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# WELCOME TO KHAZAR



**Always Leading the Way**



# STATEMENT OF THE FOUNDER



**Dear Friend,**

The Khazar University tradition of “leading the way” has a long history. Its conceptual blueprint was developed based on the experience of the foremost higher education institutions of Europe and America. When the university opened its doors in early 1991, it became the first private university in the (Soviet) Republic of Azerbaijan, and in fact, in the entire former Soviet Union.

One of the key characteristics of Khazar that sets it apart from its peer universities is its commitment to use English as the main medium of instruction, preparing alumni to keep up with cutting-edge developments in their fields as they go out into a rapidly globalizing world. Khazar is a research-oriented university, maintaining many knowledge centers and a publishing house that regularly produces monographs, textbooks, transactions of conferences, and several academic journals. It has also won recent recognition for its overall quality:

- In January 2011, the Khazar University Institutional Repository (the online service of the Library and Information Center) was ranked first in all of the Caucasus and Central Asia.
- In September 2011, Khazar was recognized by QS World University Rankings as one of the top 700 universities in the world.
- In October 2011, when Khazar was freshly accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Azerbaijan Republic, the Minister of Education Misir Mardanov commented that other Azerbaijani universities should learn from Khazar's example.

Khazar has always been committed to academic freedom. It also strives to cultivate a rich cultural life, encouraging the expression of both Azerbaijani and international traditions, values, and arts. Khazar places a strong emphasis on international partnerships and programs, regularly participating in exchanges of students, scholars and instructors with universities around the world.

But Khazar is more than just a university. It offers a system of education for all ages, from preschool (via its affiliate “Dunya” School) all the way to PhD and post-doctorate studies. And even beyond being an educational institution, Khazar is an environment that nourishes people's love of knowledge, whetting their desire to work and learn. Its atmosphere is a magnet attracting scholars and students to the joy of challenge and discovery.

I hope that in the following pages, you will get a feel for what Khazar University has to offer and how you can get involved with us as we lead the way!

Sincerely,

Hamlet Isaxanli  
*Khazar University founder  
Chairman of Board of Directors and Trustees*



## WELCOME TO KHAZAR

Khazar University was established on March 18, 1991. It is a private educational institution for undergraduate, graduate and professional studies promoting advanced study and research, educational policy and development in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Khazar is the first private University in Azerbaijan and one of the first universities in the countries of the former Soviet Union. The main aim of Khazar University is to provide high quality education for each student in all fields of study offered by the university.

Our university was the first in Azerbaijan to apply a flexible credit-based education model and the first university where the primary medium of instruction is English. This enables our students to obtain first-hand knowledge and gives them access to all major academic resources worldwide. Khazar University's curricula and course development are based on the leading Western education models.

The university is renowned for its international reputation. Khazar cooperates with many leading foreign universities in the fields of education, research and academic exchange. Many study programs offered by the university have been developed in cooperation with



and/or by assistance from leading European and North American universities. Khazar's academic programs have been recognized by many associations and international organizations such as IMED, WHO, SPE, UNESCO, etc.

Most of our faculty members have either received their education or undergone their professional training in Europe and the USA. Since its foundation, the university has been home to many international students from different countries and regions of the world, such as: United States,

Western Europe, Russia and CIS countries, India, Pakistan, South Korea, Nigeria, Iran, the Middle East, etc. Their number constitutes about 15% of the student body at the university.

Khazar nurtures a good learning environment and friendly people. One-to-one contact with professors, personal attention to every student, and quality of education in a small-sized private institution are among the main characteristics of Khazar University.



# WELCOME TO AZERBAIJAN



The Republic of Azerbaijan is located in the southeastern part of the Caucasus and Southeastern Europe. Bordering Iran on the south, Armenia on the west, Turkey on the southwest, Georgia on the northwest and Dagestan (an Autonomous Republic of the Russian Federation) on the north, Azerbaijan merges on the east with the Caspian (Khazar) Sea, the largest landlocked reservoir in the world.

The Republic of Azerbaijan is geographically diverse, ranging from snow-covered mountains to subtropical forests. Although quite mountainous, the country has a varied terrain including canyons, valleys, forests, steppes, rivers, lakes and the Caspian Sea coastline.

