



ADMISSION TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Important! If you are currently in your final year of a Bachelor's program, we have great news for you! You can already submit your online application, without waiting to receive your diploma, and stay informed about all opportunities for further studies.

What will you gain by applying in advance?

Important updates on scholarships and academic programs: We will keep you informed about the most relevant opportunities so you won't miss your chance for free education.

Invitations to career orientation events for Master's applicants: Learn more about different Master's programs, meet professors and students, and make an informed choice for your future.

Don't wait until summer and graduation! Submit your online application now and be ready for new achievements in your Master's studies!

KIMEP University accepts application documents in Russian, Kazakh, and English, or with a certified translation into these languages.

STEP 1. APPLY ON-LINE

online application



Portal for applicants is available 24/7 365 days a year

1. Fill in the online application at the applicants' portal: <https://www.kimep.kz/ext/application/online/>
2. Upload the scanned copy of the State ID card (for the citizens of Kazakhstan) or your passport (for foreign citizens)
3. Upload the copy of your higher education diploma (with a supplement) *
4. Upload the copy of your official labor record or a CV
5. Upload 2 reference letters – for applicants to LLM program
6. Upload 1 reference letter – for applicants to MPA, MEPM and MIR programs
7. Digital photo
Uploading your digital photo into the "Photo" field is very important, because all KIMEP units will use this picture of yours for your personal identification. The digital photo with a resolution of 300 ppi (pixels per inch) with a size of no less than 8 MP (Megapixels) in JPEG format with low compression (high quality).
8. Upload the valid copies of IELTS/TOEFL/Duolingo certificates, if any
9. You may upload the list of your research and methodical works, upon your discretion

Additional requirements for foreign applicants

10. Bank statement (is not required for ethnic Kazakhs)
11. Criminal record (according to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Migration)

Please, refer to the following contacts: +7 727 2704316, Mob./Whatsapp +77079704316, finaid@kimep.kz on issues of scholarships and financial aid

***Educational documents issued by foreign educational institutions must have a notarized translation into Kazakh or Russian and must go through the nostrification/recognition procedure during the first academic semester. For any questions, please contact Ainur Mukhamedzhanova, Senior Specialist of the Student Registration Office: ainur@kimep.kz, +7 727 270 43 14 (ext. 3239).**

STEP 2. IDENTIFY YOUR ENGLISH PROFICIENCY LEVEL

Level	CEFR	IELTS	TOEFL IBT*	Duolingo	PTE Academic	Cambridge FCE (B2 First)	Language Cert Academic
Academic English	B2	5.5 (not less than 5.0 in each section)	51 - 66 ((Reading 12-15; Listening 12-15; Speaking 17-18; Writing 14-18))	95+ (≥90 in each section)	39+	160+	60
GEF A and Provisional A*	B1 +	5.0 (not less than 4.5 in each section)	37-50 (Reading 8-11; Listening 8-11; Speaking 14-16; Writing 9-	94 (≥80 in each section)	31-38	159	50

UFA and Provisional A* - Graduate students placed into these courses must take them alongside undergraduate students. TOEFL iBT* - Beginning January 21, 2026, TOEFL iBT score reports will feature a new 1 – 6 scale. The corresponding values will be updated as soon as new TOEFL iBT reporting format is officially launched.

Attention! The table is valid for all programs except LL.M programs.

LLM requirements: IELTS 6.0 (not less than 5.0 in each section), TOEFL iBT 75, TOEFL

(computer) 195 and above, Duolingo 110.

STEP 3. TAKING ENTRANCE TESTS

3.1. COMPREHENSIVE TEST (only for Kazakhstani citizens)

According to the Model Rules of Admission to Master's Degree Programs, approved by Order No. 600 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 31, 2018, citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan applying for admission to Master's programs are required to take the Comprehensive Testing (CT), developed by the National Testing Center (NTC).

Applicants to research and pedagogical Master's programs must take a comprehensive test consisting of a foreign language test, a test on the profile of the educational program group, and a test assessing readiness for study. Applicants to specialized Master's programs must take a comprehensive test consisting of a test on the profile of the educational program group. More details: <https://testcenter.kz/ru/postupayushchim-v-magistraturu-i-doktoranturu/vstupitelnye-ekzameny/informatsiya-obitogakh-vstupitelnogoekzamina-po-yazykam-na-poluchenie-pvo/index.php> Admission to Master's programs is based on CT results:

- At least **75** points for the MAFL program, including: a minimum of **25** points in the foreign language test; at least 7 points in the profile test with one correct answer; at least 7 points in the profile test with one or more correct answers; and at least 7 points in the readiness for study test.
- At least **30** points for all other programs, including: a minimum of 7 points in the profile test with one correct answer; and at least 7 points in the profile test with one or more correct answers.

