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**Master's Degree Program
"7M03111 – International Relations"**

1. Name of the program: Master's Degree Program "7M03111 – International Relations" (training area: «7M031 – Social Sciences»).

2. Term of study: 1.5 years.

3. Total credits (ECTS): 90.

4. Program description:

The Master's Degree Program in International Relations (hereinafter – the Program) is designed to meet the professional requirements for specialists in international relations and diplomacy while considering the specific activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Program is based on key strategic documents defining Kazakhstan's foreign policy priorities, including the *Kazakhstan 2050* Development Strategy and the Foreign Policy Concept of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020–2030.

Kazakhstan's diplomatic service faces new challenges and opportunities in today's geopolitical and geo-economic landscape. To respond effectively and promptly, the Kazakhstani diplomatic corps and other government officials engaged in international affairs must possess a multidisciplinary combination of knowledge and skills in various areas of international relations.

Accordingly, the Program aims to develop the following competencies: Kazakhstan's foreign policy; Diplomatic protocol and etiquette; Economic diplomacy; Public diplomacy; Foreign policy analysis; Conflict studies; Geopolitics and geo-economics; Negotiation techniques; Regional studies.

5. Aims and objectives of the program:

Goal: To train highly qualified international relations professionals capable of addressing Kazakhstan's foreign policy challenges and defending national interests on the global stage.

Objectives:

-To develop professional competencies necessary for the effective implementation of Kazakhstan's foreign and economic policy agenda.

-To provide a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of contemporary international processes, as well as Kazakhstan's role and position in regional and global politics.

6. Benefits of the program:

1) Practice-oriented courses designed to enhance professional training through modern teaching methodologies;

2) Faculty includes experienced specialists and practitioners, including active and former diplomats (*Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Special Envoys, heads of structural divisions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as experts from international organizations and analytical centers*);

3) Participation in international forums and conferences, as well as regular meetings with ambassadors and heads of foreign diplomatic missions.

4) Courses taught in three languages: Kazakh, Russian, and English.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan is a key partner in the implementation of this Program.

7. Expected learning outcomes

Development of Competencies:

Effective Communication: Able to coordinate activities with colleagues, open to communication, demonstrates readiness for business collaboration, assists colleagues when needed, resolves conflicts constructively, articulates arguments clearly while considering others' perspectives, and efficiently organizes teamwork with stakeholders.

Adherence to Ethical Standards and Principles: Strictly follows ethical behavior rules in all situations following the code of ethics, upholds principles of integrity, honesty, goodwill, and respect towards colleagues and stakeholders; remains composed in stressful situations, seeking and finding solutions.

Change Management: Positively adapts to organizational changes, adjusts strategies based on evolving circumstances, analyzes reasons for setbacks modifies approaches accordingly, and supports and encourages employee initiatives.

Results Orientation: Sets ambitious goals and achieves them, makes extra efforts to accomplish tasks, and takes responsibility for delivering results.

Independence and Decision-Making Skills: Analyzes opportunities and risks, effectively plans and allocates resources, acts efficiently under uncertainty, and proposes multiple solutions while considering potential risks.

Collaboration: Contributes to team efforts, seeks clarification from experienced colleagues, when necessary, fosters cooperation with peers and representatives of government agencies and organizations, shares opinions, and incorporates feedback into task completion.

Responsiveness: Proposes improvements, explores new approaches and their implementation, and quickly adapts to changing conditions.

Self-Development: Demonstrates curiosity about new knowledge and technologies, strives for personal growth, seeks out new information and its applications, and applies new skills in practice to enhance effectiveness.

Teaching Methods, Formats, and Technologies: Discussions and debates, case studies, group work, thematic research, simulations, seminars, guest lectures, and field sessions.

8. Program structure and academic content

Semester	Course Title	BD/ PD	UC/ EC	ECTS
1	The foreign policy process and the formation of the foreign policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan	PD	UC	3
	The genesis and development of diplomacy	PD	UC	4
	Psychology of negotiations	BD	UC	2
	Modern challenges and practice of the diplomatic service	BD	UC	2
	Modern concepts of international relations	PD	UC	3
	International law in diplomatic practice	PD	UC	3
	English for Diplomats 1	BD	UC	2
	French for Diplomats 1		UC	3
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>			22
	<i>Experimental Research Work of the Master's Student (ERWMs)</i>			8
	TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 1			30
2	Research methods and design	PD	UC	3
	A geopolitical analysis of international processes	PD	UC	3

	Diplomatic correspondence and communications	PD	UC	3
	English for Diplomats 2	PD	UC	3
	French for Diplomats 2	PD	UC	3
	Elective Component	BD	SC	9
	<i>Professional Internship</i>			26
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>			4
	<i>ERWMs</i>			
				30
3	The world order and global regulatory mechanisms	PD	UC	2
	Global security and modern international conflicts	PD	UC	2
	English for Diplomats 3	PD	UC	3
	French for Diplomats 3	PD	UC	3
	Elective Component	PD	SC	6
	<i>Total Theoretical Training</i>			16
	<i>Internship</i>			2
	<i>Final Certification (Preparation and Defense of the Master's Project)</i>			8
	<i>ERWMs</i>	ERWMS	MC	4
	TOTAL FOR SEMESTER 3			30
	Total Theoretical Training + Practice			64
	Final Certification (Preparation and Defense of the Master's Project)			8
	ERWMs + Internship			18
	TOTAL CREDITS FOR MANDATORY COMPLETION			90