



Caucasus University

Caucasus School of Governance



Title of the Educational Programme	Diplomacy and International Relations (delivered in English)
Level of Higher Education	Bachelor
Type of Educational Programme	Academic
Language of Instruction	English
Awarded Qualification and Code	
English:	0312 International Relations
ქართულად:	0312 საერთაშორისო ურთიერთობები
Date of Program Approval and Date of Program Renewal	
Program was approved by the decree #01/01-82 (05.12.2020) of the president of the Caucasus University, renewed by the decree of the president N 01/01-89 (27.12.2021) and N0101-16 (14.04.2022).	
Program Director/Co-director	Professor, Eka Akobia , PHD International Relations Invited Professor, Sergi Kapanadze , PHD International Relations
Program structure and credits	<p>Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations is comprised of 240 ECTS, 60 ECTS per year, 30 ECTS per semester. Official duration of the Bachelor program is 4 academic years. The academic year is based on a semester principle. 1 ECTS credit equals 25 credit hours, which includes both a student's contact workload time (lecture, seminar, practical lesson, etc.), and his/her independent working hours (hours allocated for the preparation for midterm and final evaluations, as well as for the preparation of homework and presentations). In addition to this, it's also possible to organize a summer semester. Students cannot take more than 75 ECTS credits during the one study year.</p> <p>Upon expiration of the Bachelor program allowed years of study, a student, with an academic liability may continue his/her studies during the additional semesters (no more than 4 semesters) with the purpose of completing the educational programme, simultaneously keeping the student status.</p> <p>The Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations consists of 240 ECTS. Credit allocation is the following:</p> <p>Free component - 55 credits University wide general courses and secondary courses (mandatory) - 15 credits English / Georgian language (mandatory) - 20 credits Second foreign language (mandatory) - 20 credits</p> <p>Mandatory and elective courses of a major field of study - 185 credits Mandatory courses in major - 130 credits Elective courses in major - 55 credits</p> <p>The student is given the opportunity to choose 55 credits from the elective courses from the major field of</p>

study provided by the program and / or not more than 20 free credits from other undergraduate programs of Caucasus University or through the process of recognition of relevant credits earned during mobility. Free credits give the student the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge without any formal unification scheme according to his / her interests.

Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations is oriented at providing students with knowledge and skills relevant to the Bachelor's academic degree. To ensure this, the competencies relevant to the academic degree of the Bachelor is formed on the basis of the synthesis of various components provided by the program.

Considering necessary professional competencies as defined by the National Classification of Education and labour market requirements, Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations is built in a way so that it provides students with fundamental knowledge on International Relations and the specific directions of the field. Program also includes supportive learning components (general knowledge base, communication competences). In the framework of this program, bachelor students gain practical skills, which is important for their further adaptation to the labour market.

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University-wide mandatory course component is oriented at the development of written and verbal communication skills and the development of relevant IT skills to collect and process data.

Foreign language component It is focused on teaching English as a main language of communication (C1 level, 20 ECTS) and a second foreign language as an auxiliary language in order to promote students' communication capacity in foreign languages and thought that integrate foreign language sources in the process of learning and teaching. This component strengthens the element of internationalization and increases students' competitiveness on the employment market. Available choices in the second foreign language are Spanish, Italian, Turkish and Farsi. In case student is able to present a B1 or higher level language proficiency certificate in the second foreign language, the student is entitled to choose subjects from the professional elective courses instead, in the amount of 20 ECTS.

In case the foreign student is able to document the level of general English proficiency targeted by the program (level C1), he/she will be released from the obligation to take English language courses and instead will be offered mandatory Georgian language courses in the amount of 20 ECTS credits. If a foreign student also speaks Georgian, he/she is entitled to study another foreign language in the same amount of credits or he/she can use these credits as electives.

Major's core courses component is oriented at providing students with the knowledge of theories and fundamental principles of International Relations, providing them with the understanding of complex issues related to the field of study. This component gives students an ability to identify problems in the field and develop analytical and decision-making skills. This component stimulates their self-learning skills and provides them with necessary professional values. In case students presents a language certificated attesting to his/her knowledge of that foreign language, he/she is entitled to take any electives courses in the volume of 20 ECTS.

Major's elective course component – gives students opportunity to deepen their knowledge according to their interests in the wider field of international relations (50 ECTS in total). Elective courses deepen knowledge gained through mandatory courses and allow for specific specialization in areas such as European integration, peace studies, international security, political economy and foreign policy.

In order for a student to register for the BA thesis, he/she should have earned 210 ECTS prior to registration.

