



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of the institution	Almaty Management University
Address	227, Rozybakiyev Street 050060 Almaty, Kazakhstan
University website	http://www.almau.edu.kz/
Website for incoming students	https://www.almau.edu.kz/en/ AlmaU International Facebook page facebook.com/AlmaUInternational AlmaU Instagram page instagram.com/almau_edu/ Global AlmaU Instagram page instagram.com/global_almau/ Global AlmaU Telegram Channel t.me/global_almau AlmaU LinkedIn page linkedin.com/school/almau
Mission	Making the world a better place through the development of education, research and entrepreneurship.
Vision	AlmaU is a driver of higher education and a leader in academic innovation in Central Asia +
Values	Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Honesty, Sustainable Development, Responsibility
Fast Facts	5341 students, 268 faculty, 150 international partners

Almaty Management University is an entrepreneurial, socially responsible university striving to become more comprehensive and research oriented. In 2024, we celebrated 35 years in the education market, we are the oldest private university in the country, the first business school of the Republic of Kazakhstan, pioneer of business education in CIS. Since our establishment in 1988 AlmaU has taken the path of bringing innovative programs and projects to the market, developing an entrepreneurial spirit and a sense of social responsibility among students, faculty and impacted communities.

Today, AlmaU is a large community of successful alumni, creative students, faculty and partners. We broadcast the entrepreneurial mindset all over Central Asia, supporting economic growth through education.

The University team sets a clear goal of making a meaningful contribution to the development of Kazakhstan via fruitful cooperation with the business, government and society. In its operations AlmaU incorporates the UN SDGs, through following the UN Academic Impact, UN Global Compact and UN PRME principles and initiatives.

72% of undergraduate students study in the Russian language, 15 % - in Kazakh, 13% - in English. Postgraduate studies are delivered mostly in Russian, however, the Global EMBA program run jointly with AMS is an English-language program.

Students from all language cohorts have the option of spending one semester or a year abroad at a partner university. In the 2024-2025 academic year, AlmaU had more than 100 outgoing students and about 15 incoming students. On top of that, in last couple of years we had several short-term educational projects and welcomed groups of students from USA (Lehigh University) and Russia (GSOM SPbU). AlmaU welcomes foreign students for internships: in 2023-2024 - 1 student from University of St. Andrews (UK), in 2024-2025 - 1 student from Cambridge University (UK), and we are expecting a student from Bauhaus University, Weimar (Germany) to come in 2025-2026 for a 1-year internship in English and Russian speaking environment. All students interested in studying abroad undergo a selection process that includes submitting documents and an interview with university staff and faculty. As the rate of outgoing student mobility grows, we are looking to expand our partner network. MBA and DBA students typically participate in one or two international modules during their studies. Master's and PhD students, as well as research grant holders, frequently pursue scientific internships abroad.

Global Recognition

AlmaU has the following accreditations: AMBA, BGA, IQA CEEMAN, FIBAA, IQAA, IAAR. University is also accredited by international professional certification agencies ACCA, CIMA and KAUP IPMA. The MBA program of the **AlmaU** Graduate School of Business “Financial Engineering” was internationally accredited by the Global Association of Risk Professionals GARP.

AlmaU ranks #1 among the leading humanitarian and economic universities of Kazakhstan in the National IQAA Ranking in 2025. University's impact within society and development of social responsibility has been evaluated by Times Higher Education Impact Ranking, where AlmaU is ranked 1001-1500 in 2025. The General MBA program of **AlmaU** ranks 251+ among the best business schools in the world according to QS World University Rankings, top 42 among Asian business schools and #24 in the ranking of the world's best joint programs in QS Executive MBA Rankings. **AlmaU** has the Eduniversal 4 Palmes of Excellence Award – Top Business School with Significant International Influence and is in the top 3 best business schools in the Central Asian zone of the Eduniversal Top Business Schools world ranking in 2017, 2019 and 2024.

Academic Profile

Every School has its own network of corporate partners, research centers and study laboratories in the areas of neuromarketing, kaizen, cyber security, media and public speaking, hospitality, design thinking, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, management, education management and other related fields.

AlmaU offers the full range of programs from Foundation, Bachelor, Master, PhD, MBA, EMBA, DBA to executive education programs. AlmaU promotes the concept of life-long learning and welcomes all ages and professional backgrounds to expand their knowledge and skill set.

Internationalization

University holds strong connections with over 150 partner institutions and more than 20 associations worldwide. Building meaningful connections and projects as well as faculty and student exchange, double degree programs, and joint research are the major directions of international partnerships.

Our international students come from Central Asian region, as well as from Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Israel, India, Pakistan, China, Ukraine. As a part of their study abroad programs the exchange students come to AlmaU from partner universities in France, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, United States, Spain, Austria, China, Turkey, Czech Republic.

AlmaU promotes diversity and multi-cultural interaction and offers international students support services: visa and registration, airport pick-up and accommodation search upon request, speaking clubs, orientation weeks, sport and event clubs.

