



**Kazakh Ablai Khan University
of International Relations and
World Languages**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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Welcome to Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages!



Since its foundation in 1941, Kazakh Ablai Khan University has been chosen by generations of highly-motivated students who have subsequently become scholars, teachers and other professionals, who have made a great contribution to the development of culture, science and education in Kazakhstan. Among our alumni and alumnae there are academics, ambassadors, government officials, bankers, journalists, business people, whose activities have a direct impact on the social and political life of the country. Every new generation of graduates adds to the reputation and standing of our Alma Mater.

From year to year the University has been strengthening its leadership in the field of foreign language teaching and learning. The model of language education developed at Kazakh Ablai Khan University which aims to achieve trilingual competence in Kazakh, Russian and English is now being implemented throughout Kazakhstan. Members of our staff preside over the FLT Methodological Council of the Republic sharing new methods and technologies with other universities in Kazakhstan.

At Kazakh Ablai Khan University you will not only gain theoretical knowledge and practical linguistic competence, but also obtain priceless skills in international communication and form acquaintances which will hopefully develop into life-long friendships.

I strongly hope that every student coming to our University from abroad will enjoy becoming part of our educational and scientific community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'S. Kunanbayeva'.

Rector
Prof. Dr. Salima Kunanbayeva



The University

The University

Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages, offers three stages of higher Education (BA, MA, Ph.D.) specializing in the humanities, international relations and economics. It was established in 1941 as Almaty Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages. In March 1998, by the Government authorization (Decree N256), the Institute was transformed into the Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages.

The University ranks fifth among Kazakhstani universities specializing in the humanities and economic sciences (2013 National Ranking). According to the 2013 Programme Ranking by the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating, 5 study programmes (International Relations, Foreign Language Teaching, Translation Studies, Foreign Philology and Area Studies) rank first and 1 programme (International Law) ranks second among similar programmes of all the HEIs of Kazakhstan.

Our Motto

“Transparency, integration, internationalization”

Facts and figures

- established in 1941
- 8 faculties
- over 7000 students
- over 500 academic staff
- instruction in 14 foreign languages





Mission

The mission of Kazakh Ablai Khan University is to train highly-qualified, mobile professionals with high-quality linguistic competence who are able to play active roles in international cooperation, representing the interests of Kazakhstan in every sphere of the country's strategic development .

In line with aforementioned mission, the model of the University's education is aimed at providing students with well-grounded, up-to-date, competence-based academic education and professional training.

Activities which Support our Mission

The mission predetermines the activities aimed at accomplishing the educational strategy of the university such as:

- Bologna Process Integration
- Implementation of International educational standards
- International standardization and recognition of study programmes through accreditation
- Membership of International associations and consortia
- Development of joint and double degree programmes with partner universities
- International research cooperation, joint training of teaching staff
- Further development of international projects, exchange programmes, etc.



Divisions of the University

Academic Units

Faculty of International Relations

- Department of International Relations and Oriental Studies
- Department of Modern history of Kazakhstan and worldview disciplines
- Department of Professional Foreign Language

Faculty of Oriental Studies

- Department of Languages of China and the Asian-Pacific area
- Department of Languages of Far East
- Department of Languages of Middle East
- Department of Oriental Studies

Faculty of Translation and Philology

- Department of Speech Practice of Foreign Languages
- Department of Translation and Intercultural Communication
- Department of Theory and Practice of Simultaneous Interpretation
- Department of Speech Practice of Foreign Philology
- Department of Theory of Foreign Philology

Faculty of Management and International Communication

- Department of Intercultural Communication
- Department of International Tourism

Faculty of Economics and Law

- Department of Economics
- Department of Management and Marketing
- Department of International Law
- Department of Professional Foreign Language





Teacher Training Faculty of Foreign Languages

- Department of Foreign language training methods
- Department of Pedagogy and Psychology
- Department of Speech Practice and Communication
- Department of Theory and Practice of Intercultural Communication

Independent Departments

- Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
- Department of Physical Education
- Department of Kazakh Philology
- Department of professional digitalization of education
- Military Department

Faculty of Postgraduate education

Faculty of Continuing Education

Centre for Foreign Language training



Support Units

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| • Academic Office | • Office of Information Technology |
| • Centre for Academic Mobility | • Office of Monitoring and Strategic Development |
| • Office of the Registrar | • Educational and Methodological Council |
| • Administrative Office | • Admissions Office |
| • Financial Office | • Youth Policy Committee |
| • International Office | |
| • University Library | |

Accreditations and Affiliations

Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages is licensed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan and accredited by the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

