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AWARDS THE SEAL OF APPROVAL



FOR THE STUDY PROGRAMME

AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT

- MASTER OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES -

AT THE KOSTANAY ENGINEERING AND ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER M. DULATOV, REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN.

THE ACCREDITATION IS VALID UNTIL 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2031.

BAYREUTH, 09 MAY 2023

PROF. DR. SEBASTIAN KEWIPGEN CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Accreditation procedure at the Armenian National Agrarian University, Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named K.I. Skryabin, S. Seifullin Kazakh Agro Technical University, Kostanay Engineering and Economics University named after M. Dulatov, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, Sumy National Agrarian University, Mykolayiv National Agrarian University, Azerbaijan State Agricultural University und the University of Banja Luka: Agricultural Management (M.Sc.): decision

On the 19 January 2022 the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences and its partner Universities: Armenian National Agrarian University, Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named K.I. Skryabin, S. Seifullin Kazakh Agro Technical University, Kostanay Engineering and Economics University named after M. Dulatov, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, Sumy National Agrarian University, Mykolayiv National Agrarian University, Azerbaijan State Agricultural University und the University of Banja Luka engaged ACQUIN to carry out an assessment of the study programme: "International Master Agricultural Management".

On receipt of the self-documentation, an expert group was appointed by ACQUIN. The members were:

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On the 21. September 2022 the members of the peer group participated in an online visit of the involved Higher Education Institutions and wrote an evaluation report, which the university received for statement.

Based on the evaluation report of the expert group and the statements of the Higher Education Institutions the Accreditation Commission of ACQUIN decided on the 09 May 2023:

The study programme "Agricultural Management" (Master of Economic Sciences) at the Kostanay Engineering and Economics University named after M. Dulatov is accredited without any conditions.

The accreditation is valid until 30. September 2031.



The following recommendations are given for the further development of the study programme:

- Students' English language skills should be improved. Higher entrance requirements should be created with regard to English skills or students should be offered compulsory language courses to improve their English language skills.
- Within the framework of the further development of the curriculum, current topics such as big data and digitalisation should be given greater consideration.
- The same standards and uniform application procedures for teaching staff should prevail at all partner universities.
- The English language skills of teaching and administrative staff should be improved and corresponding further training courses implemented.
- Professional practice representatives should be consulted in an institutionalised way in curriculum development.
- The HSWT should establish a good administrative infrastructure for all partner universities and create even more support services in general and during student mobility phases with a view to even better studyability.
- In order to guarantee the implementation of the study programmes, the staff should also grow with the increasing number of students.
- Better strategic communication activities should be developed to publicise the study offer in order to arouse the interest of potential applicants in the long term.
- Standardised evaluation procedures should be introduced, in order to advance the quality assurance of the study programme and, if necessary, to be able to derive recommendations for action.
- It is recommended to develop new tools for involving all stakeholders in the development of directions for the strategic development of the University, for example, to strengthen the role of the Board of Trustees in the development of strategic directions.
- The role of student self-government bodies should be enroled in actualizing the mission, goals and objectives of the university concerning the educational and scientific policy of the university aimed at the development of international academic contacts.
- Taking into account the University's desire to ensure continuous improvement of the quality
 of education, including receiving high marks at the International level, when developing documents and conducting procedures in the field of Quality Assurance Policy, it is recommended to more actively involve and analyze in detail the opinions of invited foreign colleagues.
- With the objective participation of representatives of the teaching staff, the student body, employers in the development of basic regulatory documents, it is recommended to record their participation with appropriate signatures in the developed documents.
- It seems necessary to document the procedure and timing of control, as well as the revision of the quality assurance policy.



- It seems necessary to conduct a systematic analysis of the demand for graduates.
- It seems necessary to increase the participation of undergraduates and the professional community in the formation of educational programs, while documenting the procedure and mechanisms for taking into account the opinions of interested parties.
- It seems necessary to take into account the requirements and an individual approach to students under targeted training contracts based on the conditions of the "customer", therefore, the introduction of a set of optional disciplines, in-depth study of individual disciplines of the curriculum.
- Better data collection regarding the academic mobility of students should be collected.
- There should be a development and implementation of a system to recruit the best teachers from universities in the region and abroad, including through broad information on selection procedures for positions.
- Even though It is recommended that greater use be made of opportunities to recruit faculty from leading foreign educational and scientific institutions to jointly guide students in the study of cross-sectoral scientific problems.
- It is recommended that the benefits of international cooperation be used to invite leading foreign scientists to participate in a training programme.

For the accreditation of the study programme a certificate with the seal of ACQUIN is issued and attached to this letter.

On behalf of ACQUIN I thank you very much for your confidence and the good cooperation. I wish you all the best and success for your programmes.

With kind regards

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Kempgen Head of the Accreditation Commission

Appendices: certificate of accreditation