

FULLY FUNDED PhD PROGRAMS



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APPLICATION DEADLINE

First priority – May 16, 2026

***Second priority** application deadline Ph.D. in Accounting and Audit, Ph.D. in Finance, Ph.D. in Marketing, Ph.D. in Management – June 5, 2026

Second priority application deadline for Ph.D. in Public and Municipal Administration, Ph.D. in Economics and Ph.D. in Education Policy and Management – June 13, 2026



START OF SEMESTER

August 25, 2026



SPECIALIZATION OPTIONS

- Business
- Economics
- Public and Municipal Administration
- Education Policy and Management



SCHOLARSHIPS

Full scholarships and stipends are available



ADMISSION PERIOD

Admission period – August 15-28, 2026



DURATION

3 years



CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Completion of a master's-level program
- Strong written and spoken English
- Excellent academic record



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WHY CHOOSE KIMEP?

- North American-style University in Central Asia;
- Fully-funded three-year PhD programs: the scholarship covers full tuition fees and living expenses;
- Research active faculty;
- A broad range of research areas;
- Outstanding career prospects within academia, international organizations, and the public and private sectors;
- Employability rate of KIMEP graduates above 90%;
- Specialized research, academic writing and welfare support, including a world-class Library, and many extra-curricular activities in sports, music, art, culture and more;
- A culturally diverse academic community;
- An inclusive, dynamic English-speaking environment.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Students accepted into the KIMEP scholarship program will have free tuition for three years, the minimum time for PhD program. In addition, students will be given a monthly stipend during the Fall and Spring semesters. The stipend will depend on previous academic qualifications and experience.

The stipends last for two years, which represent the period of coursework. In the following years, Ph.D. candidates may teach, at adjunct rates, up to two classes per semester, depending on KIMEP need; or they may return to their home universities while they complete their dissertations.

All students should take a course in pedagogy the first semester that they are studying. This is based on the recommendation of the deans.

ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMS

Doctorate programs represent the post-graduate education level aimed at training the cadre for research, teaching and (or) professional activity with awarding the degrees of Philosophy Doctor (PhD) or Specialized Doctor.

Competitive admission to doctorate programs is open for persons having a Master's degree; other criteria also are taken into account – you can get acquainted with those criteria below.

Duration of studying at KIMEP doctorate programs is 3 years.

Please feel free to contact Admissions office if you need any further information: phd@kimep.kz,
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHD IN ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT, MARKETING, MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

1. Completed graduate degree

- Copy of a diploma confirming the completion of a graduate degree "master"
- Copy of transcripts (diploma supplement) with grades

2. Possession of the valid international certificates proving the knowledge of the English Language

- IELTS – at least 5.0
- TOEFL IBT – at least 35
- Duolingo – at least 80

Additional consideration by a selection committee:

- At least three years of experience in a corporate, government, academia or non-profit organization;
- At least two professional letters of recommendation;
- A research proposal that states candidate's area of research interests, research questions and methodological approach to undertake your research. To develop a successful proposal, you need to familiarize with current research through literature review in the area and identify research gaps, thus creating an original research proposal;
- An Interview with program admissions committee.

3. COMPLEX EXAM by the Ministry of Education and Science of the RK (for KZ citizens only).

- Detailed information about exam requirements and passing scores will be available on the National Testing Center website <http://testcenter.kz/ru/postupayushchim-v-magistraturu-i-doktoranturu/>

4. Valid QAZTEST certificate (for KZ citizens only).

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHD IN ECONOMICS

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2. Possession of a valid international certificate proving the knowledge of the English Language:

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Additional consideration by a selection committee:

