



**The program of
the entrance exam for the group of educational programs of the Faculty of
International Relations
PhD degree
for foreign citizens to study on a paid basis**

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. In Al-Farabi KazNU for educational programs of postgraduate education (doctoral studies) are admitted persons who have mastered educational programs of postgraduate education. The admission to the doctoral program is allowed to applicants who have a “Master’s” degree.

1.3. Entrance examinations according to Annex 2 to the Standard Rules are held **in the format of an interview** for the following groups of educational programs:

- ✓ 8D03105 – International relations
- ✓ 8D03106 – Regional Studies
- ✓ 8D04201 – International Law
- ✓ 8D04101 – World Economy

1.4 For the organization and conduct of entrance examinations for admission of a foreign applicant by the decision of the rector of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University is creating an examination committee for the period of examinations.

The commission of entrance examinations for admission of a foreign applicant to KazNU includes employees of the Internationalization and Recruiting Department (hereinafter referred to as the Department) and the professor-teaching staff of KazNU.

1.5 In case a foreign applicant who meets the above requirements has no possibility to come to the University for an entrance interview, he has the opportunity to take it online.

1.6 Entrance exam in the form of oral conversation (interview) for admission to a foreign applicant are evaluated on a 100-point system. When enrolling on a paid basis, 75 points are counted.

1.7 Based on the results of the entrance exam, an interview protocol is drawn up in the prescribed form according to the requirements of the Department. The interview record is signed by the chairman and all members of the commission present and submitted to the Department.

1.8 The decision on admission is made by the University Admissions Committee on the results of the interview. The results of the entrance exam are announced on the same day.

1.9 Retaking the entrance exam is not permitted.

1.10. An appeal based on the results of the interview is provided within 24 hours.

Conducting the entrance exam in 2025

2.1 The interview is conducted in Russian, Kazakh and English. The oral interview also contains questions aimed at revealing the ability to learn, creative activity and critical thinking, personal qualities of the applicant.

2.2 An indicative list of interview topics:

8D03105 – International relations

1. Determinants of Global Politics
2. The "North-South" Relations Problem
3. Ethnopolitical Processes in the Modern World
4. The Problem of Human Rights Protection
5. The Impact of Modern Geopolitical Changes on National Interests
6. Security and Stability Issues in Global Politics
7. Theoretical and Conceptual Origins of International Relations Theory
8. Main Classical Schools of International Relations Theory
9. Modern Theories of International Relations
10. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in International Relations Research

8D03106 – Regional Studies

11. Structural and functional organization of the region and the structural characteristics of the regions.

12. Regionalization and regional processes in the modern world. Theoretical aspects of the regional dimension of international relations.

