



INSTITUTES AND CENTERS



The School of Project Management



The School of Project Management is financially supported by BP and the BP-operated oil and gas consortium, while is implemented by Khazar University and ESI International to develop local project management expertise and capability within Azerbaijan. The School is open to participants from leading private, public and international organizations as well as local businesses.

The School of Project Management offers top to middle managers of various organizations a training curriculum comprised of seven courses delivered by ESI's qualified instructors.

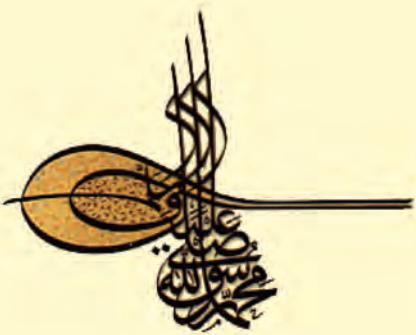
The School is the only place in Azerbaijan where professionals can take PMP® Exam.



Division of Graduate Studies and Research

The division coordinates all of the master's and doctorate students. It is a one-stop center where students can register for graduate-level classes, get assigned to academic advisors and/or dissertation supervisors, obtain approval for research topics, discuss publication ideas, and more. The Division guides students through the process of graduate studies, all the way from applying for acceptance into graduate programs to receiving their diplomas. It also maintains relationships with graduate students and presents them with opportunities to participate in conferences, symposiums and other events as they arise.





Assembly of Science and Art

“Who wrote Azerbaijan’s most famous novel Ali & Nino”?

BETTY BLAIR
Editor of “Azerbaijan International”



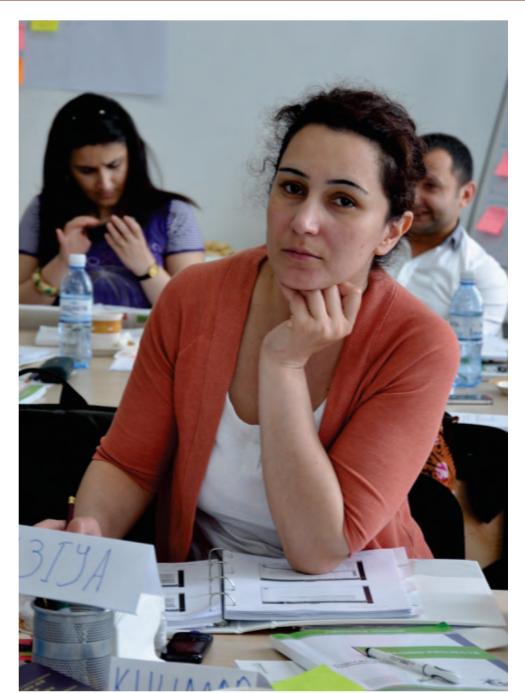
These academic seminars on important issues of science, arts and culture are held at the university on a regular basis. The Assembly of Science and Art, supervised by Professor Hamlet Isaxanli, gathers honorable experts and specialists of science and art for discussions on diverse areas of humanities, social sciences, history of science and culture, new technologies, etc. Specialists and experts are invited to the Assembly not only from Azerbaijan, but also from various countries. The collections of the speeches and discussions held at the Assembly of Science and Art are published by the Khazar University Press.

Development Center

The Center was established to support continuous development of the university. The center maintains active and productive relationships with board members, donors, alumni and administration.

The Development Center designs, implements and manages all fundraising activities including annual giving, endowment and capital campaigns and special projects. The staff of the center develops strategies and manages activities for attracting donors and sponsors. The Center is also responsible for developing grant proposals for foundations and corporations.

The Development Center relies on Khazar University Foundation and Alumni Association and their extensive volunteer network to achieve fundraising goals contributing to Khazar's mission.



Library & Information Center



Khazar University holds the largest library collection among private universities in Azerbaijan and also the largest collection in the English language – making up approximately 75% of all the library materials.

