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“8D03104 – POLITICAL SCIENCE” DOCTORAL STUDIES**

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1. Goals and objectives of the entrance examinations

The purpose of the entrance examinations: to determine the level of knowledge, skills and competencies obtained upon completion of the master's degree program and the abilities to master courses within PhD-doctoral program.

2. Admission Requirements

Persons entering the doctoral program in the specialty "8D03104 - Political Science" shall demonstrate the following competencies:

- practical research skills both related to the design and conduction thereof;
- ability to apply the knowledge on the latest developments in the respective field, most advanced research techniques and to demonstrate the methodological grasp of the problems of politics and power.
- ability to formulate independently specific research tasks;
- ability to use the obtained knowledge in teaching the courses on political science;
- knowledge of the methodology to analyze contemporary political institutions and processes;
- ability to design and present research and analytical projects.

3. Educational Program Prerequisites

- 1 GP5301 Public Policy - 2 credits
2. GU5206 Public Administration - 3 credits
3. SMOGR5208 Contemporary International Relations and Global Development - 3 credits

4. Examinations Topics

The "Public Policy"

1. The Basics of Public Policy

The concept of state. The concept of and the difference between public policy and politics. Goals and priorities of public policy. Stages of public policy.

2. Public Policy and Government

External environment (context) of the public policy. Internal policy environment. SWOT-analysis. Macro-and micro-environment. The principles of public administration, i.e. transparency and openness.

3. Public Policy; Openness and Transparency

Public policy; rationale behind its openness and transparency, the components thereof. Ethical issues of public policy.

4. Public Policy; Development and Analysis

Key categories and concepts of public policy. Public policy and social problems. Definition of the goals and priorities of public policy. Development of public policy. Public and administrative authorities and agencies.

5. Public Policy; Legal Framework and Economic Basis

Legislation on and the legal regulation of public policy. Hierarchy of the legislative and other regulatory instruments. The main elements of legislative and regulatory instruments on public policy. Public finance and state budget. Public revenue; collection and accumulation.

6. Institutionalization of Public Policy and Civil Society

Civil society institutions. Forms of citizens' participation in public policy. Public authorities and public policy. Political parties and their participation in the realization of public interests. Mass media and public opinion.

7. Economic Policy

State economic regulation. Forms and methods of state intervention in the economy: direct intervention, indirect intervention. State Program of Industrial Innovative Development of Kazakhstan for 2015 – 2019. The main directions of state policy in the field of small and medium-sized businesses.

8. Anti-Corruption Policy in Kazakhstan.

Corruption as a threat to national security. The main factors contributing to corruption. Anti-corruption measures in Kazakhstan. Anti-corruption culture.

9. Antimonopoly Policy.

The concept of competition and its reinforcing factors. Antimonopoly authorities in Kazakhstan: structure and powers. Antimonopoly legislation and other regulatory instruments in Kazakhstan.

10. Social Policy

Social policy: the notion, content, and functions. Economic basis for the social policy. Aspects of social policy: tax, budget policy, employment, housing, healthcare. Public youth policy. The youth policy in Kazakhstan. State educational policy. State Program of Education Development for Kazakhstan for 2011-2020.

11. Cultural Policy

The notion of cultural policy. Political and legal support for cultural policy. State programs aimed at the restoration of historical and cultural monuments on the territory of Kazakhstan.

12. Information Policy

Public Policy on mass media. Maintenance of information security. Electronic means of mass communication. State Program of E-government in Kazakhstan.

13. National Policy

The notion and goal of the national policy. National policy of Kazakhstan. The State language. Language policy. The People's Assembly of Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan State Languages Program 2011-2020. The state program to support the compatriots abroad.

14. Religion Policy

The notion of religious policy, its purpose and objectives. State-confessional relations. Models of state-confessional relations. Inter-confessional relations in Kazakhstan.

15. Environmental Policy

Notion of environmental policy. The concept of sustainable development. The main directions of Kazakhstan's environmental policy. The concept of environmental security of Kazakhstan.

The “Public Administration”

1. Public Administration, its notion and social nature.

Governance, the concept and structure. Systemic approach to governance, its functions and structure. Methodological problems of the public administration and public policy theory.

2. Public Administration as Art of State Power.

The economic, socio-political, cultural and national conditions of development as determinants of public administration. Inconsistencies within the system of public administration. Types of public administration. Efficiency and effectiveness of public administration.

3. Political Power and Public Administration.

State power: legal issues of its establishment and functioning. Power and government as the specific formats of state behavior. The concepts of political power and public administration and their interpretations. The state as a subject of management of political processes. Theoretical and applied models of analysis of public administration of political processes.