- The graduate GPA shall be 3.0 out of 4.0 and above or more than 69% equivalent when converted into a scale comparable to the KIMEP grading scale
- Valid KGET (KIMEP graduate entrance test) score of 25 and above or a valid GMAT or GRE certificate with a score which the Economics Department considers equivalent
- A typed statement of purpose of up to 500 words that states the applicant's academic and professional interests; how the applicant will benefit from the PhD program professionally and personally; the applicant's strengths and qualities that will enable them to complete a rigorous doctoral program.
- A 2-3 page research proposal: in this proposal, the candidate should lay out the general idea of their intended research and some indicative description of the method they intend to use. The candidate should demonstrate familiarity with current research, the ability to identify open research questions and the ability to create an original research proposal.
- An interview with the program admissions committee where admissions committee may consider additional evidence of excellence or aptitude such as prior publications of work experience and have the final decision making authority on the recommendation of the candidate for admission to PHD program

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LIST OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR PHD PROGRAM APPLICANTS

- application form;
- copy of passport or of State ID;
- 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) ;
- a document on completion of Master degree or Residency completion for medical specializations;
- personnel record card and a document confirming employment (for persons having an employment records), professional CV;
- valid results of International Language Proficiency Tests (copy of IELTS certificate or original certificates of TOEFL);
- medical certificate – Form # 075-U or its equivalent for foreign citizens
- two reference letters
- list of research and scientific-methodical works (if available)
- upon own discretion, an applicant may include other documents that he/she believes are relevant for inclusion into the application package, such as copies of certificates, awards, and honors in the applicant's sphere of interest, particularly ones received at national and international levels.

Ph.D. in Business Programs

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PHD PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS

MISSION OF THE PROGRAM

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business prepares graduates for careers in research, teaching, and consulting in the various functional areas of business.

The main objective of the program is to strategically affect all business and economics education in Central Asia, and foster international business techniques to assist in the development of Kazakhstan economy and educational system. With a team of internationally renowned professors and researchers and extensive partnerships with some of the top business schools in the world, we are well prepared to deliver a quality Ph.D. program unrivalled in the entire region.

The Ph.D. program's distinct academic approach is designed to enable students to excel as researchers, educators, and scholars in the future. Throughout Ph.D. Studies experience, students focus on one of four areas of study.

CONCENTRATIONS OFFERED

The PhD Program is offered in the following fields:

- Accounting and Auditing;
- Finance;
- Marketing;
- Management.

LEARNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Ph.D. program at BCB aims at achieving the following goals:

- Create scholars who can advance business theory and practice;
- Develop effective business educators;
- Encourage analytical thinking, critical analysis and innovative problem-solving.

In consideration of the program mission and goals the Ph.D. program has established a set of learning objectives. Upon completion of the program the Ph.D. graduate should be capable of:

- Making significant intellectual contributions to the body of knowledge in their chosen field;
- Applying relevant theoretical knowledge to contemporary business problems;
- Applying a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods;
- Critically evaluating business research studies;
- Demonstrating superior oral and written communication skills;
- Gain expertise in respective areas such as management, finance and accounting.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Application of appropriate research methods (qualitative, quantitative and combined) in the field;
2. Critical thinking, decision making and creativity;
3. Theoretical knowledge of a body of literature in the relevant discipline or interdisciplinary field;
4. Able to identify problems and issues in the discipline or interdisciplinary field;
5. Significant intellectual contribution to the relevant discipline or interdisciplinary field;
6. Gaining analytical skills and expertise in the relevant discipline or interdisciplinary field;
7. Demonstrating oral and written communication skills;
8. Publication of high impact journal and conference papers in the discipline or interdisciplinary field;
9. Teaching skills at the Higher Education levels;
10. Proactive teamwork;
11. Cultural awareness and global impact of research in relevant area;
12. Social and legal responsibility and ethical values.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT – 8D04104

Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Ph.D. program are as follows:

Requirements	Credits	ECTS
Educational Component	20	45
Program Foundation Requirements	12	25
Core Courses	6	10
Elective Courses	3	5
Pedagogical Internship	3	10
Program Specialization Requirements	8	20
Specialization Courses	6	10
Research Internship	2	10
Research Component	50	123
Research Work	20	53
Dissertation	30	70
Final Attestation	5	12
Total	75	180

