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Regulations on Organising Joint Educational Programmes, Including Double-Degree Programmes

(as amended on 23 October 2026, Academic Council Minutes No. 4)

1. General Provisions

1.1 These Regulations describe the framework requirements for organising joint educational programmes, including double-degree programmes.

1.2 These Regulations are aligned with the Regulations on Designing and Formatting Educational Programmes at Karaganda Buketov National Research University (hereinafter, the University) and take into account the requirements of Paragraph 4 of the Rules for Organising the Educational Process under Credit-Based Learning Technology (Order No. 152 of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 20 April 2011).

1.3 Joint educational programmes are programmes developed and delivered by two partner universities in a single-degree format (amended and supplemented at the meeting of the Academic Council, Minutes No. 11 dated 27 February 2025).

1.4 The double-degree format provides for equal participation by the partners, the award of two degrees to graduates, and the issuance of two diplomas. Double-degree programmes are based on comparability and synchronisation of the partner universities' educational programmes and on their shared commitments to achieving objectives, providing content, organising the educational process, and awarding degrees and qualifications.

The single-degree format provides for the leading role of the University in the learning process, using the resources of the partner university and applying the principles of academic mobility of instructors and students.

2. Organisational Stages

2.1 The process of organising joint educational programmes, including double-degree programmes, shall be carried out by faculties (graduating departments) and comprise six stages (amended and supplemented at the meeting of the Academic Council, Minutes No. 11 dated 27 February 2025):

1) selection of the programme profile;

2) selection of a partner university for joint programme delivery;

3) agreement with the partner university on the academic vision of the programme and the conditions for its delivery;

4) development and approval of the draft programme;

5) conclusion of a cooperation memorandum;

6) submission of an application to the national Register of Educational Programmes.

2.2 The profile of a joint programme shall be selected based on demand among applicants and employers. In this context, the programme's uniqueness, external appeal, competitiveness in the regional education-services market, financial viability, and benefits for Karaganda Buketov National Research University shall be assessed.

2.3 The partner shall be selected with regard to the following parameters:

- the potential partner's experience in training specialists in the relevant field;
- the potential partner's reputation in the global education community, position in international rankings, and notable alumni and instructors;
- the potential partner's ability to compensate for University resource gaps affecting programme delivery.

2.4 Agreement on the academic vision of the joint programme and the conditions for its delivery shall involve joint analytical work enabling the partners to:

1) define the purpose and expected learning outcomes;

2) develop the graduate model;

3) identify the graduate's field of professional activity;

4) assess each other's resources and determine each partner's contribution to programme delivery, including discussion of staffing capacity, library resources, and the quality of teaching and laboratory facilities in relation to the required competencies, and agreement on students' access to these resources;

5) determine the languages of instruction, which may include national languages and, where necessary, a foreign language;

6) agree on learning technology and the proportions of academic hours/credits and periods allocated to face-to-face and distance learning at each partner university. This shall result in a schedule for the student's attendance at each partner university;

7) agree on the partner universities' obligations to issue students a transcript at the end of each academic year and, upon completion of study, a degree diploma with a transcript;

8) determine admission conditions, including prerequisites, the format of entrance examinations, possession of an academic degree, a language-proficiency certificate, and other requirements. The memorandum shall provide for admission to a joint programme on the basis of the student's personal application. For double-degree programmes, the student shall be admitted to each partner university;

admission to the University shall take place no later than 10 September of the current year. International students shall be admitted to a double-degree programme within the general student body with the designation "embedded education", indicating the duration of study, number of disciplines, and number of credits, on the basis of a submission by the head of the partner university agreed with the Rector of Karaganda Buketov University (amended and supplemented at the meeting of the Academic Council, Minutes No. 11 dated 27 February 2025);

9) develop common approaches to assessing, recognising, and transferring learning outcomes based on shared quality-assurance principles and standards;

10) require compliance with the State Compulsory Education Standard of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the partner university's requirements when delivering joint double-degree programmes;

11) develop common requirements for formatting students' individual study plans, specifying the disciplines, hours and credits, academic periods, and place of study;

12) specify the format for preparing and defending the graduation work;

13) agree on the format of final examinations in the context of the requirements of the State Compulsory Education Standard of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the partner university;

14) determine the responsibilities of the parties, including organisational support for students, annual expenditure on equipment, mobility arrangements, instructor remuneration, and other matters;

15) determine the tuition-payment scheme;

16) develop a mutually beneficial approach to joint marketing of the programme in the media.

2.5 The cooperation memorandum concluded between the partner universities shall describe the programme format and the agreed conditions for its joint delivery throughout the entire period of study in accordance with Clause 2.4 of these Regulations.

2.6 The draft programme shall be developed by the graduating department (educational-programme developers) in accordance with the agreed objectives, expected outcomes, and graduate model and with the requirements of the national Register of Educational Programmes. At this stage, a study plan shall be prepared for the entire period of study by academic period, indicating modules, disciplines, types of placement, ECTS credits, and forms of final assessment (amended and supplemented at the meeting of the Academic Council, Minutes No. 11 dated 27 February 2025).

The draft programme shall contain the information required by the Regulations on Designing and Formatting Educational Programmes at the University.

The agreed draft of new and innovative educational programmes shall undergo review by the University Academic Council and Scientific Council and, if approved, may be uploaded by the head of the graduating department to the national Register of Educational Programmes. For existing educational

programmes, a submission shall be made to the Member of the Management Board for Academic Affairs – Vice-Rector requesting a change to their type in the national Register (amended and supplemented at the meeting of the Academic Council, Minutes No. 11 dated 27 February 2025).

3. These Regulations may be amended on the initiative of the Member of the Management Board for Academic Affairs – Vice-Rector. The amended Regulations shall be approved by the Chair of the Management Board – Rector of the University.

Approved at the meeting of the Academic Council of Karaganda Buketov University, Minutes No. 4 dated 12 February 2025