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ALWAYS LEADING THE WAY

STATEMENT OF THE FOUNDER



Dear Friend,

The Khazar University motto of “always leading the way” has a long history. Its conceptual blueprint was developed by defining its own character and based on the experience of the foremost higher education institutions of Europe and America. When the university opened its doors in early 1991, it became the first private university in the (Soviet) Republic of Azerbaijan, and in fact, in the entire former Soviet Union.

One of the key characteristics of Khazar that sets it apart from its peer universities in Azerbaijan is its commitment to use English as the main medium of instruction, preparing alumni to keep up with cutting-edge developments in their fields as they go out into a rapidly globalizing world. Khazar is a research-oriented university, maintaining many knowledge centers and a publishing house that regularly produces monographs, textbooks, transactions of conferences, and several academic journals. It has also won recent recognition for its overall quality:

- In January 2011, the Khazar University Institutional Repository (the online service of the Library and Information Center) was ranked first in all of the Caucasus and Central Asia.
- In September 2012, Khazar was recognized by QS World University Rankings as one of the top 700 universities in the world.
- In October 2011, when Khazar was freshly accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic, the Minister of Education Misir Mardanov commented that other Azerbaijani universities should learn from Khazar's example.

Khazar has always been committed to academic freedom. It also strives to cultivate a rich cultural life, encouraging the expression of both Azerbaijani and international traditions, values, and arts. Khazar places a strong emphasis on international partnerships and programs, regularly participating in exchanges of students, scholars and instructors with universities around the world.

But Khazar is more than just a university. It offers a system of education for all ages, from preschool, primary and secondary school (via its affiliate “Dunya” School) all the way to PhD and post-doctorate studies. And even beyond being an educational institution, Khazar is an environment that nourishes people's love of knowledge and culture, whetting their desire to work and learn. Its atmosphere is a magnet attracting scholars and students to the joy of challenge and discovery.

I hope that in the following pages, you will get a feel for what Khazar University has to offer and how you can get involved with us as we lead the way!

Sincerely,

Hamlet Isaxanli

Khazar University Founder

Chairman of Board of Directors and Trustees

WELCOME TO KHAZAR

Khazar University was established on March 18, 1991. It is an educational institution for undergraduate, graduate and professional studies promoting advanced study and research, educational policy and development in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Khazar is the first private University in Azerbaijan, and one of the first in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Khazar University provides high quality education for each student in all fields and all levels of study offered by the university.

Khazar University is the first in Azerbaijan to apply a student-centered system with a flexible credit-based education model and the first university where the primary medium of instruction is English. This enables our students to obtain first-hand knowledge and gives them access to all major academic resources worldwide. Khazar University's curricula and course development are based on the leading education models.

The university is renowned for its international reputation. **Khazar** cooperates with many leading universities worldwide in the fields of education, research and academic exchange.



International Summer School
Study Trip

Most of the **Khazar** faculty members have either received their education or undergone their professional training in higher education institutions worldwide. Since its foundation, the university has been home to many international students from various continents and cultures. International students constitute about 15% of the total student body at the university.

The classes at the university are conducted on 4 educational campuses: *Neftchilar Campus*;

the *Downtown Campus*; *Alatava Campus* (home of “Dunya” School); and the *Binagadi Campus*, which is now under construction and will house classrooms, an athletic center, dormitory and more.

Khazar nurtures a good learning environment and friendly people. One-to-one contact with professors, personal attention to every student, and quality of education are among the main characteristics of **Khazar University**.