Grade Point Average

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Core Course (6 credits/ 10 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
BUS6300	Business Research Methods	3	5	none
BUS63xx	Academic Writing	3	5	none

Elective Courses (3 credits / 5 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
ACC6400	Modern Research Studies in ACC / FIN / MGT / MKT	3	5	none
xxxxx	Elective course	3	5	none

Specialization Courses: Accounting and Auditing (6 credits/10 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
ACC6210	Accounting Research Perspectives	3	5	none
ACC6310	Contemporary Accounting Research (Quantitative research methods)	3	5	none
ACC6320	Modern Trends in Accounting Research	3	5	none
ACC6410	Critique Analysis of Accounting Research (Qualitative research methods)	3	5	none
ACC6302	Accounting Related Capital Markets Research	3	5	none
ACC6303	Management Accounting Research	3	5	none
ACC6304	Judgment and Decision Making in Accounting	3	5	none
ACC6306	Auditing	3	5	none
ACC6307	Taxation	3	5	none

Pedagogical and Research Internship (5 credits / 20 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
ACC6370	Pedagogical Inter	3	10
ACC637x	Research Internsh	2	10

Research Work (50 credits /123 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
ACC638X	Research Work	20	53
ACC638X	Dissertation	30	70

Final Attestation (5 credits/ 12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
ACC63xx	Dissertation writing u defense	5	12

Research and Pedagogical Internship

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Research Work

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Dissertation and Ph.D. Dissertation Defense

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Tentative Program Plan

Students may take courses in any order they wish as long as courses meet all prerequisites. The following schedule is suggested to ensure that students make orderly progress towards degree completion, by taking prerequisites before the courses that require prerequisites.

A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE ASSUMING FALL ENTRY AND BUSINESS EDUCATION BACKGROUND

(All courses are 3 credits unless indicated otherwise)

Fall 2021, 12 credits		Spring 2022, 12 credits	
BUS6300	Business Research Methods (3)	XXX62xx	Specialization course 1 (3)
BUS63xx	Academic Writing (3)	XXX62xx	Specialization course 2 (3)
XXX63XX	Elective course (3)	XXX6380	Dissertation II - (6 credits) (Literature Review & Data Collection)
XXX6380	Dissertation I - (3) (Research Proposal)		
Fall 2022, 12 credits		Spring 2023, 13 credits	
XXX63X	Research Internship (2 credits)	XXX6380	Dissertation IV - 6 credits (Data Collection & Analysis)
XXX6380	Dissertation III- 6 (credits) (Research Methodology)	XXX6370	Pedagogic Internship (3)
XXX638xx	Research Work I - (4 credits)	XX638X	Research Work II- 4 credits
Fall 2023, 14 credits		Spring 2024, 12 credits	
XXX6380	Dissertation V -6 credits (Analysis & Interpretation)	XXX6380	Dissertation VI (write up thesis) (3 credits)
XXX638X	Research Work III -4 credits	XXX638X	Research Work V- 4 credits
XXX638X	Research Work IV- 4 credits	XXX6390	Dissertation defense (5)

CORE FACULTY:

- Dr. Mira Nurmakhanova, PhD (Iowa State University, USA)
- Dr. Muhammad Arslan, PhD (Lincoln University, New Zealand)
- Dr. Alimshan Faizulayev, PhD (Eastern Mediterranean University, N.Cyprus)
- Dr. Balzhan Zhussupova, PhD (Bangor University, Wales, UK)
- Dr. Alma Sharipova, PhD (Middlesex University Business School, UK)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN FINANCE — 8D04105

Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Ph.D. program are as follows:

Requirements	Credits	ECTS
Educational Component	20	45
Program Foundation Requirements	12	25
Core Courses	6	10
Elective Courses	3	5
Pedagogical Internship	3	10
Program Specialization Requirements	8	20
Specialization Courses	6	10
Research Internship	2	10
Research Component	50	123
Research Work	20	53
Dissertation	30	70
Final Attestation	5	12
Total	75	180