- 19 Study Programmes are accredited by ACQUIN - an accreditation agency, which performs accreditation for all types of higher education institutions taking into account all types of programmes and disciplines.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oriental Studies (BA) 2017 • Oriental Studies (MA) 2017 • Foreign Language: two foreign languages (BA) 2017 • Foreign Language: two foreign languages (BA) 2017 • Foreign Language: two foreign languages (MA) 2017 • Foreign Language: two foreign languages (PhD) 2017 • Foreign Philology (BA) 2017 • Foreign Philology (MA) 2017 • Foreign Philology (PhD) 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Relations (BA) 2017 • International Relations (MA) 2017 • International Relations (PhD) 2017 • International Law ((BA) 2017 • International Law (MA) 2017 • Pedagogy and Psychology (MA) 2017 • Translation Studies (BA) 2017 • Translation Studies (MA) 2017 • Translation Studies (PhD) 2017 • Area (Region) Studies (BA) 2017 • Area (Region) Studies (MA) 2017 |
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16 Study Programmes are accredited by the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating of the Republic of Kazakhstan :

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation Studies (BA) 2014 • Translation Studies (MA) 2014 • Translation Studies (PhD) 2014 • Teacher Studies: Two Foreign Languages (BA) 2014 • Teacher Studies: Two Foreign Languages (MA) 2014 • Teacher Studies: Two Foreign Languages (PhD) 2014 • Foreign Philology (BA) 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Philology (MA) 2014 • Foreign Philology (PhD) 2014 • International Relations (BA) 2014 • International Relations (MA) 2014 • International Relations (PhD) 2014 • Area (Region) Studies (BA) 2014 • Area (Region) Studies (MA) 2014 • Asian Studies (BA) 2014 • Asian Studies (MA) 2014 |
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Kazakh Ablai Khan University is a proud member of several international associations and other organizations:

- International Association of Universities - IAU
- Eurasia-Pacific Uninet
- Association for Tourism and Leisure Education - ATLAS
- World Association for Hospitality and Tourism Training - AMFORTH
- International Association Supporting Hospitality and Tourism Education and Training - EURHODIP
- L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie - AUF
- The International Academy of Higher Education
- Basic Organization of languages and cultures of the CIS
- European Language Council - CEL/ELC
- Consortium of Humanitarian Universities of SCO
- Consortium of Linguistic Universities of EurAsEC member states.
- The European Public Relations

Education and Research Association - EUPRERA

- The European Association for International Education - EAIE

The University is a signatory of

- The Taraz Charter, Taraz, Kazakhstan (2007)
- Magna Charta Universitatum, Bologna, Italy (2010)

Kazakh Ablai Khan University has gained international recognition in its field and has been awarded with:

- Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Arts (2002)
- The United Europe Award for the contribution to the development of European integration (2004)
- The European Quality Award (2005)
- Socrates Award for the contribution to the intellectual development of young people (2006);
- The Leader of Education Award according to the Cambridge Scientific Association (2008)



International Cooperation

The internationalization of university education is a prerequisite for national and international competitiveness and a national priority for Kazakhstan. The international activity of a university is considered to be an indicator of quality and a mark of excellence. Kazakh Ablai Khan University's international initiatives include exchange programmes, double degree programmes, joint scientific research, joint dissertation supervision, visiting scholars programme, various international projects, etc.

List of Partner Universities

Armenia

Yerevan State Linguistic University after V.Brusov

Austria

University of Vienna

University of Applied Sciences Burgenland

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan University of Languages

Baku Slavic University

Belarus

Minsk State Linguistic University

Polesky State University

Belarus State Economic University

Vitebsk State Technological University

Mogilev State A.Kuleshov University

Bulgaria

The St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski"

China

East China University of Political Science and Law

Dalian University of Foreign Languages

Dalian University

University of International Business and Economics

Minzu University of China

Wuhan University

Xinjiang University

Lanzhou University

Qiongzhou University

Shenyang Normal University

Central China Normal University

Southwest University

Hainan Tropical Ocean University

Beijing Language and Culture University

Shanghai International Studies University

East China Normal University

The Czech Republic

Charles University

University of Hradec Králové

France

Université de Strasbourg

Université de Poitiers

University de Perpennian

Germany

Universität Passau

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

International center for education and scientific information in Dusseldorf

Chemnitz Technical University

Italy

University of Genoa

University of Bergamo

University of Turin

Japan

University of Tsukuba

Wakayama University

Kyoto College of Graduate Studies for informatics

Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyz National University named after Jusup Balasagyn

Bishkek Humanities University named after K.Karasaev

Kyrgyz State University named after I.Arabaev

Latvia

Ventspils University College

Information Systems Management Institute

Baltic International Academy

Malaysia

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Berjaya University College of Hospitality

Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation



The Netherlands

Hanze University of Applied Sciences

Pakistan

National University of Modern Languages

Poland

The University of Silesia in Katowice

High school of Foreign Languages in Poznan

Romania

The University of Craiova

Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai

Russia

Moscow State Linguistic University

Irkutsk State Linguistic University

Moscow State University

Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Institute of International Relations Yekaterinburg

Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

Lomonosov Moscow State University (Higher School of Translation and Interpretation)

