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Accreditation procedure at the Kazakh-American Free University in Ust-Kamenogorsk: Law (Bachelor), Law (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training), Law (PhD), Law and Customs Affairs (Bachelor), Law and Legal Enforcement (Bachelor), International Relations (Bachelor), International Relations (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training): decision

Dear Professor Mambetkaziyev,

On the 25 March 2021, the Kazakh-American Free University in Ust-Kamenogorsk engaged ACQUIN to carry out an assessment of the following study programmes: Law (Bachelor), Law (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training), Law (PhD), Law and Customs Affairs (Bachelor), Law and Legal Enforcement (Bachelor), International Relations (Bachelor), and International Relations (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training).

On receipt of the self-documentation, an expert group was appointed by ACQUIN. The members were:

Prof. Dr. Christoph Buchert,
University of Applied Sciences for Police and Public Administration in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

PD Dr. Fabian Steinhauer
Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Prof. Ph.D. Giorgio Potì
American University of Rome, Italy

Assem Oinarova,
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Amina Sainkumar
Kent LTD, Kazakhstan

Paulo Glowacki
BA Student, TU Dresden, Germany

On the 5-7 July 2022, the members of the peer group participated in discussion rounds with the Kazakh-American Free University in Ust-Kamenogorsk and wrote an evaluation report, which the university received for statement.

Based on the evaluation report of the expert group and the statement of the Higher Education Institution, the Accreditation Commission of ACQUIN has made its decision on 21 October 2022.

The study programmes are accredited with the following general and specific conditions and recommendations:

General condition

- **The website pages must be continuously maintained in all languages in order to provide all internal and external stakeholders with updated information on the essential aspects of the applicant, student, and alumni life cycles.**

General recommendations for all study programmes:

- The university should strive to provide more support and opportunities for incoming academic mobility of students and guest lecturers by utilising existing and establishing new partnerships, also trying to diversify where possible, including Europe and Latin America. More learning spaces for students should be created.
- The university should expand its efforts to identify new funding sources to support its initiatives for further development and internationalisation.
- On top of professional development opportunities in subject-specific areas, the university should provide regular further training in didactics and methodology for its teaching staff, on a mandatory basis.
- Scales used in the questionnaires should be more balanced, e.g., a 5 or 7-point scale with an even distribution of positive and negative assessment options.

Law (Bachelor)

The study programme in Law (Bachelor) is accredited without any specific conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30 June 2024.

The Higher Education Institution must submit documents that prove the fulfilment of the condition by 21 October 2023. If the Accreditation Commission comes to the conclusion that the condition is fulfilled, the accreditation will be extended until 30 September 2030. If the Higher Education Institution fails to prove the fulfilment of the condition in due time, the accreditation will not be extended.

The accreditation procedure may be suspended for up to 18 months after response from the Higher Education Institution, with the expectation that the Higher Education Institution will remedy the deficiencies within the given time frame. This statement must be submitted until 21 November 2022.

The following recommendation is given for the further development of the study programme:

- Current content from the areas of digitalisation, new technologies, and Islamic law should be anchored in the curriculum, in line with current professional standards, while going beyond the regional job market.

Law (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training)

The study programme in Law (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training) is accredited without any specific conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30 June 2024.

The Higher Education Institution must submit documents that prove the fulfilment of the condition by 21 October 2023. If the Accreditation Commission comes to the conclusion that the condition is fulfilled, the accreditation will be extended until 30 September 2030. If the Higher Education Institution fails to prove the fulfilment of the condition in due time, the accreditation will not be extended.

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Law (PhD)

The study programme in Law (PhD) is accredited without any specific conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30 June 2024.

The Higher Education Institution must submit documents that prove the fulfilment of the condition by 21 October 2023. If the Accreditation Commission comes to the conclusion that the condition is fulfilled, the accreditation will be extended until 30 September 2028. If the Higher Education Institution fails to prove the fulfilment of the condition in due time, the accreditation will not be extended.

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The following recommendation is given for the further development of the study programme:

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Law and Customs Affairs (Bachelor)

The study programme in Law and Customs Affairs (Bachelor) is accredited without any specific conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30 June 2024.

The Higher Education Institution must submit documents that prove the fulfilment of the condition by 21 October 2023. If the Accreditation Commission comes to the conclusion that the condition is fulfilled, the accreditation will be extended until 30 September 2028. If the Higher Education Institution fails to prove the fulfilment of the condition in due time, the accreditation will not be extended.

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The following recommendations are given for the further development of the study programme:

- The university should define the objectives more precisely so that the profile of the programme is more distinguishable from the other Law variations
- The university is encouraged to look into the possibilities of adding disciplines that take into account information security, the digital economy, and big data processing abilities to the study programme in order to further enhance it.

Law and Legal Enforcement (Bachelor)

The study programme in Law and Legal Enforcement (Bachelor) is accredited without any specific conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30 June 2024.

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International Relations (Bachelor)

The study programme in International Relations (Bachelor) is accredited without any specific conditions.

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The Higher Education Institution must submit documents that prove the fulfilment of the condition by 21 October 2023. If the Accreditation Commission comes to the conclusion that the condition is fulfilled, the accreditation will be extended until 30 September 2030. If the Higher Education Institution fails to prove the fulfilment of the condition in due time, the accreditation will not be extended.

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The following recommendations are given for the further development of the study programme:

- The potential areas of employment for the graduates of International Relations programmes should be stated more clearly so that the applicants are aware of their future employment possibilities. This should include both the website of the university and printed materials provided to potential students.
- Without abandoning the interdisciplinary character of the International Relations programmes, the university should identify and clearly propose to students a few specialisation options within the programme curriculum for individual profiling. These may be defined in terms of topics (globalisation, regional integration, conflict resolution, etc.), subjects (international relations theory, law, history, etc.), or area studies (Southeastern Europe, the

Caucasus, Eastern Asia, and Eurasian studies appear the most natural options given the location of the university and the foreign languages currently offered to students).

- The university should assign a specific person/office in charge of monitoring students' careers after graduation and collecting data on their areas of employment on a more structured and systematic basis.

International Relations (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training)

The study programme in International Relations (Master: 1-year Professional Orientated Training and 2-year Scientific and Pedagogical Oriented Training) is accredited without any specific conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30 June 2024.

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- The university should assign a specific person/office in charge of monitoring students' careers after graduation and collecting data on their areas of employment on a more structured and systematic basis.

For the accreditation of the study programmes, certificates with the seal of ACQUIN have been issued and attached to this letter.

On behalf of ACQUIN, I thank you for your trust and the cooperation. I wish you all the best and success for your programmes.

With kind regards

S. Kempgen

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Kempgen
Head of the
Accreditation Commission

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