Linguistics 550 Final Project Prospectus

I intend to write a short description of the phonetics and phonology of the Kazakh language, (ISO 639-3: kaz), a Turkic language of the Altaic language family.

Annotated Bibliography


Articles published during this period of the *University of California Working Papers in Phonetics*’ existence do not appear to have been peer-reviewed. This article seems useful because it offers the author’s consonant and vowel charts as well as a theory about Kazakh vowel harmony.


This book has a brief introduction to Kazakh including a discussion of phonetics and phonology. A consonant chart is included but there is no vowel chart.

Not peer-reviewed. The first chapter of this handbook for laymen features some discussion of vowel harmony as well as a pronunciation guide.


This book may be somewhat out of date, but it includes consonant and vowel charts as well as a useful grammatical outline. Also, like Csató & Johanson, it is cited in virtually every article published in English on this subject.


This reference work contains grammatical information and may be useful in finding good examples of words that illustrate conventions of Kazakh phonology.


Peer-Reviewed. This article features what may be a useful discussion of Kazakh consonants.

Peer-reviewed. This article includes what the authors call a “traditional” vowel chart as well as their own proposed vowel chart, based on a mathematical model that they contend points out flaws in previous phonetic descriptions.