



Be part of the most exciting development  
in legal education in Central Asia.

# Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

For the next generation  
of lawyers in Kazakhstan



The LL.B. at KIMEP will be a completely new educational experience. About Kazakhstan and for Kazakhstan, the program will train a new generation of lawyers using international best practices in legal education. This combination of education in local law and international legal skills will give graduates a decisive advantage throughout their careers. An outstanding faculty from Kazakhstan, the United States and Europe lead this program. The first students participating in this dynamic curriculum will make their impact during a critical phase of legal development in Central Asia.



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## Analytical Training

Legal education at KIMEP is based on the analytical model of learning. This means that students do not take things for granted – and they don't spend all day memorizing statutes. KIMEP law professors employ the Socratic method, an inquisitive dialogue renowned in American law schools, to teach students how to think independently and pursue a deeper understanding of the law. That is why KIMEP graduates will know how to apply the law, advise clients and solve clients' problems.

## Practice-Ready Lawyers

A great lawyer needs to have rigorously practiced the essential skill sets of modern legal practice. All law classes at KIMEP require students to solve legal problems using their knowledge of statutes, judicial decisions and scholarly articles. Many classes involve intensive simulations. This unique feature requires students to perform all the real-world functions of a lawyer – from negotiating and drafting a contract to writing judicial pleadings to arguing a case – making our graduates practice-ready from the first day of their careers.

# Curriculum

This program will not simply teach the law in a theoretic manner. KIMEP law students will obtain training in critical thinking and problem solving skills, and in drafting, negotiating and advocacy skills. Coursework will cover Kazakhstani, comparative and international law. After completing their English language foundation and General Education requirements, LL.B. students will embark on a series of courses with a focus on Kazakhstan civil law and procedure, criminal law and procedure, and constitutional and governmental law. Other classes will focus on international law and financial and tax law.

Students will also have the opportunity to select 6 elective courses in their area of legal specialization or to complete a minor in any other bachelor's degree available at KIMEP: business administration, economics, international relations, public administration or international journalism.

Finally, all KIMEP law students can complete an internship as part of their coursework. KIMEP has developed strong relationships with many top law firms and international companies.



**Members of the School of Law Advisory Board include leading lawyers from the following firms:**

BMF Group LLP  
Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP  
Deloitte TCE LLP  
GRATA Law Firm  
KPMG Tax and Advisory LLC  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Salans International Law Firm LLP  
SNR Denton LLP  
White and Case Kazakhstan LLP

## After the LL.B.

Employers know that KIMEP means professional skills and global perspectives. The new LL.B. program will put graduates in the unique position of having a Western-style bachelor's degree in law along with a solid knowledge of Kazakhstan law. As the most globally recognized Kazakhstan law degree, students will have excellent opportunities to be admitted to international LLM programs. If they do well in their studies they may also continue in the LLM in International Law at KIMEP.



## The KIMEP Legal Textbook Series

A team of KIMEP professors is creating a radically new legal resource for Kazakhstan: original textbooks consisting largely of Kazakhstan content, with real statutes, cases and commentary on the law, and targeted problem-solving exercises. By participating in the creation of these major works as upper-level undergraduates, LL.B. students will have the chance to directly contribute to the development of legal education in Central Asia.

## Admissions

For enrollment in the 2011-2012 academic year (beginning August 2011), any student ready for this educational adventure in a unique new program should apply by August 1 by filling out an online application or contacting the KIMEP Admissions Office. Because the application for approval of this new program has not been fully processed by the Ministry of Education and Science of RK, students should apply to two other bachelor's degrees at KIMEP in addition to the LL.B., indicating their order of preference. If the Ministry license is not granted by the beginning of classes in August 2011, students will be placed in their next-highest preference degree program to which they have been admitted, and moved to the Law program following the grant of the license

## Financial Aid

All students concerned about paying KIMEP tuition are encouraged to contact the Student Financial Services Department regarding financial aid and scholarships. In the 2010-2011 academic year, 100 percent of enrolled students who applied for aid, demonstrated need and academic achievements received financial assistance from KIMEP.





"The goal of legal education at KIMEP is to produce an outstanding class of legal problem-solvers to help Kazakhstan operate in an increasingly complex, globalized world."

**Terence Blackburn, JD**, Dean of KIMEP School of Law, Former Dean of Michigan State University College of Law



"LL.B.: Kazakhstani content. Western thought and best practices. A revolution in legal education in Central Asia."

**John Burke, JD**, Professor



"Lawyers need to be able to analyze a given problem thoroughly – exploring all angles and noting the subtle differences and similarities. At KIMEP our students develop and hone these skills."

**Roman Nurpeissov, JD**, Adjunct Assistant Lecturer, Associate at Salans Law Firm



"The integration of Kazakhstan into the global economy and the government policy to attract widescale foreign investment heighten the necessity to develop lawyers who can represent the legal interests of the government and other parties, who understand not only the legislation of Kazakhstan but that of other countries and who speak foreign languages fluently."

**A.T. Kenjebaeva**, Director and Managing Partner, Kazakhstan Office, Salans Law Firm



"The LL.B. provides an education in law that is renowned by its profundity, depth and conceptual sophistication."

**Zhenis Kembayev, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor

# A Conversation with **Aidos Tleubayev**

4th-Year KIMEP Student with a Minor in Law

## **Why did you decide to study law at KIMEP?**

Knowledge of law gives you strength and confidence. Every day we face problems that require high-quality legal understanding to turn a situation to one's advantage.

## **What do you like best about the KIMEP approach to law?**

The approach to law of every professor at the School of Law and their special method of teaching makes it a unique program. Our students receive the information they need to be great lawyers.

## **So what's a special feature of KIMEP's legal education?**

The program is unique for the opportunity it gives students the chance to apply theoretical knowledge in practice. The simulations of court proceedings give us the chance to use the knowledge we've acquired from several perspectives: the advocate's, the judge's, the plaintiff's and the defendant's.

## **And what is unique about the program?**

Definitely one uniqueness of the teaching method is the Socratic method. The Socratic method trains students to justify their point of view and defend their rights in the juridically correct way.

future lawyers



knowledge  
guidance  
acceptance

# A Student-Centered Educational Experience



The curriculum of legal education at KIMEP is designed to develop three crucial mental faculties in its students. Analytical skills enable the understanding of complex relationships and the evaluation of logical correctness. Global perspectives explain local phenomena through international affairs and experience. Professional training produces practice-ready lawyers in every skill of modern legal work – before they’ve entered the job market. The LLB at KIMEP: the right choice for students who want to serve Kazakhstan’s law and understand Kazakhstan’s law, using the best models of international legal practice.



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