Grade Point Average

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Core Course (6 credits/ 10 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
BUS6300	Business Research Methods	3	5	none
BUS63xx	Academic Writing	3	5	none

Elective Courses (3 credits / 5 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
FIN6400	Modern Research Studies in ACC / FIN / MGT / MKT	3	5	none
XX6xxx	Any specialization course	3	5	none

Specialization Courses: Finance (6 credits / 10 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
FIN6301	Theory of Finance	3	5	none
FIN6303	Corporate Finance	3	5	none
FIN6304	Financial Markets and Institutions	3	5	none
FIN6306	Investment Management	3	5	none
FIN6307	Financial Derivatives	3	5	none

Pedagogical and Research Internship (5 credits/ 20 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
FIN6370	Pedagogical Inter	3	10
FIN637x	Research Internsh	2	10

Research Work (50 credits/123 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
FIN638X	Research Work	20	53
FIN638X	Dissertation	30	70

Final Attestation (5 credits/ 12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
FIN63xx	Dissertation writing up and de	5	12

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Tentative Program Plan

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A SUGGESTED PROGRAM PLAN ASSUMING FALL ENTRY

(All courses are 3 credits unless indicated otherwise)

Fall 2021, 12 credits		Spring 2022, 12 credits	
BUS6300	Business Research Methods (3)	XXX62xx	Specialization course 1 (3)
BUS63xx	Academic Writing (3)	XXX62xx	Specialization course 2 (3)
XXX63XX	Elective course (3)	XXX6380	Dissertation II - (6 credits) (Literature Review & Data Collection)
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Fall 2022, 12 credits		Spring 2023, 13 credits	
XXX63X	Research Internship (2 credits)	XXX6380	Dissertation IV - 6 credits (Data Collection & Analysis)
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MANAGEMENT – 8D04103

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Elective Courses (3 credits / 5 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
MGT6400	Modern Research Studies in ACC / FIN / MGT / MKT	3	5	none
XX6xxx	Any specialization course	3	5	none

Specialization Courses: Management (6 credits / 10 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
MGT6302	Advances in Organizational Behavior and Leadership Theories	3	5	none
MGT6304	Strategic Management and Competitiveness Analysis	3	5	none
MGT6307	Advances in Human Resource Management	3	5	none
MGT6308	Creativity and Innovation Management	3	5	none
MGT6309	International Business Strategies	3	5	none
MGT6303	Management and Organization Theory	3	5	none

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Final Attestation (5 credits/ 12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
MGT63xx	Dissertation writing up and de	5	12

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- Dr. Monowar Mahmood, PhD (University of Manchester, UK)
- Dr. Vladimir Garkavenko, PhD (Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand)
- Dr. Jungmin Jang, PhD, (Korea University, Korea)
- Dr. Elmira Bogoviyeva, PhD (University of Mississippi, USA)
- Dr. Dana Abeuova, PhD (École Doctorale de Management Panthéon-Sorbonne, France)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MARKETING – 8D04102

Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Ph.D. program are as follows:

Requirements	Credits	ECTS
Educational Component	20	45
Program Foundation Requirements	12	25
Core Courses	6	10
Elective Courses	3	5
Pedagogical Internship	3	10
Program Specialization Requirements	8	20
Specialization Courses	6	10
Research Internship	2	10
Research Component	50	123
Research Work	20	53
Dissertation	30	70
Final Attestation	5	12
Total	75	180

Grade Point Average

A student must maintain a cumulative 3.33 GPA throughout the program. Courses in which grades below "B-" are received but are not accepted for the Ph.D. degree. Grades received in courses transferred from another institution are not included in calculation of the grade point average. If a grade of "C+" or lower is received, the student should repeat the course. More than one retake should acquire an approval from the Council. When the GPA is calculated, the grade for the repeated course will substitute for the original grade. Grades of "I" turn to "F" if work is not completed by the 7th week of the following semester.