AlmaU attracts international experts for administrative, education, project development and scientific activities. Foreign teachers and researchers from Spain, Türkiye, Russia, Italy, Korea and other countries run lectures on core and language programs. The University develops staff and faculty mobility programs (including Erasmus+), as well as visiting professors and PhD supervising programs.

<https://www.topuniversities.com/universities/almaty-management-university>

ALMAU TODAY



- Graduate School of Business
 - Entrepreneurship and Innovation
 - AlmaU Extension
- Management and Hospitality
 - Urban Center
 - Sports management Center
- Digital Technologies and Economics
 - Center of Interdisciplinary Programs
- Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Institute of Law
 - Institute of International Relations
 - Institute of Education
- Media and Film
 - Creative Industries Center
- Sharmanov School of Health Sciences

CENTERS AND LABORATORIES

 TCC Technology Commercialization Center	 Neuromarketing Laboratory
 Online Education Department	Jalinga Studio
 Mastercard Fintech Lab	Court room
Silk Road School	Legal Clinic
SDG & ESG Center	Tea room - Hospitality Lab
 Qaynar Bulaq coworking space	Public Speaking Lab
Sports & Art Zone	33Studio (Virtual Production)
KT&G Scholarship Foundation Korean Center	MFS production Lab
	Recording Studio

ALMAU EXTENSION

30+ years of experience in the education market (since 1988)
 100+ seminars and trainings related to executive education
 50+ business coaches and consultant practitioners
 500+ corporate clients
 25,000+ training participants
 Corporate training programs, open programs, professional development programs, consulting projects

GLOBAL RECOGNITION AND NETWORKS



**Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings**

ranked **1001-1500** in Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025
 among 2500+ universities in the world according to 17 UN SDGs



#24 QS Executive MBA Rankings 2025
 joint program with GSOM SPbU
#42 in Asia QS Global MBA Rankings 2025
#251+ in the world QS Global MBA Rankings 2025



#1 National IQAA
 ranking of leading
 humanitarian and
 economic
 universities in
 Kazakhstan 2025



Principles for Responsible
Management Education



Collaborative For
Entrepreneurship Education



INTERNATIONALIZATION

140+ international students
14 international faculty members
130+ partnerships
23 double degree programs
50 Bolashak and "500 scholars"
 program alumni



AWARDS



CEEMAN Awards

2021 **Leader of the Year** award
 2022 **Teacher of the Year** award
 2022 **Responsible Management Educator** award
 2024 **Responsible Management Educator** award



BMDA Awards

2021 **"Significant Impact"** – AlmaU

Babson Circle

The School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation became part of the prestigious Babson Collaborative Circle of Influence.



PRME PGS

2023 SDG Legion AlmaU student club was awarded the second place among the best teams of the PRME Student Organizations Award



PRME Champions

2023 AlmaU joined the PRME Champions circle for 2 years.



BMDA Marketing Cup

2025 the Most Promising Company Team

ACCREDITATIONS



FIBAA till 2029
 3 programs (PR, Law, Hospitality)

MBA programs

AMBA, UK

2013-2026

Graduate School of Business
 School of Hospitality and Tourism

BGA, UK

2021-2026

School of Entrepreneurship and
 Innovation

BGA, UK

2023-2026

Institutional
 Accreditation
IQAA till 2031



CEEMAN IQA till 2029

Institutional
 Accreditation



QS STARS

Rated for Excellence
Alma Management University

SAMPLE ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024-2025

Fall Semester	
August 26 – September 1	Orientation Week
August 26 – December 08	Theoretical courses
October 14 – October 20 (8 th week)	Midterm 1
December 02 – December 08 (15 th week)	Midterm 2
December 09 – December 29 (16 th week)	Exam Session
January 1 – January 12	Winter holidays
Spring Semester	
January 13 – January 17	Orientation Week
January 13 – April 27	Theoretical courses
March 3 – March 09 (8 th week)	Midterm 1
April 21 – April 27 (15 th week)	Midterm 2
April 28 – May 11 (16 th week)	Exam session
Summer Semester	
May 12 – July 13	Theoretical courses
June 09 – June 15 (5 th week)	Midterm 1
July 07 – July 13 (9 th week)	Midterm 2
July 14 – July 20 (10 th week)	Exam session

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination Process	Necessary documents such as a copy of passport, application form* and digital photo 3x4 should be sent by e-mail to: global@almu.edu.kz *Application form will be sent to the partner university		
Required information that should be included in the nomination	Full name of the students, date of birth, their study program, year of study, number of semesters completed, and emails should be provided in the nomination.		
Nomination deadlines* * unless a different deadline is established by mutual agreement with a partner university		Fall Semester (September - December)	Spring Semester (January - June)
	Nomination	May 15	October 25
	Application	June 15	November 25