13. Integration regional processes and their specificity. Subregionalization.

14. Problems of security. Regional conflicts and their features at the present stage

8D04201 – International Law

15. The role of the UN in the development of international law

16. Problems of application of universal jurisdiction in international law

17. Current problems of diplomatic and consular law

18. European standards of human rights protection

19. International humanitarian law and armed conflicts of our time

20. Actions of the UN Security Council in cases of breach of peace, threat to peace or act of aggression

8D04101 – World Economy

21. Main theories of international trade

22. International division of labor and its modern trends

23. International trade and investment

24. Economic integration and disintegration

25. International economic organizations

26. International logistics

27. Financial instability and challenges of the global economy

28. Economic policy and sustainable development

29. International labor migration

30. Current challenges and prospects for the development of the world economy

2.3 List of recommended literature for preparation:

1. International Relations and World Politics: a textbook for universities / edited by P.A. Tsygankov - Moscow: Yurait, 2020. - 279 p.
2. Theory of International Relations: a textbook for universities / edited by P.A. Tsygankov. - Moscow: Yurait, 2025. - 317 p.
3. Korova Yu. World Politics and International Relations. - St. Petersburg, 2023
4. Megatrends of World Politics and Their Development in the 21st Century: a textbook for university students / edited by M.M. Lebedeva. - Moscow, 2019. - 400 p.
5. International Security: Global and Regional Actors / Responsible: M.M. Lebedev, Yu.A. Nikitina. - Moscow, 2020. - 312 p.
6. Laumulin M.T. Eurasia between integration and confrontation. - Almaty, 2023
7. Laumulin M.T. Central Asia in the era of transformation. - Nur-Sultan: KISI under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2020. - 464 p.
8. World comprehensive regional studies. Textbook // edited by Voskresensky. - M.: Magister, 2023. - 416 p.
9. Bayzakova K.I., Kukeeva F.T. et al. Integration policy of Kazakhstan as an integral part of the multi-vector foreign policy of the state. Almaty, 2024.
10. Yerimpasheva A.T., Medukhanova L.A. Integration of Central Asia: economic prerequisites and prospects. - Almaty, 2024
11. Krugman P., Obstfeld M., Melitz M. International Economics: Theory and Policy. — M.: Williams, 2020. — 1024 p.
12. Grigoriev L.M., Kurdin A.A., Makarov I.A. (eds.). The global economy in times of great upheaval: monograph. — M.: INFRA-M, 2025. — 576 p.
13. Acemoglu D., Robinson J. Why are some countries rich and others poor. — M.: AST, 2021. — 784 p.
14. Kolosov. International law.. - M., Wolters Kluwer, 2017; unusual part. - M., 2018.
15. Kalamkaryan, R.A. International law: Textbook for bachelors / R.A. Kalamkaryan, Yu.I. Migachev. - 5th ed., revised. and add. - M.: Publishing house Yurait, 2016. - 632 p..
16. Shumilov V. M. International law: textbook. - M.: NORUS, 2018.
17. Getman-Pavlova I. V. International law. Textbook for bachelors. M.: Yurait, 2013.
18. Egorov S. A., Ashavsky B. M. et al. International law: textbook. - M.: International. relations., 2016.
19. Zhanov T. K. International law. Textbook. - Almaty, 2006. - 589 P.
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http://www.consultant.ru/edu/student/download_books/rubr/mezhdunarodnoe_pravo/
20. Khalikova, Sh. B. Political diplomacy: educational manual / Sh. B. Khalikova. - Almaty: Kazakh University, 2013. - 123, [3] p. - URL: <http://elib.kaznu.kz/order-book>.
21. Critical Theory and World Politics: monograph / ed. by Richard Wyn Jones. - London: Lynne Rienner Publishers Inc., 1999. - 259 p. - URL: <http://elib.kaznu.kz/order-book>. - ISBN 1-55587-802-4
22. Khalikova, Sh. B. Political diplomacy: educational manual / Sh. B. Khalikova. - Almaty: Kazakh University, 2013. - 123, [3] p. - URL: <http://elib.kaznu.kz/order-book>. - ISBN 978-601-04-0112-9
23. Kurmanguzhin, S. A. Diplomatic Protocol and Diplomatic Correspondence: monograph / S. A. Kurmanguzhin. - Almaty: Print House "KAPrint", 2001. - 140 p. - URL: <https://elib.kaznu.kz/book/17856>.

24. Kurmanguzhin, S. A. Diplomatic and Consular Service: educational man. / S. A. Kurmanguzhin. - Almaty: KazNU, 2003. - 200, [2] p. - URL: <http://elib.kaznu.kz/order-book>. - Bibliogr.: p. 199-201.

25. Glushko, E.V. Translation studies / E.V. Glushko. — Moscow: Aspect Press, 2022. — 150 p.

26. Boykova N.A. Translation Theory. – M.: Yurait, 2018, 123 p.

33. Musaeva Z.Kh., Kosenko E.I. (compiled) Translation Theory. A textbook (lecture course) for the field of "Linguistics". — Makhachkala: DSUNH, 2017. — 129 p.

27. Retsker Ya.I. Translation Theory and Translation Practice. Audience, 2016, 244 p.

28. Marchenko M.N., Deryabina E.M. Fundamentals of Law. Textbook. – Moscow: Prospect, 2019. – 579 p.

29. A. S. Pbraeva, S. K. Yesetova, G. T. Ishanova, S. B. Goncharov. Fundamentals of Law. Textbook for grade 10 of natural sciences and mathematics. Directions of comprehensive schools. Almaty: Mektep, 2019. – 296 p.

30. A. S. Ibraeva, S. B. Goncharov. Fundamentals of Law. Textbook for grade 9 of comprehensive schools. Almaty: Mektep, 2019. – 160 p.

31. E. G. Shablova, O. V. Zhevnyak, T. P. Shishulina. Jurisprudence: textbook. Manual. – Ekaterinburg: Ural, 2016. — 192 p.

3. Scale and assessment criteria of the entrance examination for admission to the doctoral program for foreign citizens on a fee-paying basis:

Number of points	Compliance criteria
90–100 points «Excellent»	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.
80–89 points «Good»	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.
75–79 points «Satisfactory»	Insufficient use of scientific terminology; inadequate mastery of conceptual-categorical framework; ability to address only one of the problems formulated in the questions; errors in presenting factual material; superficial knowledge of the subject area; violation of logical coherence in the answer, norms of contemporary scientific language.
0–74 points «Unsatisfactory»	Absence of necessary scientific terminology in the answers; descriptive presentation of discussed issues, inability to identify and present problems; gross errors in presenting factual material; lack of knowledge of historiography of the studied subject area.