Core Course (6 credits/ 10 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
BUS6300	Business Research Methods	3	5	none
XX63xx	Academic Writing	3	5	none

Elective Courses (3 credits / 5 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
MKT6400	Modern Research Studies in ACC / FIN / MGT / MKT	3	5	none
XX6xxx	Any specialization course	3	5	none

Specialization Courses: Marketing (6 credits / 10 ECTS)

Students may choose one of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
MKT6301	Theory of Marketing	3	5	none
MKT6302	Theories of Consumer Behavior	3	5	none
MKT6303	Strategic Marketing	3	5	none
MKT6304	Strategic Brand Management	3	5	none
MKT6306	Integrated Marketing Communication	3	5	none
MKT6307	International Marketing	3	5	none

Pedagogical and Research Internship (5 credits/ 20 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
MKT6370	Pedagogical Inter	3	10
MKT637x	Research Internsh	2	10

Research Work (50 credits/123 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
MKT638X	Research Work	20	53
MKT638X	Dissertation	30	70

Final Attestation (5 credits/ 12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
MKT63xx	Dissertation writing up and de	5	12

Research and Pedagogical Internship

Internship gives Ph.D. students an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge acquired during their studies, get some business and academic experience and be better prepared for their future career.

Research Work

Under this component of the Ph.D. program, requirement to undertake appropriate research activities that lead to conference presentations, journal publications and international internship abroad.

Dissertation and Ph.D. Dissertation Defense

Ph.D. dissertation is a scholarly research work, involving the analysis of a specific problem in the area of specialization, evaluation of the results of the analysis, which serves as a basis for developing specific proposals and implementing the appropriate solution to the problem. The student will present an oral defense of their dissertation in front of the members of the dissertation committee, in a public forum.

Tentative Program Plan

Students may take courses in any order they wish as long as courses meet all prerequisites. The following schedule is suggested to ensure that students make orderly progress towards degree completion, by taking prerequisites before the courses that require prerequisites.

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM PLAN ASSUMING FALL ENTRY

(All courses are 3 credits unless indicated otherwise)

Fall 2021, 12 credits		Spring 2022, 12 credits	
BUS6300	Business Research Methods (3)	XXX62xx	Specialization course 1 (3)
BUS63xx	Academic Writing (3)	XXX62xx	Specialization course 2 (3)
XXX63XX	Elective course (3)	XXX6380	Dissertation II - (6 credits) (Literature Review & Data Collection)
XXX6380	Dissertation I - (3) (Research Proposal)		
Fall 2022, 12 credits		Spring 2023, 13 credits	
XXX63X	Research Internship (2 credits)	XXX6380	Dissertation IV - 6 credits (Data Collection & Analysis)
XXX6380	Dissertation III- 6 (credits) (Research Methodology)	XXX6370	Pedagogic Internship (3)
XXX638xx	Research Work I - (4 credits)	XX638X	Research Work II- 4 credits
Fall 2023, 14 credits		Spring 2024, 12 credits	
XXX6380	Dissertation V -6 credits (Analysis & Interpretation)	XXX6380	Dissertation VI (write up thesis) (3 credits)
XXX638X	Research Work III -4 credits	XXX638X	Research Work V- 4 credits
XXX638X	Research Work IV- 4 credits	XXX6390	Dissertation defense (5)

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ECONOMICS

MISSION OF THE PROGRAM

The objective of the Ph.D. program in economics is to foster creativity and academic excellence, to produce successful teachers and independent researchers with the ability to make contributions at the frontier of their field of specialization and to provide graduates with the skills to be highly competitive in the international academic labor market.

LEARNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Ph.D. program in Economics aims at producing graduates who

- have expertise and the skills to employ innovative methods and find creative solutions to a range of problems in economics and social sciences;
- are excellent communicators in the class room with a firm background in a range of fields in modern economics and versed in modern didactical methods;
- are creative and innovative contributors with the ability to conduct rigorous economic analysis and the ability to publish in high-ranking journals;
- are academics with the ability to take a leading role in scientific investigations, communicate effectively with the scientific community and defend positions.

RESEARCH AREAS

The department's areas of expertise are

- Environmental economics;
- Financial regulation;
- Inequality and social policy;
- Labor economics;
- Monetary policy;
- Public economics;
- Regional integration;
- Social evaluation and capabilities in human development;
- Trade and development economics;
- Transition economies.

CURRICULUM

Requirements for the Ph.D. program are as follows:

Requirements	Credits	ECTS
Course Work	15	25
Core Courses	6	10
Specialization Courses	9	15
Pedagogic Internship	3	10
Research Internship	3	10
Experimental Research Work Including Dissertation and Research Practice	49	123
Final Attestation	5	12
Total	75	180

Grade Point Average

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Core Courses (6 credits, 10 ECTS)

The following core course is required:

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
ECN6801	Research Methodology	3	5	none
CSS6103	Academic Writing for Ph.D. Students in the Social Sciences	3	5	

Specialization Courses (9 credits, 15 ECTS)

Students choose three of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
ECN6042	Behavioral Economics	3	5	none
ECN6191	Development Economics	3	5	none
ECN6192	Political Economy	3	5	none
ECN6226	Industrial Organization	3	5	none
ECN6014	Econometrics	3	5	none
ECN6199	Current Topics in Economics	3	5	none

Students may select more than one special topics course if the courses cover different topics.

Pedagogic, Industry Internship and Research Work including Dissertation (Total of 55 credits, 143 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
ECN6588	Pedagogic Internship	3	10
ECN6888	Research Internship	3	10
ECN6990	Experimental Research Work and Dissertation	46	118
ECN 6888.1	Research Practice	3	5

Final Attestation (Total of 5 credits, 12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
ECN6991	Dissertation and Defense	5	12

Industry and Pedagogic Internship or Organizational Internship

Internship gives Ph.D. students an opportunity to put into practice the knowledge acquired during their studies, get some business and academic experience and be better prepared for their future career. Details of this requirement are specified in the Ph.D. Handbook.

Experimental Research

Under this component of the Ph.D. program, requirements are twofold: (1) a student must take a qualifying exam in order to demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge acquired through course work and be admitted to the candidate status; and (2) undertake appropriate research activities that lead to conference presentations and journal publications. Details of this requirement are specified in the Ph.D. Handbook.

Dissertation and Ph.D. Dissertation Defense

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Program Plan

Students may take courses in any order they wish as long as courses meet all prerequisites.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Ph.D. program in Economics invites applications from candidates with master degree in economics or a related field who seek a top-level career in

- Academia and think-tanks;
- Consultancy;
- Top management of financial and business companies;
- Government and government institutions and agencies;
- Non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations and development agencies.

CORE FACULTY

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

MISSION OF THE PROGRAM

The objective of the Ph.D. program in public and municipal administration is to encourage intellectual inquiry and to foster the creativity and academic excellence that are to produce successful researchers, teachers, and practitioners.

Graduates will acquire the skills to be highly competitive in the international academic labor market, and will have the ability to make contributions at the frontiers of their fields of specialization.

LEARNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Ph.D. program in Public and Municipal Administration aims to produce graduates who can, among other things:

- Select and construct a methodology suitable for their research topic;
- Appraise the historical origins and institutional foundations of traditional, legal-rational, and social-democratic political systems;
- Identify key civic and political actors in the agenda-setting and decision-making of public policy;
- Analyze economic events and decisions in terms of efficiency and equity;
- Apply principles of public budgeting and financial management;
- Evaluate the relationships between fiscal and monetary policies and how they affect income distribution;
- Distinguish between normative and action-oriented facets of social policy;
- Formulate and design environmental conditions for economic and technological innovation;
- Produce an original policy contribution in the form of an advanced doctoral dissertation.

