



SAMARKAND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Introduction

Founded in 1929 and now it is one of the biggest agrarian higher educational institutions in Central Asia. University has trained a lot of highly qualified specialists for different branches of agriculture for the republic of Uzbekistan and other neighboring countries.

Scope

Four faculties:

- Economics and Management;
- Agronomy;
- Veterinary, zootechnics and karakul sheep breeding;
- Agro-engineering and technology of primary processing of agricultural products.

Students are studying on 16 undergraduate courses, such as: general agronomy; agro-chemistry and soil-science; selection and seed-growing of agriculture; plant protection and quarantine; forestry; silk-worm breeding; agricultural economics; farm management; accounting and auditing; agro-engineering; the technology of production, storage and primary processing of agricultural products; veterinary medicine; zoo-engineering; karakul sheep-breeding technology; and professional training.

Research

The University scientists are providing researches in various sphere of agribusiness. There existing 13 post-graduate course for prepare of highly qualified scientific pedagogical personnel.



International Affairs

The University has established international relationships on cooperation with more than 40 higher educational institutions and organizations. The University has signed mutual agreements to organize joint scientific researches, mobility for teachers and students, understanding and educational collaborations with higher educational institutions as: University Gottingen, University Giessen, University Halle, University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan and Osnabruck (Germany); Russian Agricultural University-Moscow Timiryazev's Agrarian Academy, Chelyabinsk Agro engineering academy (Russia); University of Banha(Arabian Republic of Egypt), the Royal Veterinary College(United Kingdom), Ohio, Penn State & Colorado State Universities (The USA); Universities of Aquila, Pisa and Genoa(Italy); Hinging Agricultural University(China), Kangwon National University(South Korea), University of Porto(Portugal), Adam Mickiewicz University(Poland), Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra(Slovak Republic) etc.

Nowadays, for curricula development are ongoing 5 EU Tempus joint and structural measurement projects – CIBELIES (Curriculum Invoking Bologna-aligned Education Leading to reform in Environmental Studies, 2010), EPASAT(Environment protection through development and application of sustainable Agriculture Technologies, 2011), UzWATER(Master program in environmental sciences and sustainable development with focus on water management for Uzbekistan higher education, 2012), SAMUZ(Sustainable Agrarian Management Studies for Uzbekistan, 2013), UZHELTH(Higher EducationStructures to Enhance Public Health Learning and Teaching in the Republic of Uzbekistan), where targeting modernizing curricula on agro ecology, agro technology, agro engineering, forestry, farm management, public health and other relates sciences and create new Master and PhD courses. Also, 3 Erasmus-Mundus projects-TOSCA(Transfer of skills knowledge and ideas to Central Asia, 2010), MARCO XXI(2011) and eASTANA(euroAsian Starter for Technical Academic Network, 2011) are strengthening mobility of staff and students to abroad, where more than 30 staff, 5 Post doctorates, 15 PhD, 8 Master and 12 bachelor students have get chance for retraining, research, and study. In 2012 are started a new joint research project funding by Volkswagen Foundation(Germany) on the topic " The Global Food Crisis – Impact on Wheat Markets and Trade in the Caucasus and Central Asia and the Role of Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine".

The University has a great possibility on practical training for students on abroad. Students have opportunity to provide practical training in agricultural farms, enterprises of production of alternative energy and growing biotechnologies in Germany and Russia. Every year selected around 25 students are traveling to Germany and 40 students to Russia by these programs.

Also, the University has close relations and cooperation with international institutions as IFPRI, CGIAR, CIMMYT, IFA, FAO, ICARDA, USDA, DAAD, JICA, KOICA etc., where some staff and students are taken benefit for funding their researches in aboard and the country, to support training mobility.



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