Russian State University of Trade and Economics

M. Akmullah Bashkir State Pedagogical University

Altai State University

Volgograd State Socio-Pedagogical University

Institute of Social and Humanitarian International Relations

Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia

Interregional Institute of Economics and Law

supported by IPA of the EurasEC

The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

South Korea

Kyung Hee University

Chungbuk University

Chung-Ang University

Joongbu University

Daejeon University

Pai Chai University

Ajou University

Daegu University

Wonkwang University

Keimyung University

Kookmin University

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Kangnam University

Busan University Of Foreign Studies

Chungnam University

Sangmyung University

Sungkyunwan University

Spain

Universidad de las Islas Baleares

Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

Universidad de Vigo

University of Alicante

Complutance University of Madrid

University of Salamanka

Switzerland

Université de Fribourg

Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations

Geneva Business School

Tajikistan

Tajikistan State University of Law, Business and Politics

Russian-Tajik Slavonic University

Tajik National University

Thailand

Srinakharinwirot University

Turkey

Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University

Kastamonu University

Bahçeşehir University

Yildiz Teknik Üniversitesi

Antalya Academy of Tourism

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

Bozok University

Cyprus International University

UK

Teesside University

Ukraine

Poltava National Pedagogical University named after V.G.Korolenko

USA

Missouri State University

The University of Arizona

Uzbekistan

Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages

Foundation Programme

The Kazakh Ablai Khan University Foundation Programme for international students is an ideal way to achieve the Kazakh and/or Russian language skills required to be considered for admission to a university in Kazakhstan. The programme is tailored to the needs of foreign students at different levels:

- Students who have completed their secondary education in their home country and who wish to enrol for undergraduate study in Kazakhstan.
- Students who have a Bachelor's Degree and wish to pursue a Master's Degree in Kazakhstan.
- Students who are studying at university in their home country and who wish to spend a period of time at a Kazakhstani university to develop their Kazakh and/or Russian language skills and understanding of the culture of Kazakhstan.
- Professional foreign nationals who wish to improve their Kazakh and/or Russian language skills in a university environment.

Centre for Foreign Language Training runs 2 intensive programmes a year – from September to the mid of December and from February to the mid of May .

The programme provides 20 hours of classes per week including General Language, Business Language, Creative Writing, Presentation and Debates, etc.

Students must achieve the required level of Kazakh or Russian to be awarded a Certificate of Ablai Khan University.

For more information contact Centre for Foreign Language Training at +77272334356 or foundation@ablaikhan.kz



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Students can also register for the **Test of Russian as a Foreign Language** in our Testing Center accredited by the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia under supervision of the Consulate General of the Russian Federation.





Study Programmes

Degree Programmes

Kazakh Ablai Khan University offers the degree programmes listed below.

Bachelor's Degree Programmes

- Foreign Philology
- Translation Studies
- Foreign language: two foreign languages
- International Relations
- Regional Studies
- Oriental Studies
- International Law
- Jurisprudence
- Economy
- World Economy
- Public Administration
- Management
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Tourism
- Restaurant Business and Hospitality
- Russian Language and Literature

Master's Degree Programmes

- Foreign Philology
- Translation Studies
- Foreign language: two foreign languages
- Pedagogy and psychology
- International Relations
- Regional Studies
- Oriental Studies
- International Law
- Economy
- Public Administration
- Journalism
- Tourism
- Marketing

Doctoral Degree Programmes

- Foreign Philology
- Translation Studies
- Foreign language: two foreign languages
- International Relations



Double Degree Programmes

Kazakh Ablai Khan University offers double degree programmes in cooperation with:

Kyung Hee University (Korea)

- International Relations (BA)
- Korean Philology (BA)
- Translation Studies (BA)
- International Relations (MA)
- Korean Philology (MA)

Wuhan University (China)

- International Law (BA)
- International Relations (BA)
- Tourism (BA)
- Economics (BA)
- Marketing (BA)
- Public Administration (BA)
- Foreign Philology (BA)
- Journalism (BA)
- International Relations (MA)
- Oriental Studies (MA)

University of International Business and Economics (China)

- International Law (BA)
- International Relations (BA)
- Economics (BA)
- Marketing (BA)
- Public Administration (BA)
- International Relations (MA)
- Area Studies (MA)

Dalian University (China)

- Tourism (BA)
- Tourism (MA)

Lanzhou University (China)

- Chinese Philology (BA)

Moscow State Linguistic University (Russia)

- Linguistics and Intercultural Communication (MA)

Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (Russia)

- Region Studies: Russia and Neighbouring Regions (MA)

Hainan Tropical Ocean University

- Tourism (BA)
- Socio-cultural service (BA)
- Restaurant and Hotel Business (BA)



Detailed information about these cooperative programmes is available from the Admissions Office at +7727 2922373 or pk@ablaikhan.kz

Admission Procedures

Admission of Full-Time Students

Applicants who are interested in full-time enrolment should apply through the Office of Admissions from June 20 to July 9 (the dates may slightly vary).

To be considered for admission, an applicant must provide:

- a notarized translation of their secondary school certificate or diploma
- a notarized translation of passport (1 original and 2 copies)
- 6 photos 3x4
- Health Record Forms #086 and #063 with a recent chest X-ray image
- National standardized test scores (for those who have completed their school education in Kazakhstan).

Applicants who have completed their school education outside Kazakhstan will be registered for the Comprehensive Testing.