4. Public Administration System; the Main Features.

General characteristics of the system of public administration. Structural system-target model of government. Implementation of public policy in public administration. Decision-making in public administration.

5. Relation of Public Administration and the Forms of Government

Differences between governance systems in public and private sectors. The principle of requisite variety in public administration. Direct communication and feedback in the system of public administration. Typical and unique features of public administration. The objectives of public administration. Government "Goal Tree " as a system. Principles of public administration.

6. From Political Decisions towards Governmental Decisions

Types and forms of governmental decisions. Technologies governmental decision-making and implementing. Competition in decision-making. Concept and classification of the normative legal acts. Planning, designing and approval of the decision-making projects. State registration of the normative legal acts of Central and other Executive bodies.

7. Factors of Public Administration

Objective conditions determining the nature of public administration. Subjective factor of public administration, its structure and characteristics. Organization of the subjective factor and its impact on the public administration quality. Legal framework of public administration

8. Organizational Principles and Functions of Public Administration.

The complexity of public administration as an institute. New trends in public administration. Social management as one of the main purposes of the state. General characteristics of the functions of the state. Internal and external functions of public administration. Permanent and temporary functions of public administration. Functions as an manifestation of the state.

9. Systemic Characteristics of Public Administration

System of public administration: concept and structure. Comparison of system characteristics of policy and governance. General characteristics of the system of public administration. Public service as a fundamental institution of public administration.

10. The Decision-making in Public Administration.

Competition in decision-making. Differences between public and private sectors in the systems of governance. Management principles in decision-making.

11. Public management activity

Public management activity, the concept and distinctive features. Forms of public management activities. Methods and means of public management.

12. Public Administration of the Social Sphere

Social policy approaches as an independent area of public administration. Contemporary approaches to the social policy evaluation. The state as a guarantor of social orientation of market economy. The role of the state in providing the people with public goods. The main components of social policy and the types of social welfare. The role of the state in protection of the rights and interests of consumers. Evaluating the effectiveness of the public social policy.

13. Public Administration and Economy

The role of state in the sphere of economy: notion, functions and main directions. The stages of public administration of the economy. The state as a guarantor to ensure favorable conditions for business. The main directions of state regulation of the economy. The activities of state bodies in ensuring the national economic security and its improvement. The activities of state bodies to combat economic crime. The nature and purpose of interaction between the state and business. Politicization of business and entrepreneurship in transitional economies.

14. Efficiency of Public Administration.

The history of the ideas on efficiency and good governance. The problem of socio-economic efficiency of government. Criteria of efficiency for public administration. Performance effectiveness assessment. The design of the performance and efficiency evaluation criteria. The human factor in effectiveness of public administration. The influence of public authorities' organs on performance and efficiency. Social aspects of public management efficiency: its structure, criteria, indicators.

15. Public Administration in Kazakhstan.

The state bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The current state of the public service in Kazakhstan and the measures for its improvement. Organizational principles and functions of the public administration in Kazakhstan.

The “Contemporary International Relations and Global Development”

1. International Relations: the concept, history and main areas.

The relation between the concepts of "international relations", "international politics" and "world politics". The main areas of international affairs, cooperation and confrontation. Theories of international conflicts. The problem of

politicization of international relations. The contemporary international relations their nature and content.

2. Theory and Research Methodology of International Relations, Global and Regional Systems.

Theoretical approaches to the study of international relations, global and regional systems. Levels of analysis and research methods in international relations. Classification of international political relations. The main trends in contemporary international relations.

3. International Affairs for Realization and Protection of the National Interests

The concept of national (national-state) interest as a basic category of international relations. Fundamental national and state interests. National interests in the international sphere. Clash of the national interests of states. International experience in drafting foreign policy strategy taking into account the national interests and the priorities thereof. The national and state interests of contemporary Kazakhstan.

4. Globalization and Global Challenges of Civilization, World Politics.

The origin and nature of the global problems of our time. The parameters of uneven globalization. Globalism and the political sphere. Essential features of the modern stage of globalization. Post-industrialism and globalization. National and regional issues in the global dimension. Participation of Kazakhstan in the processes of globalization. The global consequences of major regional social and political conflicts.

5. Geopolitics and Geopolitical Factors of World Politics

Geopolitics in international relations. The role of power in geopolitics. Geopolitical balance of power. Geopolitical maps of the world and their reflection of the diversity of international relations. Geopolitical position and the national interests of the Republic of Kazakhstan. History and features of the modern geopolitical conflicts. The political institutions of geopolitical conflicts resolutions. The technology of geopolitical conflicts resolutions.