Khazar University
Staff

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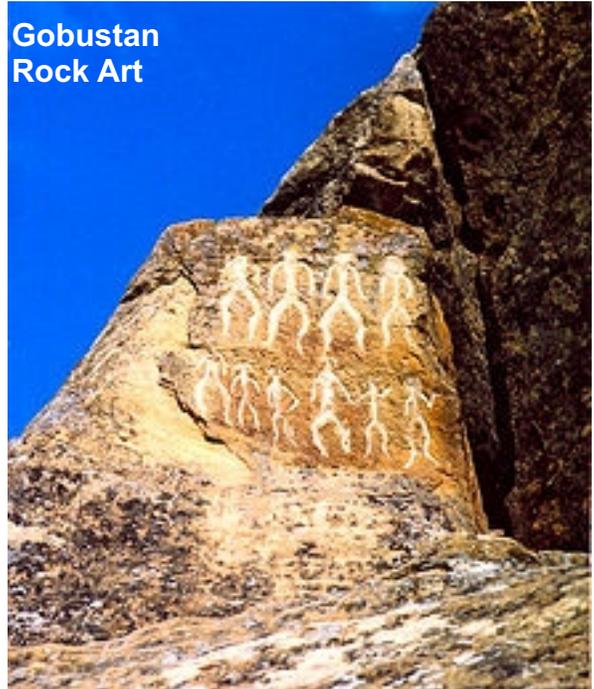


The Republic of Azerbaijan is located in the southeastern part of the *Caucasus* and Southeastern Europe. Bordering *Iran* on the south, *Turkey* on the southwest, *Armenia* on the west, *Georgia* on the northwest and *Dagestan* (an Autonomous Republic of the Russian Federation) on the north, Azerbaijan merges on the east with the Caspian (Khazar) Sea, the largest landlocked reservoir in the world.

The Republic of Azerbaijan is geographically diverse, ranging from snow-covered mountains to subtropical

forests. Although quite mountainous, the country has a varied terrain including canyons, valleys, forests, steppes, rivers, lakes and the Caspian Sea coastline. Large areas are irrigated and crops include cotton, fruits, grain, tea, tobacco and vegetables.

As an ancient country, **Azerbaijan** reflects rich history and original culture. Many different ethnic groups live side-by-side here. The region is known for its deep musical traditions, including widespread appreciation for all kinds of music, from classical and opera performances to playful poetry sung by minstrels to the complex improvisation of “mugham” singing. Azerbaijan also boasts a long history of literature and highly-developed poetry, a strong intellectual tradition, and the development of ancient textile arts, such as carpet making.



**Gobustan
Rock Art**



National Dances

Azerbaijan is rich in oil, gas and other minerals, which are extracted in the Baku region. The presence of oil on the Absheron Peninsula has been known since the 5th century, and by the 15th century oil for lamps was obtained from surface wells. Modern commercial exploitation began in 1872. The world's first oil pipeline and first oil tanker were made in Azerbaijan. In 1901, Azerbaijan produced half of the world's oil output.

During their studies, students have many opportunities to make sightseeing trips around Azerbaijan.

WELCOME TO BAKU

Baku, the capital of the *Republic of Azerbaijan* and the largest city in the Caucasus region, is located in the shore of the *Caspian Sea* on the *Absheron Peninsula*. It is the political, industrial, intellectual, educational and cultural center of the country. The population of Baku is over two million.

Baku is unique in its climate: it has the greatest number of sunny days and the least amount of precipitation in the Caucasus. Frequent winds purify the air, making it cooler in summer and more bitter in winter.



Maiden Tower



Ateshgah - Fire Temple

The core of present-day Baku is the old town, or fortress of Icherisheher, with the 27 m (90 ft) -high tower of **Qiz Qalasi** (*Maiden's Tower*, 12th century). The old town is highly picturesque, with its maze of narrow alleys and ancient buildings. Notable historic buildings date back to the 11th century. The first historical reference to Baku dates from AD 885,

although archaeological evidence indicates a settlement there several centuries before.

Baku is proud to have witnessed many “firsts” in the Muslim world: it was home to the first *Opera* and *polyphonic music*, the first *Drama Theater*, and the first *metro* (underground) in the **Muslim World**, to name only few.



Baku at night



Flame Towers

Aside from being a historical center full of museums, such as: *Carpet Museum*, *Museum of Arts*, *History Museum*, etc., and educational sites to visit, **Baku** is currently home to many international businesses and organizations. It is never difficult to find a concert, conference, or event to attend.

SCHOOLS AND FIELDS

Khazar is composed of four independent schools:

- **School of Engineering and Applied Sciences**
- **School of Economics and Management**
- **School of Humanities and Social Sciences**
- **School of Education**

United by the same academic policy and principles, the schools offer a wide scope of diverse majors in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering, Applied Sciences, Economics, Management and Business Administration, and Education.