All applicants must pay non-refundable application fee of 500 tenge (approx. 2 euro). The Comprehensive Testing fee of 2442 tenge (approx. 10 euro) must be paid separately to the National Testing Centre.

Detailed information regarding full-time admission policies and procedures may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office at +7727 2922373 or pk@ablaikhan.kz



Tuition

Tuition fees for full-time international students vary from 500000 tenge (approx. 1400 euro) to 850000 tenge (approx. 2400 euro) per academic year, depending on the Study Programme. Tuition fees are subject to change and are set prior to the start of each academic year. Tuition fees can be paid in instalments.

For the actual tuition fees contact the Office of Admissions at +7727 2922373 or pk@ablaikhan.kz



Admission Procedures for Exchange Students

Exchange students may apply for enrolment through the outbound mobility coordinators of their home universities. For additional information, prospective students are welcome to contact directly the Centre for Academic Mobility of Kazakh Ablai Khan University mobility@ablaikhan.kz or the International Office cip@ablaikhan.kz.

An applicant must send the scanned copies of the required documents via e-mail and originals by post:

- completed application form
- official transcript (record of completed courses and grades) from the home university
- certificate of enrolment
- a letter of recommendation from the university
- statement of purpose
- copy of passport
- two recent passport-style photographs

Application forms and information about exchange programmes can be found on the Kazakh Ablai Khan University website at <http://www.ablaikhan.kz/>

The application deadline for the Fall Semester is June 20, 2019, for the Spring Semester is November 30, 2019.

Students participating in exchange programmes do not pay tuition fees. Depending on the agreement between the partner universities, some students may also be eligible to have their accommodation fees waived.



Academic Information

Kazakh Ablai Khan University has two regular semesters of 15 weeks each, with a final examination period at the end of each semester. There is also a Summer Semester for those students who may need to re-take some examinations and Summer Schools for those who want to learn something new and earn extra credits.

Academic Calendar 2017–2018

Semester 1

September 1 – December 10Classes
December 10 – December 30.....Exams
December 31 – January 24.....Winter Break

Semester 2

January 26 – May 16.....Classes
May 18 – June 6Exams
June 8 – August 31.....Summer Vacations

Summer School

June 29 – July 24Language Programme (Russian, Kazakh)
June 29 – July 24Subject Programme

Summer Semester

June 15 – August 1Summer Semester

The dates may vary slightly depending on the Study Programme. The University reserves the right to make calendar changes.





Academic Record

Grading Scale

Academic progress is evaluated according to the following grading scale:

Letter	GPA	%	Traditional	ECTS
A	4,0	95-100	Excellent	A
A-	3,67	90-94		
B+	3,33	85-89	Very good	B
B	3,0	80-84	Good	C
B-	2,67	75-79		
C+	2,33	70-74	Satisfactory	D
C	2,0	65-69		
C-	1,67	60-64		
D+	1,33	55-59	Sufficient	E
D	1,0	50-54		
F	0	0-49	Fail	FX, F

Transcripts

The total record of a student's academic progress is kept in the Registrar's Office. A transcript of this record is available on request from the Registrar's Office. All transcript requests must be authorized in writing and addressed to the Head of Academic Support Office.



Class Attendance Policy

Class attendance is an important part of the academic process. Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Faculty may request verification of reasons for absence. Failure to attend classes may affect the course grades and finally lead to expulsion from the University.



Summer School

Kazakh Ablai Khan University Summer School is your chance to learn languages, get to know a new culture, make friends and earn up to 8 ECTS. You can choose to join a Language Programme, a Subject Programme or a Combined Programme.

The Language Programme offers an intensive course in Kazakh or Russian as a Foreign Language. Students are placed in groups according to their level of language competence. Some students may choose to learn both languages.

The Subject Programme features lectures by visiting scholars and Kazakh professors specializing in a certain field of study. The topic of the Summer School 2019 will be devoted to Region Studies and International Relations.

Both programmes include cultural activities and trips. Summer School programmes are usually advertised starting from January. All the information about courses, teachers, activities and prices will be published on the University website <http://www.ablaikhan.kz>.

For more information on the Language Programme contact the Centre for Foreign Language Training at +77272334356 or foundation@ablaikhan.kz

For more information on the Subject Programme contact the International Relations Office at +77272601244 or cip@ablaikhan.kz





Life on Campus

The Campus

Location

Kazakh Ablai Khan University is located in Almaty city at the foot of the Zailiysky Alatau Mountains. The mailing address of Kazakh Ablai Khan University is 200 Muratbayev Str., Almaty, Kazakhstan 050022. The campus is spread across six sites where classes are held and three student houses, all in the city centre .

Administrative and Classroom Buildings



The MAIN BUILDING is an administrative and classroom building; it houses the Rector's Office, HR and administration offices, Finance Department, International Relations, Monitoring and Strategic Development and Foundation Departments, and classrooms. It is home to the following faculties: the Teacher-Training Faculty of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Translation and Philology, Faculty of International Relations. There are several computer labs, resource centres, conference rooms, conference interpreting training facilities, the Criminology Laboratory, the University Printing House and the Red Assembly Hall.