6. The Models of a Possible World Order.

The trends in the new world order. The current international order. Globalization and the new world order. Democratization of the world. Integration processes in the contemporary world. The world order in the era of globalization. Separatism or the right of a nation to self-determination.

7. Global and Regional Organizations: objectives, nature and forms of their activities

Global and regional intergovernmental organizations in the contemporary system of international relations. The objectives and means of global and regional intergovernmental organizations. The types of regional organizations. Regional organizations of general competence. The role of international organizations in the management conflict resolution.

8. Foreign Policy of States and their Organizations of Various Types

The basic principles of the contemporary classification of the states. The main directions of foreign policy of individual states and their alliances and

organizations. The main directions of foreign policy of the USA, Russia, European Union, China, Japan and Central Asian states. Ways and prospects of settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict as a new round of confrontation in the Middle East.

9. International Activities of TNCs, Non-Governmental Organizations and Financial Intergovernmental Organizations

Non-governmental organizations as the members of international civil society. Non-governmental organizations are new actors of international relations. Activities of the international financial and economic institutions of the Bretton Woods system (IMF, WB, IBRD, etc.). The role of transnational corporations in the contemporary world.

10. Foreign Policy of Subjects of International Relations in the Field of National, Regional and Global Security

National security issues and international relations. Regional and global security systems. Kazakhstan's activities to strengthen peace and maintain a sustainable international security system. The political system of the world and new participants in international relations. New challenges to national and international security. Challenges and threats to the regional security.

11. International Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism and Ideological Extremism

International terrorism as a socio-political phenomenon. The merging of political and criminal terrorism. International terrorism as a global phenomenon. Theory and contemporary practice of extremism. International terrorist organization. Problems of the legal and regulatory framework to combat international terrorism. The main goals and objectives of preventing and eradicating of international terrorism. International experience in the fight against international terrorism and the objective basis for an anti-terrorist coalition. The growing threat of religious extremism and terrorism in the contemporary world.

12. Political and Socio-economic Determinants of Disarmament.

Arms race as a factor of aggravation of international tension. The impact of the militarization on economy and socio-economic development. The problem of disarmament in the UN. The problem of disarmament in various regions of the world. Political and legal framework of disarmament. Problems of military security and disarmament in various regions of the world. The prospects of further disarmament.

13. Dialogue of cultures in the global information space.

The forms and methods of information activities in the international arena. Information aggression and the media war. Informational expansion. Mass culture and national cultures in the information space. The role of the Internet in the world politics: forms and challenges. Interaction of cultures in the contemporary world. Informational security in the global information space.

14. Kazakhstan in the system of international relations

Foreign policy and diplomacy of Kazakhstan. Multi-vector foreign policy of Kazakhstan. New Kazakhstan in the new world: the concept of a multipolar world order and the main categories of security. The powers and competence of the constituent entities of Kazakhstan in the sphere of international relations. The

Constitution of Kazakhstan on the powers of state bodies of Kazakhstan to conduct international affairs. The current legislation regulating external relations of Kazakhstan. Peace-building and conflict resolution activities of Kazakhstan. The foreign policy; the goal-setting, resource mobilization, foreign policy actions, strength and influence in international relations, evaluation of the results, adjustment of the goals and methods.

15. Kazakhstan in the contemporary world

Geopolitical realities and Kazakhstan's position in the world. Geostrategic interests of Kazakhstan and its foreign policy strategy. The Eurasian Union as a geopolitical category. Economic prospects and potential of Kazakhstan. The Caspian Sea as a geopolitical problem. Position of the Caspian States on the issue of demarcation. Kazakhstan's membership in international and regional organizations: EurAsEC, SCO, CSTO and CICA.

5. Recommended Literature

Essential Reading:

1. Abrams E. Realism and Democracy. American Foreign Policy after the Arab Spring. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017. ISBN 978-1-108-41562-0 - 316 с.

2. Государственная политика и управление. Под. ред. Соловьева А.И. М., 2017.- 408 с.

3. Балапанова А.С., Қайдарова Ә.С. Әлемдік саясат және халықаралық қатынастар. Оқу құралы. - Алматы: Қазақ ун-ті, 2012.

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5. Иватова Л.М., Қайдарова Ә.С., Мухитденова Ә.Т. Халықаралық қатынастар теориясы. - Алматы: Қазақ ун-ті, 2014. - 292 б.

6. Иватова Л.М., Омарғазы Е.Е. Дипломатия мен Қазақстан Республикасының дипломатиялық қызметі. - Алматы: Қазақ ун-ті, 2011. - 162 б.

