

NU GRADUATE *SCHOOL OF* PUBLIC POLICY



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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Public Policy's (NU GSPP) mission is to improve the quality of life of the people of Kazakhstan and Central Asia by engaging the policy community and training leaders to promote good governance through excellence in teaching, research and executive development that focuses on key policy and leadership challenges.

NU GSPP aims to be the leading public policy school in Kazakhstan and the region, striving to raise governance standards through professional public policy education and research.

Our academic programs have been developed in partnership with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. By integrating scientific research into its teaching, NU GSPP now offers one of the most innovative and progressive Master's and Doctoral programs in the Central Asian region.

NU GSPP's degree offerings include the Master in Public Policy (MPP), Master in Public Administration (MPA), PhD in Public Policy and Doctor of Public Management (DPM). Our Master's programs are accredited by both the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) and the European Association of Public Administration Accreditation (EAPAA).

Our students come from diverse backgrounds, including the public sector, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

NU GSPP's faculty are actively engaged in research on civil service reforms, public service modernization, natural resource management, policy analysis, and sustainable development solutions. They also provide consultancy to government institutions and international organizations on a wide range of public policy and administration issues, both in Kazakhstan and beyond.

COMPLETE LIST OF DEGREES

01. Master in Public Policy (MPP)
02. Master in Public Administration (MPA)
03. PhD in Public Policy
04. Doctor of Public Management (DPM)

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STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



Azamat Askerov, Master in Public Policy, 2017

My Master in Public Policy (MPP) at NU GSPP was the true starting point of my career in the public sector. The program equipped me with analytical and leadership skills, plus international exposure in Singapore. After graduation, I worked at the Ministry of National Economy and the Agency for Strategic Planning, applying what I learned to national reforms.



Ainur Yesbossynova, Master in Public Administration, 2025

The Master in Public Administration program (MPA) opened new career horizons. While still a student, I was invited to join the public service and teach at the Academy of Public Administration. This shows the trust and recognition that NU GSPP graduates enjoy in the professional world.



Anara Makatova, PhD in Public Policy, 2022

My PhD in Public Policy at NU GSPP was a rewarding and transformative experience. It strengthened my research skills and, through my work as a teaching assistant, prepared me for my current role as Assistant Professor of Political Science and Sociology and Dean of Faculty. The program continues to shape my professional growth and impact.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Campus: Astana, Kazakhstan
Intake: August
Language of instruction: English

ADMISSION CRITERIA

General requirements

Full details: admissions.nu.edu.kz/

01. Application form
02. Confirmation of English language proficiency
03. Bachelor's degree or equivalent
04. Personal Statement/Motivation Letter
05. Resume/CV
06. Work experience required for some degrees
07. Two letters of recommendation
08. Valid GRE/GMAT Test Report (optional)
09. Program-specific documents may be required

WHERE DO OUR ALUMNI WORK?

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| 01. | Government: Quryltai, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Trade and Integration, National Bank |
| 02. | Development: Samruk Kazyna, Astana International Finance Center, KazAtomProm |
| 03. | International Organizations: United Nations (UN), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO) |
| 04. | Consultancy and Policy Advisory: KPMG, Ernst & Young, PwC |
| 05. | Academia: Nazarbayev University, Academy of Public Administration under President of Kazakhstan, University of Central Asia |

FEES, FINANCING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants can be enrolled on the basis of:

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| 01. | State grant |
| 02. | Alash Grant (for residents of Kazakhstan) |
| 03. | Abay Kunanbayev grant (for international students) |
| 04. | Fee-paying basis (discounts of 25% to 85% of tuition fees may be available) |

ABOUT NU



13 900
alumni (2015–2025)

8 200+
publications in collaboration
with partner universities

270+
laboratories

8 000+
students in the 2025/26
academic year

founded in
2010

THE World University Rankings:
Ranks among the top 376–400 of
research universities worldwide.

#1 in Central Asia,
CIS and the Caucasus

TOP 17%
— ranking indicator

Students from
40
countries

70%
of faculty are international with
degrees from top universities

International Accreditation:
QAA, AMBA, European
University Association, World
Federation for Medical
Education (WFME), Joint
Commission International
(JCI)

On-campus housing from
18 000
tenge/month

Faculty and staff from
62
countries

94-hectare
campus — shops, cinema,
sports, residences, 24/7
security

98%
are working or continuing
their studies

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