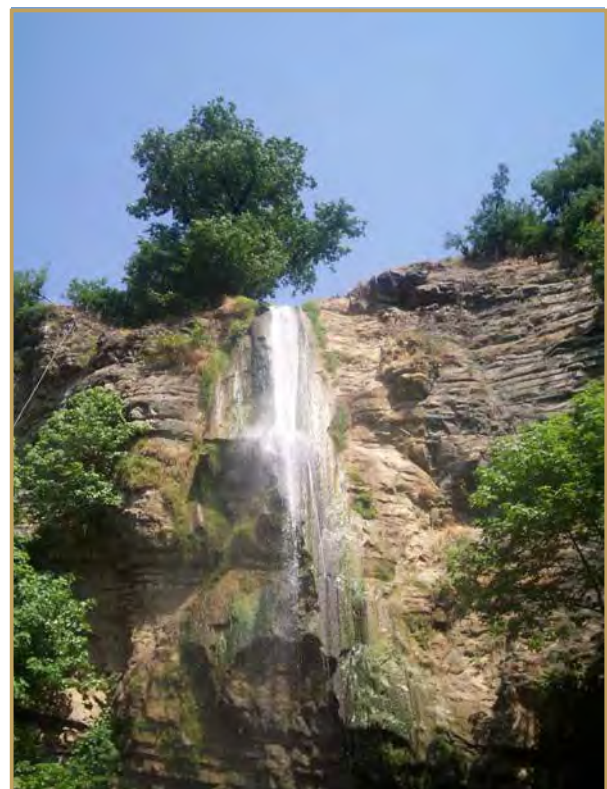
As an ancient country, Azerbaijan reflects rich history and original culture. Many different ethnic groups live side-by-side here.

Azerbaijan is rich in oil and other minerals, which are extracted in the Baku region. The world's first oil pipeline and first oil tanker were made in Azerbaijan. In 1901,

Azerbaijan produced half of the world's oil output. Manufacturing, including oil refining and petro-chemical production, is the most valuable activity. Large areas are irrigated and crops include cotton, fruits, grain, tea, tobacco and vegetables.

Baku (also spelled Baki) is the capital of Azerbaijan and the largest city in the Caucasus region. Other important cities include Ganja, Sumgait, Lenkaran, Mingechaur, Shamakhi, and Sheki.

During their studies, students will have many opportunities to make sightseeing trips around Azerbaijan. More information about these trips can be found in the news section of the university website: [www.khazar.org](http://www.khazar.org).





## WELCOME TO BAKU

Baku, the capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan, is located on the shore of the Caspian Sea, Absheron Peninsula. It is the political, industrial, intellectual, educational and cultural center of the country. The population of Baku is approximately three million.

The first historical reference to Baku dates from AD 885, although archaeological evidence indicates a settlement there several centuries before.

The core of present-day Baku is the old town, or fortress of Icherisheher. With the 27m-high (90ft) tower of Qiz Qalasi (Maiden's Tower, 12th century). The old town is highly picturesque, with its maze of narrow alleys and ancient buildings. Notable historic buildings date back to the 11th century.



As the first oil producing city of the world, Baku is proud of being first in witnessing many unforgettable events: the first National Opera of Muslim East, the first Drama Theater, the first polyphonic music, the first metro (underground) in the Muslim World, to name only a few.

On the other hand, Baku is unique in its climate: it has the greatest number of sunny days and the least amount of precipitation in the Caucasus; often winds purify the air, making it cooler in summer, and more bitter in winter. The average annual temperature is +14.40 degrees Celsius; the average temperature of July, the hottest month, is +25.50 degrees Celsius, while that of January, the coldest month, is +3.50 degrees Celsius.



The basis of Baku's economy is petroleum. The presence of oil has been known since the 5th century, and by the 15th century oil for lamps was obtained from surface wells. Modern commercial exploitation began in 1872. The Baku oil field at the beginning of the 20th century was the largest in the world (around 50 percent) and it remained the largest Soviet field until late 1940s.

Currently most of the international oil companies have contracts with Azerbaijan on oil production and have already started their operations in the Azerbaijani sector of the Caspian Sea.

# SCHOOLS AND FIELDS



Khazar is composed of four independent schools:

- School of Humanities and Social Sciences;
- School of Engineering and Applied Science;
- School of Economics and Management;
- School of Education.

