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**Doctoral Educational Program
«8D03115 - International Relations»**

1. Program Name: Doctoral Educational Program «8D03115 – International Relations»
(training direction «8D031 – Social Sciences»).

2. Duration: 3 years

3. Total credits (ECTS): 185

4. Program description:

The program aims to train highly qualified specialists capable of conducting independent scientific research in the field of international relations, based on systematic and in-depth use of methods of applied analysis and research.

The program covers modern international theories and concepts, key areas of policy and security and foreign political priorities and national interests of Kazakhstan.

The program is based upon the strategic documents, determining the priorities of the state's foreign policy – the 2025 Strategic Development Plan of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Concept of Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020-2030.

5. Program Purpose and Objectives:

Purpose: To train advance experts and researchers in the field of international relations.

Program Objectives:

-develop research competencies for conducting research focused on solving actual foreign policy of Kazakhstan so that the results of the carried research can be introduced in state bodies.

- to provide in-depth and detailed awareness on current international processes and Kazakhstan's role and place in regional and international politics.

6. Program Benefits:

- practice-oriented courses to provide for the professional growth of students;

- students conduct research focused on solving topical problems of the foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan under the supervision of recognized international experts and experienced practitioners;

- developing research capacity – exploring research methods and design;

- participating in lectures and workshops of invited experts on topical issues of international relations and foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, participation in international forums and conferences;

- instruction in three languages: Kazakh, Russian and English.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan is an implementation partner of the Program.

7. Expected learning outcomes:

Formation / development of competencies:

Following ethical norms and principles, which means to follow strictly the rules of ethical behavior in any situations in accordance with the code of ethics by sticking the principles of integrity, honesty, good will, respect for colleagues and stakeholders, to cope with stressful situations, acquire skills to decision-making.

Outcome Orientation -by focusing on the result s/he challenges goals and achieves them, makes additional efforts to accomplish tasks, takes responsibility for achieving results.

Accountability and decision-making skills - can analyze opportunities, risks, as well as this, can calculate and plan resources, make decisions effectively under uncertainty, offer several options to resolve problems, taking into account possible risks.

Self-development identifies and makes recommendations to promote effective employees, takes systematic measures on employees' personal and professional, demonstrates motivation of self-development being a Model.

Initiative - considers and develops recommendations in implementing innovative approaches and solutions, focusing on improving the efficiency of activities, analyzes and makes possible suggestions to introduce innovative approaches and solutions, aimed at improving the efficiency of activities, initiates projects to enhance the activities of the state body.

Methods, forms, teaching technologies: disputes and discussions, situational tasks, working in groups, case studies, thematic research, debates, seminars, guest lectures, field classes.

8. Program Structure and Academic Content:

Semester	Discipline Name	ECTS
1	Academic Writing	2
	Methods of Scientific Research	3
	Contemporary Concepts of International Relations	3
	International and Regional Security	3
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	11
	<i>Experimental Research Work of a Doctoral Degree (hereinafter - ERWD)</i>	19
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 1		30
2	Methods of Scientific Research	3
	Selectable Component	2
	<i>Practice</i>	10
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	15
	<i>ERWD</i>	15
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 2		30
3	Multilateral Security Regimes of Eurasia	3
	Research Seminar	2
	<i>Practice</i>	10
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	15
	<i>ERWD</i>	18
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 3		33
4	Research Seminar	3
	Selectable Component	4
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	7
	<i>Internship</i>	4
	<i>ERWD</i>	20
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 4		31
5	Research Seminar	1
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	1
	<i>ERWD</i>	30
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 5		31
6	<i>ERWD</i>	18
	<i>Final Attestation (Design and Defense of Doctoral Dissertation)</i>	12
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 6		30

Total Theoretical Training +Practice	49
Final Attestation (Design and Defense of Doctoral Dissertation)	12
ERWD + Internship	124
TOTAL CREDITS FOR COMPULSORY DEVELOPMENT	185