

In the spring semester I had a great opportunity to study abroad like exchange students in one of the most prestigious universities in Andalucia, Spain.

University of Cordoba is the leader of the academic life of this region. There are a lot of students from Italy, Russian, Turkey, France, Kazakhstan, Germany, Korea and so on. The university has more than 15,000 students and more than 1200 employees. A few words about my university. Al-Farabi Kazakh National University today has 15 faculties, a college, research institutes, specialized dissertation councils for the defense of doctoral dissertations in various specialties, as well as an advanced training institute. The educational system is very different from ours. Studying in Spain is based on the free attendance of classes and the availability of all lectures in electronic form. While in Kazakhstan it is obligatory to attend and participate in seminars. Also, if we compare teaching methods in international law, in Spain, students are given the right to choose classes in Spanish or English, their research papers are published annually in a journal, and more emphasis is placed on independent learning. While our university deals with real court cases and most of the attention is paid to practical tasks. Many graduates of the University named after al-Farabi achieved success in their chosen specialty. The university gives not only knowledge, but also develops personal qualities. In conclusion, I would like to say thank you to KazNU and especially to my Department of International Law for the opportunity. I received a great life experience, improved my English language and presenting skills, got a lot of impressions and new international friends.

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