United by the same academic policy and principles, the schools offer a wide scope of diverse majors in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, Applied Sciences, Economics, Management and Business Administration, and Education.

## The School of Engineering and Applied Science

Engineering is the application of science and mathematics to the solution of relevant problems in our society. The accelerating pace of industrial, environmental and technological developments has created an ever-increasing demand for highly qualified, professional engineers to maintain the momentum already achieved, and to extend and direct its course.

The complexities of today's environment are such that all resources must be used in the best possible manner. The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, through its curricula, strives to educate and train engineers and experts in applied science who have the breadth of vision to formulate and solve the problems of today and the future. It is expected that a student who conscientiously applies himself or herself and successfully completes one of these broad engineering and applied science programs will be not only technically trained but also humanly and socially educated with management skills, and thus well prepared to make a significant contribution to the world in which he or she works.

The current transition in Azerbaijan is characterized by active reconstruction in the economy and new market-oriented control methods. New reforms demand various changes, which create the necessity of mastering new skills. This in turn requires high-quality professional training.

The School of Engineering and Applied Science recognizes that skills must be continually upgraded to meet the modern challenges. Thus the main objectives of the school are to:

- achieve a combination of science, technology and management skills
- serve the interests and needs of students, industry and new market economy requirements.

The school provides methods of training that are flexible in terms of their format, time and location, and it consists of 7 departments:

1. Civil and Environmental Engineering
2. Chemistry
3. Computer Science
4. Electronics, Telecommunications and Radio Engineering
5. Mathematics
6. Petroleum Engineering
7. Physics



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### The School of Economics and Management

Established in 1991, the School of Economics and Management (SEM) at Khazar University has become a leading business school in Azerbaijan, and has earned an international reputation for its commitment to quality and innovation in the design and delivery of its programs and courses. It has been a pioneer in the introduction and development of an open Western learning system in Azerbaijan, adapted to regional needs.

The SEM offers undergraduate, graduate and professional programs leading to Bachelor's, Master's, MBA and Ph.D. degrees. With its outstanding faculty and dedicated students, the school envisions its mission as developing specialists in Economics, International Economics, Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Management, International Business and other areas, who can successfully perform in national and international business environments.



The school's graduate programs are specifically designed to meet academic requirements of successful and experienced business people, as well as those coming to business for the first time, and to provide an in-depth understanding of business and management.

The objectives of the school are to:



- create an educational platform upon which the graduates can build business and social capability through a lifetime of continuing growth and development
- provide career opportunities in a wide variety of professional fields
- provide a general understanding of managerial processes that apply to both private and public sectors

# SCHOOLS AND FIELDS



## The School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The idea of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences was developed one year after the foundation of Khazar University. In 2005 the School of Humanities was transformed into the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. At present School of Humanities and Social Sciences is the largest academic division of Khazar University and offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in a wide range of disciplines.

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is drawn predominantly from teachers and scholars with solid Western European and North American training. The student body at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is intellectually distinguished and diverse in interests. Since the primary language of instruction and research is English and the curricula correspond to the standards of leading higher education institutions in the West, students, faculty and researchers are capable of keeping pace with global developments in their fields, utilizing best practices and effectively communicating with scholarly communities all over the globe.



The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is an organic academic unit where most of the programs and courses offered involve diversity of concepts, explore interdisciplinary topics, and enable students to gain valuable exposure to historical practices, current research in their fields, and “hot topics” in policy and ethics.

There are 9 departments within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences:



- Eastern Languages and Religious Studies;
- English Language and Literature;
- History and Archeology;
- Law;
- Journalism;
- Music and Fine Arts;
- Philosophy and Human Studies;
- Political Science and International Relations;
- Western Languages and Comparative Literature.





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## The School of Education



The organic unity of academic knowledge, professional training and practice is the foundation of all programs concerning preparation of teachers, educators, scholars and administrators. Accordingly, the main objectives of the School of Education are to:

- conduct research in various fields of education,
- develop educational policy and strategy,
- nurture future teachers with a breadth of knowledge in education, humanities, and sciences, and equip them with advanced skills and modern teaching methods.

Special attention is paid to transferring skills and knowledge that would enable the students to creatively combine national values and traditions with universal values and norms in their future teaching, research and human development activities.

