



SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Undergraduate Programs

- English Language and Literature
- Translation
- English Teaching
- Journalism
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Area Studies
- Psychology

Graduate Programs

- English Language and Literature
- Linguistics
- Translation
- International Relations
- Area Studies
- Political Science
- International Journalism

PhD Programs

- Germanic Languages
- Social Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- History of Azerbaijan
- World History
- Political Science
- International Relations

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is the largest academic division at Khazar University that offers undergraduate, graduate and PhD degree programs in a wide range of disciplines.



Mission

The mission of the School is to provide high-quality education in the fields of humanities and social sciences at all levels of study and to train students to become well-rounded professionals, capable of understanding complex issues and holding leadership positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

Vision

The vision is to become the number one School of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Azerbaijan and the broader region by preparing professionals not only with strong knowledge of their subjects, but also with a set of skills needed to think critically, communicate effectively and act rapidly in a globalized world.

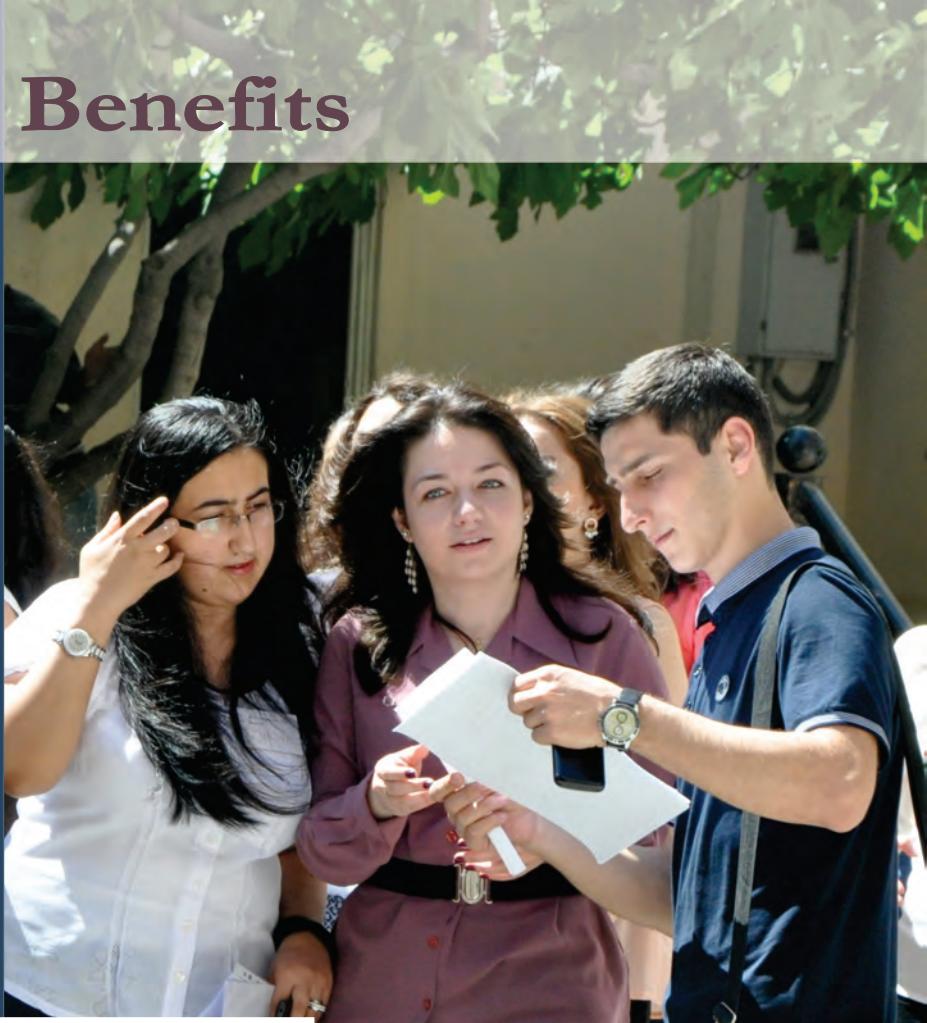
Why this school?

- Curriculum is developed by Western and local academic staff according to cutting-edge educational standards
- Academic body of the school consists of foreign professors and of local teachers and scholars with solid Western education
- Well-balanced research, teaching and learning opportunities are designed to form highly qualified specialists in fields of humanities and social sciences



Key Benefits

- Choice of multiple disciplines under one umbrella
- Excellent student and staff exchange opportunities with leading universities world-wide
- Teaching methods include real-life simulations, workshops, round-tables and seminars
- Graduates are equipped with strong analytical, communication and academic writing skills
- Alumni of the school are highly sought out in the local and international labor market





The School offer the following degree programs:

BA

- English Language and Literature
- Translation
- English Teaching
- Journalism
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Area Studies
- Psychology

Note: Khazar University constantly continues to develop new degree programs.

