

Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of
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**Master's Program
«7M04122 - Regional Development»**

1. Name of the program: Master's Program «7M04122 - Regional Development» (direction of training «7M041-Business and Management»).

2. Study period: 1 year

3. Total credits (ECTS): 64

4. Description of the program:

The Master's Program «Regional Development» was developed taking into account the tasks assigned to the state apparatus of the country and is aimed at developing the competencies of civil servants to ensure the sustainable balanced development of the regions of Kazakhstan and improve the efficiency of local public administration.

To get a master's degree, you need to master 64 credits and defend your master's project. From the 39 credits of the theoretical block, the master's student is given the opportunity to choose 10 credits from the catalog of elective disciplines, to choose courses in accordance with the professional specialization and individual learning path.

5. The goal and objectives of the program:

Aim: to train civil servants involved in regional development issues, who are able to offer sound solutions for effective management of socio-economic processes in the region, apply modern methods and technologies for managing regional projects, territorial development programs, etc.

Objectives of the program:

- to teach regional planning, forecasting, and management technologies for socio-economic processes;
- to develop competencies and provide students with technologies for developing behavioral strategies for making informed decisions in the field of regional sustainable development management.

6. Benefits of the program:

- competence-based approach to teaching, practice-and result-oriented learning through solving specific situations using interactive teaching methods;
- an interdisciplinary approach, that provides an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in related fields;

- possibility of practical training and internships in government bodies of Kazakhstan and abroad;
- implementation of a master's project focused on solving current problems of regional economic development;
- trilingual education: Kazakh, Russian, and English;
- individual learning plan, based on the results of competence assessment, through the Assessment Center;
- involvement of leading lecturers and practitioners; «Visiting Professors» and high-level experts;
- development of professional and expert networking, interaction with government officials from various ministries and departments, peer learning.

7. Expected learning outcomes:

- *Initiative*: Knows best practices in the field of regional development. Based on the studied experience, it develops new approaches and solutions aimed at improving the region's competitiveness;
- *Integrity*: Complies with established ethical norms and standards and responds to their violations. Shows impartiality, fairness, unselfishness, as well as respect for the honor and dignity of the individual. Refrains from discussing the personal and professional qualities of colleagues who discredit their honor and dignity. Shows intolerance to corruption;
- *Cooperation and interaction*: Can build relationships with colleagues, other government agencies, and organizations to achieve the strategic goals of the government agency. Shares experience and knowledge with colleagues to perform work together;
- *Decision making*: Analyzes quantitative, verbal, and other information. When making decisions, it relies on an analysis of risks and benefits. Plans to achieve results aimed at the sustainable development of the region and strengthening interregional relations;
- *Strategic thinking*: able to plan, predict and make long-term decisions for the sustainable development of the region. Develops ways to implement the strategic goal of the state agency, taking into account the local context and regional specifics;
- *Focus on the service consumer and informing them*: it uses effective ways to inform service recipients, and provides up-to-date information to the consumer in an accessible and respectful manner. Analyzes the level of satisfaction with the quality of services provided to the local population. Makes suggestions for improving the quality of services provided to the population in the regions.

8. Program structure and academic content:

Semester	Name of the Discipline	ECTS
1	Public Administration	4

	Language Competencies for Managers (in the State Language)	2
	Language Competencies for Managers (in English)	2
	Organizational Behavior and Ethics	3
	Regional Economy Kazakhstan and Spatial Development	4
	Regional Planning and Forecasting Tools	3
	Optional component according to the catalog of elective disciplines	4
	<i>Experimental - research work of the Master student (here in after – ERWM)</i>	9
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 1		31
	Managing the Sustainable Development of the Region	3
	Public Finance and Budget	3
	Social Security Policy at the Regional Level	3
	Optional component according to the catalog of elective disciplines	6
	Practice	2
	<i>Internship</i>	2
	<i>Experimental - research work of the Master student (here in after – ERWM)</i>	2
	<i>Final attestation (Design and defense of Master's project)</i>	12
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 2		33
Total theoretical studies + Practice		39
Final attestation (Design and defense of Master's project)		12
Experimental - research work of the Master student (here in after – ERWM) + Internship		13
TOTAL ECTS		64