HOLIDAYS

Fall Semester (September - December)	Spring Semester (January - June)
August 30 - Constitution Day October 25 - Republic Day December 16 - Independence Day December 31 - New Year's Eve January 1,2 - New Year January 7 - Orthodox Christmas	March 8 - International Women's Day March 21-23 - Nauryz (Spring Equinox Day) May 1 - Kazakhstan's People Solidarity Holiday May 7 - Defenders' day May 9 - Victory Day June 6 - Qurban Ait

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

Course information/ Syllabus	The syllabus will be shared before the beginning of each semester (will be sent to incoming international students by email).
Course selection	Students select their preferred courses (unless a different procedure is determined by bilateral agreements between sending and receiving institutions). The registration for chosen courses will be handled remotely by student coordinators. Students have only two weeks after the start of the semester to change courses. The list of courses is sent to the incoming student in advance. A full semester workload for students is <u>30 ECTS</u> credits.
English language proficiency requirement	B2 level and higher

GRADING SYSTEM

Definition	AlmaU grade	ECTS grade	%
Excellent	4,0	A (A, A-)	90-100
Very good	3,33	B (B+, B, B-)	85-89
Good	3,0	C (C+, C, C-)	70-84
Satisfactory	2,0	D (D+, D)	55-69
Sufficient	1,0	E	50-54
Fail	0	F, FX	0-49

Note - 20% of the midterm grade will be awarded for class attendance.

Almaty Management University (AlmaU) uses the ECTS grading system. The number of ECTS credits for each course reflects the total number of hours a student is expected to devote to the course (in the form of lectures, homework, reading, essays, consultations, seminars, etc.). Since 2021, AlmaU undergraduate programs switched to 3-year length of study with 240- ECTS in total. About 90 ECTS credits are attached to the workload of a full-time year of formal learning (academic year) on undergraduate level and the associated learning outcomes during first two years of study. The 3rd year makes about 60 ECTS. At AlmaU, 1 ECTS credit is equal to 30 hours of student total workload.

Students' academic achievements are evaluated in points on a 100-point scale, in a letter system with a digital equivalent (positive grades from "A" to "D", and "unsatisfactory" - "FX" and "F"). Grades of midterm 1 and midterm 2 of academic performance constitute 60% of the final assessment of academic achievements on the discipline, grade of the final exam constitutes 40% of the final grade on the discipline. The grade "F" (Fail) "unsatisfactory" is used when students miss more than 30% of the total number of classroom hours in the discipline.

Rules of Academic Integrity - <https://almau.edu.kz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Rules-of-Academic-Integrity.pdf>

Rules for organizing and monitoring academic achievements - <https://almau.edu.kz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Rules-for-organizing-and-monitoring-academic-achievements-OMAA.pdf>

BEFORE ARRIVAL	
Visa support	Almaty Management University supports international students with application proceedings to get a study visa through the provision of invitation letters and registration numbers from the Department of Consular Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Almaty (http://mfa.gov.kz/en/). Incoming students should also visit the website of the Consulate General of Kazakhstan in their countries to learn more about the documents required for visa application (medical insurance, validity of passport, 2 passport-sized photos, application form of host university).
Accommodation (Off-campus)	AlmaU does not provide any accommodation on campus. AlmaU supports international students in their search for accommodation, providing personal advice, and useful information to ensure that students can quickly find a place to call their own. Usually, prices start from \$500–600/month depending on whether the choice is a private or a shared flat. Shared accommodation can be almost half as expensive. The need for accommodation assistance should be mentioned in the students' application forms.
Insurance	Health insurance is mandatory for all international students throughout their term of enrollment at AlmaU. Proof of medical coverage must be submitted by the student before their arrival and at the start of the exchange period (it shall be attached to application documents). Please, note that valid international health insurance coverage is also one of the legal requirements while applying for Kazakhstani visa.
Cost of living	Accommodation: average \$500–600/month (for a rented flat) Food: average \$210 – \$360 (cooking + occasional eating out) Transportation: \$20–25 (monthly pass for unlimited rides in public transport) Typical 8 km taxi trip costs \$7.50 https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Almaty

ARRIVAL

Welcome on arrival	AlmaU International Office and University staff will welcome international students and help them to settle into their new life, through a buddy program; providing them with information materials, like e.g. Student Handbook; and organizing touristic trips inside and outside of the city.
Orientation week – COMPULSORY for all Incoming Exchange Students	AlmaU Academic Mobility Office provides Introduction Day programs for all international students a few days before the start of each Semester. This compulsory session aims to integrate international students into their new environment, inform them about university regulations and administrative matters (visa, residence permit and registration, health insurance, banking, mobile and internet providers, accommodation, transportation, student cards, academic expectations and standards).
Notes for foreigners staying	According to the university's internal rules, foreigners must report to our visa officer before and after each trip in Kazakhstan and abroad, as this is also the requirement of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan. Violation leads to fines and deportation.

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Language of instruction	English, Russian, Kazakh Depending on the year, major and study level	

Welcome to Almaty!

