

Navoi State University – Uzbek Language and Literature

Program Duration: 2 years

Mode of Study: Full-time

Program Code: 70110701

Total Workload: 120 ECTS credits

ECTS credits per semester: 30

Overview

The Master's degree program in **Uzbek Language and Literature** (Program Code: 70110701) at Navoi State University is a two-year, full-time academic program comprising a total workload of 120 ECTS credits (30 ECTS per semester). The program is designed to prepare highly qualified philologists, Uzbek language and literature researchers, literary critics, editorial directors, and higher education instructors equipped with advanced knowledge in theoretical and applied linguistics, classical and modern literary studies, textual criticism, and innovative teaching methodologies.

The curriculum integrates deep theoretical studies in Uzbek grammar, discourse analysis, cognitive linguistics, textology, and literary history — spanning classical Turkic heritage (including Alisher Navoi), Jadid literature, and contemporary literary processes — with modern educational technologies and digital humanities applications. Students gain expertise in language research, literary analysis, curriculum design, corpus linguistics, and educational assessment. The program places strong emphasis on elevating the national status of the Uzbek language, preserving cultural and literary heritage, and fostering progressive pedagogical methods in language education.

Graduates of this program are fully equipped to pursue careers as university lecturers, language and literature research scientists, literary editors, educational policy specialists, media advisors, and cultural managers, as well as to continue their studies at the doctoral (PhD) level.

Assessment

A comprehensive and multi-component assessment system is applied in the Master's program in Uzbek Language and Literature to ensure continuous learning, scientific rigor, analytical competence, and pedagogical proficiency.

1. Course-based assessment

- **Presentations and seminars** – assess students' ability to analyze, present, and defend linguistic and literary research, theoretical grammar frameworks, poetic structures, and critical essays in academic settings.
- **Mini-tests, quizzes, and oral exams** – monitor understanding of core theoretical concepts, phonetics, syntax, literary genre theory, textology, and sociolinguistic principles.

- **Midterm and final examinations** – evaluate theoretical depth, text interpretation capabilities, and linguistic/literary problem-solving through written examinations and essay analyses.
 - **Portfolio assignments** – compile textual commentary samples, dialectological/field survey logs, educational lesson plans, literary reviews, and research paper drafts demonstrating progressive skill development.
 - **Independent assignments** – encourage independent philological research, corpus data processing, comparative text analysis, manuscript decoding, and literature reviews.
2. **Research-based assessment**
- **Scientific Research Work (ITI)** – evaluated through research proposals, linguistic/literary data collection reports, text analysis progress reviews, and defense of research outcomes before the department.
 - **Scientific and Pedagogical Work (IPI)** – evaluated via teaching practice, preparation of university-level lecture materials, seminar plans, instructional guides, and academic reporting.
 - **Master’s Thesis (MD/M)** – evaluated based on scientific originality, textual and philological accuracy, methodological rigor, thesis writing quality, and public defense before the State Attestation Commission.
3. **Practice-based assessment**
- **Educational and Pedagogical Practice** – evaluated through performance in higher education institutions, research institutes under the Academy of Sciences, publishing houses, and literary museums, accompanied by comprehensive practice reports.
 - **Pre-graduation practice** – assessed on the integration of theoretical/empirical philological research findings and final thesis preparation.
4. **Work-integrated learning**
- **Philological & Editorial Projects** – assessed on analytical precision, stylistic quality, critical depth, and practical alignment with national language and literary standards.

Academic Requirements

Admission Requirements-Applicants applying for the Master’s degree program in Uzbek Language and Literature (Code: 70110701) must satisfy the following criteria:

- **Educational background** – A Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent qualification) in philology, Uzbek language and literature, language education, translation studies, or related humanities fields from a recognized higher education institution.
- **Academic excellence** – Applicants holding an honors diploma (*imtiyozli diplom*) are eligible for preferential admission according to current regulations of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- **Language proficiency** – Native or C1-level proficiency in Uzbek and a valid national or international certificate demonstrating foreign language proficiency (CEFR B2 level, IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) in English, Russian, or another recognized foreign language.

Graduation Requirements

To be granted the Master of Arts degree in Uzbek Language and Literature, students are required to:

- Complete all compulsory and elective modules specified in the curriculum, accumulating a total of **120 ECTS credits** (30 ECTS per semester).
- Maintain standard academic standing according to Navoi State University regulations (passing marks in all subjects).
- Successfully complete all practical trainings (teaching internship, research practice, and pre-graduation practice) with positive performance evaluations.
- Fulfill all research requirements (Scientific Research Work and Scientific-Pedagogical Work).
- Prepare, submit, and successfully defend a **Master's Thesis** demonstrating independent philological research before the State Attestation Commission.
- Pass all required state attestation processes.

