Community Education on Sustainable Tourism and Natural Areas

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Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) offers education and outreach that prepare members of the public to work in tourism and that promote responsible, nature-based tourism in Uzbekistan's natural areas. The University combines its strength in languages with professional guide training, delivered in partnership with the national tourism authority.

Guide-interpreter training in partnership with the tourism authority

Under Presidential Resolution PQ-269 of 18 July 2024, UzSWLU runs a tour guide-interpreter training course together with the Tourism Development Research Institute under the Tourism Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The first cohort ran from December 2024 to May 2025: 80 trainees in the Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Malay, German and English tracks completed 630 hours of theoretical, practical and field training and defended their graduation projects. From 5 to 8 May 2025, 48 trainees and three supervising teachers held field lessons at heritage sites in Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand, working as guide-interpreters on site. Field trips to heritage sites are free of charge for trainees. Over the summer, graduates took part in guide-interpreter practice under the "Dolzarb 90 kun" project.



Graduates of the guide-interpreter training course with Rector Ilxomjon Tuxtasinov, 2025

Admission to the next intake opened to the wider public in autumn 2025. The course, starting on 1 November 2025, is open to young people who speak Malay, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish or Italian and wish to build a career in tourism, and is offered on a paid contract basis. Training covers history, culture, psychology, language and interpretation, and takes place not only in the classroom but also at museums, monuments and eco-routes, where trainees gain practical guiding experience. Graduates receive a diploma and can work as guide-interpreters in Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva and the Tashkent region.




The Rector meets guide-interpreter trainees preparing for field lessons, May 2025

Summary of programs and activities

Date	Program or activity	Audience	Access
December – May	Tour guide-interpreter training course, 630 hours of theory, practice and field lessons, with the Tourism Development Research Institute under the Tourism Committee	80 selected trainees in seven language tracks	Selective admission
5–8 May 2025	Field lessons at heritage sites in Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand	48 trainees and 3 supervising teachers	Part of the course, free of charge
From 1 November 2025	New intake of the guide-interpreter course, with field practice at museums, monuments and eco-routes	Young people with Malay, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish or Italian who seek a career in tourism	Open admission, paid

Supporting evidence

- Guide-interpreter training course completed: https://uzswlu.uz/news/gid-tarjimonlar-tayyorlash-oquv-kursi-yakunlandi-1755190516
- Course completion announcement: https://t.me/UzSWLU/38964
- Field lessons in Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand, May 2025: https://t.me/UzSWLU/34095
- Open admission to the new intake, from 1 November 2025: https://t.me/UzSWLU/42695