



MAQSUT NARIKBAYEV UNIVERSITY

School of Liberal Arts Programme Specification (2023-2024)



KEY FACTS

Programme name	BA in Applied Linguistics
Award	IQAA, FIBAA
School	School of Liberal Arts
Department or equivalent	Applied Linguistics
Code	B036
Programme code	6B02302
Type of study	Full time
Total credits	248
Total ECTS	248

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

In accordance with Level 6 of the National Qualification Framework, the Applied Linguistics programme is focused on the development of theoretical and practical knowledge in the professional field of linguistics; students will be able to apply this theoretical and practical knowledge to analyze, develop arguments, solve problems, make decisions, manage processes, and conduct research on the chosen topic independently which will help them deal with professional tasks and achieve professional goals successfully. Applied Linguistics is a fully English-taught programme. In addition to the English language, students master a second foreign language. This enables students to become multilingual specialists and offers them a wider scope of employment opportunities in local, international, and foreign companies.

The Applied Linguistics programme is aimed to train a versatile, multi-skilled specialist in applied linguistics with language proficiency in two foreign languages, sound knowledge of research methodology, able to apply contemporary approaches to teaching foreign languages, and possess skills of editing and media writing.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- apply theoretical bases of lexicology, grammar, phonetics, stylistics, history of English and other sections of foreign linguistics in language analysis;
- conduct research and work on a project in linguistics and other sciences;
- apply modern methods of language teaching and assessment;
- communicate effectively using first and second foreign languages in multilingual and multicultural contexts;
- possess analytical, decision making and problem solving skills;
- express ideas, facts, opinions or beliefs in ways that are relevant and appropriate to the audience, context, purpose or genre;
- use a variety of resources to locate, retrieve and evaluate relevant sources and information;
- apply the knowledge of language theory and practice in editing;
- demonstrate outstanding skills of media writing;

- manage emotional intelligence in professional and interpersonal communication.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

ECTS: 248

Length: 4 years

Language of instruction: 100% English

General Education Courses	56 ECTS
- Required	51 ECTS
- Electives	5 ECTS
Basic Courses	113 ECTS
- Core (university) Component	93 ECTS
- Elective Component	20 ECTS
Major Courses	55 ECTS
- University Component	45 ECTS
- Elective Component	10 ECTS
Internship	12 ECTS
State Exam/Bachelor's Thesis	12 ECTS
Total	248 ECTS

Courses	ECTS	Required/Elective Courses
General Education Courses (51 ECTS)		
History of Kazakhstan	5	R
Kazakh/Russian language (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1)	5	R
Kazakh/Russian language (A1+, A2+, B1+, B2+, C1+)	5	R
Socio-political Knowledge Module I	4	R
Socio-political Knowledge Module II	4	R
Information and Communication Technologies	5	R
Philosophy	5	R
Basic Foreign Language B1/B2	10	R
Physical Education	8	R
General Education Courses (5 ECTS)		
Mass Media and Society - M1	5	E
Functional Type and Genre of the Media Text - M1	5	E
Translation and Interpreting Theory - M2, M3	5	E
Basic Courses - Core (university) Component (93 ECTS)		
Grammar In Use	5	R
Introduction to Linguistics	5	R
Basic Foreign Language (B2)	10	R
Grammar Awareness	5	R

Morphology, Syntax and Lexis	5	R
Phonetics and Phonology	5	R
Literary editing	5	R
Academic Writing (C1)	5	R
Academic Writing (C2)	5	R
Foreign Language I (A0,A1)	10	R
Foreign Language II (A2)	10	R
Foreign Language III (B1)	5	R
Foreign Language IV (B2)	5	R
Foreign Language V (C1)	5	R
Cross-cultural communication	5	R
Sociolinguistics	3	R
Basic Courses - Elective Component (20 ECTS)		
Speech Writing - M1	5	E
Communication Ethics - M1	5	E
News Writing and Reporting - M1	5	E
Fact checking - M1	5	E
Terminology - M2, M3	5	E
Translation tools and Practice - M3	5	E
Business translation - M2	5	E
Technical translation - M2	5	E
Legal translation - M2	5	E
Toles Higher - M2	5	E
Translation I - M2	5	E
Consecutive and Simultaneous Interpretation I - M3	5	E
Translation II - M2	5	E
Consecutive and Simultaneous Interpretation II - M3	5	E
Technology in L2 Teaching and Learning - M4	5	E
Content and Language Integrated Learning -M4	5	E
Major Courses University Component (45 ECTS)		
Research Methods I	5	R
Research Methods II	5	R
History of language	5	R
History of Teaching Methods - M4	5	R
Language Acquisition (Language L, Language T) - M4	5	R
Course development and Material design - M4	5	R
Corpus Linguistics	5	R
Stylistics - M1	5	R
Language Testing and Assessment - M4	5	R
Major Courses - Elective Component (10 ECTS)		
Research Methods III	5	E
Basics of Lexicography	5	E
Creative Writing	5	E
Literature	5	E
Translation III	10	E
Consecutive and Simultaneous Interpretation III	10	E
Internship	12	R
Research project/Bachelor thesis (Writing and defending a thesis (project) or public examinations in two major disciplines)	12	R
Total	248 ECTS	