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Engineering is the application of science and mathematics to the solution of relevant problems in our society. The accelerating pace of industrial, environmental and technological developments has created an ever-increasing demand for highly qualified, professional engineers to maintain the momentum already achieved, and to extend and direct its course.

The complexities of today's environment are such that all resources must be used in the best possible manner. **The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS)**, through its **BS, MS and PhD** programs, strives to educate and train engineers and experts in applied science who have the breadth of vision to formulate and solve the problems of today and the future. It is expected that a student who conscientiously applies himself or herself and successfully completes one of these broad engineering and applied science programs will be not only technically trained but also humanly and socially educated with management skills, and thus well prepared to make a significant contribution to the world in which he or she works.



The SEAS recognizes that skills must be continually upgraded to meet the modern challenges. Thus the main objectives of the school are to:

- achieve a combination of science, technology and management skills
- serve the interests and needs of students, industry and new market economy requirements.

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences provides methods of training that are flexible in terms of their format, time and location, and it offers the following majors:

1. Computer Science (BS, MS, PhD)
2. Computer Engineering (BS, MS, PhD)
3. Petroleum and Gas Engineering (BS, MS, PhD)
4. Civil Engineering (BS)
5. Electronics, Telecommunication and Radio Engineering (BS)
6. Mathematics (MS, PhD)
7. Chemical Engineering (BS)^{NEW}
8. Bio-Medical Engineering (BS)^{NEW}



SCHOOLS AND FIELDS

The School of Economics and Management

Established in 1991, the *School of Economics and Management (SEM)* at **Khazar University** has become a leading business school in **Azerbaijan** and the broader region, and it has earned an international reputation for its commitment to quality and innovation in the design and delivery of its programs and courses.

It has been a *pioneer* in the introduction and development of an open Western learning system in **Azerbaijan**, adapted to regional needs.



The *SEM* offers undergraduate, graduate and professional programs leading to **Bachelor's, Master's, MBA and PhD** degrees.

With its outstanding faculty and dedicated students, the school envisions its mission as developing specialists in *Economics, International Economics, Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Management, International Business* and other areas, who can successfully perform in national and international business environments.

The **objectives** of the school are:

- To create an educational platform upon which the graduates can build business and social capability through a lifetime of continuing growth and development
- To provide career opportunities in a wide variety of professional fields
- To provide a general understanding of managerial processes that apply to both private and public sectors



SEM offers the following majors:

1. Accounting and Auditing (BBA, MBA)
2. Finance (BBA, MBA)
3. Economics (BBA, MBA, PhD)
4. Management (BBA, MBA, PhD)
5. Marketing (BBA, MBA)
6. Business Administration (General) (BBA, MBA, PhD)
7. Tourism and Hotel Management (BBA)^{NEW}

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The School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The *School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)* is the largest academic division of Khazar University and offers undergraduate and graduate programs leading to **Bachelor's, Master's** and **PhD** degrees in a wide range of disciplines.

The faculty of SHSS is drawn predominantly from teachers and scholars with solid Western European and North American training. The student body at the SHSS is intellectually distinguished and diverse in interests. Since the primary language of instruction and research is English and the curricula correspond to the standards of leading higher



education institutions, students, faculty and researchers are capable of keeping pace with global developments in their fields, utilizing best practices and effectively communicating with scholarly communities all over the globe.

The SHSS is an organic academic unit where most of the programs and courses offered involve diversity of concepts, explore interdisciplinary topics, and enable students to gain valuable exposure to historical practices, current research in their fields, and “hot topics” in policy and ethics.

SHSS offers the following majors:

1. Political Science (BA, MA)
2. International Relations (BA, MA)
3. Area Studies (Asian Studies, European Studies, Middle East Studies, American Studies) (BA, MA)
4. English Language/Literature (BA)
5. Translation Studies (BA, MA)
6. Journalism (BA, MA)
7. Psychology (BA)
8. Archaeology (PhD)
9. Social Philosophy (PhD)



SCHOOLS AND FIELDS

The School of Education



The organic unity of academic knowledge, professional training and practice is the foundation of all programs concerning preparation of teachers, educators, scholars and administrators. Accordingly, the main objectives of the *School of Education* are:

- To conduct research in various fields of education
- To develop educational policy and strategy
- To nurture future teachers with a breadth of knowledge in education, humanities, and sciences, and equip them with advanced skills and modern teaching methods

Special attention is paid to transferring skills and knowledge that would enable the students to creatively combine national values and traditions with universal values and norms in their future teaching, research and human development activities.