MA

- English Language and Literature
- Linguistics
- Translation
- International Relations
- Area Studies
- Political Science
- International Journalism

PhD

- Germanic languages
- Social Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- History of Azerbaijan
- World History
- Political Science
- International Relations

BA in English Language and Literature

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature

Overview

The BA in English Language and Literature provides students with a firm foundation in English language and culture along with a deep knowledge of English literature. Students engage academically and practically with the English language and its rich literary heritage. This prepares them for further academic study or employment which requires a strong grasp of the English language and culture.

Career Prospects:

Alumni of the program are highly valued in the labor market for their English language skills. They can apply to various positions not just in the education sector, but also in arts, sciences and businesses. Academically, a significant proportion of the alumni of this program go on to pursue graduate studies.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

- ESL (advanced)
- Pre-Advanced English Grammar
- Advanced English Grammar
- Academic Writing
- Introduction to Linguistics
- History of the English Language
- Literary Studies
- British Literature I, II
- American Literature
- Creative Writing
- British/American Studies
- World English
- History of Linguistics
- World Literature in English
- Lexicology
- Advanced English Vocabulary

- **Major Elective Courses**

BA in Translation

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Translation

Overview

The program provides students with a well-balanced foundation in theory coupled with language-specific practice in translation. It provides alumni with professional competences which allow them to compete successfully in a rapidly changing environment.

Career prospects:

Alumni of the BA in Translation program are highly valued in the labor market for their English language skills and the practical experiences obtained from their internships while studying. Graduates find employment in a wide range of government, private, local and international institutions or in the freelance sector.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

- ESL
- Pre-Advanced English
- Grammar Advanced
- English Grammar
- Introduction to Translation
- History of Translation
- Principles of Translation and Interpretation
- Introduction to Linguistics
- Academic Writing
- History of Linguistics
- Lexicology
- Advanced English Vocabulary
- Text Interpretation
- Basics of Stylistics
- Translation Practice I, II, III and IV

- **Major Elective Courses**

BA in English Teaching

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in English Teaching

Overview

The program provides students with a firm foundation in English language combined with the main principles and methodology of pedagogy including curriculum development. Students have a unique opportunity to develop their language and communication skills through specialized instruction by native English speakers.

Career prospects:

Graduates of the program find employment in a wide range of public and private primary and secondary schools. At the same time they are often hired as staff trainers by various government and private organizations and agencies.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

ESL (advanced)
Pre-Advanced English Grammar
Advanced English Grammar
Introduction to TESL
Introduction to Linguistics
History of Linguistics
Advanced English Vocabulary
History of the English Language
Academic Writing
Modern English Literature
British/American Studies
World English

Methodology of teaching ESL

Educational Psychology

Sociology of Education

Internship I and II

- **Major Elective Courses**

BA in Journalism

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Overview

The program aims to provide the education essential for shaping professional journalists in print, broadcast and online journalism. The curriculum also suggests a wide range of courses that reflect the changing needs and issues within the field of contemporary journalism.

Career prospects:

The experience in writing articles and papers for “Khazar View” magazine and “Khazar Courier” newspaper advances alumni in their careers. Graduates of the BA in Journalism have an advantage for finding employment in various news agencies, TV channels and radio stations. They may also be employed as editors and online journalists.



CURRICULUM:

• Major Requirements

Lower Division

Introduction to Journalism

History of Journalism

News Writing

Pre-Advanced English Grammar

Advanced English Grammar

ESL (Advanced)

Advanced Azerbaijani Language

Advanced Azerbaijani Literature

Lower Division Electives

Upper Division

Publishing and Printing

History of Azerbaijani Press

Genres of Journalism

TV and Radio Speech Culture

English for Current Events

Survey of American Literature

English Composition

Upper Division Electives

• Open Electives

• Internship

BA in International Relations

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Overview

The program meets the needs of the constantly changing field of International Relations. It gives students professional knowledge in politics, economics, law, history and geography as well as necessary skills to resolve and effectively manage a wide range of problems on a global scale.

Career prospects:

Alumni of this program have the ability to research and analyze information from different sources, and can apply their negotiation and problem-solving skills to resolve complex political and cultural issues in rapidly changing environments. These qualities help graduates to find positions in diplomatic service and other government sectors related to international relations, as well as the media, private organizations and universities.



