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**The program of  
the entrance exam for the group of educational programs of the Faculty of  
PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE  
Master's degree  
for foreign citizens to study on a paid basis**

**1. General Provisions**

1.1 The program was drawn up in accordance with the Order of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 31, 2018, No. 600 «On approval of the Model Regulations for admission to studies in educational organization, implementing educational programs of technical and vocational education» (hereinafter – the Standard Rules).

1.2. Kazakh National University named after al-Farabi accepts individuals who have completed higher education programs for postgraduate education programs (master's degree).

1.3. Entrance exams are conducted in the form of interviews for the following educational programs:

- ✓ 7M01101 – Pedagogy and Psychology
- ✓ 7M01805 – Social Pedagogy
- ✓ 7M02202 – Philosophy
- ✓ 7M02205 – Islamic Studies
- ✓ 7M02203 – Religious Studies
- ✓ 7M03106 – Cultural Studies
- ✓ 7M03125 – Psychology
- ✓ 7M03110 – Politology
- ✓ 7M03101 – Sociology
- ✓ 7M11402 – Social Work

1.4. For the organization and conduct of entrance exams for the admission of foreign applicants, an examination subject commission for the academic year is established by the rector of al-Farabi Kazakh National University.

The examination commission for the admission exams of foreign applicants to KazNU includes employees of the Office of Internationalization and Recruitment (hereinafter referred to as the Office) and the teaching staff of KazNU.

1.5. If a foreign applicant who meets the above-mentioned requirements is unable to come to the University for the entrance interview, they have the option to take it in an online format.

1.6. Entrance exams in the form of oral interviews for the admission of foreign applicants are evaluated on a 100-point scale. For admission to the master's program on a fee-paying basis, a minimum of 75 points is required for the academic and pedagogical track (2 years) and a minimum of 50 points for the specialized track (1-1.5 years).

1.7. Following the entrance interview, a protocol is prepared in the established format. The interview protocol is signed electronically via the "Salem office" system by the chairperson and all attending members of the commission and then submitted to the Office.

1.8. The decision on admission is reviewed by the competition commission for the enrollment of foreign applicants and documented by a protocol through the "Salem office" system. The results of the entrance exam are announced on the day of the exam.

1.9. Retaking the entrance exam is not allowed.

1.10. Appeals regarding the results of the interview are allowed within 24 hours.

## **2. Conducting the entrance exam in 2024:**

2.1 The interview is conducted in Russian, Kazakh, and English languages. The oral interview also includes questions aimed at assessing the applicant's ability to learn, creative activity, critical thinking, and personal qualities.

2.2. An indicative list of interview topics:

1. The concept and essence of culture
2. Space and forms of culture
3. Culture of nomads of Kazakhstan
4. The Religious Situation in the Modern World
5. The relationship between the state and religion in Kazakhstan
6. Methodology of Religious Studies
7. The role of psychology in the modern world
8. Profession of psychologist: my expectations and anxieties
9. Society and culture
10. Sociological concepts and theories of social stratification
11. Society and individual
12. Basics of professional and pedagogical communication
13. Traditional and innovative teaching methods
14. Basic methods and forms of education (upbringing)
15. Politics as a social phenomenon
16. The place of politics in the structure of public life.
17. Modern state policy of the country (to choose from)
18. World politics at the present stage.
19. Philosophy and worldview
20. Fundamentals of Philosophy

2.3. Recommended reading list for preparation:

1. Giddens A., Sutton Ph. Sociology. - Wiley Academic, 2017. – 1192p.
2. Ritzer G., Stepnisky J.N. Sociological Theory. – Los Angeles: SAGE, 2018. – 832 p.
3. Cox L.E., Tice C.J., Long D.D. Introduction to Social Work, 2017. – 440 p.

