



EXPERIENCE THE SUMMER IN KAZAKHSTAN

ABLAI KHAN  
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Ablai Khan University Summer School is your chance to learn languages, get to know a new culture, make friends and earn up to 8 ECTS. You can choose to join a Language Programme, a Regional Studies Programme or a Combined Programme.

## Language Programme

Learn Russian or Kazakh in multicultural city of Almaty

### Why join our programme?

- ➔ We teach Russian/Kazakh in small groups where students are placed according to their level of language competence starting from zero level up to B1-B2.
- ➔ Our instructors use an active, student-centered communicative approach to help students improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.
- ➔ All instructors are native speakers trained as teachers of Russian/Kazakh as a foreign language and holding a university degree in philology.

The programme covers the following modules:

- ❖ Practical Course of Russian/Kazakh
- ❖ Russian / Kazakh for Adaptation

- ❖ Russian / Kazakh Speaking Etiquette
- ❖ Reading Russian / Kazakh Stories
- ❖ Understanding of Modern Kazakhstan

The course includes activities focused on acquisition of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills through creatively organized individual, pair and group work.

The Language Programme provides **15 hours** of classes per week, **4 ECTS**.

### Assessment

Assessment for Summer School Language Programme is based upon the results of everyday performance and the final examination.



### Certification

Students who successfully complete the course are awarded with the **Certificate of Attendance and the Official Grades Transcript** of Ablai Khan University.



### TORFL

You can also register for the **Test of Russian as a Foreign Language** in our Testing Center accredited by the Russian University of Peoples' Friendship under supervision of the Consulate General of the Russian Federation.

# Regional Studies Programme

Regional map of Central Asia: current situation, perspectives and challenges

## Background

The 5 states of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) constitute the basic territorial core of Eurasia, an area of 4 million km<sup>2</sup> with a population of over 50 million people. In the early 90-s the Central Asian states entered a new stage of development. The independence and access to the international arena as independent subjects of international relations changed the status and political importance of the region. Nowadays, the countries of the Central Asian region are under close focus of world superpowers, international organizations and many researchers. This is due to the geostrategic importance of the region: the powerful mineral resources, the possibility of the development of transport and



communications, as well as the presence of a common border with Afghanistan, which has become one of the biggest sources of tension in the world.

The programme covers the following modules:

- ❖ Kazakhstan and Central Asia: an overview
- ❖ The SCO and Central Asia
- ❖ The influence of the Russian Federation on the Central Asian region

## PROGRAMME FEATURES

- ➔ The language of instruction is **English**
- ➔ The Regional Studies Programme provides **15 hours** of classes per week, **4 ECTS**.
- ➔ The Programme includes **two field visits** to the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies and the RK Ministry of Foreign Affairs Representative Office in Almaty



## Timetable

You can choose to join a Language Programme, a Regional Studies Programme or a Combined Programme. The morning hours are devoted to the language modules and the afternoons are given to the regional studies modules. There is a lunch break of two hours for those enrolled in the combined programme could have lunch in the city. On Saturdays you can take part in our culture programme, which is to be booked separately before you arrive. Sunday is free. During the evenings you will have enough time to explore the city, go to concerts or theatre performances, or do some shopping.

## FREE SERVICES

Ablai Khan University provides free airport pick up and organizes 2 social dinners for all Summer School participants

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9.00 – 12.00	Language Modules					Cultural trips	Day off
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break						
14.00 – 17.00	Regional Studies Modules						



PLACES TO VISIT



**Medeu and Chimbulak**

Medeu ice rink and Chimbulak ski resort are the two most famous Almaty's attractions both easily visited on a day trip from the city. In summer it is an ideal place to get away from the heat and enjoy fresh air and breathtaking views.



**Almarasan Gorge**

Almarasan Gorge is one of the most admirable gorges of Almaty outskirts which has become a place of choice for the city residents and tourists. Riding a horse or sitting in a yurt you can vividly imagine the nomadic past of Kazakhstan.



**The Ili River**

The Ili River is one of the largest rivers in Kazakhstan with wide, slow-flowing parts providing good conditions for easy rafting. Tamgaly Tas (Painted Rock) on the right bank of the Ili is well known for mysterious petroglyphs dated back to the 8th century.



*Our cultural programme will give you the chance to explore Almaty and its surrounding region, and immerse yourself in Kazakh culture.*

# Kazakhstan Adventure

Discover the Heart of Eurasia

Almaty is a lively, multicultural city with a spectacular mountain backdrop. It occupies an area of over 320 square kilometres with elevation ranging from 500 to 2,200 metres above sea level. It is the largest city in Kazakhstan with a population about 1,5 million. Being the former capital of the country, Almaty is still its cultural and business centre.

The city and environs boast unique natural landscapes. Almaty is situated on the foothills of the Zailiyskiy Alatau range of the Tien Shan Mountains, which makes the city an ideal place for outdoor activities such as hiking, trekking, rafting, rock climbing, to name just a few.

Ablai Khan University Summer School offers three culture trips to the most famous attractions of Almaty area. We designed the culture programme so that you could learn about the cultural and historical heritage of the country and enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Almaty.

Kazakhstan's culture is largely influenced by the country's history of nomadic migration. You will have a chance to visit a yurt (a traditional nomad house), try on national clothes, taste national food and go horse riding, just like a young nomad centuries ago. We are sure it will be an experience of a lifetime for you.

**Cultural trips**

Date	Place	Activities	Time	Meals
July 5*	Medeo, Chimbulak	cable car riding, mountain trekking, sightseeing	9.00-15.00	Lunch
July 12*	Almarasan Gorge	visiting a yurt, horse riding, trying national food	9.00-15.00	Lunch
July 19*	The Ili river, Tamgaly Tas	Rafting, sightseeing, fishing, rock climbing	7.00-18.00	Snack, Lunch

*\*In case of bad weather the dates of the trips can be altered*

## Fees

	Regular fee	Reduced fee for partner universities
Language Programme (LP)	\$350	\$325
Regional Studies Programme (RSP)	\$350	\$325
Combined Programme (LP+RSP)	\$650	\$600
Dormitory fee	\$50	\$45
Cultural trips	\$300	\$280

Ablai Khan University Summer School is able to grant **two scholarships** for international students. A scholarship covers **the tuition and the dormitory fee**, but not transportation, cultural trips or other living expenses. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievements and quality of motivation letter.

### DEADLINES

The deadline for scholarship applications is **April 15, 2014**.

The deadline for general applications is **May 15, 2014**.



## Application Procedure

Applicants are required to be currently enrolled at a university.

Students interested in participating must send the following documents to [foundation@ablaikhan.kz](mailto:foundation@ablaikhan.kz):

- completed application form (see the attachment)
- motivation letter
- official transcript
- certificate of enrolment

- recommendation from a professor
- copy of passport
- CV

If you apply for a scholarship, check the appropriate box in the application form.

The scholarship applicants will be informed of the selection results individually via e-mail.

Although an official certificate of language proficiency is not required, applicants must have a reasonable knowledge of English to follow the courses and participate in all other activities.

The participants are responsible for obtaining an appropriate visa and health insurance, as well as making necessary travel arrangements.



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