The Library & Information Center also collects printed and electronic materials in modern European and Eastern languages in the fields of Business Studies, Economics and Management, Mathematics and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Education, Social Sciences, Political Science and International Relations, Legal Studies, Language Studies, etc. Textbooks and monographs published all over the world, as well as publications of Khazar University Press, are widely represented in the library.

Library and Information Center is involved in a wide range of Open Access-related activities such as:

- encouraging university academic community to publish their papers in accordance with open access principles
- supporting online access to the university's scholarly journals in order to maintain the standards of quality assurance and good scientific practice
- providing open access to Khazar University Institutional Repository

To make the notion of Open Access an integral part of the university's community, the Center disseminates information, organizes Open Access Weeks and presentations, and translates key documents into the Azerbaijani language.

Environmental Research Center



KHAZAR UNIVERSITY



The Center was created in 2007 for the purpose of conducting research focused on environmental problems of Azerbaijan, the South Caucasus, and the Caspian region. The Center is dedicated to providing objective information for protection, restoration and sustainable use of the natural resources of the region.

Studies and research efforts have been mainly directed at river restoration, environmental management, disaster risk reduction, flood management, and climate changes.



Economics and Business Research and Training Center

The Center carries out research in various fields of economy and business, supports development and improvement of Economics- and Business-related disciplines at Khazar, provides trainings for start-ups and experienced businesses, and disseminates knowledge and experience among other higher education institutions of the country.

Research activities of the Center cover such areas as

corporate governance, economic analysis, development economy, economic development forecasts, development programs, monitoring and auditing. The Center regularly conducts various training seminars and workshops in Economics, Finance, Marketing, Small Business and other disciplines for secondary school teachers, young entrepreneurs, etc., from Baku and other regions of the country.

The Caucasus Research Resource Center

The Center has the goal of strengthening social science research and public policy analysis in Azerbaijan. Since it opened in 2003, CRRC has become a nexus of activity for the social science community by providing professional training for researchers and open access to fundamental literature, data and statistics. The center makes it easier for analysts to pursue original work, to base their research on actual transition data, and to participate in the growing domestic policy research community.

The center runs the Caucasus Barometer annual survey to obtain comparable data on household composition, social and political attitudes, and practices in the country. The Center is a program of the Eurasia Foundation funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.



Eurasia Extractive Industries Knowledge Hub

The Eurasia Extractive Industries Knowledge Hub was established in September 2010, in collaboration between Revenue Watch Institute, New York, and Khazar University.

The Hub aims to assist sub-national level government officials in Central Asia/Caucasus to exert their influence on the governance of the extractive sector, seeking to mainstream existing knowledge and new concepts and innovative approaches. By being closer to the ground, the Hub is able to offer a concerted, regionally relevant approach to facilitate analysis, auditing, and prudent decision making at national and sub-national levels for all stakeholders.



Institute of Education Policy

The Institute's goal is to increase the quality of education, and to conduct its objective evaluation through sharing worldwide experience in the field of education. The Institute examines problems and trends of modern education as well as history and philosophy of education. It investigates methods for developing the education system and policy in Azerbaijan according to the Bologna Process, and it offers methodological support to other interested parties to adapt to this process. The Institute regularly organizes conferences, seminars, and workshops related to various issues of education, and it is also engaged in policy analysis and preparation of recommendations for stakeholders.



Quality Assurance Center

The Center is committed to the university's mission to enhance learning through ongoing improvement of teaching.

The Center has the sound internal quality assurance framework in place to provide:

- Support for the development of university policy and procedures regarding the quality of teaching and learning
- Support and advice on learning and teaching issues
- Assistance and facilitation of the best practice for the course design
- Annual monitoring and periodic review of the degree programs
- Involvement of students in the university quality process
- Analysis of feedback from employers and graduates



Furthermore, Center has 15 years of successful experience in participation in a number of the EU's Tempus projects dedicated to quality assurance. The most recent one, Documentation for Quality Assurance of Study Programs, started in 2011 and aims to define and implement the online documentation system for the quality assurance of study programs consistent with the European Standards and Guidelines for internal quality assurance.

The Legal Education Center

The Center was established with the support of Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) within the “Azerbaijan Rights Consortium” project in January 2013.