RESEARCH AREAS

The department's areas of expertise are

- state-building and comparative development
- social modernization and New Institutional Economics
- public administration and bureaucracy
- organizational design and behavior
- civil society and NGOs
- local government
- civil service reform
- administrative law
- human rights law
- human resource management
- public policy of Kazakhstan
- social policy
- healthcare delivery and reform
- education and science policy
- industrial policy
- oil and gas policy
- natural resource management
- immigration studies
- human geography and urban design
- sustainable development and green economy
- taxation and customs administration
- public management
- fiscal governance
- contracting out and New Public Management
- project management and evaluation
- gender and women's leadership
- e-government and technology for sustainable development

CURRICULUM

Requirements for the Ph.D. program are as follows:

Requirements	Credits	ECTS
Course Work	15	25
Core Courses	6	10
Specialization Courses	9	15
Pedagogic Internship	3	10
Research Internship	3	10
Experimental Research Work Including Dissertation and Research Practice	49	123
Final Attestation	5	12
Total	75	180

Grade Point Average

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Core Course (6 credits, 10 ECTS)

Core required course

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
PAD6503	Research Methods	3	5	none
CSS6103	Academic Writing for Ph.D. Students in the Social Sciences	3	5	
Total		6	10	

Specialization Courses (9 credits, 15 ECTS)

Students choose three of the following courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS	Prerequisite
PAD6269	Comparative Governance and Development of Industrial Countries	3	5	None
PAD6211	Contemporary Models of Public Administration and Management	3	5	None
PAD6268	Comparative Public Policy	3	5	None
PAD6123	Economic Perspectives on Government	3	5	None
PAD6255	Selected Issues in Public Policy and Program Implementation	3	5	None

Pedagogic, Industry Internship and Research Work including Dissertation (Total of 55 credits, 143 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
	Pedagogic Internship	3	10
	Research Internship	3	10
	Experimental Research Work and Dissertation	46	118
	Research Practice	3	5

Final Attestation (Total of 5 credits, 12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
PAD6231.2	Dissertation and Defense	5	12

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Experimental Research

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Dissertation and Ph.D. Dissertation Defense

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Program Plan

Students may take courses in any order they wish as long as courses meet all prerequisites.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The program prepares graduates for top-rank careers as:

- Policy advisers and analysts to governments and international development institutions;
- Head of Research Units in private and public organizations;
- Faculty members in academic institutions;
- Managerial positions combining roles in strategic decision-making, research and research administration.

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (PH.D. EPM)

MISSION OF THE PROGRAM

The Ph.D. in Education Policy and Management aims to train researchers and educational leaders who have systemic and critical understanding of the discipline, who are able to make original and significant contribution to knowledge in the field of education policy and management, as well as capable of qualitatively transforming the education system at the level of an organization, region or country.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Knowledge and skills:
 - Demonstrate a systemic and critical understanding of a substantial and complex body of knowledge at the frontier of a discipline, engage in critical reflection, synthesis and evaluation of theories, methodologies and empirical results for solving fundamental research issues in the area of specialization – educational policy and management;
 - Demonstrate expert, specialized cognitive, technical and research skills in the discipline to function as an independent and intellectually autonomous researcher who is able to make a substantial contribution to a discipline or area of professional practice in the sphere of education.
- Ethical and transformative leadership:
 - Become critical leaders, policymakers and scholars who are able to apply theory of education policy and management in professional practice;
 - Interpret and communicate knowledge of education that informs research, policy, and managerial practice to professional and expert community to promote quality and equity in education;
 - Strictly follow academic, pedagogical and leadership ethical principles in research, teaching and managerial practice.

