KEY FACTS

Programme name	**MA in Applied Linguistics**
Award	**IQAA, FIBAA**
School	**School of Liberal Arts**
Department or equivalent	**Applied Linguistics**
Code	**M059**
Programme code	**7M02322**
Type of study	**Full time**
Total credits	**120**
Total ECTS	**120**

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

In order to provide the country with highly-qualified specialists who are fluent in English, able to conduct research and analysis in linguistics, and apply innovative teaching methods, the School of Liberal Arts developed the programme of Applied Linguistics in 2019, which is unique in the current education system of Kazakhstan on the bachelor and master's level. The Applied Linguistics programme fits into the mission and aim of the School and aspires to train highly qualified specialists in the field of linguistics and social sciences developing students' language and academic literacy skills. The Applied Linguistics programme also supports the University strategy and pays particular attention to providing high quality and affordable education focusing on internationalization, innovation and research, and student satisfaction.

The programme is aimed at training highly qualified linguists capable of applying their in-depth knowledge of the English language system along with corpus linguistics for analysing oral as well as written speech and conducting research in the field of Applied Linguistics. Moreover, they will acquire skills to develop educational materials by using modern methods and approaches to teaching English.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- to apply in-depth knowledge of the English language system and corpus linguistics in language analysis;
- to conduct research in the field of applied linguistics using databases and language corpora;
- to apply modern methods and approaches to teaching foreign languages;
- to use language awareness for building student-centred learning environment;
- to refine analytical and complex problem-solving skills;
- to express ideas, opinions or beliefs in ways that are appropriate to the target audience, context, purpose, and genre;
- to implement interdisciplinary knowledge in content and language integrated learning;
- to manage emotional intelligence in professional and interpersonal communication.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

ECTS: 120
Length: 2 years
Language of instruction: 100% English

Core Courses	35 ECTS
Required	21 ECTS
Teaching Practice	4 ECTS
Electives	10 ECTS
Profile Courses	**53 ECTS**
Required	19 ECTS
Electives	30 ECTS
Research Practice	4 ECTS
Scientific Research Project	**24 ECTS**
Dissertation Defense	**8 ECTS**
Total	**120 ECTS**

Core Courses
- Leadership Psychology
- History and Philosophy of Research Methods
- History of Teaching Methods
- Research Methods I
- Academic Writing
- Thesis Writing
- History of Linguistics

Profile Courses
- Grammar Awareness
- Corpus Linguistics and Language Teaching
- Course Design and Development
- CLIL
- Foreign Language Teaching Methods and Pedagogy
- Pragmatics
- Literary Editing
- Professional Communication Skills
- Research methods II
- Phonetics and Phonology
- Language Acquisition
- Intercultural Communication

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

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

- Academic year begins and ends according to the academic calendar, approved by the decision of the Academic and Research Council.
- Academic year consists of academic periods (one term is 15 weeks, including periods of mid-term assessment and final assessment, holidays, final thesis defense). One term consists of 3 modules with each lasting 3-5 weeks.
- Main dates of mid-term research and teaching internships and holidays are indicated in the academic calendar.

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.

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 performance in critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis.
B	3.0	80-84		
B-	2.67	75-79		
C +	2,33	70-74		
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	Credits in the course in the case of obtaining a grade of "PF" are not recognized.

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.

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