The deadlines for submitting applications for CT are regulated by the Department of Higher and Postgraduate Education and are published on the website of the National Testing Center (NTC): <http://testcenter.kz/ru/>

Profile Disciplines of Comprehensive Testing for Admission to the Master's Programs of KIMEP University

№	Program Title	Profile Disciplines	
		1st Profile Discipline	2nd Profile Discipline
1	Foreign Language: Two Foreign Languages (MAFL)	Pedagogy	Professionally Oriented Foreign Language (English, German, French)
2	International Relations (MIR)	Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Diplomatic and Consular Service
3	International Journalism (MAIJ)	History of Kazakh Journalism	Genre Forms and Functions of Modern Journalism
4	Economics (MAE)	Enterprise Economics	Macroeconomics
5	Public and Local Administration (MPMA))	Theory of Public Administration	State Regulation of the Economy
6	Accounting and Audit (MACTA)	Fundamentals of Accounting	Audit
7	Finance (MFIN)	Fundamentals of Finance	Corporate Finance
8	Marketing (MMKT)	Marketing	Marketing Research
9	Management (MMGT)	Management	Business Organization
10	Educational Policy and Management (MEPM)	Management	Business Organization
11	International Law (MLLM)	Theory of State and Law	Situational Case (Comprehensive legal analysis of a specific practical situation based on the application of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and/or international law)

12	Psychology (MSP)	General Psychology	Developmental Psychology
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Applicants to the MBA program are exempt from the Comprehensive Test and instead take entrance examinations determined by KIMEP University – English test and the MBA program admission exam (KGET). For KIMEP Graduates

- Graduates with a GPA of ≥ 3.0 are exempt from KIMEP internal tests and major-specific examinations (KGET, online interview).
- KIMEP graduates are exempt from taking English language test.
- Credit transfer is available.

*For credit transfer inquiries, please contact the faculty manager (see section 3.2).

3.2 KIMEP ENTRANCE TESTS BY PROGRAMS

Program	Test	Passing score	Program Coordinator
MBA*, MACTA, MFIN	KIMEP Graduate Entrance Test (KGET)**	15 out of 50	Lazzat Tashanova, 302-1 (Dostyk Building), +7 727 270 44 40 ext.2356, bcbgraduate@kimep.kz Aizada Agabayeva, +7 727 270 44 40, ext.2347, bcb-assistant@kimep.kz
MAE	Problems for logic, critical thinking and mathematics	14 out of 50	css_coordinator@kimep.kz
MEPM	KIMEP Graduate Entrance Test (KGET)** Online interview in the form of questions	14 out of 50 50 out of 100	
MAFL		50 out of 100	Marina Kim, 227 (Dostyk Building), +7 701 717 38 06, marina.kim@kimep.kz
MIR, MPA, MAIJ	Online interview		css_coordinator@kimep.kz
ExMBA			Bakytgul Tundikbayeva Tel.: +77017400173 Email: bakytgul@kimep.kz Assel Kozhamseitova Tel.: +7 727 270-43-61 вн. 2267 + 7 778 821 65 55 a.kozhamseitova@kimep.kz
LLM			Yelena Glazova, glazova@kimep.kz, 121 (New Academic Building) +7 727 271-71-71 ext.2728
MSP	Live Interview	Pass / Fail	Marina Kim, 227 (Dostyk Building), +7 701 717 38 06, marina.kim@kimep.kz

***Additional criterion for MBA program applicants – no less than 2 years of work experience or its equivalent**

****The valid GMAT/GRE certificates are accepted to release the applicant from taking the KGET**

STEP 4: SUBMIT THE AUTHENTIC DOCUMENTS

1. Higher education diploma (original with supplement)
2. Medical Certificate – the Form # 075-y or its equivalent for foreign citizens. KIMEP Medical Center may request a notarized translation of the medical certificate equivalent, therefore it recommends international students to undergo a medical

examination upon arrival to Almaty. The Form should include conclusions from a general practitioner, surgeon, neurologist, ENT-doctor and the results of micro-reaction blood test, as well as the original chest X-ray shot which should have two signatures and two stamps by doctors (the certificate is valid if issued no earlier than 6 months ago).

3. Copy of vaccination record (only for applicants younger than 32 years of age)

Medical Center: Natalya Yasa, Senior Doctor, tel: 8 (727) 237 48 05 ext.1087, e-mail: n.yasa@kimep.kz

Original documents may be scanned and uploaded to the Applicants' Portal and sent by courier service: 050010, Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, Abai Avenue 4, offices 103, 103A, 107 – Admission and Recruitment Office

STEP 5: LEARN ABOUT THE ADMISSION DECISION AND SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Since e-mail communication is the official channel of KIMEP University to inform the applicant the e-mail address indicated in the online application form should be active at the moment of becoming admitted to KIMEP University.
2. Notice of Admission to KIMEP University will be sent to your e-mail as well as placed at the applicants' portal in «Acceptance Package» section.
3. The Contract for Educational Services will also be placed at your applicant's portal in «Acceptance Package» section.
 - **Print the contract:** Find it in the applicant's portal and print it out.
 - **Read carefully:** Go through the contract from beginning to end to make sure you understand all the terms.
 - **Sign each page:** Place your signature in the designated space on every page of the contract.
 - **Scan the signed contract:** Use a scanner or a scanning app on your phone to create an electronic copy of the contract. Make sure all pages are clearly visible.
 - **Upload the scan to the system:** Go to the "Documents for upload" section and find the "SIGNED CONTRACT" field. Upload the scanned file there.

STEP 6: REGISTRATION FOR COURSES

Please, refer to the program coordinators on the issues of scheduling, tuition calculation and registration for courses whose contact information is provided in "KIMEP ENTRANCE TESTS BY PROGRAMS" section of this letter.