Program Admission Preconditions

- Any person who has completed a full secondary education is able to enroll in the program.
- The pre-condition for enrolment in the program is passing the Unified National Examinations. Examinations are conducted by LEPL the National Examinations Centre. Any exceptions to the Law on Enrolment at Higher Education Institutions are allowed only in the cases prescribed by the relevant law.
- Passing the English Language as a foreign language exam in the Unified National Examinations is a mandatory requirement for the program enrolment.
- Prospective students eligible to the program without having passed the Unified National Examinations must attest English language B2 level of proficiency (IELTS-6.0; TOEFL-78; or other relevant international certificate confirming B2 level proficiency) or he/she has to pass a University administered English language B2 level exam.
- Mobility to the program is allowed in accordance to procedures set by the relevant law.

Precondition for granting a degree

The precondition for granting a degree is completion of the program components within the prescribed deadlines.

Description of the Program

<p>Program Objective</p>	<p>Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations aims to graduate young specialists who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Describe main principles, theories processes and practices of diplomacy and international relations. ✓ Analyzes the role and place of various state and non-state actors in international relations, identifies their political agenda, interests and relationship specifics based on international relations and related disciplines. ✓ Uses field-specific research methods and communicates written and oral professional knowledge, including in a foreign language. ✓ Defines appropriate steps to pursue continuing professional development and further learning. <p>Program objectives are fully in line with the mission of the Caucasus University. These objectives illustrate what knowledge, skills and competencies it can provide for its students and how it can contribute to the development of this major and society.</p>
<p>Program Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>Knowledge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describes the subject of study of international relations, key concepts and theories. 2. Describes important historical and modern trends and facts in international relations. 3. Describes state, non-state, interstate and transnational actors involved in international relations, their nature and agenda. 4. Discusses processes in international relations and the behavior of governmental and non-governmental actors in the context of international relations and related disciplines. <p>Skills</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Critically comprehends and analyzes international political processes using appropriate research methods, collects and processes information in accordance with professional ethics standards, and draws reasoned conclusions. 6. Communicates international relations field related problematique and solutions in a context-appropriate manner, including in foreign language. <p>Responsibility and Autonomy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Plans, takes responsibility and carries out group or individual work process in accordance with ethical standards, determines the needs for deepening and updating one's own knowledge. Demonstrates sufficient theoretical knowledge and skills necessary for the transition to the next level of study.
<p>Areas of Employment</p>	<p>Program graduates have relevant knowledge and skills to be employed in public service, non-nongovernmental sector, international intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations and diplomatic services.</p>
<p>Continuation of Education</p>	<p>Program graduates are able to continue their studies at the graduate level of education.</p>
<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p>	
<p>Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations is composed of both theoretical and practical components. Program is oriented on providing students with the wide knowledge of the field, which means critical reasoning and understanding of basic theoretical aspects and principles. Program also provides students with skills of using theoretical knowledge in practice, in real life situations. This goal is</p>	

achieved through the presentations of invited lecturers, organizing discussions, seminars, round tables and other activities which are successfully integrated into the program. These activities give students an opportunity to attend lectures of successful local and foreign speakers, get information on modern approaches and tendencies on International Relations. The main focus of these lectures and seminars is to determine the role and place of Georgia in the context of international community.

Considering the specifics of certain courses, following learning and teaching methods are used – verbal, writing, working on course materials, presentations, discussion/debates, team (collaborative) work, case study, role and simulation games, action-oriented teaching method, explanatory method, e-learning, practical methods and etc. Students are evaluated according to their writing (tests, open ended questions, essay, case analysis etc.) and verbal performance. These methods are complementary.

Human Resources of the Program

- 4 Affiliated Professors, 4 Affiliated Associate Professors, 1 Affiliated Assistant Professor, 1 Associate Professor and 39 invited professors.

Other Resources of the Program

Caucasus University and the Caucasus School of Governance have Memorandums of Mutual understanding with local and foreign higher educational institutions, non-governmental and governmental organizations.

Curriculum

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Syllabus

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**Diplomacy and International Relations
Program Curriculum**

№	Course Code	Prerequisite	Course/module	Study Year								EC TS	
				I		II		III		IV			
				ECTS Allocation									
I Semester	II Semester	I Semester	II Semester	I Semester	II Semester	I Semester	II Semester						
<i>Mandatory General Courses</i>				5	10								15
1.	CIS 1151	None	Information Technologies	5									
2.	HIST 0003	None	History of Georgia		5								
3.	AW 1250	None	Academic Writing		5								
<i>English/Georgian Language Courses (mandatory)</i>				5	5	5	5						20
4.	ENGF 0001 GEO 0001	None	B2 + General English Language Skills 1 / Georgian Language A1	5									
5.	ENGF 0002 GEO 0002	ENGF 0001 GEO 0001	B2 + General English Language Skills 2 / Georgian Language A2		5								
6.	ENGL 0009 GEO 0003	ENGF 2 GEO 0002	General English C1.0 / Georgian Language B1.1			5							
7.	ENGL 0010 GEO 0004	ENGL 0009 GEO 0003	General English C1 / Georgian Language B1.2				5						
<i>Second Foreign Language (mandatory)</i>								5	5	5	5		20
8.	ESP 0001; TURK 0001; ITA 0001;	None	Foreign language, I part (A1.0)					5					