Courses Offered

Year 1

Compulsory:

- Research Methodology and Scientific Writing in Uzbek Philology
- Reforms in the Education System under the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan
- Theoretical Foundations and Modern Paradigms of Modern Uzbek Grammar
- History, Hermeneutics, and Poetics of Uzbek Literature
- Methodology of Teaching Uzbek Language and Literature in Higher Education

Elective:

- Sociolinguistics, Language Governance, and State Language Policy
- Textology, Manuscript Analysis, and Source Studies
- Digital Humanities, Corpus Linguistics, and NLP Tools for Uzbek
- Regulatory Documents and Quality Standards in Philological Education
- Cognitive Linguistics and Psycholinguistics in Uzbek Philology

Year 2

Compulsory:

- Navo'i Studies (Navoiyshunoslik) and Classical Turkic Literature
- Pragmalinguistics, Stylistics, and Text Discourse Analysis
- Literary Criticism, Aesthetics, and Contemporary Literary Process

Elective:

- Comparative Turkology and Comparative Literature
- Theory and Practice of Literary Translation and Adaptation
- Uzbek Dialectology, Ethnolinguistics, and Onomastics
- Professional Morality and Ethics in Scientific Research
- Media Discourse Analysis, Public Relations, and Copywriting in Uzbek
- Cultural Heritage Preservation, Museology, and Archival Studies
- Methods of Designing Textbooks and Educational Resources for Philology

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Master's degree program in Uzbek Language and Literature acquire high-level analytical, text-editing, research, and pedagogical capabilities, enabling them to pursue careers across educational, research, publishing, government, and media sectors:

- **University Lecturer / Teacher of Uzbek Language and Literature** in higher education institutions, academic lyceums, specialized schools, and language academies.
- **Philological Research Scientist** in research institutes under the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (e.g., Alisher Navoi Institute of Language, Literature and Folklore) and scientific research centers.
- **Advisor on State Language Issues (Davlat tili bo'yicha maslahatchi)** in government ministries, regional khokimiyats, state organizations, and public enterprises.
- **Literary Editor / Senior Proofreader** in publishing houses, literary journals (*Sharq Yulduzi*, *Jahon Adabiyoti*), news agencies, and digital publishing platforms.
- **Literary Critic / Cultural Reviewer** writing scholarly critiques, essays, and reviews for academic journals, newspapers, and media outlets.
- **Translator / Editorial Consultant** translating classical and modern literary/scientific texts between Uzbek, English, and Russian.
- **Press Secretary / Cultural Officer** in government departments, cultural centers, museums, and international business enterprises.
- **Curriculum & Educational Content Developer** in centers for educational development, EdTech enterprises, and textbook publishing houses.

Tuition Fees

- **For local students:** Approximate annual tuition – 9,700,000 UZS.
- **For international students:** Approximate annual tuition – 774.28 USD.

(Note: Tuition fees are subject to adjustment in accordance with university policy and foreign currency exchange rates.)

Learning Outcomes

Master's Degree in Uzbek Language and Literature

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Knowledge

- **1.1.** Demonstrate advanced knowledge of the historical evolution, theoretical frameworks, grammatical structures, and literary paradigms of classical and modern Uzbek language and literature.
- **1.2.** Understand principles of poetics, hermeneutics, textology, manuscript analysis, cognitive linguistics, and discourse theory.
- **1.3.** Explain concepts in computational linguistics, Uzbek corpus design, digital humanities tools, and comparative Turkology.
- **1.4.** Demonstrate knowledge of modern higher-education pedagogy, instructional design, and methodology for teaching Uzbek language and literature.
- **1.5.** Recognize national legislation, state language laws, educational standards, copyright laws, and cultural preservation policies in Uzbekistan.

2. Skills

- **2.1.** Perform deep theoretical, structural, historical, and textological analyses of classical manuscripts, poetic works, and modern literary/linguistic texts.
- **2.2.** Apply digital humanities software, linguistic corpora, and text processing tools for lexicographic, stylistic, and literary research.
- **2.3.** Design and deliver higher-education lecture courses, seminar modules, and assessment materials for Uzbek language and literature disciplines.
- **2.4.** Edit, proofread, and prepare literary manuscripts, academic books, scientific articles, and educational materials for publication.
- **2.5.** Prepare scientific research papers, academic reviews, literary critiques, educational manuals, and publishable research theses.
- **2.6.** Effectively present philological research findings, state language strategies, and literary analyses to academic boards, teaching staff, and public forums in national and foreign languages.

3. Competences

- **3.1. Philological & Research Competence** – Conduct independent, scientifically grounded, and methodologically sound research in Uzbek linguistics, literature, and textology.
- **3.2. Language Governance & Cultural Leadership** – Oversee state language compliance, guide terminology standardization, manage publishing projects, and promote Uzbek cultural heritage.
- **3.3. Methodological & Educational Competence** – Teach Uzbek language and literature subjects at higher education levels using modern interactive, digital, and reflective pedagogical methods.
- **3.4. Critical & Editorial Competence** – Evaluate contemporary literary and linguistic processes, conduct manuscript editing, and provide expert philological consulting in public and private institutions.
- **3.5. Professional Ethics & Heritage Preservation** – Uphold high standards of academic honesty, intellectual property ethics, respect for national cultural values, and linguistic integrity.
- **3.6. Lifelong Learning Competence** – Continuously expand philological knowledge, adopt evolving digital text analysis tools, and actively participate in national and international conferences in Uzbek philology and Turkology.