

Admission Regulations for the MA in Economic Governance and Development Programme

Admission to the MA in Economic Governance and Development Programme of the OSCE Academy includes the following steps:

- I. The Academy receives application forms, copies of diplomas and transcripts (higher education only). Incomplete applications are not considered! Late submitted applications are not considered!
- II. The Academy shortlists applicants satisfying the following basic criteria: the completeness of the application; the relevance of the candidate's academic background to the Programme; the presence of a meaningful personal statement, work experience and the Academy's age criterion.
- III. Written tests are conducted for shortlisted applicants. Tests are conducted in English only and consist of three parts: a) English grammar (25 mins) and b) multiple choice test on Economics (90 mins) and c) test on written English – essay (35 mins). Overall, the written tests take 2 hours and 30 mins. Tests are normally conducted at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (for Kyrgyz applicants) and in the capitals of Central Asian countries, Afghanistan, for those residing in these countries. No make-up tests are conducted. The Academy doesn't cover travel expenses of applicants coming for the tests and interviews.
- IV. Based on the results of written tests, the OSCE Academy invites from 15 to 30 (maximum) top applicants for the interview. The selection committee consists of the academic management and faculty of the OSCE Academy, and the representatives of international organizations. Selection criteria are based on a variety of factors such as educational background and relevant professional experience, proven academic excellence and leadership qualities, applicant's general motivation and future career potential, communication, interpersonal and language skills.

Final decisions are based on the following criteria:

10 % - test on English grammar

40 % - test on Economics and essay

50 % - interview

- V. The OSCE Academy accepts maximum 25 students per year from all Central Asian republics, Afghanistan, and Mongolia. Approximately 7-8 places are reserved for Kyrgyz citizens. Based on the interview, the Final Admission Committee makes a final decision on whom to admit to the Programme out of applicants, invited for the interview.