CURRICULUM

Category of Courses	Credits	ECTS
Course Work	21	45
Program Foundation Courses	6	10
Program Specialization Courses	9	15
Teaching Internship	3	10
Research Internship	3	10
Research Component	51	123
Research project 1-5	30	75
Dissertation 1-3	12	33
Seminars	9	15
Final Attestation	3	12
Total Required for Graduation	75	180

Course Work (21 credits/45 ECTS)

Required courses (15 credits/35 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
EPM/TFL6101	Academic Writing	3	5
EPM/TFL6103	Qualitative Research Methods	3	5
EPM/TFL6102	Philosophy of Education	3	5
EPM6301	Teaching Internship: Educational Leadership	3	10
EPM6302	Research Internship	3	10

Elective Courses (6 credits/10 ECTS)

Students may choose TWO courses from the list below:

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
EPM6201	Leadership and Management for Changes in Education	3	5
EPM/TFL6204	Policy Development and Implementation	3	5
EPM6211	The Economics of Education	3	5
EPM/TFL6301	Language Policy and Planning in Education	3	5

Research Component (51 credits/123 ECTS) including research seminars and publications

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
EPM6601.1	Research Projects including research seminars and publications 1	6	15
EPM6601.2	Research Projects including research seminars and publications 2	6	15
EPM6601.3	Research Projects including research seminars and publications 3	6	15
EPM6601.4	Research Projects including research seminars and publications 4	6	15
EPM6601.5	Research Projects including research seminars and publications 5	6	15
EPM6602.1	Dissertation 1	4	11
EPM6602.2	Dissertation 2	4	11
EPM6602.3	Dissertation 3	4	11
EPM/TFL6205	Quantitative Research Methods	3	5
EPM/TFL6202	Advanced Program Evaluation	3	5
EPM/TFL6303	Seminar in Advanced Research Methods	3	5

Final Attestation (3 credits/12 ECTS)

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	ECTS
EPM6603	Dissertation Defense	3	12

Total: 180 ECTS

Ph.D. in Education Policy and Management Study Plan

1st year							
Fall Semester		Credits	ECTS	Spring Semester		Credits	ECTS
EPM6101	Academic Writing	3	5	EPM6205	Quantitative Research Methods	3	5
EPM6103	Qualitative Research Methods	3	5	EPM6102	Philosophy of Education	3	5
EPMxxxx	Elective 1	3	5	EPMxxxx	Elective 2	3	5
EPM6601.1	Research Project 1	6	15	EPM6601.2	Research Project 2	6	15
Total		15	30	Total		15	30

2nd year							
Fall Semester		Credits	ECTS	Spring Semester		Credits	ECTS
EPM6203	Teaching Internship: Educational Leadership	3	10	EPM6302	Research Internship	3	10
EPM/TFL6202	Advanced Program Evaluation	3	5	EPM6601.4	Research Project 4	6	15
EPM6601.3	Research Project 3	6	15	EPM6602.1	Dissertation 1	4	11
Total		12	30	Total		13	36

3rd year							
Fall Semester		Credits	ECTS	Spring Semester		Credits	ECTS
EPM6601.5	Research Project 5	6	15	EPM/TFL6303	Seminar in Advanced Research Methods	3	5
EPM6602.2	Dissertation 2	4	11	EPM6602.3	Dissertation 3	4	11
				EPM6603	Dissertation defense	3	12
Total		10	26	Total		10	28
Total for Program: 75 credits (180 ECTS)							

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Education Policy and Management is a multidisciplinary field that can qualify you to work as an administrator, an education expert in government and private agencies, a lobbyist, a curriculum designer, an advisor in legislative and legal settings, or an analyst.

Here are a few of the academic job titles open to those who hold a doctorate in education policy and management: Researcher, School Principal, University Dean, Education Policy Analyst, or Program Evaluator.

Ph.D. in Education Policy and Management holders also work outside the education system, in national nonprofits concerned with education, policy think tanks, and government agencies.

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