The goal of the TuCAHEA Consortium is to create the premises for a Central Asian Higher Education Area: visible, respected, and compatible with higher education areas in other parts of the world. TuCAHEA uses Tuning methodology to provide tools to ensure that graduates have the necessary competences for future employment, personal culture, and citizenship.

Working together, 34 Central Asian Universities, 8 European Universities and the five Ministries responsible for Higher Education in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan have consulted more than 20,000 academics, graduates, students and employees, and have formulated Guidelines and Reference Points for 8 important Subject Areas: Business and Management, Economics, Education, Engineering, Environmental Protection, History, Language, and Law.

This ‘Pocket Guide’ gives a short summary of the competences required for one Subject Area:

The following are the 30 general competences chosen as most important for all Central Asian degree programmes:
1. Ability to analyze and synthesize
2. Ability to use logical and critical thinking for solving problems
3. Ability to model, design and forecast
4. Ability to carry out research applying appropriate methods
5. Ability to take initiatives and entrepreneurship
6. Ability to innovate
7. Ability to develop general knowledge
8. Ability to learn including autonomous learning
9. Ability to communicate interactively and receive feedback
10. Knowledge of the professional field
11. Ability to communicate in multicultural context
12. Ability to communicate in official state, Russian and foreign languages
13. Ability to lead people and work in a team
14. Ability to apply knowledge
15. Ability to use information and communication technologies
16. Social responsibility
17. Ability to follow a healthy lifestyle
18. Ecological and environmental responsibility
19. Knowledge of the laws
20. Ability to prevent and resolve conflicts
21. Patriotism and preservation of own cultural values
22. Tolerance and respect for others
23. Commitment to quality results
24. Flexibility
25. Ability to apply knowledge in practice
26. Orientation toward the needs of the user
27. Ability to work autonomously
28. Ability to adapt to change
29. Ability to make decisions
30. Time management

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**Ten steps for designing new degree programmes or improving existing ones**

1. Is there a need? Determine, consulting stakeholders, whether there is really a need for the proposed course of study.
2. Define the profile and the key competences. Find out what competences are actually useful for employment, personal culture and citizenship (see inside this guide for a list).
3. Define the learning outcomes indicating the most important competences (choose around 10 key competences with reference to the cycle level indicators; see inside this guide).
4. Decide whether to ‘modularise’ (course units can be of a random number of ECTS credits, or else of a set number, e.g. 5, hence “modularised”).
5. Define the learning outcomes and the key competences in each module or course unit (the lists of competences inside this guide will help).
6. See how those competences can best be formed and assessed, using a variety of approaches to learning, teaching and assessment.
7. Check that all the key generic and subject specific competences have been taken into account.
8. Describe the programme and the course units, indicating the learning outcomes in terms of competences.
9. Check for balance.
10. Implement, monitor and improve.

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Subject Specific competences for Business and Management degree programmes:

1. Ability to develop and implement a strategic, operational and tactical business plan
2. Monitoring, controlling and reporting skills
3. Self-management
4. Entrepreneurship and innovation skills
5. Conflict management skills
6. Risk management skills
7. Ability to use IT effectively for business
8. Ability to maintain effective relationships with stakeholders (government, institutions, customers, suppliers, etc.)
9. Financial management skills (fundraising; investment projects; accounting, ...)
10. Marketing management skills (marketing research; marketing planning, ...)
11. Human resources management skills (recruiting, motivating, retraining, ...)
12. Commercial abilities
13. Ability to design and develop processes
14. Ability to manage logistic processes
15. Consulting skills
16. Ability to interact in internal and external environments (taking into account social, political, economic, legal, cultural aspects)

Key Competences for Business and Management in Central Asia

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<td>Process management skills</td>
<td>Be able to manage processes of simple production using the appropriate IT tools</td>
<td>Be able to manage processes of complex and technological production using innovative IT tools</td>
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<td>Ability to maintain an effective relationship with stakeholders (government, institutions, customers, suppliers, etc.)</td>
<td>Be able to set up effective relationships with different customers and suppliers</td>
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<td>Financial management skills</td>
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<td>Marketing management and commercial skills</td>
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<td>Human resources management skills</td>
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