CURRICULUM:

Major Requirements

- **Major Related Courses**

Introduction to Economics
Introduction to Political Science
Philosophy
Foreign Language

- **Major Required Courses**

Public International Law
History of Diplomacy
Theory of International Relations
International Organizations
Modern Diplomacy
International Political Economy
Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan
Foundations of Security Studies

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Open Elective Courses**

- **Senior Thesis**

BA in Political Science

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Overview

This undergraduate program aims to provide a foundation in political theory and understanding of basic political processes and institutions as these operate in different national and international contexts. It also covers the changing character of the relations between actors in the political arena. The live simulations and regularly organized debates help students to link theory with real-world problems.

Career prospects:

Political Science graduates are highly valued by employers and do not face difficulty in finding jobs in various embassies and consulates in Azerbaijan and abroad, government and non-government bodies, institutions and political parties.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Related Courses**

Introduction to Economics

Introduction to Political Science

Philosophy

Foreign Language

- **Major Required Courses**

Theory of International Relations

History of Political Theories

Comparative Politics

Political Systems and Institutions

Political Psychology

Seminar on Post-Soviet Azerbaijani Politics

Research Methods in Political Science

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Open Elective Courses**

- **Senior Thesis**

BA in Area Studies

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Area Studies

Overview

The program offers flexibility, allowing students to choose the one from the following concentrations: European, American, Middle Eastern, Caucasus and Asian Studies. These are interdisciplinary majors linking politics, history and economics with language studies that help students deeply understand current global trends.

Career prospects:

Alumni professional profiles include deep knowledge and understanding of political and economic processes and the proficiency in foreign languages that comes from their educational background. The program opens doors for students in local and international organizations and companies where they can find employment in analytical and research centers and in the international relations departments of various government and private organizations.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Related Courses**

Introduction to Economics
Introduction to Political Science
Philosophy
Foreign Language

- **Major Required Courses**

History of World Civilizations
Modern and Contemporary
History of European Countries
Theory of International Relations
International Organizations
International Political Economy
NATO and Security Problems
Political and Economic Geography of Countries
Research Methods in Political Science
Comparative Politics of European Countries

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Open Elective Courses**

- **Thesis**

BA in Psychology

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 264 ECTS credits

Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Overview

The program combines the theory and practice of psychology and teaches techniques of individual and group psychological counseling and care, which are essential for a successful career in the field. It focuses on psychological topics such as human development, abnormal behavioral and cognitive psychologies, childhood psychology, beginning statistics, general psychology, social psychology and neuropsychology.

Career prospects:

The alumni of the program have an opportunity to find jobs in any institutions and organizations where human relations and communications take place. Graduates are hired for positions that make use of the knowledge and skills they have obtained during their study.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

Statistics I, II
Introduction to Psychology
Psychological Tests and Measurements
Neuropsychology
Physiological Psychology
Principles of Learning
Cognitive Psychology
Emotions and Motivations
Research Methods in Social Sciences
Experimental Psychology
Marriage, Family and Human Intimacy
Child Psychology
Personal Psychology
Development Psychology
Social Psychology
Psycho Diagnostics
Psychopathology
Clinical Psychology
Applied Psychology
Counseling Psychology

- **Major Elective Courses**

MA in English Language and Literature

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in English Language and Literature

Overview

The program is designed for those who wish to further pursue a graduate degree in English Language and Literature. It provides students with a robust academic program which includes advanced courses in the field. Students receive personal guidance in the writing of a thesis which allows them to strengthen their academic writing skills and establish themselves firmly as specialists in the field of English language and literature.

Career Prospects:

Alumni of the program typically find teaching jobs in higher educational institutions or high schools. Having received their graduate education in English, they have a strong advantage in the labor market.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

Literary Studies

American Literature

British Literature

Literary Composition

Stylistics

Literary Translation and Editing

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Thesis**

MA in Linguistics

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in Linguistics

Overview

The program provides students with strong theoretical and practical research skills in the field of linguistics. Opportunities are provided by the department for practical field research that makes graduates highly qualified specialists in the field of linguistics.

Career prospects:

Alumni of the MA in Linguistics typically find employment either in higher educational institutions or with research institutions.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

Research Methods and Ethics

Sociolinguistics

Phonetics

Phonology

Syntax and Morphology

Discourse

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Thesis**

MA in Translation

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in Translation

Overview

The program provides students with strong knowledge and technical skills in the field of translation. Students receive personal guidance in the writing of a research work which allows them to develop their academic writing skills and establish themselves firmly as specialists in the field of translation.

