



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

Programme name	LLB International Law
Award	Bachelor of Law in International Law
School	School of Law
Programme code	6B04202
Type of study	Full time
Total ECTS	248

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The aim of the Programme

The primary objective of the Programme is to develop a novel framework for specialists who possess the knowledge, skills, and competencies to operate proficiently in both the realm of international law and the domestic legal system

What will I be expected to achieve?

On successful completion of this Programme, you will be expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate comprehension of social development processes, diverse philosophical perspectives related to the origins and progression of law and the state.
- Exhibit an understanding of the fundamental nature and objectives of law as a regulator of societal interactions, as well as a grasp of essential legal concepts, institutions, and sectors.
- Demonstrate comprehension of the international legal framework, its attributes, and distinctions from domestic law. Also, possess knowledge of prevailing trends in contemporary international legal practice, encompassing judicial and quasi-judicial proceedings.
- Display knowledge and grasp of the nuances of private international law, alongside other disciplines associated with regulating private law matters complicated by foreign elements.
- Demonstrate adeptness in academic writing, the capacity to differentiate between presentation styles.
- Exhibit foundational proficiency in digital technologies and Programming, with the ability to apply these aptitudes within the legal domain.
- Master the art of legal reasoning and analysis, crafting algorithms for resolving cases and situational predicaments.
- Possess the skill to apply norms from both international and national law, skillfully navigating their interactions to tackle intricate legal quandaries.
- Be capable of engaging in negotiations and litigation on both international and national stages, acting as a state representative, mediator, arbitrator, as well as an advocate for individuals and corporations.

- Independently conduct research, gather, process, and analyze legal and other pertinent information.

What are the spheres of professional activity?

Graduates of this educational Programme are equipped to offer legal assistance in both national and international legal domains, specifically within the realm of property rights in various forms. This includes: safeguarding the legal rights of individuals and legal entities at the national level; advocating for the legal rights of individuals and legal entities at the international level; and representing the legal interests of the state on the international stage

HOW WILL I LEARN

Students are systematically involved in the solution of practical problems regarding specific international legal disputes. Teaching staff analyzes topical issues of international relations and formulate them into case study that are used in each discipline. This is facilitated by the use of international practice teaching materials, in particular:

- Treaties and other international instruments (allow to learn the process of conclusion of treaties and obtain skills of legal norm modeling, and to consider the practice of implementation of international treaties);
- Decisions of international courts, tribunals and quasi-judicial bodies (used to expand the range of the student's knowledge of specific provisions in international law as well as clarifies the mechanism of decision-making in an international court);
- Acts of international organizations (help student to understand acts of international organizations, as well as their actual impact on the legal system of States Parties).

Furthermore, the disciplines of theoretical orientation are studied alongside with practical exercise lessons. For example, after studying the courses Public International Law I and II, Law of Treaties at 3rd and 4th semesters, students study Moot Court Training: Basics of Legal Reasoning and Moot Court Training: Memorials and Oral Pleadings. This combination allows students to master the theoretical aspects of the specialty and to consider practical application of these disciplines. In addition, the curricula of the Programmes include interdisciplinary practical courses. In particular, Digital Project on Programme and Project Management.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

There are three types of examinations and two types of final thesis within the Programme.

Examinations

1. The first type of an examination is the classic examination based on a case. Students of the School of Law take examinations on those courses which are the courses of a State/Final examination. The Programme includes three courses which provide for examinations – Public International Law I, Public International Law II, Law of Treaties.
2. The second type is based on an accumulative grading system (continuous assessment) which is regulated by the syllabi. Each syllabus establishes various requirements for student assessment. The common requirements of a 5 ECTS

course include: writing an essay (1000-2000 words); solving a case (500-1000 words); presentation (8-10 pages); and oral presentations at the moot courts.

3. The third type is the Final examination. This is a mandatory form of certification that students undergo to demonstrate sufficient knowledge for obtaining a Bachelor degree in International Law.

Final thesis

There are two types of LLB final thesis: Diploma Project and Diploma thesis. A Diploma Project is a research group work, carried out by order of the University with the condition of a pyramidal system (PhD – Master – Bachelor research) or by order of a third-party organization within the framework of priority research areas. A Project is written by a group of 3 to 5 students, and all students in the group must meet the requirements of GPA 3.0 at the time of applying for the project. A Diploma thesis is a group work carried out within the framework of the priority research areas, aimed at preparing intermediate results, implemented in the form of comments to articles (norms, provisions) of legislation or international treaties determined by the managers of the priority research areas. A thesis is written by a group of 3 students. All pre-assessed projects and thesis are subject to public defense in a State Attestation Commission. For more information, please refer to the KLS Academic Policy on undergraduate thesis.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Majors

The courses are shown in the language of instruction

- Қазіргі таңдағы Қазақстан тарихы / Современная история Казахстана
- Әлеуметтік саяси білімдер модулі I / Модуль социально-политических знаний I
- Әлеуметтік саяси білімдер модулі II / Модуль социально-политических знаний II
- Қазақ тілі / Русский язык (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1)
- Cambridge English: (B1, B2, C1)
- Қазақ тілі / Русский язык (A1+, A2+, B1+, B2+, C1+)
- Cambridge English: (B1+, B2+, C1+)
- Computer Science/ (Digital Systems and Network)
- Academic Writing and Academic Integrity (2 ECTS)
- Susceptibility to innovation and coding fundamentals (3 ECTS)
- International Legal English I / TOLES Foundation
- International Legal English II / TOLES Higher
- Legal Writing
- Құқық және мемлекет теориясы / Теория государства и права
- Қазақстан Республикасының конституциялық құқығы / Конституционное право Республики Казахстан**
- Қазақстан Республикасының азаматтық құқығы I / Гражданское право Республики Казахстан I**
- Қазақстан Республикасының азаматтық құқығы II / Гражданское право Республики Казахстан II**
- Қазақстан Республикасының азаматтық құқығы III / Гражданское право Республики Казахстан III**
- Қазақстан Республикасының қылмыстық құқығы I / Уголовное право Республики Казахстан I

