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**The program of the entrance exam for applicants to the PhD**  
**for the group of educational programs**  
**D065 – «Regional studies»**

**1. General provisions.**

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 Rules for Admission to Education in Educational Organizations Implementing Educational Programs of Higher and Postgraduate Education” (hereinafter referred to as the Model Rules).

2. The entrance exam for doctoral studies consists of writing an essay, passing a test for readiness for doctoral studies (hereinafter referred to as TRDS), an exam in the profile of a group of educational programs and an interview.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. Essay	10
2. Test for readiness for doctoral studies	30
3. Exam according to the profile of the group of the educational program	40
4. Interview	20
Total admission score	100/75

3. The duration of the entrance exam is 4 hours, during which the applicant writes an essay, passes a test for readiness for doctoral studies, and answers an electronic examination. The interview is conducted on the basis of the university before the entrance exam.

**2. Procedure for the entrance examination.**

1. Applicants for doctoral studies in the group of educational programs D065 - «Regional studies» write a problematic / thematic essay. The volume of the essay is at least 250-300 words.

2. The electronic examination card consists of 3 questions.

**Topics for exam preparation according to the profile of the group of  
the educational program.**

**Discipline «Actual problems of regions in the system of international relations:  
theoretical and practical approaches»**

**Topic 1. Theoretical approaches to the study of regional processes in the context of globalization.**

subtopic 1. Theoretical research about geopolitics and regions.

subtopic 2. Modern approaches to the role of international regions in the system of international relations.

subtopic 3. Theories and concepts that consider international relations at the macro-regional, regional and sub-regional levels (geopolitical, sociological, political economic and geographical theories and concepts).

**Topic 2. New trends in the modern world and regional problems of international relations.**

subtopic 1. Regionalization as an objective process of modern international relations.

subtopic 2. Regionalism. "Open regionalism" and "Closed regionalism".

subtopic 3. Political and economic components of regional relations.

**Topic 3. Peripheral zones in the system of international relations and their activation.**

subtopic 1. Formation of a new world order on the basis of real polycentrism.

subtopic 2. Regions and complexes of regional and bilateral relations.

subtopic 3. Formation of three world poles (macroregions) of economic and technological development - North American (NAFTA), Western European (EU) and Asia-Pacific.

**Topic 4. Regions and regional subsystems in the system of international relations.**

subtopic 1. The place of the region in the system of international relations, its economic, geopolitical, civilizational characteristics.

subtopic 2. Activation of the role of China and Japan in international relations in the Asia-Pacific region (APR) at the beginning of the XXI century.

subtopic 3. East Asia in the new geopolitical realities of the early 21st century.

subtopic 4. Latin America in international relations.

subtopic 5. Africa as a regional subsystem of international relations.

**Topic 5. International relations in Central Asia.**

subtopic 1. Central Asia as a sub-regional subsystem of international relations.

subtopic 2. Perspective strategies for the integration of the Central Asian states into the global space.

subtopic 3. Regional organizations in the post-Soviet space.

**Topic 6. Integration regional processes and their specificity.**

subtopic 1. Trends and principles of regional integration.

subtopic 2. New forms of interstate regional integration in the context of globalization.

subtopic 3. Specificity of integration processes in Southeast Asia, on the American continent and in the CIS.

**Topic 7. Security problems. Regional conflicts and their features at the present stage.**

subtopic 1. National, regional and global security.

subtopic 2. The role of traditional and non-traditional subjects of international relations in neutralizing "new threats", the state, international organizations, TNCs, NGOs, etc.

subtopic 3. The main security challenges in the Central Asian region (extremism, Islamic radicalism, drug trafficking, illegal migration, etc.).

subtopic 4. Global and regional conflicts and crises.

### Discipline «**Regional security system of Central Asia: formation, development, prospects**»

#### **Topic 1. The process of globalization and the problem of security.**

subtopic 1. Globalization as a historical process and periods of its development.

subtopic 2. Strengthening interdependencies between different levels of security.

subtopic 3. Non-traditional threats to security - international terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking, illegal arms trade.

#### **Topic 2. General security problems at the present stage.**

subtopic 1. Security levels - personal or individual, group, national, regional, general, international, global.

subtopic 2. The main scientific schools for the study of security problems.

subtopic 3. Basic interpretations of the vector of changes in international relations: unipolar world, multipolar world.

#### **Topic 3. Goals and strategies of external regional actors on the condition of the regional security.**

subtopic 1. Contemporary challenges and regional and national security of the countries of Central Asia.

subtopic 2. Main trends in cooperation between the Central Asian states in the formation of regional security structures

subtopic 3. Influence of external actors on the transformation of the regional security system in Central Asia

subtopic 4. Approaches of the states of the region to ensuring regional security

subtopic 5. The role of international structures in ensuring regional security in Central Asia

#### **Topic 4. Central Asia and regional security problems.**

subtopic 1. Non-traditional threats to security - international terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking, illegal arms trade.

subtopic 2. Influence of regional "centers of power" on the state of regional security.

subtopic 3. Membership of CA countries in regional organizations.

### Discipline «**Methodological foundations of research in regional studies**»

#### **Topic 1. Modern regions as an object of study.**

subtopic 1. Regions of the world as a special type of social and political relations and as a subject and as an object of study.

subtopic 2. The main types of regional integration processes at the present stage.

#### **Topic 2. Theories of international relations: concept, specificity, typology.**

subtopic 1. Problems of international relations in the political teachings of N. Machiavelli, T. Hobbes, E. Devattel, K. von Clausewitz.

subtopic 2. The role of states in international relations.

subtopic 3. International regimes as a mechanism of cooperation and interconnection.

**Topic 3. Information support of research of regional processes.**

subtopic 1. Various types of information and information arrays in the field of humanitarian knowledge.

subtopic 2. The role of information technology in the provision of applied political projects.

**Topic 4. A systematic approach to the study of regional processes.**

subtopic 1. Basic approaches to the study of international systems: traditional-historical, historical-sociological, heuristic, mixed, structural, functional.

subtopic 2. Laws of functioning of international systems.

**Topic 5. International processes.**

subtopic 1. International conflicts and their peculiarity at the turn of the XXI century.

subtopic 2. International cooperation and the integration process.

**Topic 6. Methodology of research of international and regional processes.**

subtopic 1. The role of expert opinions in domestic and foreign policy practice.

subtopic 2. SWOT analysis in the study of international relations.

subtopic 3. Discourse analysis, its effectiveness in the study of security issues.

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