Building 1 houses the Faculty of Management and International Communication, the Department of Social Sciences, the Department of Kazakh Philology, the Department of Linguistics and Communication Theory, the Graduate School, Academic Support Office, the Registrar's Office, Office of Information Technology, Admissions Office, Centre for Academic Mobility Programmes, Kazakh Ablai Khan University Museum and the University Television Studio. Two conference rooms equipped with state-of the-art technology are used for the Scientific Council sittings, dissertations presentation, seminars and round tables. The are also the Blue Assembly Hall and the brand new Sports Hall.





Building 2, dating from 1940, is a prime example of Soviet architecture. It was there where the history of the University began. It now houses the Faculty of Oriental Studies, the Centre for Korean Studies, the Chinese Language and Culture Centre, the Centre for Eastern Studies. The building is located in Historic City Centre within a 20-minute walk from the main campus.



Building 3 houses the University Library, the American Resource Centre, the Multimedia Resource Centre, AUF Centre for University Success and numerous classrooms.

Building 4 is home to vocational colleges affiliated with the University: Lyceum College of International Tourism Management, Teachers College of Foreign Languages, College of International Service and Management.



Building 5 houses the Linguistic Lyceum-College, College of Continuing Education, the Military Department and the Austrian library, sponsored by the Austrian Embassy.

The Campus

Accommodation for Students

The University accommodation system is composed of three student houses located within a 15-minute walk or 3 bus stops from the main campus.

Full-time students may apply for housing through the Dean's Office. Exchange students may apply for housing through the International Relations Office.

Student Houses 1 and 2 offer accommodation for 250 students who are Kazakhstani citizens. Student House 3 has 130 places ready to host international faculty members and students. Rooms are shared between two or three students. There is a kitchen on every floor and a shared bathroom for every two rooms.

There are no family accommodation for married students.

The accommodation fee for International students is 10000 tenge (approx.25euro) per month. Depending on the agreement between the partner universities, some exchange students may be eligible to have their accommodation fees waived.

All students, despite a programme they are on, are required to make a refundable Housing Deposit of 30000 tenge (approx. 70 euro) at the beginning of the study period. The University will refund the Housing Deposit at the end of the Programme given that students leave the room in the same condition as it was when they arrived.



The Student House is located at 104 Zharokov Str. (intersection of Kurmangazy Str.) See the map on the inside back cover.



Facilities

Kazakh Ablai Khan University has a wide range of academic and sporting facilities. The University's library, reading halls and resource centres are open daily and have free access.

Computer labs are available for student use when no classes are scheduled in these facilities. Most campus locations are equipped to provide wireless internet access, but require a username and password. International students can get the usernames through the International Relations Office.

Specific facilities like conference interpreting facilities, the crime research laboratory, the University Television Studio, etc. have limited access by agreement with the assigned department.

Sports Hall and Gym are available for PE classes as well as the Sports Groups and Clubs according to the schedule. Contact the Department of Physical Education for more information.

Kazakh Ablai Khan University Museum is open daily. Contact the International Relations Office to book an excursion.



Extracurricular Activities

Kazakh Ablai Khan University students can find many opportunities for participation in campus life. A variety of student clubs and associations cater for different interests. International students as well as local ones are encouraged to become involved in all extracurricular activities at the University. The Youth Policy Committee regularly organizes various sporting, cultural and social events at University level as well as at community level, e.g. International Mini Football Match, UNO Model Simulation, a Dombra-playing contest for students from abroad, Days of Cultures of Different Nations, Moot Court Competition, etc. The Student Volunteer Movement in the University is developing in two directions: Children's Hospital Clowns and Charity Flashmob Dance, raising money for disabled children. Ablai Khan University also supports two orphanages in the city.

Centre for Student Initiatives

The Centre for Student Initiatives is designed to foster students' involvement in the life of the University. There are several sectors dealing with certain aspects of campus life:

- Cultural Development Sector
- Information Sector
- Health Awareness and Sport Sector
- Extracurricular and Leisure Activities Sector
- Student Accommodation Council

Student Organizations

Eight national students' associations are represented at the University, including Zhas Otan and Kazakhstan Students' Alliance. Kazakh Ablai Khan University participates in a Tempus Project 'STUDIK' (STUdents self-governance & Democratic Involvement in Kazakhstan), aimed at establishing independent student unions in Kazakh Universities. The Project Consortium comprises 22 partners, headed by Technical University Dresden, Germany, acting as the Project Coordinator.





