



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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 2020 received university’s scholarship.



SDG 3 Good Health and Wellbeing

Khazar University is one of the partners in a COST project called “The European Researchers’ Network Working on Second Victims”. The project’s objectives are to encourage discussion of the meaning of the fourth criterion (Quadruple Aim) and its implications for healthcare organizations; to develop further the theoretical conceptualization of the Second Victims (SV) phenomenon and developing a common understanding of its definition; to raise awareness of the impact of Adverse Event (AE) on healthcare professionals and their consequences in personal, professional, social, legal, economic, and labor terms. The project also pursues objectives to achieve changes in rules and regulations facilitating discussion of the legal, ethical, and organizational gaps; to introduce new metrics on the system level to improve health workforce policy and to learn to tackle with the consequences of SV phenomenon.

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

Several workshops on “Awareness raising and behavioral 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.

Launch of CBELT Project

In 2020, CBELT Project was launched as a result of the partnership between Khazar University and US Embassy to Azerbaijan aimed at providing face to face and online trainings for English language instructors of IDP schools.

More than 100 trainees from IDP schools were actively engaged in the trainings. They were prosperously guided through new methods, strategies, advised to manage their own professional development and improve everyday English language teaching process. CBELT project was a great professional option for IDP school teachers, regardless of their level of experience or training.

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 "Principles of Operations Management" by Jay Heizer, Barry Render and Chuck Munson 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.



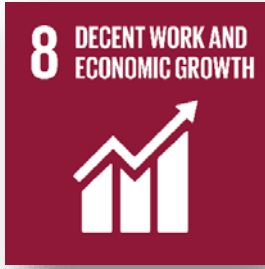
SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy

Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction

The National Coordination Meeting of the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), was held at Khazar University, being organized by the Environmental Research Center.

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.

Research focuses 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

Virtual conference on university-industry relationships: challenges and perspectives

Speakers from universities and companies provided detailed information on various ways of cooperation between universities and companies. They also touched upon the challenges graduates face in entering the industry and how university-industry links can help students overcome these barriers.

Creative Spark Partnership Fund 2019-2020

Khazar University in partnership with Middlesex University Higher Education Corporation, UK is one of the winners of Creative Spark Partnership Fund 2019-2020 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 2020.



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 30 courses that are directly linked to 16th Goal.

Roundtable of the “Debates in the Civil Society”

The students of the Khazar University are involved in the roundtable of the “Debates in the Civil Society” Public Union’s Board of Directors.

The main purpose of establishing the Roundtable is to help students of the Debate Club speak freely at public, improve their communication skills, forming the skills and habits in conveying their ideas in a proper way, supporting networking with students from other universities, and evaluating the opportunities of working together as a team.



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-sectorial 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.