The School of Education is engaged in various research and consultation activities in relation to education and for this purpose it cooperates with the Ministry of Education and with some private educational institutions. The school also provides in-service training for professionals in the field of education and human development as well as other educational services.

At present, the major aim of the school is to train teachers and educators qualified to teach at every educational level. The theoretical as well as applied courses that the school offers enable prospective teachers to become professionals who are constantly in touch with recent scientific and technological developments and who have the willingness and capacity to apply these developments to their own teaching activities.

There are 4 departments functioning within the School of Education:

1. Biology
2. Geography and Environmental Studies
3. Education
4. Azerbaijan Language and Literature



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## Dunya School

The Dunya School (a primary and secondary school) was founded in September 1998 under the auspices of Khazar University. The school is accredited by the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan.

Khazar University plays an important role in arranging the school curriculum and in employing qualified professionals. In short, Khazar University is responsible for the present and future life of the Dunya School.

The school believes that each child is a unique individual who needs a secure, caring, and stimulating atmosphere in which to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially. Its mission is to create an environment that enables both the students and the staff to experience success. It strives to help the students utilize critical thinking in their response to the events of daily life. It also seeks to engage the students in the development of moral, social and academic skills so that they can contribute positively to society.

The main aims of Dunya School are:

- Provide programs through which each child may explore his/her creative potentials.
- Provide a well-rounded program of instruction using the best educational practices appropriate to the cultural, intellectual and social needs of the students.
- Provide educational resources for a safe, challenging, tolerant, and supportive environment in which students are actively encouraged to participate.
- Carry out a successful working partnership between parents and teachers, which is essential to each child's development and well-being.
- Provide an environment where the students and teachers remain healthy and safe.
- To help all the students to acquire self discipline and achieve good standards so that they can make a positive and active contribution to the life of the school.
- To help all children to feel valued and to have respect for other people and the world in which they live.





## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

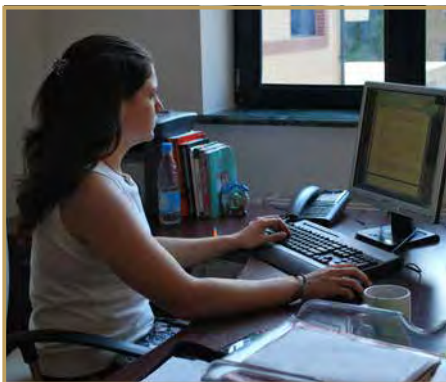
Khazar University has a long tradition of international cooperation, is actively engaged in collaborative projects and partnerships all over the world. International cooperation is a prerequisite for ensuring the sustainability and quality of teaching and research at a university. Cultivating a network of international relations allows Khazar University to boost the mobility of its academic staff and students, and to make the unique educational and research opportunities of Azerbaijan available to students and faculty abroad.

The internationalization processes take place in the following areas:

- Bilateral cooperation agreements (with 54 universities in 23 countries all over the world);
- Membership in three consortiums of universities: International Information Security Research Consortium; Caucasus International Consortium for Academic Cooperation (CICAC); and Alliance of Universities for Democracy;
- Participation in international educational and research programs and projects;
- Exchanges of students and academic staff;
- International cooperation on the faculty, institute, department and individual levels.

Active participation within bilateral partnership agreements and European programs has promoted wide cooperation activities within the ERASMUS program. The number of agreements with partner universities has grown in anticipation of more intensive exchanges of students and teachers.

Khazar University has become an attractive place to study both for full-time and exchange international students. Many visiting professors are involved in the study process and the faculties are active in involving more and more visiting fellows in the university.



Khazar University is a unique environment. It is positive and forward-thinking, always looking to establish a new connection or help a student start a new project. I've been impressed by how friendly people are; it seems that even the most highly respected professors and administrators are very accessible and ready to lend a hand. I've also been impressed that the university welcomes and uses many languages on all levels of its operations. Its system is flexible enough to allow people to pursue their own interests, but well enough established to be a launch pad for great endeavors.

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My name is Lee Youn-Hong. A master degree Student in the Department of Azerbaijani Language and Literature at Khazar University. At present I reside in Baku with my beloved wife and 3-year-old daughter and I enjoy friendly and high quality education environment at Khazar. When I finish my master degree program I intend to be a translator in the Korean and Azerbaijani languages.

