Khazar University

Sustainable Development Goals

Summary

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Mission

The mission of Khazar University is to serve Azerbaijan and the broader region through an exceptional university education in undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels of studies with a student-centered approach as the main pillar. The university has a strong commitment to continuously evaluate, develop and improve academic activities and to enhance theoretical and applied research that benefits the country and society as a whole.

Vision

The vision of the University is to become a world-class higher education institution, recognized for its excellence in education and research, as well as wide-ranging partnerships with stakeholders both nationally and internationally.

Commitment to Sustainable Development Goals

Khazar University is committed to supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals through the followings:

- Provide students with the knowledge and skills that are essential to promote sustainable development;
- Perform research in a wide array of disciplines to meet the sustainable development challenges;
- Contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by ensuring that all programs offered are socially inclusive

SDG 1 No Poverty

Khazar University is dedicated to contributing to the Millennium Development Goal on "eradicating extreme hunger and poverty". The University is committed to ensuring that financial issues do not present an obstacle for students. In addition to merit-based scholarships based on the points gained at the Entrance Exams, Khazar University provides need-based scholarships:

- in case if one or both parents work at Khazar University
- in case if 2 (two) or more students from one family are studying at Khazar University
- students from the Martyr family
- students from the families of disabled from the Karabagh war
- in case of the loss of both parents
- if a student has lost one of his / her parents while studying

Khazar University supports students with excellent academic performance from all over the world to study at Khazar University. "Excellence scholarship" covers the full tuition fee of international students, enabling them to study tuition-free at Khazar University. Merit scholarship covers cover 75%, 50%, or 25% of the tuition fee. Meanwhile, University provides successful master and PhD students with an opportunity to teach and earn monthly salary to cover their basic needs.

All students from low-income countries enrolled to Khazar University in year 2019 received university's scholarship.

SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing

The third symposium on World One Health Day

Khazar University's Department of Life Sciences held the 3rd symposium on World One Health Day. Specialists of various public and private institutions of Azerbaijan, scholars of the scientific institutions made presentations at the symposium.

The main aim of the symposium was to promote understanding of the importance of One Health, exchange data and knowledge to recognize and improve human, animal and ecosystem health issues in Azerbaijan and around the globe.

Awareness raising and behavioural development for reproductive health of the youth and family planning

A number of workshops "Awareness raising and behavioural development for reproductive health of the youth and family planning" were held for students at Khazar University.

This awareness raising workshops were organized within "Action Plan of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan on implementation of the Azerbaijani Youth State Program 2017-2021", approved by Order #72 of the Ministry of Health. For this purpose, awareness raising campaigns on "Reproductive health and healthy lifestyle - family planning" are conducted by experts at universities and colleges.

SDG 4 Quality Education

Contribution through aligned courses

A review of the university's courses revealed that more than 60 % of courses have coverage of sustainable development, social responsibility, or impact on the community.

Contribution to Economic and Business Education

Within the framework of BP-Azerbaijan's support for education, a world-renowned textbook by "Pearson" Publishing House entitled "Macroeconomics" was translated into Azerbaijani by a team of Khazar University.

This textbook, translated into Azerbaijani for the first time, is intended for use by students majoring in economics and management, teachers, start-up entrepreneurs, managers, and the public.

Launch of Data Science Program

Khazar University was signing a new initiative being first in Azerbaijan. Regarded as one of the most exciting professions of the 21st Century - **Data Science**, a one-year education program, was launched at the University.

The curriculum, developed by professional teachers with international experience, will help each student acquire the necessary and basic knowledge in the field of Data Science by collecting all the necessary information in this field, and further apply this knowledge in practice.

Khazar University in THE University Impact Rankings 2019

Khazar University is the only University in Azerbaijan ranked 301+ in the world under SDG 4 'Quality Education' and 201-300 in SDG9 'Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure'.

SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy

1st International Conference on "Air-Land-Sea Interactions"

Khazar University hosted an International Conference entitled "Air-Land-Sea Interactions". The conference was organized jointly by UNESCO, Khazar University, Istanbul Aydın University, Istanbul Technical University, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Eurasian Universities Union (EURAS).

Participants discussed such topics as alternative energy sources, environmental pollution, atmospheric events, human impact on the environment, climate change, drought, and dangerous nature events.

Research on Affordable and Clean Energy

Analysis of research outcomes revealed that Khazar University researchers produced about 10% of research outputs linked to Goal 7.

SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth

Curriculum

Khazar University is dedicated to policy-oriented research and trainings promoting social responsibility, sustainable value of business and society, global leadership, mutual partnership to solve sustainable development challenges.

More than 80% of courses of the School of Economics and Management have include Principles of Responsible Management Education that are disseminated across the university.

Research

Analysis of research outcomes revealed that Khazar University researchers produced about 10% of research outputs linked to Goal 8.

Researches focus on resource-rich countries' development models, macroeconomic policy framework for oil-rich countries, resource curse, economic diversification, poverty reduction, migration and sustainable development.

SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

"Made in Azerbaijan 2019" Competition

The aim of the competition, organized jointly by the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan Republic, Ministry of Youth and Sports, "Kapital Bank" OJSC and Azerbaijan State Economic University, is to promote entrepreneurship among students.

Over 40 projects from country's various universities were presented to "Made in Azerbaijan 2019" business idea-competition. Expert Council have evaluated business ideas and consequently five projects made it to the final. "One click-one hand team", established by Aydin Salimli, 3rd year student of Khazar University's Economics and Management School (majoring in tourism and hospitality, and Javidan Alizade, 3rd year student of the Azerbaijan State Economic University's Finance Faculty, are amongst the five finalist teams.

Creative Spark Partnership Fund 2019

Khazar University in partnership with Middlesex University Higher Education Corporation, UK is one of the winners of Creative Spark Partnership Fund 2019 supported by the British Council. This partnership enables students to develop their entrepreneurship skills.

The School of Economics and Management at Khazar University contributes to the success of the project by providing courses on Entrepreneurship that include the development of entrepreneurial, leadership and managerial skills.

Goal 10 Reduced Inequalities

"Integration of People with Disabilities into Society" event

Khazar University hosted an event entitled "Integration of People with Disabilities into Society" organized by the Department of Psychology. The role of the media outlets in integration of the people with disabilities, practical use of foreign models, current problems and reforms in Azerbaijan and other topics were discussed.

More than 30% of students are first in family to start their first degree in 2019.

SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities

Contribution to community unity

The Music and Fine Arts department has strong partnerships with the community to support community unity. Examples of this include various festivals, concert, and joint projects with the local schools.

Head of Department was appreciated for her support for the song "Heç kim unudulmur" (Nobody is forgotten) dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Statistics

More than 80% of the University students use public transports or walk to get to the University.

Number of annual University public performances – 75

SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

Curriculum

University is committed to increase awareness of sustainable development through enhancing sustainability awareness in engineering education. Students are able to explore sustainable development and social responsibility via problem-based learning approach.

Green Space

Public access to safe green spaces is one of the priorities of environmental policy of the Khazar University. Green Space of the Buzovna Conference and Leisure Center is a prime example of sustainable practices.

Responsible Procurement

The University is committed to ethical procurement strategy in line with organizational policy. University maintains sustainable procurement practice incorporating where possible environmental considerations into its purchasing decisions.

Goal 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Khazar University is committed to raising awareness on global citizenship, conflict resolution, and social justice through education, research, and outreach activities.

Curriculum

University offers more than 20 courses that are directly linked to 16th Goal.

Panel discussion on the 10th Anniversary of the Eastern Partnership

In 2019, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Eastern Partnership, Khazar University together with the Embassy of Romania organized a panel discussion entitled "The Eastern Partnership: Expectations, Results & Outlook". The debate brought together three distinguished experts - Mr. Paul IVAN, Senior Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre; Dr. Farid SHAFIYEV, Chairman at Centre of Analysis of International Relations; Ms. Raziya ISAYEVA, Director of the Khazar University Development Office and Higher Education Reform Expert (HERE) - Erasmus+.

Goal 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Partnership

Khazar University contributes to SDG17 with a commitment to the various activities promoting the cross-sectorial dialogue on the SDGs.

- University has a strong partnership with government bodies, NGOs and other organizations to promote outreach activities and cross-sectoral dialogue on SDGs.
- Khazar University actively participates in the programs to facilitate the mobility of students and researchers, and the development of collaborative projects.

International network

Khazar University is a member of the leading university consortia: Eurasia University Union (EURAS), Black Sea University Association; Caspian University Association; Alliance of Universities for Democracy; International Information Security Research Consortium; and Caucasus International Consortium for Academic Cooperation (CICAC)

It provides various opportunities for international collaboration between teaching and research staff and for universities to collaborate on contributions to the SDGs.