JSC "KAZAKH ABLAI KHAN UNIVERSITY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND WORLD LANGUAGES"

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PROGRAM
for Doctoral Entrance Examinations
Field of Training
"8D023 – Languages and Literature"
Educational Program
"8D02322 – Foreign Philology"

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1. General Provisions

1.1. The Program has been developed in accordance with Order No. 600 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 31, 2018, “On Approval of the Standard Rules for Admission to Educational Organizations Implementing Higher and Postgraduate Education Programs” (hereinafter referred to as the Standard Rules), as well as the Admission Regulations of the JSC Ablai Khan Kazakh University of International Relations and World Languages (hereinafter referred to as Kazakh Ablai Khan UIR&WL).

1.2. The entrance examination consists of the following components:

1. an interview with the applicant conducted by the Examination Committee of Kazakh Ablai Khan UIR&WL;
2. essay writing;
3. responses to examination questions in the field of the relevant educational program group

1.3 The final score is calculated as the total number of points obtained from the essay, responses to examination questions in the applicant’s field of specialization within the relevant educational program group, and the interview.

Task type	Scores
Interview conducted by the admissions examination committee of the higher education institution	30
Essay	20
Examination in the field of the relevant educational program group	50
Total	100

The doctoral entrance examination lasts 3 hours and 30 minutes (210 minutes), including:

- 20 minutes for the interview;
- 190 minutes (3 hours 10 minutes) for writing the essay and answering examination questions in the field of the relevant educational program group.

1.4. Entrance examinations for doctoral study programs are conducted during the following periods:

1) from 4 to 20 August of the respective calendar year
2) from 19 November to 11 December respective calendar year

1.5. The interview for applicants to doctoral programs is conducted independently by Kazakh Ablai Khan UIR&WL prior to the entrance examinations in the sections “Essay Writing” and “Responses to Examination Questions in the Field of the Relevant Educational Program Group.”

The interview is aimed at assessing the applicant’s professional and personal qualities, as well as their potential for conducting research or experimental research.

The interview is documented in minutes (a formal record), which is signed by the chairperson, members, and secretary of the examination committee.

In the event that an applicant fails to attend the interview, a score of 0 is awarded, and this is also recorded in the minutes signed by the chairperson, members, and secretary of the examination committee.

Entrance exam topics for preparation within the relevant study program group

1. History of linguistic theories: from antiquity to the present.
2. The anthropocentric paradigm in linguistics.
3. Philosophy of language and culture.
4. The functional approach in linguistics.
5. Pragmatic and linguistic aspects of intercultural communication. Speech act theory.
6. Sociolinguistic research in modern linguistics. Forms of language existence, official state language. Language policy issues.
7. Contemporary issues of text and discourse. Critical discourse analysis.
8. The place of the structuralist paradigm in modern linguistics.
9. General and specific research methods in linguistics.
10. Key features of American, European, and Russian cognitive linguistics.
11. Concept as a cognitive and linguistic and cultural category.
12. Ethnolinguistics and cultural linguistics in modern linguistics.
13. Key issues in gender linguistics.
14. The theory of linguistic personality in linguistics.
15. Language as an object of scientific study. Basic functions of language.
16. Psycholinguistics: interaction between language and thought.
17. An interdisciplinary approach to the study of language and literature.
18. Main directions in the development of modern Kazakhstani linguistics.
19. The development of modern linguistics in the era of digitalization and artificial intelligence.
20. Literature of the Enlightenment period.
21. Main genres of medieval literature.
22. The Renaissance period: humanism.
23. Renaissance theatre: comedy and tragedy.
24. Modernism in 20th-century literature: distinguishing features of modernist and postmodernist novels.

25. Postmodernism in 20th-century literature: characteristics of the postmodern novel.
26. Main features of classicism, romanticism, realism, and modernism; key works of each movement.
27. The role of the author and reader in literature and literary criticism.
28. The concept of intertextuality in literature.
29. Comparative literary studies: aims and methods in comparative studies.
30. Major literary movements.

Sample essay topics

1. Language as a social phenomenon.
2. The interaction between language and thought.
3. Language and national culture.
4. Language and reality: the issue of linguistic construction of the world.
5. The challenges of bilingualism in modern society.
6. Contemporary approaches in literary studies.
7. Psycholinguistic aspects of speech activity.
8. Language as a means of intercultural communication.
9. Cognitive linguistics: key concepts and approaches.
10. The problem of discourse in modern linguistics.
11. The linguistic personality and its characteristics.
12. The impact of globalization on language development.
13. Digital communication and language change.
14. Text linguistics and problems of interpretation.
15. Sociolinguistic issues in contemporary society.
16. Artificial intelligence and language.
17. Pragmatic aspects of language.
18. The linguistic worldview in the digital age.
19. Research methods in modern linguistics.
20. Literary language as an object of study.

Recommended literature

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