

**American University in Central Asia
European Studies Department**

Qualifying Rules on the State Exam in European Studies Department

Main goal of the State Exam

The State Exam is a complex examination on subjects pertaining to history, politics, economics and culture of Europe and European Union. The language of the State Exam is French and German.

The State exam completes the preparation of a student. During the State exam on second language student should demonstrate how well he/she knows subjects and how well he/she can independently solve theoretical and practical objectives related to the student's study field.

In the State Exam the student should demonstrate:

- deep knowledge of subjects assigned for the State Exam;
- comprehensive understanding of topics assigned;
- ability to summarize sources, facts and data related to subjects assigned;
- competences to critically assess problems raised through the subjects assigned;
- argumentation skills;
- ability to find solutions to the problems raised through the subjects assigned

General requirements to the State Exam:

- subjects assigned for the State Exam in European Studies must be deduced from the fields of study and must relate to history, politics, economics, and culture of Europe and European Union;
- topics assigned to the student for the State Exam must be comprehensively examined and investigated;
- the argumentations have to be convincingly stated;
- answers must reflect conceptual strength and analytical skills;
- answers must be perfectly organized and have a clear structure;
- the topic must be presented in a logical and convincing manner;
- careful attention must be paid to language and details of expression and presentation.

The list of topics for the State Exam is determined by the department.

State Exam preparation course

The European Studies department will offer its seniors a State Exam preparation course in French and German in spring semester after midterm. The aim of this course is to better prepare the students for the State Exam in second languages.

Dates for the State Exam

Schedule and date for the State exam is subject to a departmental decision.

The State Exam procedure

The State exam in second languages consists of writing essay on two topics. There are four sections: Politics, Economics, History and Culture. Each section has six topics. The students have to choose two sections of four, then one topic from each of these two sections.

Volume is 250 words for each topic. Duration: 3 hours.