



Joint Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in Intellectual Property and Business Law

September 2024 to July 2025

offered by the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Maqsut Narikbayev University

I. ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Welcome to the Joint LL.M. Program in Intellectual Property (LL.M. in IP) and Business Law, a collaborative endeavor brought to you by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Maqsut Narikbayev University.

About the Program:

Our one-year Joint LL.M. in IP and Business Law Program innovates legal education within the Eurasian region. It is uniquely designed to cater to the needs of the dynamic landscape of Intellectual Property (IP) and Business Law, offering a comprehensive curriculum taught in both English and Russian.

Why Choose Us?

- *Unparalleled expertise* - benefit from the combined knowledge and expertise of Maqsut Narikbayev University, WIPO, and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, ensuring that you receive a world-class education.
- *Eurasian focus* - as the only program of its kind in the Eurasia region, our curriculum is specifically tailored to address the legal intricacies and challenges prevalent in this diverse and evolving landscape.
- *Diverse perspectives* - immerse yourself in a multicultural learning environment that fosters diverse perspectives and encourages collaboration among students and faculty from across Central Asia and beyond.

Learning outcomes

- demonstrate a systematic understanding of IP and Business Law and its components;
- apply knowledge to conduct legal research and solve legal problems;
- to conduct a critical analysis, assessment and synthesis of new and complex ideas in research in the field of IP and Business Law;
- provide consulting services to individuals and legal entities who do not have special knowledge in the field of IP and Business Law;
- the ability to self-study and continue further education with a high level of autonomy;
- has the ability to create and maintain communication links, organize business processes.

Our program is tailored for:

- *National IP Authorities.* Equip yourself with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively manage and enforce intellectual property rights at the national level.
- *Entrepreneurs.* Gain a competitive edge by understanding the legal framework surrounding intellectual property and business law, empowering you to protect and leverage your innovations.
- *IP Enthusiasts.* Whether you're a legal professional, researcher, or business executive, our program offers a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of intellectual property and its intersection with business law.

II. PARTNERS

The World Intellectual Property Organization

WIPO is the global forum for IP policy, services, information and cooperation. As a specialized agency of the UN, WIPO assists its 193 member states in developing a balanced international IP system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. It helps governments, businesses and society realize the benefits of IP; provides global services to protect IP across borders, and resolves IP-related disputes. It delivers capacity-building programs to enable all countries to use IP for economic, social and cultural development. The WIPO Academy is the center of excellence of IP education, training and skills-building for WIPO member states, in particular developing countries, least-developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition. The Academy works to help build human capacity in IP, which is essential to innovation. Read more about the WIPO Academy at <http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/>

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The Ministry provides legal support for the activities of the state, supports the rule of law in the work of state bodies, organizations, officials and citizens, provides protection of the rights and legal interests of citizens and organizations. The Ministry includes the Department of Intellectual Property Rights. The Ministry also coordinates the activities of the National Institute of Intellectual Property. Read more about the Ministry at <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/adilet/about?lang=en>

The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan is a state agency that provides leadership in the field of higher and postgraduate education, language policy, science, quality assurance in the sphere of science, higher and postgraduate education, and digitalization of science, higher and postgraduate education. Read more about the Ministry at <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/sci/about?lang=en>

Maqsut Narikbayev University

Maqsut Narikbayev University is the university which delivers 40 educational programmes in Law, Economics, Finance, Business, Management and Audit, and Liberal Arts, and one of the leading universities in Kazakhstan according to the National ranking of Kazakh universities. Read more about Maqsut Narikbayev University at <https://kazquu.kz/en/>

III. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Courses	ECTS	Language	Format
Fall semester September-December 2024			
Intellectual Property Law: Copyright and Related Rights	3	English	Online
Trademarks, Industrial Designs, and Geographical Indications	4	English	Online
Patent Law and Policy	3	English	Online
Applied English: Intellectual Property and Business Law	3	English	Online
Postgraduate Legal Research Skills	5	Russian	Online
Research work	5	Rus/Eng	
<i>Overall ECTS in the semester: 23</i>			
Spring semester January-June 2025			
IP Asset Management and Strategy in Business	3	Rus/Eng	Offline
International Business Law	3	Rus/Eng	Offline
IP in the Eurasian Context	5	Rus/Eng	Offline
Patent Information and IP Governance	4	Rus/Eng	Offline
Licensing IP and Commercialising Innovation		Rus/Eng	Offline
IP Enforcement	2	Rus/Eng	Offline
Work Practice (Training)	4	Rus/Eng	Offline
Research and Candidacy Examination	8	Rus/Eng	Offline
Finalization of Master's thesis and submission	8	Rus/Eng	Offline
<i>Overall ECTS in the semester: 37</i>			
Overall ECTS in the Program: 60			