The *School of Education* is engaged in various research and consultation activities in relation to education, and for this purpose it cooperates with the **Ministry of Education, World Bank** and **other institutions**. The school also provides in-service training for professionals in the field of education and human development as well as other educational services.

The major **aim** of the school is to train teachers and educators qualified to teach at every educational level. The theoretical as well as applied courses that the school offers enable prospective teachers to become professionals who are constantly in touch with recent scientific and technological developments and who have the willingness and capacity to apply these developments to their own teaching activities.

The School provides the following majors:

1. Elementary Education (BA)
2. Azerbaijani Language and Literature (BA, MA, PhD)
3. Azerbaijani Language and Literature Education (BA)
4. Mathematics and Computer Education (BA)
5. Chemistry and Biology Education (BA)
6. History and Geography Education (BA)
7. General Linguistics (MA)
8. English Language and Literature Education (BA, MA)



Dunya School

The Dunya School (a preschool, primary and secondary school) was founded in September 1998 under the auspices of **Khazar University**. The School is accredited by the **Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan**. *Dunya School* has also been an accredited **IBO school** since January 2009, at which point it implemented a course of study through which pupils graduate with the prestigious and globally-recognized **International Baccalaureate degree**.

Khazar University plays an important role in arranging the school curriculum and in employing qualified professionals to staff *Dunya School*. The university and school also cooperate to host some of their respective cultural and educational activities, such as seminars with special guests, concerts and performances, poetry nights, talent shows and other events.

The School believes that each child is a unique individual who needs a secure, caring, and stimulating atmosphere in which to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially. Its mission is to create an environment that enables both the students and the staff to experience success. It strives to help the students utilize critical thinking in their response to the events of daily life. It also seeks to engage the students in the development of moral, social and academic skills so that they can contribute positively to society.

The main aims of *Dunya School* are:

- To provide programs through which each child may explore his/her creative potentials
- To provide a well-rounded program of instruction using the best educational practices appropriate to the cultural, intellectual and social needs of the students
- To provide educational resources for a safe, challenging, tolerant, and supportive environment in which students are actively encouraged to participate
- To carry out a successful working partnership between parents and teachers, which is essential to each child's development and well-being
- To provide an environment where the students and teachers remain healthy and safe
- To help all the students to acquire self discipline and achieve good standards so that they can make a positive and active contribution to the life of the school
- To help all children to feel valued and to have respect for other people and the world in which they live.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Khazar University has a long tradition of international cooperation. Since its establishment, international affiliations have become one of the major goals of the university. Khazar is actively engaged in collaborative projects and partnerships all over the world. The current objective is to focus on the content and quality of international cooperation in order to make internationalization a balanced element of education and research.

International cooperation is a prerequisite for ensuring the sustainability and quality of teaching and research at a university. Cultivating a network of international relations allows Khazar University to boost the mobility of its academic staff and students, and to make the unique educational and research opportunities of Azerbaijan available to students and faculty abroad.



My name is Lee Youn-Hong. A master Degree student in the Department of Azerbaijani Language and Literature at Khazar University. At present I reside in Baku with my beloved wife and 3-year-old daughter and I enjoy friendly and high quality education environment at Khazar University.

Lee Youn Hong
South Korea

By participating in various consortiums of universities, Khazar University strives to intensify different types of exchanges and to widen possibilities for internationalization of studies and research.

Active participation within bilateral partnership agreements and European programs has promoted wide cooperation activities within the ERASMUS program. The number of agreements with partner universities has grown in anticipation of more intensive exchanges of students and teachers.

Khazar University has become an attractive place to study both for full-time and exchange international students. Many visiting professors are involved in the study process and the faculty is active in involving more and more visiting fellows in the university.