- Қазақстан Республикасының азаматтық процестік құқығы / Гражданское процессуальное право Республики Казахстан**
- Халықаралық жеке құқық / Международное частное право**
- Құқық саласындағы цифрлық жоба / Цифровой проект в области права
- Public International Law I
- Public International Law II
- Law of Treaties
- Moot Court Training: Basics of Legal Reasoning
- International Economic Law
- Moot Court Training: Memorials and Oral Pleadings

Electives

The courses are shown in the language of instruction

- Мемлекеттік қызмет және мемлекеттік басқару / Государственная служба и государственное управление
- Қазақстан Республикасының әкімшілік құқығы / Административное право Республики Казахстан
- Digital Law
- Киберқауіпсіздік / Кибербезопасность
- Foundations of Common Law and Corporate Practice
- English Private Law
- Ethics, Professional Responsibility, Corporate Governance & Legal Compliance
- Introduction to the German Legal System
- German Public Law
- German Private Law
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- International Negotiation and Diplomacy
- International Economics
- Law of International Organizations
- International Human Rights Law
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Diplomatic and Consular Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Criminal Justice Responses to Transnational Organized Crimes
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Labour Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Energy Law
- Халықаралық азаматтық процесс / Международный гражданский процесс
- Investment Law
- WTO Law
- Business Law
- Project Management
- Law of Supranational Organizations

WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

As an Undergraduate student you can undertake a period of study abroad. Annually, the University holds a competition for academic mobility opportunities at foreign universities that have established partnership agreements. The United Kingdom, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Korea, Cyprus, the United States, the Czech Republic, and Japan are the most commonly chosen countries for academic mobility by students from the School of Law.

For more information, please visit <https://kazguu.kz/ru/akademicheskaya-mobilnost/>

WHAT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (MOOT COURTS) ARE AVAILABLE?

An essential component of the Programme involves learning through moot courts. In your third and fourth years, you will participate in two mandatory moot court courses. Moot courts are immersive simulations of actual international court cases, during which students formulate written and oral arguments

Each year, students in the Programme engage in the following moot court competitions:

1. Jessup Moot Court in International Law with the National and Regional Rounds, and International Rounds in Washington.
2. Jean Pictet Competition in International Humanitarian Law under the International Committee of the Red Cross. The tournament in 2023 was held in Albania.
3. Vis Moot International Commercial Law with the Regional and International Rounds in Singapore and Honkong.
4. PAX Moot Court in Private International Law. The 2023 tournament was held in Belgium.
5. Astana International Financial Centre Moot Court in English Law.

Please note that active involvement in the aforementioned moot court competitions enables the results to be factored into the final assessments of the Programme.

For more information, please contact the KAZGUU International Law Programme Director Abay Abylaiuly (a_abylaiuly@kazguu.kz)

INTERNSHIP AND CAREER

Within your academic journey, during your third and fourth years, you will engage in three distinct forms of practical experience: Training Practice, Thesis Practice, and Working Practice. These placements are facilitated by The Centre of Professional Internship, Career, and Employment. It's important to note that achieving a strong academic performance in your studies heightens your likelihood of securing placements in prestigious law firms and organizations, as these entities often prioritize students with high GPAs.

The Centre of Professional Internship, Career and Employment organizes internships; career days (annual Legal Month – activities of employers during 3 weeks); annual Job fair; KAZGUU Law School Business Council; annual survey of graduates and employers; and analyzes the job market.

Within the framework of promoting the development of career skills of students and the successful employment of graduates, effective forms of cooperation with employers Centre of professional internship, career and employment annually organized and conduct Legal month of KAZGUU Law School. Since 2020 KAZGUU Legal month is conducted for the 1st year students in order to introduce with the specificity of current employers -business partners of the KAZGUU Law School. The purpose of this event is to orientate 1st year students to choose further specialization in the learning process. For more information about career perspectives, please visit <https://kls.kazguu.kz/ru/o-shkole-2/struktura-2/ofis-professionalnoj-praktiki-karery-i-trudoustrojstva-2/>

HOW ARE MY ACHIEVEMENTS ACKNOWLEDGED UPON GRADUATION?

There are three levels of degrees:

1. With Honors (Cum laude),
2. With High Honors (Magna cum laude),
3. With Highest Honors (Summa cum laude).

The With Honors designation is indicated on a specialized diploma format.

In order to be awarded the Summa cum laude diploma (With Highest Honors), the student must maintain a GPA of 4.0. To earn a Magna cum laude (With High Honors) diploma, a GPA of 3.8 - 3.9 is required, accompanied by grades of "good" and "excellent". Similarly, to receive a Cum laude (With Honors) diploma, the student's GPA should fall between 3.5 - 3.7, along with "good" and "excellent" grades."