISiS undergraduate students are now studying English with Touchstone through a specially developed Touchstone Blended Learning Program. The program aims to raise the linguistic competence and confidence of MISiS students, enabling them to communicate freely with their international peers, and develop joint scientific projects.

“Other courses I have tried teaching with are just not as complete as Touchstone - it is definitely the key to our success at MISiS today.”
Maria Molchanova, Exam Officer



To find out more about the benefits of teaching English with Touchstone visit cambridge.org/touchstone2

Flexible, integrated learning

The Touchstone program was implemented at MISiS with a pilot of 111 students, who began their courses in 2010, undertaking a four-year intensive English course as part of their degree program.

Students complete the course with a balance of print and digital Touchstone content which means that they can access the Touchstone material both in class and online at home.

The course culminates with an IELTS exam, taken at the end of MISiS students' studies. The first students from the program graduated in January 2014, with all achieving excellent results and twelve students exceeding expectations by achieving an exceptionally high IELTS band score of 7-7.5.

With the flexibility of the Touchstone@MISiS Blended Learning program, students have the ability to learn and practice across different environments, fully immersing themselves in English to achieve the greatest results.

Elena Frumina - Course Director

"Thanks to the support behind Touchstone, we have seen that teachers feel more comfortable, more prepared, and more confident, and that confidence is passed over to the students, too."

Roman Kolesnikov - MISiS Graduate

"Using the online Touchstone platform was amazing; you could always get access and practice whenever you want. I think learning English with Touchstone was perhaps the most influential part of my education here."