Khazar University is a unique environment. It is positive and forward-thinking, always looking to establish a new connection or help a student start a new project. I've been impressed by how friendly people are; it seems that even the most highly respected professors and administrators are very accessible and ready to lend a hand. I've also been impressed that the university welcomes and uses many languages on all levels of its operations. Its system is flexible enough to allow people to pursue their own interests, but well enough established to be a launch pad for great endeavors.



Martha Lawry
USA

The internationalization processes take place in the following areas:

- Bilateral cooperation agreements with over 50 universities all over the world
- Membership in consortiums of universities such as: European University Association; Eurasia University Union (EURAS), Black Sea University Association; Caspian University Association; Alliance of Universities for Democracy; International Information Security Research Consortium; and Caucasus International Consortium for Academic Cooperation (CICAC)
- Participation in international educational and research programs and projects
- Exchanges of students and academic staff
- International cooperation on the faculty, institute, department and individual levels.

The University of Khazar leaves me with very good impressions. The professionalism and the dedication of the academic staff are enviable. I was pleasantly surprised by the close contacts between students and teachers. The students may include themselves in different groups according to their personal interests and it is great opportunity for them. In the University runs a life, which shows European direction of the methods and the training purposes. I can only wish successful creative and personal matters of the academic staff and of the students.



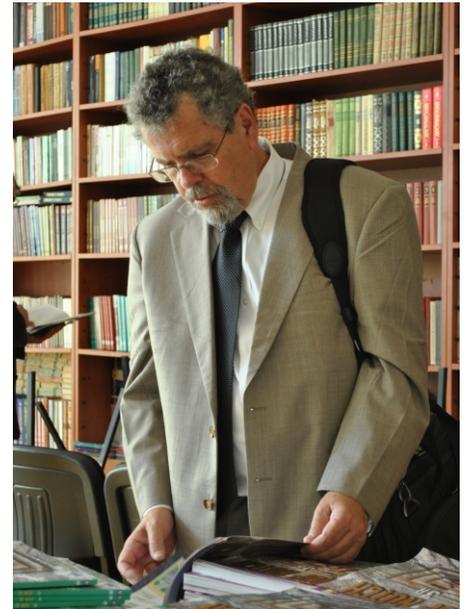
Reneta Zlateva,
PhD student at the University of Rouse,
Bulgaria

(Erasmus Mundus Exchange
Program beneficiary)

FACILITIES

Library and Information Center (LIC)

As a dynamic partner of the university's community, the Khazar University LIC supports and enriches the university's mission and its commitment to learning, teaching, scholarly research and community outreach. The LIC is a unique entity in Azerbaijan, providing access to a variety of electronic resources, training, professional consultations, and assistance. Khazar University holds the largest library collection among private universities and the largest collection in the English language in Azerbaijan.



The LIC collects printed and electronic materials in modern European and Eastern languages in the fields of Business Studies, Economics and Management, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Education, Social Sciences, Political Science and International Relations, Legal Studies, Language Studies, etc. Approximately 75% of the library materials are in English. Textbooks and monographs published all over the world, as well as publications of Khazar University Press, are widely represented in the library.

Cafeterias



In addition to nutritious meals, the University Cafeterias serve food for special events, theme meals, ethnic parties, holiday celebrations and more, allowing the university community to get together and enjoy good times.

The University Cafeterias, located on all campuses of the university, serve a variety of delicious dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and are open from Monday through Saturday.



Health Care Center and Khazar Psychological Counseling and Psychotherapy Center

The Health Care Center is available free to all students, faculty and staff. It provides basic medical services, including primary ambulatory medical care, some immunizations, and first aid. In conjunction with the services of the Health Care Center, separate psychological care and moral support are offered through the Khazar Psychological Counseling and Psychotherapy Center.



Career Center

The Career Center conducts individual and group career consulting and assessment sessions to assist students in: evaluating career opportunities and making strategic decisions; preparing job applications, resume/CVs and cover letters for interviews; planning and preparing for graduate school; and obtaining information on international fellowship and scholarship programs.

The Career Center provides information resources that enable students to take active responsibility for their career decisions and job search. The Center establishes relationships with potential employers in order to provide students with professional skills, integrate academic education with work, and explore employment opportunities.