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	FARS 0001.											
9.	ESP 0002; TURK 0002; ITA 0002; FARS 0002.	Foreign language, I part A1.0	Foreign language, II part (A1)						5			
10.	ESP 0003; TURK 0003; ITA 0003; FARS 0003.	Foreign language, II part A1	Foreign language, III part (A2.0)							5		
11.	ESP 0004; TURK 0004; ITA 0004; FARS 0004.	Foreign language, III part A2.0	Foreign language, IV part (A2)								5	
Major field of study mandatory core courses				20	15	25	25	10	15	10	10	130
12.	SOCP 1150	None	Social Psychology	5								
13.	DEC 1150	None	Democracy and Citizenship	5								
14.	CIVI 1150	None	Culture and Civilization	5								
15.	PHIL 1150	None	Fundamentals of Contemporary Thought	5								
16.	DIP 1250	None	History of Diplomacy - XVII-XIX Century		5							
17.	POLS 1250	None	Introduction to Political Science		5							
18.	STAT 1250	None	Statistical Reasoning		5							

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19.	IR 2150	None	Introduction to International Relations			5							
20.	PA 2150	None	Introduction to Public Administration			5							
21.	CFP 0050	None	Comparative Foreign Policy			5							
22.	QQDA 2151	None	Research Methods			5							
23.	ECON 2150	None	Introduction to Economics			5							
24.	COMP 2250	None	Introduction to Comparative Politics				5						
25.	HRD 2250	None	Human Rights and Democracy				5						
26.	IE 2250	ECON 2150	Introduction to International Economics				5						
27.	LAW 2251	None	Introduction to International Law				5						
28.	DIP 2250	None	History of Diplomacy - XX-XXI Century				5						
29.	INTS 3150	IR 2150	Fundamentals of International Security					5					
30.	ENGP 0150	ENGL 0010	PT1 Professional Target Language					5					
31.	IPE 0050	None	EU Institutions and Politics						5				
32.	GFDP 3250	None	Foreign and Defence Policy of Georgia						5				
33.	IRT 3250	IR 2150	Theories of International Relations						5				
34.	USFP 4150	None	US Foreign Policy							5			
35.	PCPD 4150	None	Political Communication and Public Diplomacy							5			
36.	BTH 4250		Bachelors Thesis									10	
Major field of study elective courses/free credits								15	10	15	15	55	
37.	IT 0050	None	International Terrorism					5					
38.	HEI 0050	None	History of European Integration					5					
39.	LAPS 0050	None	Latin American Political Systems					5					

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40.	WET 0050	None	Ethics of War - its Advantages and Limitations					5				
41.	POLS 0050	POLS 1250	Electoral Systems and Political Parties					5				
42.	FREE 0001	None	Free Credit					5				
43.	IO 0051	None	International Organizations and Global Governance						5			
44.	MEAS 0050	None	Politics of Middle East						5			
45.	IPS 0050	None	Introduction to Peace Studies						5			
46.	IHRL 0050	None	International Human Rights Law						5			
47.	PR 0050	None	Public Relations						5			
48.	LDR 3250	None	Leadership and Ethics in the Government						5			
49.	SOCI 0051	None	Sociology						5			
50.	DA 0050	None	Data analysis						5			
51.	FREE 0002	None	Free Credit						5			
52.	DIPL 0050	None	Diplomatic Protocol and Etiquette							5		
53.	NIR 0050	None	Nationalism and International Relations							5		
54.	GEOP 0050	None	Human Geography							5		
55.	RUF 0050	None	Russia's Foreign Policy							5		
56.	IPE 0050	ECON 2150	Fundamentals of International Political Economy							5		
57.	CHFP 0050	None	China's Foreign Policy							5		
58.	EUGA 0050	None	European Integration in the context of EU – Georgia Association Agreement							5		
59.	STST 4150	None	Strategic studies							5		

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60.	FREE 0003	None	Free Credit									5	
61.	HSCS 0050	None	Hybrid War, Strategic Communications and Cyber Security										5
62.	UNPK 0050	None	UN Peacekeeping Operations										5
63.	WE 0050	ECON 2150	World Economics										5
64.	CMN 0050	None	Conflict Management and Negotiations										5
65.	ES 0050	None	Energy Security										5
66.	PCA 0050	None	Politics of African States and Conflicts										5
67.	USGS 0050	None	USA Grand Strategy										5
68.	MGS 0050	None	Project management										5
69.	ICL 0050	None	International Criminal Law										5
70.	GEOP 0050	None	Geopolitics of South Caucasus and Black Sea Region										5
71.	FREE 0004	None	Free Credit										5
ECTS Credits			Per semester	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	240	
			Per year	60		60		60		60			