7. Чеботарёв А.Е. Политическая мысль суверенного Казахстана: динамика, идеи, оценки. Алматы: ИМЭП при Фонде Первого Президента, 2015.

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9. Қылышбаева Б.Н. Конфликтология. Учебное пособие. Алматы: «Қазақ университеті», 2010 г.

10. Коммуникативная политика Республики Казахстан. Под. Ред. Е.Ж. Бабакумарова.- Астана, 2017.

11. Современные международные отношения / Под ред. Торкунова А.В., Мальгина А.В – М.: Аспект-пресс, 2019. - 687 с.

12. Васильева В. М., Колеснёва Е. А., Иншаков И. Государственная политика и управление. Учебник и практикум для бакалавриата и магистратуры. - М.: Юрайт, 2018. - 441с.

13. Формы и методы в государственном управлении: учебное пособие / Братановский С. Н., Деменчук Д. В. - Директ-Медиа.: 2017. - 180 с.

14 Nau H.R. Perspectives on International Relations. Power/Institutions/Ideas. 5th Ed. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE Publications Ltd, 2017. - 608 p.

Useful Further Reading:

1. Corn G.S., VanLandingham R.E., Reeves S.R. (ed.), et al. US Military Operations. Law, Policy, and Practice. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2016. ISBN 978-0-19-045663-4 - 879 с.

2. Государственная региональная политика: учебное пособие / Данченко Н. В., Киселева Н. Н., Браткова В. В. – СКФУ.: 2015. – 159 с.

3. Карин Е.Т. Центральная Азия - 2020: четыре стратегических концепта. Астана: КИСИ при Президенте РК, 2015. - 51 с.

4. Лаумуллин М.Т. Геополитические процессы в исламском мире (в контексте председательства РК в ОИК). А.: КИСИ при Президенте РК, 2011. - 176 с.

5.Лаумулин М.Т. Центральная Азия в зарубежной политологии и мировой геополитике. Том IV: Геополитика XXI века. А.: КИСИ при Президенте РК, 2010. - 352 с.

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7. Василенко И. А. Геополитика современного мира: учебник / И. А. Василенко. — 4-е изд. — М. : Юрайт, 2015.

8. Международные отношения и мировая политика / Под ред. П. А. Цыганкова. - М.: Юрайт, 2018. - 290 с.

The “Research Organization and Planning”

1. Science as a socio-cultural phenomenon. The role and function of science in society. The three dimensions of science: science as knowledge, science as a kind of activity and science as a social institution.

2. Science (Research) as a complex developing system. Logic and methodology of research. The concept, essence, types of research. Forms and methods of research. Classification of research. Fundamental and applied research. Levels of research.

3. Research design. Types of research. Qualitative and quantitative research designs. The main elements and logics of qualitative research. The importance of research question.

4. Literature review: the importance of literature. Sourcing the relevant literature. Managing the literature. Writing the formal “literature review”.

5. Science as a social institution. Norms and values of the scientific community. Modern system of organization and management of research projects in Kazakhstan and in the world. Research universities.

6. Organization of scientific activity: structure, features, criteria. Stages of research work - planning, organization and implementation. Methods of theoretical and empirical research.

7. Searching for a problem and formulating of a hypothesis. Literary research. Search systems and databases of scientific and technical information. Choice of the topic of scientific research.

8. Comparative methodology and statistics in Political Science. The comparative approach to political and social science: theory and method. Comparing data: selecting cases and variables.

9. Presentation of research results and ideas to the scientific community. Preparation, writing, publishing and reviewing of research papers. Writing a articles for peer-reviewed journals with high impact factor.

10. Writing, design and defense of research projects. Structure of research. Features of academic writing: the language and style of research presentation.

11. Funding research projects. The contemporary mechanisms of system of financing research in Kazakhstan and the developed countries. Principles and priorities of the state policy Kazakhstan in the field of science and technology. International research foundations, their main goals and objectives, the basic principles of functioning, priority areas.

12. Mechanisms for implementing the research results. Commercialization of scientific results. Protection of intellectual property. International patenting. Discoveries, inventions, rationalization proposals.

13. Ethical aspects of science at the beginning of the 21st century and humanitarian control of science. Ecological and socio-humanitarian expertise of scientific and technical projects. Research ethics. Plagiarism. Responsibility for non-compliance with ethical principles.

14. Typology of social organization through the lens of development of technology and production. Significance and social consequences of the digitalization of science. The concept of an information society. The role of science and high technology in the modernization. Innovative scientific technologies on the intellectual property market.