Student Union

The Student Union (SU) is the leading student organization of Khazar University. It is an elected body governed in accordance with its own regulations by a Student Senate composed of the SU President, Vice-President and Committee leaders. The SU has 10 Committees dealing with the following areas: Education; Culture; Sports; Law; Media (Radio, TV, Magazine); Public Relations; International Relations; Foreign Students; Grant Research; and Debate.



Celebrating 20th anniversary of Khazar University



Media

Khazar University is proud to host its own internet radio station and online TV channel (both available at <http://radiokhazar.org>). The producers and DJs of the radio and TV broadcasts are students.

The university also runs a publishing house and printing press, producing several academic journals (Khazar Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Azerbaijan Archeology), a monthly magazine (Khazar View), and countless monographs and textbooks.



Entertainment and Events

The Department of Music and Fine Arts promotes the cultural activities of the university. It also plays an active role in graduation ceremonies and other formal activities, mainly through the participation of its choir and dance ensembles.

Concerts, holiday celebrations and other events at Khazar make it one of Baku's rich cultural centers.



Performance of 'Sevil' Opera at Khazar



Opening Ceremony of Academic Year

The university frequently hosts events, such as concerts, opera and national dance performances, poetry evenings, "jubilee" birthday celebrations for senior intellectuals and scholars, seminars, conferences, and more.

Extracurricular Activities

Students at Khazar participate in various clubs, organizations and activities outside of classes.

These include sports such as soccer, volleyball, basketball and various types of martial arts; chess; movie and conversation clubs; charity projects; and a number of student interest clubs and groups, including CLIO for students interested in different aspects of history, Humor Club, Dancing Club, Foreign Languages Studies Club, and more.



Sport is an important part of our life



Khazar at Children's Home No.3

Students and staff are also involved in charity activities benefitting the community including visits to the orphanage houses and to local nursing home, blood donation drives, sharing holiday celebrations with local war veterans, and putting on concerts and fund drives in order to pay for treatment for local handicapped residents.

KHAZAR UNIVERSITY

Alumni

Khazar Alumni are very successful in employment; they work in private, public and non-profit sectors, employed by international and multinational companies, organizations and financial institutions in Azerbaijan as well as around the world. Many of them occupy high positions, and many pursue their graduate degrees at top universities across the world. Quite a number



of them have established their own companies in tourism, retail, and production, and other industries. The Khazar University Alumni office administers the programs and initiatives to connect and return alumni to Khazar University, maintaining relationships with them and providing opportunities for them to remain involved in university life and events.

Symbols

Khazar University has its own Students' Waltz, Hymn, and Dunya School Song, which are available as mp3 files on the website (www.khazar.org).



Hymn of Khazar University

Lyrics by: **Hamlet Isakhanli**
(translated into English by Alison Mandaville and M. Lawry)
Music by: **V. Adigozelov** and **R. Mustafayev**



My Khazar University

From stately Baku on my Caspian shores,
My Khazar University illuminates the world,
Lessons in poetry, the arts, and humanities
Unlock the secrets of the Universe, my Khazar University.

Embrace of Life,

A pure place in my heart,

A warm hearth of best resolve:

This is my Khazar.

Fiery call of my youth,

From deep seas to lofty mountains,

A beloved flowering garden:

This is my Khazar.

A name renowned, sought throughout the land,
So many vows of love whispered in these arms –
My life still fills with meaning; my soul strives from the summits;
Inspiration's bright spring overflows from my Khazar.

KHAZAR MUSEUMS



The university runs a carpet museum and workshop to display the ancient Azerbaijani art of carpet making. An elective course is also held in the workshop for students to learn introductory carpet making skills.

In 2007, Khazar University founded a jewelry museum within the university.



It serves not only as a museum, but also a workshop where students who choose Jewelry Art as an elective course learn practical jeweler skills.



The national clothing made, collected and maintained by the special team of the **National Clothing Museum** also allows the young men and women of the Khazar University Dance Ensembles to perform various nations' traditional dances more vividly and naturally.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Admission

The International Office is the first and the main contact point for prospective international students with regards to admission, transfer and enrollment, and for international students already studying at Khazar University. The International Office takes care of all matters relating to the exchange of students and staff to and from Khazar. Application forms and other important information are available on the International Page at <http://www.khazar.org/s818/International/en>, or you may contact the International Office staff directly: fasadov@khazar.org, ashadlinskaya@khazar.org; mmukhuradze@khazar.org.