MINORS:

Minor (25 ECTS)
M1 - Minor in Medialinguistics
M2 - Minor in Translation
M3- Minor in Conference Interpretation
M4 -Minor in Teaching English to the Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Note: In case you have questions regarding the catalog, you may ask your tutor manager for graduate and postgraduate studies.

MINOR PROGRAM

Minor is an opportunity to expand knowledge and gain new skills in such areas as marketing, project management, human resource management. The content and structure of the program of additional specialization allows you to learn courses within your degree.

Minor programs may have the following admission requirements:

- GPA, completed prerequisite courses, etc;
- consists of several disciplines, studied during one or several academic periods;
- may be offered as a separate certification program (for different categories of students)
- disciplines may be studied separately in different academic periods ("credit accumulation system"), but sequentially to obtain a certificate;
- is selected by the student independently from the academic catalogue of the higher school;
- can be studied in the course of the academic program (credits for minor disciplines are included in the 248 academic credits/ECTS of the major program) and/or in addition to the major program.

In the course of the academic program, a student may choose to pursue no more than two minors. If a student wants to master more than two minors, they should submit application to the Academic Quality Committee of the Higher School.

The requirements of the minor programs are registered in the academic catalogues of higher schools.

HOW WILL I STUDY?

STUDY LOAD

- The workload of one Kazakhstani academic credit (30 academic hours) is the equivalent to 1 ECTS.
- The standard workload of a full-time student during the academic year is 60 academic credits/ECTS, which, on average, corresponds to 1800 hours per year (30 hours per one academic credit/ECTS credit).
- The maximum number of credits, on which a student can register by him/herself per semester is 30 academic credits/ECTS;
- The minimum number of credits per semester is 20 academic credits/ECTS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS

- The academic year begins and ends according to the academic calendar, approved by the decision of the Academic and Research Council (Academic Council);
- The academic year consists of academic periods (semester – 15 weeks, trimester – 10 weeks, quarter – 7-8 weeks, additional periods: summer and winter schools), periods of mid-term assessment, practice, holidays, exit exam assessment (final year of study) 16;
- Major dates of mid-term and, professional practices and holidays are indicated in the academic calendar;
- Each academic period ends with the examination session for students, the duration of which should be at least 1 week;
- Holidays are provided to students at least 2 times during the academic year, the total duration of which should be at least 7 weeks, with the exception in the senior year.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- A student is required to attend all types of classes, which are stated in the course syllabus.
- An instructor keeps records of class attendance in the Attendance module of Canvas LMS. The instructor marks the attendance every week and no later than the end of the week.
- In case of missing more than 20% of the total number of classes over the academic period, the course is not considered completed. In this case, current grades in the course are annulled upon completion of theoretical study and the student is given an “F” for the course. If the syllabus prescribes the final examination, the student is not allowed to take the final exam.
- In exceptional cases (illness (personal or persons under care), death of a relative (father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, siblings, a child) or a spouse, a student has the right to apply to the Academic Quality Assurance Committee to obtain permission to take missed exam or assignments.
- In case a student was sent to an educational or scientific event by the University, such permission is provided by the administration of the University or the School on their own initiative.

SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL

Summer and winter schools are organized to meet the needs for:

- additional study;
- completion of the university curriculum within 3 years;
- to recount credits earned by students at other universities at their home university;
- increase the average GPA;
- eliminate academic failures or the difference in curricula.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

- All faculty and students of MAQSUT NARIKBAYEV UNIVERSITY are provided with a virtual office in the Automated Information System (AIS) Platonus and in Canvas LMS;
- The corporate e-mail (Outlook) address is provided as well.

ACADEMIC CONSULTATION

Academic counseling is an integral part of the learning process. Academic support for graduate and postgraduate students at MAQSUT NARIKBAYEV UNIVERSITY is provided by a tutor manager, who is assigned at each school.

To get advice from the tutor manager, a student can contact him/her by corporate e-mail or schedule a counseling session on the website (<http://tson.kazguu.kz/ru/moj-edvajzer/>).

