



# **KNOWLEDGE AND VALUES: TRANSFORMATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD**

**M.A. IN AREA STUDIES**



## PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ The master's program in philosophy "Knowledge and values: transformations in a changing world" is attractive for several reasons.
- ✓ Mastering its content allows you to understand the essence of global changes taking place in modern society and assess their prospects.
- ✓ The student under the program gains experience of learning, living and conducting scientific research in different countries (Russia and Kazakhstan), gets the opportunity to make a choice at will in favor of in-depth study of either the problems of values, or the problems of scientific and extra-scientific knowledge.
- ✓ Teaching includes lectures, master classes with eminent experts, discussion of presentations by students, general discussions, group work and individual discussions of documents prepared by students.
- ✓ Students actively participate in the preparation and conduct of scientific conferences and prepare research papers.
- ✓ Thanks to the international composition of the study group, you build your own network of professional international contacts already at the university.



# STUDYING PROCCCESS

**120** credits.

**Lectures, practical exercises and independent work, several types of practice.**

**In the first year**, training takes place at the RUDN University, the second year at the Kazakh National University (KazNU). **The first three semesters** in the master's program, students study theoretical disciplines and are engaged in research work, the fourth semester is devoted to practice and preparation of the final work (master's thesis). As a result, students receive two master's degrees - from the Kazakh National University and RUDN University.



## HISTORY OF KAZAKH PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY

- Modern Kazakh philosophy.
- Philosophy of Al-Farabi: modern reading.
- Modern problems of philosophy: philosophical comparative studies.

## RUDN UNIVERSITY



**During training at the RUDN University, special attention is paid to the study of modern problems of philosophy in various aspects: analytical philosophy, problems of modernity and postmodernity.**

- Theory and practice of argumentation.
- Ethics of science and education.
- Ethics of world religions.
- Pedagogy of higher education and methods of teaching philosophy in universities.
- Foreign language (basics of translating scientific texts).





## **A large number of disciplines are also offered for the choice of students**

- Philosophy of education.
- Theory of knowledge in Russian neo-Kantianism.
- Myth and society.
- Philosophy of anthroposociogenesis.
- Philosophy of spirituality.
- Justice as a philosophical problem.
- The ideal of knowledge in the historical and philosophical discourse.
- Philosophical problems of axiology.
- Philosophy of power.
- “Great Ethics” by Aristotle.
- Philosophy of economy.



# ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAMME

## BELOV VLADIMIR NIKOLAEVICH



Ph. D., Head of the Department of Ontology and Theory of Knowledge, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

- V.N. Belov is a leading Russian specialist in the history of the Marburg school of neo-Kantianism, the philosophy of Hermann Cohen and the history of Russian neo-Kantianism, the head of the scientific school for the study of German and Russian neo-Kantianism. He has published over 300 scientific works, including 12 monographs and textbooks, three of which received the Educational-Methodological Association (UMO) stamp. He has dozens of publications abroad in English, German, French, Italian and Polish.
- In studies of the philosophy of neo-Kantianism, V.N. Belov adheres to the position that this trend, which prevailed in world philosophical thought at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, was not a dead-end development of Kant's transcendental criticism. On the contrary, it, creatively continuing the tradition of transcendental philosophy, opened up new possibilities for

this philosophy, becoming, in fact, the starting point for some modern philosophical schools and trends. In particular, one can point to the philosophy of culture, which, within the framework of neo-Kantianism, first acquired an independent disciplinary status, and to the philosophy of dialogue, which is inconceivable without the ethical and religious studies of Hermann Cohen. In the history of Russian neo-Kantianism, V.N. Belov identifies several periods characteristic of German neo-Kantianism. He also substantiates the idea of the creative approach of Russian neo-Kantians to the ideas of their German teachers and colleagues. The temporal and spatial proximity to Russian religious philosophy - the leading direction in the history of Russian philosophy - and the constant intense rivalry with its representatives, which, incidentally, benefited both of them, and, in the end, the whole of Russian philosophy, left an imprint on the priority of the topics of Russians neo-Kantians, among whom there is a place for the themes of faith, the irrational, mysticism.

- V.N. Belov has a high pedagogical skill. His lectures are distinguished by a creative approach, the ability to arouse and maintain the audience's interest in the subject, closely link philosophical knowledge with the profile of the specialty. He developed a number of new author's (normative and special) courses – “Theory of cognition of German neo-Kantianism”, “Theory of knowledge of Russian neo-Kantianism”, “Philosophy of culture”, “Religious philosophy”, etc.
- He prepared two doctors of sciences, 10 candidates and more than 70 graduate students and masters of science.