Tuition fees

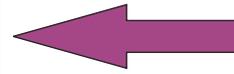
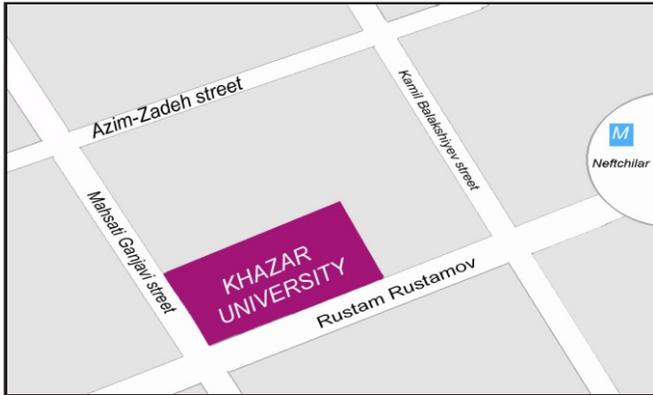
Tuition fees may be subject to change. Starting from the 2011 academic year, the annual tuition fee for international students is 5000 AZN. The tuition fee does not include room and board.



Cost of living in Baku

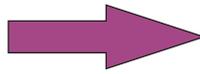
Apart from university fees and accommodation costs, there are various costs that prospective international students need to be aware of. Outlined below are some figures from a recent survey conducted among present international students which show their average expenditures. The cost for accommodation varies depending on size, location, conveniences and readiness to share it with roommates. Monthly rent for a one bedroom apartment varies from 150-350 AZN; a two bedroom apartment – 200-450 AZN. Students may choose to share apartments to lower their rent costs. (Tenants are expected to pay for utilities, approximately 50-60 AZN per month). Monthly expenditures for food are 150-200 AZN. Regarding transportation, one ride on the underground or a bus is 0.20 AZN.

MAPS AND ADDRESSES



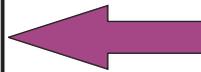
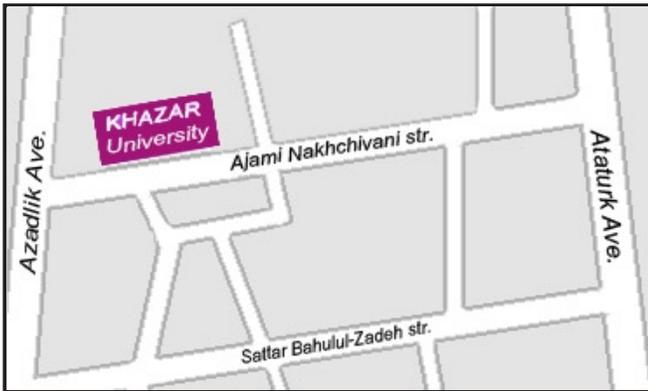
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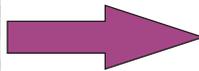
Downtown Campus

122, Bashir Safaroglu street, Baku,
Az1009, Azerbaijan



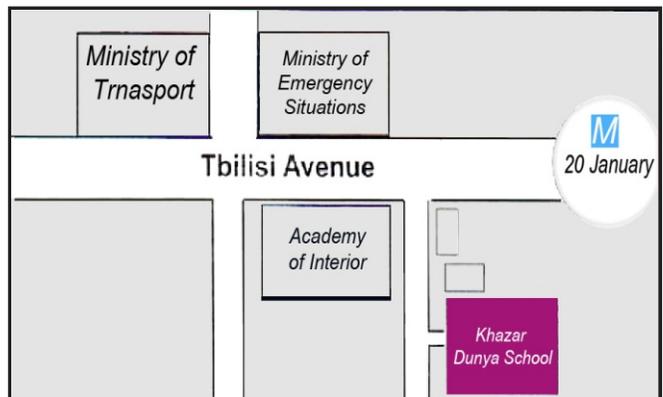
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