Kazan University is a present-day model of a classical university where the most fundamental principle is the synthesis of research and education.

1. Institute

Institute is a research and education structural units of the University (Institute), which offers educational programs of higher and post-university professional education, pre-university and additional professional education in a number of neighboring specialties and directions, and implements fundamental and applied research projects in relevant scientific fields.

Institute's structure may include divisions, departments, laboratories, research and training, research and education centers and other main and auxiliary units.

Direct management of the Institute is carried out by Director who is appointed by the University Rector's decree.

2. Faculty

Faculty is a research and education structural unit of the University, which offers educational programs of higher and post-university professional education, pre-university and additional professional education in one or several neighboring directions and specialties and implements fundamental and applied research projects in relevant scientific fields.

The faculty consists of departments, laboratories and other units. Faculties are headed by deans.

Direct management of the Institute is carried out by Dean who is elected on a competitive basis by the University Academic Council by secret vote.

3. Division

Division is a structural unit of an Institute which covers a specified group of subject areas. Work of a large Division is divided into separate Departments. Divisions are headed by Heads of divisions who are responsible to Directors of the Institutes.

4. Department

Departments are basic structural units of Institutes and Faculties. Departments carry out educational, methodological and scientific-research activity, social-educational and extra-curricular work with students, training and retraining of pedagogical and research staff. Departments are headed by Heads of departments.

Main academic units of the University are:

- Institute of Physics
- N.I. Lobachevsky Institute of Mathematics and Mechanics
- Institute of Computer Mathematics and Information Technologies
- Higher School of Information Technologies and Information Systems
- Institute of Engineering
Institute of Fundamental Medicine and Biology
Institute of Environmental Sciences
Institute of Geology and Petroleum Technologies
Alexander Butlerov Institute of Chemistry
Institute of Physical Education and Sport
Physical Education and Sports Academic Unit

Institute of Management, Economics and Finance
Institute of Philology and Intercultural Communication
Institute of Social and Philosophical Sciences and Mass Communications
Institute of International Relations, History and Oriental Studies
Institute of Psychology and Education
Institute for the Comparative Studies of Modernity
Faculty of Law

Higher School of Public Administration
MBA Program
Institute of Language
Institute of Continuing Education
Faculty of Advanced Training and Staff Retraining
Preparatory School for International Students

The University has three branches in Naberezhnie Chelny, Zelenodolsk and Yelabuga.