*Lee Youn Hong  
South Korea*



# FACILITIES



## Library and Information Center (LIC)

As a dynamic partner of the university's community, the Khazar University LIC supports and enriches the university's mission and its commitment to learning, teaching, scholarly research and community outreach. Established in 1991, it was reorganized as the Library and Information Center in 2000. The LIC is a unique entity in Azerbaijan, providing access to a variety of electronic resources, training, professional consultations, and assistance. Khazar University holds the largest library collection among private universities and the largest collection in the English language in Azerbaijan.

The LIC collects printed and electronic materials in modern European and Oriental languages in the fields of Business Studies, Economics and Management, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Education, Social Sciences, Political Science and International Relations, Legal Studies, Language Studies, etc. Approximately 75% of the library materials are in English. Textbooks published all over the world, as well as publications of Khazar University Press, are widely represented in the library.



## Student Union

The Student Union (SU) is the main student organization of Khazar University; it is an elected body governed in accordance with its own regulations by the Student Senate composed of the SU President, Vice-President and Committee leaders. SU has 10 Committees: Education; Culture; Sports; Law; Audio-Video-Photo; Student Editorial; Radio; Public Relations; Grant Research Committee; and Debate club.

## Health Care Center

The Health Care Center is available free to all students, faculty and staff. It provides basic medical services, including primary ambulatory medical care, some immunizations, and first aid. In conjunction with the services of the Health Care Center, separate psychological care and moral support are offered through the Khazar Psychological Counseling and Psychotherapy Center.

# FACILITIES



## Cafeteria

The University Cafeteria serves a variety of delicious dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and is open from Monday through Saturday. In addition to nutritious meals, the University Cafeteria serves food for special events, theme meals, ethnic parties, holiday celebrations and more, allowing the university community to get together and enjoy good times.



## Entertainment

The Department of Music and Fine Arts promotes the cultural activities of the university. This department develops the cultural life of the university by organizing various dancing events and concerts. It also plays an active role in graduation ceremonies and other formal activities, mainly through the participation of its choir and dance ensembles. Concerts, holiday celebrations and other events at Khazar make it one of Baku's rich cultural centers.

## Extracurricular Activities

Students at Khazar participate in various clubs, organizations and activities outside of classes. These include sports such as soccer, volleyball, basketball and various types of martial arts; chess; movie and conversation clubs; charity projects; and a number of student interest clubs and groups, including CLIO for students interested in different aspects of history, Humor Club, Dancing Club, Foreign Languages Studies Club, and more.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION



## Admission

The International Office is the first and the main contact point for prospective international students with regards to admission and enrollment, and for international students already studying at Khazar University. The International Office takes care of all matters relating to the exchange of students and staff to and from Khazar. Application forms and other important information are available under the “International” tab at [www.khazar.org](http://www.khazar.org).

Tuition fees may be subject to change. Starting from the 2011 academic year, the annual tuition fee for international students is 5000 AZN. The tuition fee does not include room and board.

## Career Center

The Career Center was established on November 1, 1999 within the framework of the “Career Center Development Project at Khazar University, 1999-2001,” funded by The Eurasia Foundation, USA. The center conducts individual and group career consulting and assessment sessions to assist students in: evaluating career opportunities and making strategic decisions; preparing job applications, resume/CVs and cover letters for interviews; planning and preparing for graduate school; and obtaining information on international fellowship and scholarship programs.

The Career Center provides information resources that enable students to take active responsibility for their career decisions and job search. The Center establishes relationships with potential employers in order to provide students with professional skills, integrate academic education with work, and explore employment opportunities.



# COST OF LIVING IN BAKU



## Cost of living in Baku

Apart from university fees and accommodation costs, there are various costs that prospective international students need to be aware of. Outlined below are some figures from a recent survey conducted among present international students which show their average expenditures. The cost for accommodation varies depending on size, location, conveniences and readiness to share it with room-mates. Monthly rent for a one bedroom apartment varies from 150-350 AZN; a two bedroom apartment – 200-450 AZN. Students may choose to share apartments to lower their rent costs. (Tenants are expected to pay for utilities, approximately 50-60 AZN per month). Monthly expenditures for food are 150-200 AZN. Regarding transportation, one ride on the underground or a bus is 0.20 AZN. International students should make sure that they have enough money to cover all their expenses.

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