The center conducts regular, high-quality curriculum-based trainings for young lawyers to strengthen their theoretical and practical skills. It also develops legal publications covering a broad range of legal areas.

To ensure reputability and quality of its services, the center attracts outstanding legal professionals and practitioners to teach the courses. It is also envisioned that young lawyers and law students will be accompanying professional lawyers during strategic litigations, court hearings, rendering legal advice and consultations.



Area Studies Centers

Several centers – EU Studies, Iranian Studies, Korean Studies, and Chinese Studies are housed on Neftchilar campus and support advanced studies and research in the chosen area. Currently, the University is in the process of establishing the Islamic World Studies Center.

The EU Study Center was established within a framework of EU's TEMPUS project. It is a workplace for students and academics to carry out research in the field of EU studies. The partnership with leading European Universities and the continuous exchange of new ideas with practitioners and scholars allow the Center to strengthen its research goals and produce a high-level combination of conceptual and practical expertise on all major EU policies.

The Iranian Studies Center operates as a focal point for the students and researchers who are willing to strengthen their knowledge about Iran and Persian world. It offers language classes as well as short sessions on cultural and historical issues.

The Korean Center was founded in 2012 with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Azerbaijan and is run by native Korean speakers. It offers Korean language classes for students and hosts seminars, lectures and workshops on the history, politics, economics and culture of Korea.

Likewise, the Confucius Institute branch was opened in 2013 with the support of the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Azerbaijan. It is a hub for Chinese language, culture, history and philosophy studies, and it offers Chinese classes to Khazar University students, staff, and the general public.



The Institute of Politics

The Institute is an independent, neutral organization committed to public policy research, analysis and education. The Institute holds regular conferences, seminars, workshops and panel discussions with various public officials, diplomats and scholars as well as student-oriented workshops, such as crisis simulation exercises on various issues. It has offered a wide range of programs and resources including speakers, visiting and resident fellows, study groups, conferences, and internships.



Migration Competence Center

The Migration Competence Center, which was established within the framework of the EU's Tempus project, aims to foster and conduct academic research, train academicians, researchers, students, and practitioners; disseminate research results conducted under its auspices; and raise public awareness through seminars, conferences, publications, the internet, and the mass media.

The center provides a migration-related database on national, regional and international levels. It is also committed to actively collaborating with other academic institutions, government and non-government organizations, and the local community.

Khazar Training Center

Khazar Training Center helps the community fulfill their life-long learning needs by providing non-degree courses and trainings upon request for various age groups. It provides preparatory courses that have been designed to meet the requirements of the State Students' Admission Commission and give trainees a solid foundation in selected subjects. The courses demand regular attendance and home assignments, and the classes are delivered throughout the academic year.

The Training Center also offers courses in foreign languages and computer science for the wider public. It provides services on preparation for TOEFL, IELTS, GMAT, GRI, and SAT exams, etc.



The E-Learning Center



The E-Learning Center reflects the University's vision of a learning environment where information technology and electronic communication facilitate teaching and learning process.

The center trains instructors in effective use of ICT in education. It also provides workshops for faculty staff on how to plan, design, develop, and update online courses.

The Center uses the Moodle learning management system to deliver e-learning courses and track student progress.

The classes are held in e-learning room, which was established with the support of Azercell Telecom Company.



Khazar Internet Institute



The Institute's goal is to promote the notion of digital culture among university staff and students. It carries out various web projects for the university and organizes and participates in different contests and competitions; for example, it supported the Android Era 1 and 2 competitions organized by Google Technology Users Groups by providing space. The Institute plans to open a laboratory for writing, testing and deployment of mobile applications.

Khazar University Innovation Center



The main purpose of the Innovation Center is to provide an environment for interactions between technology-based businesses and the university's research community for collaborative research and easy access to the university's library, labs, equipment, services, and other resources.

The Center enriches the academic mission by acting as a "living laboratory" where ideas generated in classrooms and labs are tested in a real-world environment. It helps to attract and retain the best faculty and students. It also assists startup companies by providing a variety of services including training, business advice, financial and technology support, physical space and networking.

