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## **DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM IN IUK**

This article deals with the development of the American Studies program in IUK and curriculum development project.

**Key words:** curriculum development projects, relations, gain the knowledge.

В этой статье речь идет о развитии программы Американоведение в МУКе и о проекте разработки учебных планов.

**Ключевые слова:** проект разработки учебных планов, отношения, получать знания.

It was in 2001-2002 when I went to the University of Michigan as a Fulbright scholar with my curriculum development project. I saw the University curriculum activities and how they developed depending on the majors and a minors. At that time Kyrgyzstan developed the relations

with USA and there were a lot of exchange programs between two countries that brought to complete understanding and friendship. In spite of the differences in the curriculum development (ups and downs) in Kyrgyzstan as well as in the USA the quality of education in the universities of the US were high and flexible and available for those who would like to gain the knowledge. As

soon as I came to Kyrgyzstan we applied to the new program that is titled “American Study” as the part of Regional study and it was not so well developed and it was supported by the staff of that time in the Ministry of Education and by our president as well as the vice presidents and it began to work in 2001-2002 in IUK. WE began to submit the students in 2003.

table 1. Dynamics of the number of the students on American study program.

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Y - s	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>№ of students</b>	17	19	37	56	30	54	77	104	101	125	153
<b>graduated</b>	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	24	-	-	20
<b>freshmen</b>				30	24	23	27	21	24	28	36
<b>Total</b>				44	54	77	104	101	125	153	169
<b>Distedu.</b>	-	-	-								38 for 3-d course
<b>grad</b>											21
<b>total</b>											228

After some years the US government opened different programs for the teachers as well as for the students.

Our teachers and students were in the US with IREX, ACCELS, summer schools, Flex, programs and they also began to understand that to see and to learn other cultures will bring to the understanding between the nations.

They were grateful for the supporters like Fulbright program, specially to the (US Education Department) where all the English teachers gained a lot of theoretical and practical knowledge. Besides they learned that all the people want peace and collaboration for the sake of the friendship. We began to invite scholars from the USA who came with the definite program to Kyrgyzstan, and students began to overcome their psychological barriers quickly and it helped a lot to master the language. I won't give the list of the teachers who are our close friends of the students as well as my own family, just look at website: [www.kiide.kg](http://www.kiide.kg)

Some years later the US government developed the program “Work and Travel”. It was an other good opportunity for our students to go and work and even to study there. Of there is a great danger for the US as well as for Kyrgyzstan that young

people are fond of new cases and they wanted to stay and to work there. WE also meet such cases too. But when I was in Chicago last year I met my students who were alumni of our IUK they explained me that they won't like to stay there, they would like to come back and to serve their own country that was a great news for me, I didn't expect from them, they building houses in Bishkek, helping their parents as soon as they graduate from their higher education they will come to Kyrgyzstan.

I researched the colleges and universities where they study and I was so glad they they are not only working but studying too. I would like to

US and they are about more than 10 ten students.

I would like to express my gratitude to those students who are studying abroad and who are ready to come back after the graduation from the higher education. We have a lot of students in Germany, Italy, France, United Arabic Emirates, in China because of American Study programs. It will forward to the success of young generation in Kyrgyzstan. I would like to tell that American Study program was very useful and helpful for the Kyrgyzstan students.

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