

**AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION  
NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY**

**KAZAKH LANGUAGE POLICY IN THE AUTONOMOUS  
ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION “NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY”**

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the autonomous organization of education “Nazarbayev University”  
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## 1. General statements

1. Kazakh language policy in the autonomous organisation of education «Nazarbayev University» (hereinafter – Policy) aims at proposing new policies governing the Kazakh Language curriculum at the autonomous organisation of education «Nazarbayev University» (hereinafter – NU).

2. The following abbreviations and terms are used in the present Policy:

NU	Nazarbayev University;
SHSS	School of Humanities and Social Sciences;
Kazakh Department	Department of Kazakh Language, Literature and Culture;
KLFT	The test developed by the Kazakh Language, Literature and Culture Department to check and ensure that NU students have a thorough understanding of the Kazakh language through a fluency test;
KAZTEST	The test developed by the National Testing Center under the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan to evaluate the level of knowledge of the state language by citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan as well as foreign nationals engaging into various activities on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
NTC	National Testing Center.

## 2. Kazakh language courses

3. Kazakh courses are courses taught by SHSS Kazakh Language, Literature and Culture Department (hereinafter – Kazakh Department).

4. For purposes of this Policy:

1) Kazakh Basic Language courses are courses specifically teaching Kazakh language skills at the beginner, intermediate, and upper intermediate level.

2) Advanced Kazakh courses are as follows: Dramatic Reading, Academic Kazakh, Rhetoric, Kazakh Culture, Kazakh Literature, Business Kazakh, Professional Kazakh, etc.

3) The Intensive course is an intensive 60 hour course taught over four weeks.

### **3. Kazakh Language Policy requirements for students beginning at NU in 2013-14 and after**

#### 5. Requirements for Graduation:

1) Every student must at a minimum pass the Intermediate, stage 2 KAZTEST with at least 60% correct on all three sections (reading, grammar, listening) before they may graduate. This may be done at any time the test is given at NU.

2) Every student must pass a minimum of six credits (two 3-credit courses) in Kazakh Language, Literature or Culture before graduation.

#### 6. Procedures:

1) Beginning students will be given the stage 1, diagnostic KAZTEST during student orientation. This test will be administered to students free of charge at NU by the National Testing Center (hereinafter – NTC).

2) Based on the results of their diagnostic KAZTEST, students will be placed either in a 3 credit Kazakh Basic Language course or cleared to enroll in Advanced Kazakh courses.

3) All Kazakh Department courses will be taught as 3-credit courses. All Kazakh Department courses taken for credit will be graded, appear on the transcript, and will be included in calculating the student's overall NU GPA for graduation. In addition Schools may maintain separately defined GPAs.

4) Only six credits of Kazakh Basic Language courses will count toward graduation. Subsequent Kazakh Basic Language courses will be considered remedial instruction and will not be graded or counted as retake courses.

5) The stage 2 KAZTEST will be given each year in April for all students who have not yet passed the test, or for those students who are graduating and voluntarily wish to have their KAZTEST certificates updated from earlier years. The KAZTEST levels will be offered to different levels of students, but the provisional minimum level for passage is Intermediate. Tests will be given at NU by the NTC .

6) Students who have not passed the Intermediate-level KAZTEST, will be required to enroll in the 3-credit Kazakh Intensive course taught each year for four weeks in May/June.

7) The Intermediate-level KAZTEST will be administered again at the end of the Intensive course to all those enrolled in the course.

8) For those students who continue to not achieve a passing grade on the KAZTEST, NU will provide subsequent aid in terms of tutorials, and extra instruction that will not be graded or bear graduation credit, and will not be included on transcripts.

#### 7. Kazakh Basic Language instruction in the University Preparatory Certificate Programme:

1) Students must take at least 50 minutes per week of Kazakh Basic Language while in the University Preparatory Certificate Programme.

2) Kazakh courses taken in the University Preparatory Certificate Programme will not count toward the graduation credits.

#### **4. Kazakh Language Policy Requirements for 2011-12 and 2012-13 student cohorts**

8. Students who are enrolled at NU as of May 1, 2013, will not be required to sit for the KAZTEST. The graduation requirement for these students will be to score 5.0 or better on the passing the KLFT.

9. Students who matriculated in fall 2011 will be required to take four one-credit Kazakh language courses through Spring 2013. Thereafter, if they have passed the KLFT they will need one 3-credit course in Advanced Kazakh to graduate, for a total of 7 credits of Kazakh language instruction of which 3 will count toward graduation.

10. Students who matriculated in fall 2012 will be required to take 2 one-credit Kazakh language courses through Spring 2013. If they have passed the KLFT they will need two 3-credit Advanced Kazakh courses to graduate, for a total of 8 credits of Kazakh language instruction of which 6 will count toward graduation.

1) Students who matriculated in Fall 2011 or Fall 2012 who do not achieve a score of 5.0 or above on the KLFT will be required to take the May/June 2013 Intensive course. At the end of that program, the KLFT will be administered again to students in this course.

2) Students who take the May/June 2013 Intensive course and do not achieve a score of 5.0 on the KLFT must continue taking Kazakh Basic Language courses and Intensive course until they pass the KLFT.

3) For students who matriculated in either Fall 2011 or Fall 2012, a maximum of two 3-credit Kazakh Basic Language courses taken in 2013-14 and later will count toward graduation. Subsequent Kazakh Basic Language courses will be considered remedial and will not be graded or counted as retake courses.

4) For those students who continue to not achieve a passing grade on the KLFT, the university will provide subsequent aid in terms of tutorials, and extra instruction that will not be graded or bear graduation credit, and will not be included on transcripts.

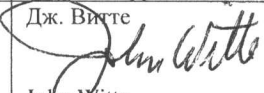


#### **5. Final provisions**

11. Evaluation and re-consideration of requirements and procedures:

1) In Spring 2015, the requirements and procedures described herein shall be re-evaluated and reconsidered.

2) Specifically the evaluation will include analysis of the roles of the KLFT and KAZTEST, taking into consideration developments in each test.

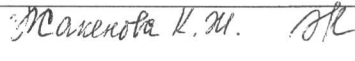
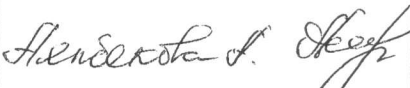
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