The Innovation Center has a Business Incubator, which transforms knowledge and new ideas of technology-based businesses into useful products and services to enrich human lives and spur economic development. The Incubator develops promising research and technology projects and transforms them into viable startups.

It also assists young companies by providing a variety of services including training, business advice, financial and technology support, physical space and networking.



Khazar University Technopark

The Technopark will be housed in the new Binagadi campus. It is run by the Khazar University Innovation Center, which provides business incubation and support for startups.

The main focus areas include but are not limited to ICT, Film and Animation, Energy, Biotech, Electronics, Civil Engineering, Multimedia, Robotics and other industries.



The Technopark, founded in 2013, is a brand-new establishment of the university that aims to increase university-industry relations and to provide a physical space where cutting edge technological developments can overlap with university research and training.



Translation Studies Center

The Center's objective is to create unique research opportunities, giving rise to collaboration between scholars who have worked in distinct fields of research. It conducts translations of academic papers, fiction, and philosophical and technical works into and from the Azerbaijani language.

By attracting experienced professionals as well as young specialists to its activities, the Center holds conferences and symposiums on various issues concerning translation and organizes discussion sessions on Lexicology, Literary Translation, Translation of Poetry, Theories and Techniques of Translation, etc. One of the most challenging ongoing projects of the Center is the development and publishing of the Khazar English-Azerbaijani Comprehensive Dictionary in 6 volumes.

The Center closely cooperates with other academic departments and research centers of the University, who add their expertise on commercial and legal translations.

HR Department

The HR Department is responsible for all functions dealing with the needs and activities of the university employees. The department constantly attracts the best candidates for vacant positions at the university. It also takes part in hiring and firing processes. The Department provides orientation for newcomers, as well as specialized professional trainings, seminars and workshops for current employees. The HR department acknowledges the university employees for their hard work by giving out certificates and rewards.



Khazar University Press

Khazar University Press produces publications related to academic and literary fields, such as textbooks, selected poetry and fiction, monographs, conference procedures, scholarly journals, magazines, and research papers. It also publishes translations from English and other languages into Azerbaijani and vice versa.

The regularly published issues of the *Khazar Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* (Former *Journal of Azerbaijani Studies*) and *Azerbaijan Archaeology Journal* are among the most well-known academic publications in Azerbaijan. Khazar University Press also issues the monthly "*Khazar Review*" magazine including articles in three languages (English, Azerbaijani, and Russian) in a wide range of fields.

Khazar University Press also acts as the national ISBN and ISMN agency and owns the Printing House.



E-Media

Since 2009, Khazar University has been broadcasting from the Voice of Khazar internet radio and TV. Its 24-hour, world-wide broadcasts present programs on news, national and classical music, discussions and interviews, poetry, etc. This is Azerbaijan's first university radio station. DJs are students of Khazar University.

The E-Media Center deals with audio, video and photo materials of Khazar University. Its goal is to establish an archive of photo and video materials.

The main activities of the center are:

- shooting photo and video about Khazar University and its events
- editing videos and produce various PR products (clips, films, etc.)





Khazar Museums and Cultural Centers

Khazar University runs a number of centers and museums:

- Azerbaijani Cultural Center
- Carpet Museum
- Jewelry Museum
- Center of National Costumes
- Doll Museum, which is located at Dunya School

The Azerbaijani Cultural Center contains a carpet museum as well as hosts regular exhibitions of Azerbaijani arts, jewelry and national instruments and organizes cultural events. The university also runs a workshop of carpet making, where an elective course in arts is held for the students to acquire carpet making skills.

Khazar University's Jewelry Museum serves not only as a museum, but also as a workshop for students who choose Jewelry Arts as an elective course.

The national costumes of Azerbaijan, the Caucasus region and other countries are gathered in the Center of National Costumes.

The students make most of these folk dresses themselves at the Sewing Studio for National Costumes. The same clothing is worn by the members of the Khazar University Dance Ensemble, enabling them to perform various traditional dances more vividly and naturally.

