INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS EXCHANGE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Orientation week	22 August 2026 – 27 August 2026
SEMESTER 1	1 September 2026 – 31 December 2026
SEMESTER 2	19 January 2027 – 31 May 2027
FULL YEAR	1 September 2026 – 31 May 2027
APPLICATION DEADLINES	**Deadline** for the Fall Term: 30th of May **Deadline** for the Spring Term: 30th of November

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Recommended language of instruction level	**Language of instruction 1:** Russian, Kazakh (B2 min) **Language of instruction 2:** English (B2 min) ***Some courses might not be available in English; the disciplines should be agreed upon in advance.***
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	1. Application Form 2. Passport; 3. Official nomination letter from sending institution; 4. Academic Transcript; 5. Learning agreement; 6. Proof of Language Proficiency, if available.
COURSES	The courses or academic programs should be approved BEFORE the mobility with the academic mobility coordinator of the relevant faculty. The mobility coordinator advises and connects the international office of the sending institution with the corresponding faculty coordinator. BA course catalogue: https://welcome.kaznu.kz/en/education_programs/bachelor/ MA course catalogue: https://welcome.kaznu.kz/en/education_programs/magistracy/ PhD course catalogue: https://welcome.kaznu.kz/en/education_programs/doctorate/ *The courses in English should be requested from the mobility coordinator.

FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

TUITION FEES	Students participating in the inter-institutional exchange are required to pay tuition fees to their home institution, the tuition is waived at KazNU.
ACCOMMODATION	On campus accommodation prices
ACCOMMODATION TYPES	On campus accommodation is limited, and firstly allocated among the full program students. The university will provide accommodation for international exchange students upon availability.

	Students can rent private accommodation off campus, in such case they are responsible for making their own arrangements.
HEALTH INSURANCE	The international students must take care of their personal insurance beforehand. All students can register with the Smart Health Medical Centre on campus.

VISA APPLICATION

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ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

AIRPORT COLLECTION	International Students are responsible for their arrival, there is no transfer available now due to covid restrictions. In order to avoid problems with dormitory registration, we kindly ask the students to arrive on workdays.
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL	Upon arrival WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS all international students should provide their passports to the Visa support and registration center for “Foreign Citizen Arrival Notification”. The students DO NOT HAVE to go to the Migration office on their own, the Visa support and registration center will make the notification for students.