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**Master's Educational Program
«7M03111 - International Relations»**

1. Program Name: Master's Educational Program «7M03111 - International Relations» (training direction «7M031 - Social Sciences»).

2. Duration: 2 years

3. Total credits (ECTS): 120

4. Program description:

The Educational Program (hereinafter - the Program) was developed to answer for the specific requirements of work in international relations and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic 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.

Presently the diplomatic service of Kazakhstan is facing numerous new challenges and opportunities, dependent on the current geopolitical and geo-economics situation. This demands Kazakh diplomatic corps and other civil servants, who play an active role in foreign affairs to be aware of multidisciplinary approaches, combining the knowledge and skills in various areas of international relations so that they are capable of taking appropriate actions and decisions.

In this regard, the Program aims to teach the required competencies, in particular: Foreign Policy of Kazakhstan, Diplomatic Etiquette and Protocol, Economic Diplomacy, Public Diplomacy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Conflict Studies, Geopolitics and Geo-economics, Negotiations, Regional Studies.

5. Purpose and Program Objectives:

Purpose: training professional foreign affairs specialists to address topical foreign-policy issues of the Republic of Kazakhstan and to protect and promote national interests.

Program Objectives:

-develop professional competencies for effective work in implementing the foreign policy and foreign economic agenda of Kazakhstan;

- 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 disciplines on major/degree so that the specialists can attain the professional growth through applying contemporary teaching methods;

- lecturers - experienced specialists and practitioners, including current and retired diplomats (*Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors, Ambassador for special missions, heads of structural divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, employees of international organizations and think tanks centers*);

- participating in international forums and conferences, regular meetings with ambassadors and heads of foreign diplomatic missions;

- Conducting disciplines 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

Establishing effective communications – can coordinate his/her activities with other colleagues, is open to communications, shows readiness for business cooperation, assists colleagues if it is necessary, is aware of the way to resolve conflicts for the benefit of the common cause, at the same time he reasonably conveys his/her points of view and takes into account the opinion of the colleagues, builds effective work groups/teams/stakeholders.

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, goodwill, respect for colleagues and stakeholders, to cope with stressful situations, acquire skills to decision-making.

Managing changes - accepts changes in an organization in a positive way, has a clear and flexible tactics of his/her actions in relation to the already changed situations, analyzes the reasons of failures and is able to change approaches or strategies, supports and encourages workers' initiatives.

Outcome Orientation - sets challenging goals and achieves them, makes additional efforts to complete 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.

Collaboration - contributes to the work of the team and if it is necessary can consult with more experienced colleagues, who can provide the further clarification of the topics, develops interaction with co-workers and other representatives of state bodies and organizations, exchanges views/shares opinions, as a result of the discussion can complete the tasks given.

Efficiency - makes suggestions for improving work, studies new approaches and ways to implement them, quickly adapts in a changing environment.

Self-development - shows interest in acquiring new knowledge and technologies, is committed to personal-development, seeks new information and ways to apply it, puts new skills into practice so that its effectiveness can be improved.

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	Professional English	3
	French for diplomats	3
	World diplomacy	3
	Foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan	3
	Research Methods and Design	3
	Contemporary Asian Security Architecture	2
	Theories of International Relations	3
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	<i>20</i>
	<i>Experimental Research Work of a master's degree (hereinafter - ERWM)</i>	<i>10</i>
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 1		30
	Professional English	3

2	French for diplomats	2
	Official Letter and Discourse	2
	Issues of international security and arms control in the foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan	3
	Technology of negotiations	3
	Diplomatic and consular service of the Republic of Kazakhstan	3
	Geopolitics and Geostrategy	3
	Selectable Component	2
	<i>Practice</i>	4
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	25
	<i>ERWM</i>	5
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 2		30
3	Professional English	3
	French for diplomats	3
	International Law and Multilateral Diplomacy	3
	Official Letter and Discourse	3
	Diplomatic protocol and etiquette	3
	Selectable Component	9
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	24
	<i>Internship</i>	2
	<i>ERWM</i>	4
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 3		30
4	Politics and security of the Central Asian region	4
	Economic Diplomacy	3
	Selectable Component	8
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>	15
	<i>ERWM</i>	7
	<i>Final Attestation (Design and Defense of the Master's Project)</i>	8
TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 4		30
Total Theoretical Training + Practice		84
Final Attestation (Design and Defense of the master's Project)		8
ERWD+Internship		28
TOTAL CREDITS FOR COMPULSORY DEVELOPMENT		120