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**Doctoral degree program
«8D03115 - International Relations»**

1. Name of the program: Educational programme of doctoral studies «8D03115 - International Relations» (*training direction «8D031 - Social Sciences»*).

2. Term of study: 3 years

3. Total credits (ECTS): 180

4. Program description:

The programme is aimed at training highly qualified specialists capable of conducting independent scientific research in the field of international relations on the basis of systematic and in-depth mastering of methods of applied analysis and research activities.

The programme involves a combined study of modern international theories and concepts, topical issues of politics and security, as well as foreign policy priorities and national interests of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The programme is based on the strategic documents defining the priorities of the state's foreign policy - the Development Strategy of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2050 and the Foreign Policy Concept of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020-2030.

5. Aim and objectives of the program:

Objective: to produce cutting-edge expert researchers in the field of international relations.

Objectives of the Programme:

- to develop research competences for conducting scientific research oriented to the solution of actual foreign policy of Kazakhstan with the possibility of introducing its results into the practice of state bodies;

- To provide a thorough and detailed understanding of current international processes, as well as the role and place of Kazakhstan in regional and international politics.

6. Benefits of the program:

1) practice-oriented disciplines on the speciality to improve the level of professional training of specialists using modern teaching methods;

2) performance of research work (*dissertation*) focused on solving topical problems of foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, under the scientific guidance of recognised international experts and experienced practitioners;

3) development of research potential - study of research methods and design, research practice;

4) participation in lectures and workshops of invited specialists on topical issues of international relations and foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, participation in international forums and conferences;

5) teaching disciplines in three languages: Kazakh, Russian and English.

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

7. Expected Learning Outcomes:

Formation/development of competences:

Adherence to ethical norms and principles - strictly follows the rules of ethical behaviour in any situation in accordance with the code of ethics, adheres to the principles of integrity, honesty, benevolence, respect for colleagues and stakeholders, in a stressful situation does not get lost, seeks and finds solutions.

Results Orientation - sets challenging goals and achieves them, makes extra effort to complete tasks, takes responsibility for achieving results.

Independence and decision-making skills - able to analyse opportunities, risks, as well as calculate and plan resources, able to act effectively in conditions of uncertainty, offers several options for solving problems, taking into account possible risks.

Self-development - identifies and makes proposals for the promotion of promising employees, takes systematic measures for the development of employees, demonstrates by personal example the desire for self-development.

Initiative - considers and develops proposals for the introduction of innovative approaches and solutions aimed at improving the efficiency of activities, analyses and makes proposals for the introduction of innovative approaches and solutions aimed at improving the efficiency of activities, initiates projects to improve the activities of the state body.

Teaching methods, forms, technologies: discussions and debates, situational tasks, group work, case studies, case studies, case studies, debates, seminars, guest lectures, field trips.

8. Program structure and academic content:

Semester	Name of discipline	BD/ PD	UC/ SC	ECTS
1	Academic writing	BD	UC	3
	Research methods	BD	UC	3
	Contemporary international relations	BD	UC	3
	Modern geopolitical processes	BD	UC	2
	Total theoretical training			11
	<i>Experimental and research work of doctoral students (hereinafter referred to as EIRD)</i>			19
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 1				30
2	Research methods	BD	UC	3
	RK in international organisations	BD	UC	3
	<i>Industrial practice</i>			10
	Total theoretical training			16
	<i>EIRD</i>			14
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 2				30
3	Research seminar	PD	UC	1
	Selectable Component	BD	SC	2
	<i>Industrial practice</i>			10
	Total theoretical training			13
	<i>EIRD</i>			17
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 3				30
4	Research seminar	PD	UC	1
	Selectable Component	PD	SC	3
	Total theoretical training			4
	<i>Internship</i>			4
	<i>EIRD</i>			22
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 4				30
5	Research seminar	PD	UC	1

	<i>Total theoretical training</i>			<i>1</i>
	<i>AIRD</i>			<i>29</i>
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 5				30
6	<i>EIRD</i>			<i>18</i>
	<i>Final Attestation (writing and defence of the doctoral thesis)</i>			<i>12</i>
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 6				30
Total theoretical training+practical training				45
Final Attestation (writing and defence of doctoral thesis)				12
EIRD+ internship				123
TOTAL COMPULSORY CREDITS				180