Clubs

There are 26 clubs and shared interest groups that provide networking opportunities, participate in cultural, social or sporting events:

- Debating Club (Kazakh, Russian and English Leagues)
- Mens Club
- Comedy Club
- Enacts Team
- Club "Young Patriots"
- Volunteer Group
- Student Law Enforcement Detachment
- Student Choir
- Folk Dance Group "Nur Bi"
- Orchestra of Folk Instruments "Ak Zhelen"
- Dombra Group
- Latin-American Dance Group "CUBA"
- Modern Dance Group "New Gamma"
- Modern Dance Group "Night Jam"
- Modern Dance Group "ALL STAR"
- Tae Kwon Do Club
- Chess Club
- Toguz Kumalak Club
- Judo Club
- Greco-Roman Wrestling Group
- Badminton Group
- Football Club
- Basketball Club
- Volleyball Club
- Handball Club
- Aerobics Group



For detailed information about students' clubs, groups and other activities contact the Youth Policy Committee at +77272925475 or pro.edu@ablaikhan.kz

International Student Support

Mentoring Programme

When students arrive to a new country, they might face a few difficulties associated with a different way of life. That is why Kazakh Ablai Khan University offers all students from abroad the Mentoring Programme to help them settle down during the first days of their stay in Kazakhstan.

Mentors are the current students who volunteer to introduce you to the life in Kazakhstan. In general, they will help you with practical matters such as getting around the city, obtaining all the documents necessary for registration,

advise you on where to shop and show you round the University premises. All students returning from exchange studies are requested to participate in the Mentoring Programme, so if you are an exchange student, you are very likely to meet a student who has returned from your home University.

We believe that the Mentoring Programme gives both students from abroad and home students a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, practice languages and experience new cultures.





Centre for Academic Mobility

The Centre for Academic Mobility is designed to facilitate exchange opportunities for home and international students.

The Centre deals with the issues associated with the academic process, such as:

- the choice of courses;
- transcripts;
- class schedule,
- Welcome Week, etc.

Contact +77272920800 (2172)
or mobility@ablaikhan.kz

International Office

The International Office of Kazakh Ablai Khan University provides support services relating to key aspects of the University's internationalization strategy, promoting international cooperation agreements, student and staff mobility, joint scientific and academic projects.

The International Office helps international students with:

- Visa support and other procedures;
- registration with the Immigration Police;
- booking a place in a student house;
- pick up service, etc.

Contact +77272601244 (2219)
or cip@ablaikhan.kz



Visa Support and Registration



The University provides international students with visa support. As soon as a student is admitted to the University, the University Visa Officer can apply for a visa support number to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It takes from 1 to 3 weeks. As soon as the number is issued, the student can apply to the Embassy of Kazakhstan in his/her home country for a visa. It also takes up to 3 weeks.

Ablai Khan University pays the visa support fees for exchange students only; other international students pay these fees themselves. All students bear the costs for visa processing in their home countries on their own.

Rules of stay of foreign students in the Republic of Kazakhstan

1. Foreign nationals must register their stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan (RK) within 5 days upon arrival. To do this, international students must visit the University Migration Officer on the first day of arrival and provide:

- HIV test certificate, which has to be obtained in Kazakhstan (a certificate from a home country is invalid). You can be tested at the AIDS Centre: 2 Basenov Str. (Zharokov Str. intersection of Timiriazev Str.). Helpline: +7727 2465277 (ext.122).
- Fluorography (chest X-ray) certificate in Kazakh or Russian.
- 4 photos 3x4
- Dormitory certificate or tenancy agreement
- Passport

2. The student is responsible for registration and visa expenses.

3. A foreign citizen is required to have his passport and the Student ID with him/her outdoors during the whole stay in Kazakhstan. If you have handed over your passport to the Migration Police for registration, you need to have the Student ID and 'Spravka' of the University instead of it and keep it until you receive your passport back. 4. When leaving the city the student must notify his supervisor and

the International Relations Office in writing.

5. A student is not recommended to leave Almaty without his/her passport, even if he/she has an Kazakh Ablai Khan University ID and 'Spravka'.

6. If a student leaves Kazakhstan for an abroad trip during the period of his/her Student Visa, he/she is obliged to reregister again within 5 days upon coming back.

7. Student Visa holders are not permitted to engage in work other than academic student activity.

8. After the completion of the study at Kazakh Ablai Khan University, the student is required to apply for the Exit Visa through the University Visa Officer at least 2 weeks before his/her departure (only if its required).

9. Extension of a Student Visa to 1 year costs 0.5 MCI*. Prolongation of issued Visa costs 30 MCI. The cost of Exit Visa is 0,5 MCI*.

10. The penalty for violation of migration rules is from 10 MCI* and up.

* 1 MCI (Monthly calculation index) is 2405 tenge (2018)

These terms and the amount of State fees may change during your stay in Kazakhstan.

Contact the University Migration Officer for more information at +7 727 2601244 or cip@ablaikhan.kz



The City

The City of Almaty

Almaty is a lively, multicultural city with a spectacular mountain backdrop. It occupies an area of over 320 square kilometres with elevation ranging from 500 to 2,200 metres above sea level. It is the largest city in Kazakhstan with a population about 1,5 million. Being the former capital of the country, Almaty is still its cultural and business centre.