4. Langer C.L., Lietz C.A. Applying Theory to Generalist Social Work Practice: A Case Study Approach.- Wiley, 2015. – 322 p.
5. anthology of World Political Science. In 5-Ti Tomach. - M., 1997.
6. anthology of World Political Science. State program" cultural heritage". - Almaty: Kazakhstan. - 2005-2009. - Vol. 1-9.
7. Marchenko M. N., Machin I. F. history of political and Legal Studies. - M., 2011.
8. Kazakhstan political encyclopedia / Ed. T. T. Mustafina. - Almaty, 1998.
9. Nazarbayev N. A. era of ignorance. - Astana, 2017.
10. Akhmetova G. K., Isaeva Z. A. pedagogy: Teacher of the master's program of the University. - Almaty: Kazakh University, 2018 – - 328 P.
11. Mynbaeva A. K. fundamentals of Pedagogy of the highest school: teaching post. - Almaty, 2013 – - 171 P.
12. Dzhakupov S. M. public psychology: introduction: yчeb. "I don't know," he said. Nats. UN-t im. Al-Farabi. - Almaty: Kazakh University, 2014. - 162 P.
13. Schultz D., Schultz S. history of modern psychology. SPB.: Eurasia, 2002. - 532 PP.
14. Loginova N. A. theoretical and methodological foundations of psychology: synopsis lecture and methodological advice. - Almaty: Kazakh University, 2007. – 78 P.
15. Maklakov A. G. public psychology. - SPB.: Peter, 2001 . - 592 PP.
16. Nikandrov V. V. methodological foundations of psychology. "I don't know," he said. - SPB: Rech, 2008 . - 235 PP.
17. Religious Studies in modern Kazakhstan: ways of formation and development: monograph / N. zh.Baitenova, A. D. Kurmanalieva, sh. s.Rysbekova, B. K. Beisenov [and others]. - Almaty: University of Zak, 2014 – - 138 P.
18. Tursun Gabitov – Kazakh Culture Challenges . - Almaty: Evero, 2018
19. Gabitov T. H. history of the Cossack education: multimedia okulyk. - Almaty: Evero, 2018

**3. Scale and criteria for evaluating the entrance exam for admission to the master's program (specialized track) for foreign citizens on a fee-paying basis:**

<b>Number of points</b>	<b>Compliance criteria</b>
<b>90-100 points «Excellent»</b>	<p>All competencies required for the entrance exam have been mastered. A comprehensive answer has been provided to two theoretical questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scientific terminology has been correctly utilized.</li> <li>- All necessary features, elements, grounds, and classifications have been accurately named and defined to substantiate the arguments.</li> <li>- The main viewpoints accepted in scientific literature regarding the discussed issue have been indicated.</li> <li>- Own position or viewpoint has been argued, and the most significant research problems in this field have been identified.</li> <li>- The practical problem has been solved correctly with all necessary explanations.</li> </ul>
<b>75-89 points «Good»</b>	<p>All competencies required for the entrance exam have been mastered. A correct answer has been provided to two theoretical</p>

	<p>questions, with minor deficiencies identified in preparation:</p> <p>Scientific terminology is applied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All necessary features, elements, classifications are named, but there is an error or inaccuracy in the definitions or concepts.</li> <li>- There are shortcomings in argumentation, factual or terminological inaccuracies are present, but they are not significant.</li> <li>- Some insights into possible research problems in the field are expressed.</li> <li>- The practical problem is partially solved with incomplete explanations provided.</li> </ul>
<p><b>50–74 points</b> «Satisfactory»</p>	<p>All competencies required for the entrance exam have been mastered. A correct answer has been provided to two theoretical questions, with minor deficiencies identified in preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only some grounds, features, characteristics of the phenomenon under consideration are named and defined.</li> <li>- Significant terminological inaccuracies are present.</li> <li>- Own viewpoint is not presented.</li> <li>- No insights into possible research problems in the field are provided.</li> <li>- The practical problem is not solved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>0–49 points</b> «Unsatisfactory»</p>	<p>Not all competencies required for the entrance exam have been mastered. Incorrect answers are provided to two theoretical questions, with significant deficiencies identified in preparation. The practical problem is not solved.</p>

**3.1 Scale and assessment criteria of the entrance examination for admission to the master's program (academic and pedagogical direction) for foreign citizens on a fee-paying basis:**

<b>Number of points</b>	<b>Compliance criteria</b>
<p><b>90–100 points</b> "Excellent"</p>	<p>Demonstrates knowledge of the fundamental processes within the studied subject area; depth and completeness of addressing the issue; logically and sequentially expresses own opinion on the discussed problem; possesses conceptual-categorical framework, scientific terminology; logical coherence of the answer, adherence to the norms of contemporary scientific language.</p>
<p><b>80–89 points</b> "Good"</p>	<p>Competent use of scientific terminology; mastery of conceptual-categorical framework; problem-oriented presentation of formulated questions; occasional errors in presenting factual material; incompleteness in presenting scientifically established facts within the scope of questions; logical coherence of the answer, adherence to the norms of contemporary scientific language.</p>