Accommodations

Students will be housed in the on-campus dormitories at KIMEP University, located in the heart of downtown Almaty.

Eligibility

Preference will be given to juniors, seniors, and graduate students in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.75 or higher. Little to no Russian language is required as students will have the opportunity to take a 1 credit course “Core Concepts of the Russian Language/Introduction to the Peoples and Cultures of Kazakhstan” course during the spring semester to provide them with a basic working knowledge of the language necessary for internships and day-to-day life in Kazakhstan.

Application Procedures

All applicants will be required to complete several documents and questionnaires for the study abroad internship application. The list of documents that will need to be completed is as follows:

a. Statement of Purpose Essay
b. GPA Requirement Questionnaire
c. Unofficial Transcript or Advising Report
d. Two Recommendations
   - academic and/or professional
e. Authorization to Release Student Information
f. Internship Plan and Approval Form
g. Student Conduct Verification
h. Financial Aid Questionnaire

Additionally, all students applying to this program must possess a valid US passport and Kazakh visa. To find more information on how to apply, visit the US Department of State’s website, www.state.gov.
**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

During this 8-week summer program, students are enrolled in intensive Russian language courses at KIMEP University, an American style business-style school and one of the oldest and most prestigious in Kazakhstan. They will also complete an internship related to higher education, entrepreneurship funding, financial development, or PR and journalism.

By being immersed in a foreign professional environment, students will not only gain valuable Russian language skills through this experience, but acquire the professional practices and intercultural knowledge essential for global business.

**Almaty, Kazakhstan**

Almaty is the most populous city in Kazakhstan with almost 1.5 million residents. Once the capital, Almaty is now the commercial and financial center of Kazakhstan and boasts the largest stock exchange in Central Asia. Known as the “city of apple trees”, Almaty is located in the foothills of the Trans-Ili Alatau in the extreme southeast of Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world and was a member of the Soviet Union until its dissolution in 1991. Since independence, it now boasts the fastest growing economy in Central Asia, a strong and healthy middle class, and a vibrant business community.

According to the US Department of State, “In the years since its independence, Kazakhstan and the United States have developed a strong and wide-ranging bilateral relationship” and “combined with a growing middle class... trade and investment prospects for U.S. firms seeking new opportunities in one of the most dynamic of the ‘emerging’ emerging markets” establishes Kazakhstan as a unique, American-friendly trade leader in the region.

**ACADEMIC CREDIT**

Students will earn credit for their internship through the University Career Center (L&A 490/PRE 575 online Internship Exploration) or their academic department.

Students will also enroll in intensive Russian Language courses through KIMEP University. Classes will be no more than 15 academic hours per week.

Lastly, students will have the option to enroll in an additional journalism or business course taught in English at no extra cost such as: Public Relations, Journalism of Kazakhstan and CIS, Russian Language Media Writing, Ethical & Legal Issues in the Press, Photojournalism, Broadcast Production & Editing in English and Russian, Finance, Business Administration, Marketing & Public Relations, Accounting & Auditing, Corporate & HR Management, and Leadership Development.

**FINANCIAL AID**

KU students, who qualify for summer or academic-year financial aid in the form of Stafford and/or other loans, Pell or SEOG Grants and scholarships, may apply the aid to the cost of an internship abroad program.

KU Study Abroad supplemental scholarships are available to KU degree-seeking students. Applications are available online. The scholarship application deadline is March 1 for summer programs.

**COST**

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*Note: All dates, costs, and program information are subject to change as necessary due to fluctuations in the exchange rate or other reasons.*

**Gabriel Al-Salem Foundation**

This program was developed in partnership with the Gabriel Al-Salem Foundation. Gabriel Al-Salem was one of the most accomplished alumni of the KU Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. Before his tragic death in 2010, Gabriel strived to continuously innovate and bring an unparalleled degree of professionalism to the field of management consulting in Central Asia. We hope to honor his memory by encouraging students to follow his extraordinary example.