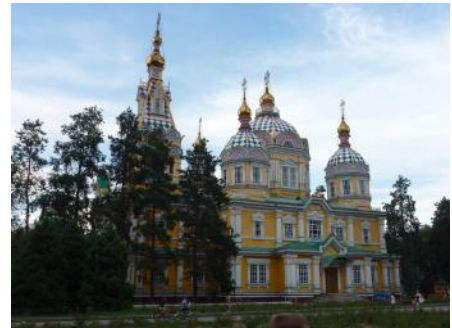
The climate in the city is sharply continental, with considerable fluctuations in temperature not only in different seasons but also between day and night.

Parks, public gardens and boulevards occupy over 8 hectares of the city territory. That is why Almaty is often called the Green City.

Places to Visit

Almaty and environs boast unique natural landscapes really worth seeing: the Charyn Canyon, Lake Kolsai , Lake Issyk , the Big Almaty Lake, the Turgen Gorge and the Almarasan Gorge to name just a few.

Among other attractions there are the Medeu skating stadium and Shymbulak ski center, Mount Kok-Tobe, the Central Mosque, Zenkov Cathedral, the State Museum, the Zelyoni Bazaar (Green Market), the First President Park, the Observatory and many more.





Entertainment and Culture

Almaty is situated on the foothills of the Zailiyskiy Alatau range of the Tien Shan Mountains, which makes the city an ideal place for outdoor activities such as hiking, trekking, rafting and canoeing in summer, skating and skiing in winter.

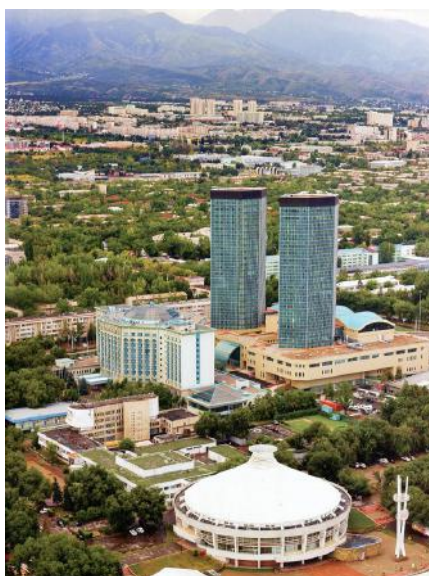
For those who prefer less active pastimes there are also plenty of opportunities to see and do something new. There are theatres, concert halls, a circus, museums, art galleries, cinemas, amusement parks, night clubs and other entertainment venues.

Kazakhstan's culture is largely influenced by the country's history of nomadic migration. One of the festivals reflecting the culture of Kazakh nomads is Nauryz. This holiday celebrates the coming of Spring and the Turkic New Year. Felt yurts (traditional nomad houses) are erected in city centres and rich dastarkhan (festive table) is laid down in each of them. You can see people wearing beautiful national clothes, listen to Kazakh folk music, try Nauryz Kozhe and buy traditional gifts and souvenirs. This is not to be missed.



Useful Links

- aboutkazakhstan.com
- www.almaty-kazakhstan.net
- www.kazakhstan.discovery.com
- www.iexplore.com/travel-guides/middle-east/kazakhstan/overview



The City of Almaty

Cost of Living

Personal expenses may vary depending on the student's needs and lifestyle. As a guide, we recommend that students from abroad allow approximately 350 Euros per month to cover accommodation on campus, food, supplies, local travel and spending money. This amount is based on the living costs for a single person living on campus.

Transport

The City of Almaty has a diverse transport system, which includes buses, trolleybuses, and the Underground. The fare for all types of public transport is 80-150 tenge (approx. 0,2-0.5 euro). The official taxi service is not expensive either. Nevertheless, many local people tend to stop a random car and negotiate the price. Though widely used by the locals, this method is not recommended for international students.

Food

"The food in Kazakhstan is a delicious mix of influences" (www.iexplore.com).

This is very true - Kazakhstani food is as diverse as its ethnic composition. Kazakh specialties are meat, dough and sour-milk dishes, such as besbarmak, kazy, karta, boursaks, kurt, kozhe, kumys, shubat, etc. Local cuisine combines the best culinary traditions of different ethnic groups living in Kazakhstan: Russian, Uighur, Uzbek, Dungan, Ukrainian, Tatar, Korean, Caucasian and many others. You might want to try plov, shashlyk, lagman, samsa, manty and other popular dishes of Kazakhstan ethnic minorities. Almaty cafés and restaurants serve all sorts of cuisines from traditional Asian food to European continental dishes. There are also a lot of fast food places popular mostly with young people.















Students usually choose to eat in the University canteen or near Campus cafes. A regular lunch there costs 700-1500 tenge (approx. 2-4 euro). There are also cooking facilities in the student houses. If you miss food from your home country, you can find shops that sell products from China, Korea, Germany and other countries. As the food in Kazakhstan is rather heavy, it might be wise to get accustomed to it gradually.





Grocery Guide

Prices and currency exchange rates are for reference only and subject to change.

