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**Master's degree program  
«7M03111 - International Relations»**

**1. Name of the program:** Educational programme of Master's degree «7M03111 - International Relations» (*training direction "7M031 - Social Sciences"*).

**2. Term of study:** 1,5 years

**3. Total credits (ECTS):** 91

**4. Program description:**

The educational programme of Master's degree «International Relations» (*hereinafter - the Programme*) is developed taking into account the requirements for specialists in the field of international relations and diplomacy, as well as taking into account the specifics of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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

In modern conditions, taking into account the current geopolitical and geo-economic environment, Kazakhstan's diplomatic service faces an array of new challenges and opportunities. In order to adequately and timely respond to them, the Kazakhstani diplomatic corps and other civil servants engaged in foreign affairs must possess a multidisciplinary combination of knowledge and skills in various spheres of international relations.

In this regard, the Programme is aimed at teaching the required competences, namely: foreign policy of Kazakhstan, diplomatic etiquette and protocol, economic diplomacy, public diplomacy, foreign policy analysis, conflictology, geopolitics and geoeconomics, negotiation technology, regional studies.

**5. Aims and objectives of the program:**

*Purpose:* Training of international professionals to solve urgent foreign policy problems of the Republic of Kazakhstan and to defend national interests in the international arena.

*Objectives:*

- develop professional competences for effective work on the implementation of Kazakhstan's foreign policy and foreign economic agenda;
- 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 speciality to improve the level of professional training of specialists using modern teaching methods;

2) teachers - experienced specialists and practitioners, including current and retired diplomats (*Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Ambassadors-at-Large, heads of structural divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, employees of international organisations and think tanks*);

3) participation in international forums and conferences, regular meetings with ambassadors and heads of foreign diplomatic missions;

4) 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:

Building effective communications - is able to coordinate his/her activities with colleagues, is open to communications, shows readiness for business cooperation, helps colleagues when necessary, is able to resolve conflicts for the benefit of the common cause, at the same time argues his/her point of view and takes into account the opinion of colleagues, builds effective work of the group/team/ with stakeholders.

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.

Change management - has a positive attitude to changes in the organisation, adapts its tactics according to the changed situation, analyses the reasons for failure and changes approaches or strategy, supports and encourages employee initiatives.

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.

Collaboration - contributes to the work of the team and seeks clarification from more experienced colleagues when necessary, develops interaction with colleagues and representatives of government bodies and organisations, exchanges views and carries out tasks in the light of discussion.

Responsiveness - makes suggestions for improvement, explores new approaches and ways to implement them, adapts quickly to changing conditions.

Self-development - shows interest in new knowledge and technologies, strives for self-development, seeks new information and ways to apply it, puts into practice new skills to improve his/her efficiency.

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	Professional English	BD	UC	3
	French for Diplomats	PD	UC	3
	World diplomacy	PD	UC	3
	Foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan	PD	UC	3
	Research methods and design	PD	UC	3
	Diplomatic and Consular Service of the Republic of Kazakhstan	BD	UC	3
	International relations theory	BD	UC	3
	Selectable component	BD	SC	3
	<b><i>Total theoretical training</i></b>			<b>24</b>
	<i>Experimental-research work of a Master's student (hereinafter referred to as EIRM)</i>			6
<b>TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 1</b>				<b>30</b>
2	Professional English	BD	UC	3

	French for Diplomats	PD	UC	3
	Official writing and discourse	PD	UC	3
	Public international law	PD	UC	3
	Technologies of the negotiation process	BD	UC	3
	Geopolitics and geostrategy	PD	UC	3
	Selectable component	BD	SC	6
	<i>Industrial practice</i>			2
	<b><i>Total theoretical training</i></b>			<b>26</b>
	<i>EIRM</i>			5
<b>TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 2</b>				<b>31</b>
3	Professional English	BD	UC	3
	French for Diplomats	PD	UC	3
	Multilateral diplomacy	PD	UC	3
	Selectable component	PD	SC	6
	<b><i>Total theoretical training</i></b>			<b>15</b>
	<i>Internship</i>			2
	<i>EIRM</i>			5
	<i>Final Attestation (Design and Defense of the Master's Project)</i>			8
<b>TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 3</b>				<b>30</b>
<b>Total theoretical training + practical training</b>				<b>65</b>
<b>Final Attestation (Design and Defense of the Master's Project)</b>				<b>8</b>
<b>EIRM+ internship</b>				<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPULSORY CREDITS</b>				<b>91</b>