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Students' learning achievements (knowledge, abilities, skills, and competencies) are assessed in grades on a 100-point scale, corresponding to the internationally accepted letter system with a numeric equivalent (positive grades, in decreasing order, from "A" to "D", and "unsatisfactory" - "FX", "F") and corresponding to the traditional grading system.

Letter Grade	Numeric equivalent	Grades (%)	Traditional system	General Description of Evaluation Criteria
A	4.0	95-100	Excellent	A candidate shows mastery of content at the highest level of the academic programme. This grade clearly shows an outstanding performance in critical and independent thinking, analysis, and synthesis.
A-	3.67	90-94		
B+	3.33	85-89	Good	A candidate shows a very good level of academic performance. These grades indicate a good academic programme, and good
B	3.0	80-84		
B-	2.67	75-79		

C +	2,33	70-74		performance in critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis.
C	2.0	65-69	Satisfactory	A candidate demonstrates a poor level of academic achievement. This assessment indicates partial mastery of critical thinking skills.
C-	1,67	60-64		
D +	1.33	55-59		
D	1,0	50-54		
FX	0.5	25-49	Unsatisfactory	A candidate demonstrates a poor level of the academic programme. These grades indicate a partial or some level of performance in authenticity, and partial performance in critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis.
F	0	0-24		A candidate poorly demonstrates a very low level of the academic programme. This grade signifies a seriously deficient performance in critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis.
P	-	-	Pass	Full-time students who are not on academic probation may, with the permission of the Academic Quality Assurance Committee, choose elective course with a grade of "P". The maximum number of credits for the entire training period is 10 ECTS. Grades "pass" / "fail" are not expressed in points and are not taken into account when calculating the GPA. Credits in the course in the case of obtaining a grade of "P" are recognized.
PF	-	-		Fail

WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

Upon completion of study, MAQSUT NARIKBAYEV UNIVERSITY awards academically outstanding students with honor degrees. There are three degrees:

- with honor (Cum laude). To receive the Cum laude diploma (with honor), the student shall gain 3.5 – 3.7 GPA, and have “good” and “excellent” marks;
- with great honor (Magna cum laude). To receive the Magna cum laude diploma (with great honor), the student shall gain 3.8 – 3.9 GPA, and have "good" and "excellent" marks;
- with the highest honor (Summa cum laude). To obtain the Summa cum laude diploma (with the highest honor), the student shall gain 4.0 GPA.

The degree with distinction is noted in the diploma of its own sample.

At the end of the bachelor's degree, students who have shown significant success in academic, research and socially useful activities during 4 years of study can apply as candidates for inclusion in “Altyn Kitap” - the list of the best graduates of MAQSUT NARIKBAYEV UNIVERSITY.

Requirements for being included in “Altyn Kitap”:

- the absence of grades below "excellent" or "good" in all disciplines, internships and other sections included in the diploma supplement in accordance with the curriculum for the educational program;
- absence of reprimands, remarks and offenses while studying at the University;
- active participation in research work or socially useful life of the University. Supporting documents should be provided by the graduate (Certificates, diplomas, awards and medals).

WHAT STUDY-ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

ACADEMIC MOBILITY

Each year, in September and October (for spring semester applications), and in March and April (for fall semester applications), the International Office of the University sends students to our partner universities for 1-2 semesters, as part of bilateral agreements and memorandums.

Eligibility criteria:

- GPA 2.5 or above;
- English level B2 or above.

Universities that host MAQSUT NARIKBAYEV UNIVERSITY students under the academic mobility programmes:

- Anyang University, South Korea
- Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia
- Corvinus University, Hungary
- European University Viadrina (Oder), Germany
- The University of Piraeus, Greece
- The University of Jaén, Spain
- Turība University, Latvia
- University of Ostrava, Czech Republic
- University of Toulouse, France
- University of Leiden, the Netherlands

*The list of partner-universities can be changed

Contacts:

If you want to learn more about academic mobility and criteria for participating in the exchange program, please contact International Office, **mobility@kazguu.kz**

WHERE CAN I WORK AFTER GRADUATION?

Top 10 partner companies:
Kazakhstan International Linguistic College
QSI International School of Astana
BINOM School
Quantum STEM School
Language School and Association of Interpreters "Manhattan"
Nurorda School
Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools of Astana (International Baccalaureate)
Astana Bilim-Innovation Lyceum
Khabar Agency
Kazakhstan TV Channel

If you would like more information on the Careers support available, please go to <https://lp.kazguu.kz/centerise-vgsh>, or e-mail: icec_sla@kazguu.kz