	1 loaf of bread	80 tenge	approx. 0,20 euro
	1 kg rice	350 tenge	approx. 1 euro
	1 kg apples	500 tenge	approx. 1,50 euro
	1 kg potatoes	200 tenge	approx. 0,50 euro
	1 kg bananas	400 tenge	approx. 1 euro
	1 kg carrots	200 tenge	approx. 0,60 euro
	1 L orange juice	350 tenge	approx. 1 euro
	200 g butter	380 tenge	approx. 1 euro
	1kg minced beef	1600 tenge	approx. 4 euro
	25 pack teabags	340 tenge	approx. 1 euro
	200g jar of coffee	1500 tenge	approx. 4 euro
	1 L milk	320 tenge	approx. 1 euro
	200 g cheese	800 tenge	approx. 2 euro
	10 eggs	420 tenge	approx. 1 euro

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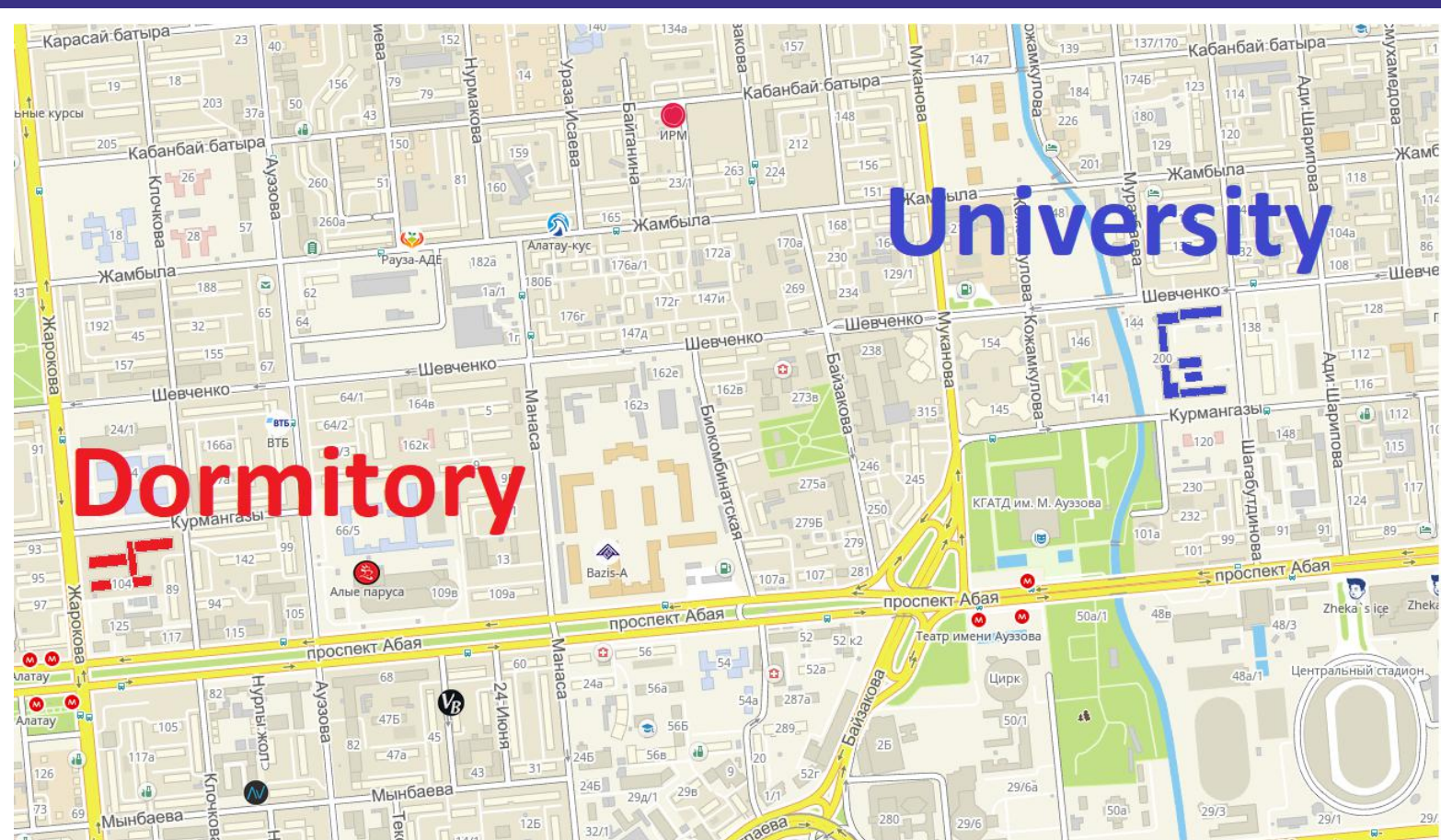
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Centre for Foreign Language Training

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15 Dosmukhamedov Str.

How to get to Campus



University Campus and Dormitory is located on 1.68 km distance. Students getting to Campus usually by one of 3 options:

- 1. By the Underground.** Near to University and Dormitory located Underground stations. Near Dormitory is Alatau station, and near Campus is Auezov theatre station.
- 2. By bus or trolley.** Abaya street is one of the important streets of Almaty, through what running huge number of buses and trolleybuses. Most of them is leading to Campus location .
- 3. By walk.** The easiest way to get Campus by walk is walking by Shevchenko street.

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