Career prospects:

Alumni of the program typically find employment either in higher educational institutions or within the thriving translation industry.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

History of Translation

Translation and Interpreting Theory

Methods of Translating and Interpreting

Semantics and Pragmatics

Stylistics

Discourse

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Thesis**

MA in International Relations

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in International Relations

Overview

The program is designed to supplement substantial aspects of the master's curriculum and develop analytical skills to forecast international events, conduct strategic planning for organizations with a global scope, and to lead, negotiate, and work in teams in a cross-cultural environment.

Career prospects:

Alumni of the program have the chance to be hired in various positions on local and international labor markets, such as government, international and non-government organizations and international businesses.



CURRICULUM:

- **Basic Prerequisites**
- **Required Courses**

Peace and Conflict Studies

International Conflicts

Case Studies in International Conflict

Negotiation: Theory and Practice

Research Methods in Political Science

- **Major Elective Courses**
- **Thesis**
- **Internship**

MA in Area Studies

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in Area Studies

Overview

The program is designed to provide opportunities for advanced study of one of the world's regions with an emphasis on international relations. This program is offered to students who wish to study a specific region of the world, such as Western Europe, North America, the Middle East, Caucasus or East Asia.

Career Prospects:

Alumni develop their careers in diplomatic civil service and join international organizations, such as the World Bank, United Nations, its subordinate divisions and OSCE. Additionally, this program gives a strong background for students planning to continue academic careers and pursue PhD studies.



CURRICULUM:

Note: Each area studies program has its own curriculum, below see the curriculum for the European Studies.

- **Basic Prerequisites**
- **Required Courses**
 - Research Methods in Political Science
 - Comparative Politics of the European Countries
 - Political Economy of the European Integration
 - Europe in World Politics
 - European Union Law
- **Major Elective Courses**
- **Thesis**
- **Internship**

MA in Political Science

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in Political Science

Overview

The program is designed to provide students with a deep understanding of political science in order to be able critically analyze political issues within the context of international relations. The program also provides the opportunities for advanced studies in various areas of the given field such as comparative and international politics, political theory and conflict studies.

Career Prospects:

Alumni are well prepared for careers in those sectors which require an understanding and deep knowledge of politics and international relations. Graduates are highly demanded in government organizations, the private sector (business organizations, electoral politics and journalism), and higher education institutions.



CURRICULUM:

- **Basic Prerequisites**

- **Required Courses**

Quantitative Research Methods

Political Culture

Comparative Democratization and Regime Change

Comparative Case Study Method

Political Parties and Democracy

- **Major Elective Courses**

- **Thesis**

- **Internship**

MA in International Journalism

Area of Studies: Humanities

Length of studies: 90 ECTS credits

Qualification: Master of Arts in International Journalism

Overview

The program is designed for the graduates wishing to deepen their knowledge and skills in print, radio, TV and online journalism in international context. It combines practical techniques and advanced academic studies to equip students with the required skills to deal successfully with the rapidly changing dynamics of news reporting.

Career prospects:

The alumni of the program has strong skills in verbal and written communication, which is one of the most sought after characteristics the employers are looking for. Graduates pursue their career in various mass-media agencies with an international presence.



CURRICULUM:

- **Major Requirements**

Historical Development of the Media

Public Broadcasting

Media and Democracy

Investigative Journalism

Investigations of Public Relations and Media

Media Criticism

World Cinema and Media

International Media Issues

News Analysis

Appreciating of the Media Legally

- **Thesis**

PhD Degree Programs



- Germanic languages
- Social Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- History of Azerbaijan
- World History
- Political Science
- International Relations

The PhD Programs in Humanities and Social Sciences offer the opportunity for highly motivated students to pursue interdisciplinary and creative research activities in areas common to political science, social philosophy and languages. Graduates of the program are eagerly sought and find positions in leading departments of political science, history, and languages as well as in government and industry.



Although my experience at Khazar University as a master student was relatively short, I will never forget the most interesting two years of my life. I consider Khazar University one of the main pillars of high staff, standard education in Azerbaijan. The commitment and the dedication of the qualified teaching the modern and constantly updated curriculum and, above all, the presidency's constant supervision made the educational experience at the university very joyful and dynamic for students. I thank the esteemed faculty staff for their help and great expertise.

Haider Albarak
Ambassador of Iraq to the Republic of Azerbaijan
MA in International Relations



I was really impressed to see Khazar University's achievement for the last 20 years. Because I know Khazar's two decades from its foundation, I am now sure of how much it will accomplish for the next two decades.

**Dr. Jihwan Hwang,
Chair of International
Relations Department of
University of Seoul**

