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## Master's Educational Program

### Program Title

საერთაშორისო ურთიერთობები

International Relations

### Faculty

სამართლისა და საერთაშორისო ურთიერთობების ფაკულტეტი

Faculty of Law and International Relations

### Program Head/Heads

Professor Zurab KVETENADZE

### Qualification to be Awarded and the Extent of the Program in terms of Credits

Master of International Relations

Will be awarded in case of completion of at least 120 credits of the educational program. Compulsory component - 86 credits; Elective component - 34 credits.

### Language of Teaching

Georgian

### Prerequisite for Admission to the Program

A person with a bachelor's degree or an academic degree equivalent to it has the right to study at a master's degree, who will obtain the right to study at a master's educational program at the university based on the results of the common master's exams, will pass the internal university exams in a foreign language (English, French, German, Russian - B2 level) and specialty. A person is exempted from the foreign language exam, who presents an international certificate confirming the relevant knowledge or has obtained the qualification of the previous level in an English-language program.

The questions/tests of the intra-university examination and the knowledge evaluation criteria will be posted on the website of the University Teaching Department at least one month before the examination.

It is possible to enroll in the international relations master's educational program on a mobility basis twice a year, within the deadlines established by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, following the mandatory procedures and the rules established by the university.

Enrollment in international relations master's educational program from a recognized higher educational institution of a foreign country is carried out based on the decision of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

## Program Description

The master's education program "International Relations" is compiled on the basis of the ECTS system. The educational program includes 120 credits; During the academic year, the master's student collects 60 credits - 30 credits per semester. Accordingly, the standard duration of the master's program is 2 years or 4 semesters. 1 credit is equal to 25 hours, which includes both contact and independent work hours. The distribution of credits is presented in the curriculum of the program.

Depending on the student's individual workload, the number of credits per year may be less or more than 60, but not more than 75 credits.

The educational program of the master's degree in international relations is compiled according to the following principle: a compulsory educational component (50 credits) and an elective educational component (35 credits), a practical component (5 credits) and a research component (30 credits).

**The program includes free credit**, which means that the student can also accumulate 15 credits of the elective component at the Faculty of Law and International Relations or from another academic educational program of the same level at the Georgian Technical University; from an accredited academic educational program of the same level in another higher educational institution of Georgia; from an academic educational program of the same level in a foreign higher education institution, if these credits are recognized in accordance with the legislation of Georgia.

## Program Objective

The objective of the international relations educational program is:

- To provide the student with deep and systematic knowledge about the theoretical and methodological foundations of international relations research, development of the field, perspectives, main trends and modern challenges; Also, knowledge of current political, economic and security-related processes of the modern world in the national, regional and global context;
- To develop the student's ability to critically analyze, evaluate, and develop one's own original conclusions of the latest scientific research in the field of international relations; Also, at the modern stage, the ability to identify existing problems in the field of international relations and develop new effective ways to solve them;
- To develop research skills using modern methods and technologies and prepare for further scientific activities;
- To develop the student's ability to communicate in written and oral form about the problems of international relations, one's own research results, conclusions and arguments with the academic, complex and professional society;
- Develop the ability to manage the learning and/or work environment with democratic values within the framework of a high level of personal autonomy.

## Learning Outcomes/Competences (general and professional)

After completing the master's program in international relations, the student:

1. Explains the specifics of classical and modern schools of international relations, paradigms of international politics and international security, and modern trends; features of the foreign policy of the world's leading states and their importance.
2. Evaluates the Euro-Atlantic policy and its importance, the role of establishing and maintaining peace in international relations;
3. Determines the current problems of international relations, namely international security, foreign policy, international economy (including in crisis situations) based on the theoretical and practical knowledge and critical analysis obtained in the course of study.
4. Analyzes the problems in the international political system as a whole, as well as in the field of international relations with different specific directions, modern scientific achievements and offers the specialists of the field reasoned conclusions and new original ways and methods of solving the problem.
5. Demonstrates the ability to autonomously search and systematize literature and modern information necessary for research in the field of international relations; critically examines and evaluates field scientific literature;
6. Prepares academic papers and research projects on any issue related to international relations using appropriate theoretical explanation or interpretation, data collection and analysis methods and observing academic freedom, ethics and standards, with the help of modern information and communication technologies, presents the results of own research in oral and written form, substantiated conclusions and possible ways to solve the problem;
7. To the academic and professional community or non-specialists, in written and oral form, presents the results of his/her research and reasoned conclusions, observing the standards of academic ethics; consistently, clearly and convincingly conducts debates, engages in discussions, puts forward and defends own opinions, taking into account others' opinions;
8. Deepens knowledge by applying theoretical knowledge and practical work; identifies further learning needs; plans prospects for further education independently.

### Methods of Achieving Learning Outcomes (teaching-learning)

Lecture  Seminar (group work)  Practical  Laboratory  Practice  Course work/Project

Master's thesis  Consultation  Independent work

In the learning process, depending on the specifics of a particular study course program, the following activities of the teaching-learning methods are used, which are outlined in the relevant study course programs (syllabi):

- **Method of analysis;**
- **Synthesis method;**
- **Work with the book method;**
- **Writing work method;**
- **Verbal or oral method;**
- **Explanatory method;**
- **Demonstration method;**
- **Case study;**
- **Independent learning;**
- **Problem-based learning (PBL);**
- **Brain storming;**
- **Activity-based learning (IBD);**
- **Role-playing and situational games;**
- **Collaborative work;**
- **Cooperative learning;**
- **Comparative;**
- **Discussion/debate;**
- **Project development and presentation;**
- **Independent learning (preparation of an essay, abstract, project, report).**

### Student's Knowledge Assessment System

The student's knowledge is assessed on a 100-point scale.

Positive grades are:

- (A)-Excellent - 91-100 points;
- (B)-Very Good – 81-90 points;
- (C)-Good – 71-80 points;
- (D)-Satisfactory – 61-70 points;
- (E)-Sufficient – 51-60 points.

Negative grades are:

- (FX) - Failed to pass – 41-50 points, which means that the student needs more work to pass and is allowed to take an additional exam once with independent work;
- (F) - Failed - 40 points or less, which means that the work done by the student is insufficient and he/she will have to study the subject again.

The syllabi contain the appropriate forms and methods for assessing the student's knowledge. Description of appropriate methods, criteria and scales of assessment forms. The rules for evaluating the research component are given on the university's website.

### **Fields of employment**

Graduates of the international relations master's program will be able to work in embassies and consulates, public institutions, non-governmental sector, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

### **Opportunities for continuing education**

Graduates of the master's program can continue their studies in higher educational institutions of Georgia or other countries on a doctoral program (except for regulated programs), which is focused on the training of a researcher at the next level.

### **Human and material resources needed to implement the program**

The program is provided with appropriate human and material resources. See the attached documents for more information.

**Number of attached syllabi: 27**