IV. FACULTY

WIPO Experts



Uma Suthersanen

PhD & LLM (Lond), LLB Singapore, Advocate and Solicitor
Professor at the Queen Mary University of London
Areas of Interest: Global IP Law



Eric Gan

PhD-Germany, LLM-UK, MBA-Australia, MSc-UK, BEng-UK
Professor at the Singapore University of Social Sciences
Areas of Interest: IP Asset Management and Strategy in Business



Olga Gurgula

PhD, LLM
Senior lecturer at the Brunel University London
Areas of Interest: Patents

Maqsut Narikbayev University



Tolesh Kaudyrov

Doctor of Law, Emiritus Professor
Areas of Interest: Intellectual Property Law



Nurzhan Yeshniyazov

PhD, Associate Professor
Areas of Interest: International Business Law



Abay Abylaiuly

PhD, Assistant Professor

Areas of Interest: International Business Law, Postgraduate Legal Research Skills



Assemgul Abenova

LLM, Senior Lecturer

Areas of Interest: Eurasian IP Law

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Sholpan Abdreyeva

Director of the Department of Intellectual Property Rights

Areas of Interest: Intellectual Property Law



Aidyn Artykova

Deputy Director of the National Institute of Intellectual Property

Areas of Interest: Intellectual Property Law



Yerden Kussain

Deputy Director of the National Institute of Intellectual Property

Areas of Interest: IP Enforcement

V. ADMISSION, FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARD

ADMISSION

Citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Step 1. Take the Comprehensive Testing

- Register for the program on the university website (<https://lp.mnu.kz/ru/magistratura>).
- Register for the comprehensive testing on the website <https://app.testcenter.kz/auth/registration> from June 1 to July 8, 2024.
- Comprehensive testing takes place from July 20 to August 10, 2024.

Step 2. Achieve the Passing Score

- For admission to the specialized (one-year) master's program, a minimum of 30 out of 70 points is required (at least 7 points in all sections).

Step 3. Submit the Document Package to the Admission Committee

- Original bachelor's degree diploma with an appendix in law or a related field. Those without a legal education will need to study additional legal disciplines.
- Proof of English language proficiency with an IELTS score of 6.0 or its equivalent (TOEFL).
- Six 3x4 photographs (original and online version).
- Medical certificate form 075-U and fluorography image.
- Passport or identity card.
- Certificate of Comprehensive Testing (CT) results.
- Receipt of payment for the admission fee.

Foreign Citizens

Step 1. Register for the Program and Submit Documents

- Register for the program on the WIPO website (https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=aipCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=LLM_KAZ_AKHSTAN#plus_LLM_KAZAKHSTAN) from May 16 to July 5, 2024. For further information about the master and all other communications please contact us at: llm.mn-univ@wipo.int, and info@kazguu.kz.
- Bachelor's degree diploma with an appendix in law or a related field. Those without a legal education will need to study additional legal disciplines.
- Proof of English language proficiency with an IELTS score of 6.0 or its equivalent (TOEFL, Duolingo). Candidates from countries where English is an official language are exempt from the language requirement.
- One 3x4 photograph.
- Passport.
- Letter of recommendation.
- Resume.
- Motivation letter (minimum of 500 words).

Step 2. Pass the Interview

- Interview from July 10 to July 20, 2024.

Step 3. Submit All Required Original Documents

- Educational documents, passport, photograph, medical certificate, and other documents.
- Document submission period: August 20-25, 2024.

FEES

The tuition fee for the 2024-2025 academic year is 1,875,000 KZT (approx.. \$4167). The fee is calculated based on the total number of credits (37,500 KZT per credit). Students must earn 60 credits over two semesters. The tuition fee does not include 10 credits for WIPO Academy courses, which are taught by WIPO Academy instructors free of charge.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan has allocated 10 state educational grants for citizens of Kazakhstan. WIPO will provide up to five grants/scholarships. Applicants requesting WIPO sponsorship should register online through the https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=aipCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=LLM_KAZAKHSTAN#plus_LLM_KAZAKHSTAN, via "WIPO Scholarship registration" and upload all required documents.

AWARD

Successful students will be awarded Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property and Business Law by the Maqsut Narikbayev University on behalf of WIPO.



<https://endowment.kazguu.kz/>