Doctoral degree program
«Doctor International relations»

Goal: To train highly qualified specialists capable of effectively carrying out research and professional management activities in the field of foreign policy and international relations.

The program objectives:

• to teach how to effectively apply modern research methods in analyzing the development of processes in systems of international relations as well as assessing and forecasting their implications for the Republic of Kazakhstan;

• to develop in accordance with the *Unified Competency Framework* for administrative civil servants of the Republic of Kazakhstan of Corps "*A*" and "*B*" the basic and differentiating competencies of civil servants for the effective implementation of governmental policies in the field of international relations;

• to form key competencies of civil servants in the field of international relations in accordance with the UN competence model.

Expected learning outcomes:

Strategic thinking / system management – planning, forecasting and taking long-term decisions for the sustainable and stable development of a state body by taking into account a future scenario with possible consequences and risks; being able to effectively manage processes and resources (material, financial, human, etc.) by making consistent decisions that contribute to the achievement of the strategic goals of a state body with the lowest expenses and in the shortest period.

Leadership – inspiring and engaging employees in the effective achievement of goals of a state body, including on a personal example and experience.

Motivation for self-development – having a high motivation for constant work on oneself, acquisition and application of new knowledge, skills and abilities to increase personal effectiveness.

Analysis and decision-making – analyzing quantitative, verbal and other information as well as considering an individual task or a problem as a part of the whole process by taking into account all the relationships; being able to adequately assess the overall situation (information), followed by timely and effective decision-making.

Innovativeness and management of changes – generating new ideas, finding original solutions, offering several options for action, re-considering and challenging established ideas or rules; effectively implementing changes as well as through the application of a well-structured approach to training, education and support of employees.

Technological awareness – staying up to date with current technological trends and developments; being able to apply modern technological tools in professional activities.

Respect and tolerance for diversity – respecting principles of cultural and religious diversity; being able to adapt properly to a foreign environment.

Semester	Name of the discipline	ECTS
1	Research methods and design (Qualitative and Quantitative)	3
	Modern foreign policy strategy of the Republic of Kazakhstan	3
	1 elective course from the Catalog of disciplines:	3
	• Modern international conflicts and the ways of resolution	

	• Global and regional security	
	Modern geopolitical processes	3
	Foreign trade priorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan	3
	International situations analysis	3
	Academic letter (in Kazakh language)	1
	Experimental research work of a doctoral sdudent (hereinafter - ERWD)	15
	TOTAL 1 SEMESTER	**34**
2	Psychological aspects in international relations	3
	Theory of international relations	3
	1 elective course from the Catalog of disciplines:	3
	• Country analysis	
	• Mega-trends and global problems	
	International law and international institutions	3
	Research seminar	1
	ERWD	15
	TOTAL 2 SEMESTER	**28**
3	Regional aspects in modern international relations	3
	Research seminar	1
	ERWD	20
	TOTAL 3 SEMESTER	**24**
4	*ERWD*	10
	Research practice	20
	Internship	3
	TOTAL 4 SEMESTER	**33**
5	*ERWD*	30
	TOTAL 5 SEMESTER	**30**
6	*ERWD*	30
	TOTAL 6 SEMESTER	**30**
Total theoretical training		**56**
ERWD:		**123**
• *ERWD*		**120**
• *Internship*		**3**
Final certification		**12**
Total additional training		**135**
TOTAL CREDITS FOR MANDATORY		**191**