15. Contemporary topical methodological and philosophical issues social sciences and humanities.

Recommended Literature

Essential Reading:

1. Zina O' Leary. (2017). The Essential Guide to doing your research project. The Sage Publication Ltd.

2. Turabian K.L. (2007) A manual for writers of research, papers, theses, and dissertations. 7th ed. Chicago: The university of Chicago press.

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4. Margaret Cargill and Patrick O'Connor (2009), Writing Scientific Research Articles Strategy and Steps, A John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., Publication 2009.
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12. Степин В.С. История и философия науки. – М.: Академический Проект, 2011. – 423 с.
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17. Юшков А.В. Основы планирования научных исследований. Қазак университети, 2004.

Useful Further Reading:

1. Sowton, Ch. (2012) 50 steps to improving your academic writing. Garnet Education.
2. McCormack, J., Slaght, J. (2005). English for academic study: Extended writing and research skills. Garnet education: The university of reading.
3. Novikov, DA, AL Sukhanov. Models and mechanisms for managing research projects in universities. Moscow: Institute of Education Management RAO, 2005.
4. Кохановский В.П., Лешкевич Т.Б. Философия науки в вопросах и ответах. Ростов-на-Дону, 2006.
5. Swales, J.M., Feak, C.B. (2009). Academic writing for graduate students. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
6. Степин В.С. Философия науки. Общие проблемы. М., 2010.

7. Сафонов А.А. Основы научных исследований. Учебное пособие. Владивосток, 2011.
8. История и философия науки. Под редакцией Ю.В.Крянева. М., 2011.
9. Рузавин Г. И. Философия науки – М., 2011.
10. Тяпин И. Н. Философские проблемы технических наук: учебное пособие М., 2014.

Internet-Resources

- Purdue online writing lab <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
- Harvard University, The writing Center
<http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k33202&pageid=icb.page143936>
- Guide to grammar and Writing <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
- The university of Wisconsin-Madison, The Writer's Handbook
<http://www.writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/index.html>
- APA Guide <http://www.apastyle.org/>
- MLA guide <http://www.calstatela.edu/library/guides/MLA7.pdf>
- University of Leicester, Learning development
<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/writing/writing-resources/planning-dissertation>
- <http://writetodone.com>

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The examinations marks in the subjects of the entrance examinations shall follow the following criteria:

– **“excellent”**; demonstration of a comprehensive, systematic and deep knowledge of the program material, the ability to excellently perform tasks provided in the question. The answer is given the "excellent" mark when the candidate has mastered to demonstrate the relationship of the main concepts of the respective field with their practical application; has shown original, unconventional understanding and the expertise in presenting of the material;

– **“good”**; demonstration of full knowledge of the program material, successful performance of all the tasks and mastering of the main recommended literature. As a rule, the "good" mark is given to the candidate who has shown the systemic knowledge in the respective field and ability of its independent accumulation and updating in the course of further academic work and professional activity;

- **“satisfactory”**: knowledge of the main aspects of the program material to the extent necessary for further study and professional occupation, fulfillment of the tasks provided for in the program and familiarity with the main recommended literature. As a rule, the "satisfactory" mark is given to the candidate who has made mistakes of moderate gravity while performing of tasks or whose answer was factually inaccurate to some extent;

– "**unsatisfactory**"; considerable gaps in knowledge of the main program material, errors of fundamental character while performing the examination tasks. As a rule, the "**unsatisfactory**" mark is given to the candidate who, upon completion of the master's degree program, fail to demonstrate the ability to continue their studies or conduct professional activities without enrollment to the additional courses in the respective field.

Rating by letter system	Digital equivalent of points	%content	Evaluation using the traditional system
A	4,0	95-100	Excellent
A-	3,67	90-94	
B+	3,33	85-89	Good
B	3,0	80-84	
B-	2,67	75-79	
C+	2,33	70-74	Satisfactory
C	2,0	65-69	
C-	1,67	60-64	
D+	1,33	55-59	
D-	1,0	50-54	
F	0	0-49	Unsatisfactory
I (Incomplete)	-	-	"Examinations not passed" (not taken into account when calculating the GPA)
P (Pass)	-	-	"Credited" (not taken into account when calculating the GPA)
NP (No Pass)	-	-	"Not counted" (not taken into account when calculating the GPA)
W (Withdrawal)	-	-	"Refusal to pass the examinations" (not taken into account when calculating the GPA)
AW (Academic Withdrawal)			Withdrawal from the examinations for academic reasons (not taken into account when calculating the GPA)
AU (Audit)	-	-	"Examinations not passed" (not taken into account when calculating the GPA)

Cert.		30-60 50-100	Certified
Not cert.		0-29 0-49	Not certified
R (Retake)	-	-	Re-passing the examinations