

# Caucasus University Caucasus School of Economics



Name of Educational Programme	ეკონომიკა
Name of Educational Programme in English	Economics
Level of Higher Education	Bachelor
Type of Educational Programme	Academic
Language of Instruction	Georgian
Awarded Qualification, Code	Bachelor of Economics, 0311
In Georgian:	ეკონომიკის ზაკალავრი
In English:	Bachelor of Economics
Date of Program Approval	Approved by Executive Order N 01/01-94, President of Caucasus University, dated September 27, 2014 year. Program Renewwals are approverd by executive order №01/01-100, 29.10.2014; №01/01-23, 25.08.2015; №01/01-35, 08.09.2016 №11/01-21, 11.02.2019, №01/01-49 04.06.2019, N01/01-53 08.09.2020, N01/01-75 30.11.2021 01/01-20, 28.03.2024; N01/01-88 11, 12.2024
Date of Program Renewal	11.12.2024 (Executive Order N 01/01-88)
Program Coordinator/Co-Coordinator	Vano Benidze, PhD, Affiliated Professor of Caucasus University

#### **Program Volume in Credits**

The Bachelor's Degree Program in Economics comprises 240 credits with 60 ECTS per year. Consequently, the standard official duration of the Bachelor's Degree Program is four years. Each semester consists of a fixed number of study weeks, in addition to a period for taking and evaluating of the additional examinations. Academic year is a unity of the semesters and a holiday period in between. 1 ECTS equals to 25 hours, which includes class hours and time spent on independent work. An additional Summer Semester can also be organized. If this is the case, the student shall consider the fact that he/she is not allowed to take more than 75 ECTS per academic year.

After expiration of the standard duration of the Bachelor's Degree Academic Program, the students having academic debts, willing to complete the program, are allowed to take additional semesters (no more than 4) by retaining the student's status.

Possible allocation of 240 ECTS of the Bachelor's Degree Program is as follows:

162 ECTS of the Bachelor's Degree Program in Economics are assigned to compulsory modules, including:

- a. 30 ECTS University-wide Courses
- b. 20 ECTS English Language
- c. 82 ECTS Required courses for specialization
- d. 30 ECTS Practical / Research component (obligatory)

In addition to the 162 ECTS, the student is allowed to opt for the remaining 78 ECTS as follows: 10 ETCS from university-wide elective courses, 48 ETCS from specialization elective courses, 20 ETCS from module of free credits and second foreign language. The Bachelor's Degree Program is designed to allow students to

develop knowledge and skills necessary for Bachelor's academic degree (Bachelor of Economics). With this in mind, the mandatory competencies of the Bachelor's academic degree are developed through synthesis of various competencies.

Based on the framework set by Higher Education Qualification Framework and the requirements posed by job market, the Bachelor's Program in Economics is designed to give students a broader knowledge of economics, as well as subspecialties within economics. The program also enables students to acquire expertise and practical skills that will later allow them to easily adapt to the labor market requirements.

The program components are aimed at achieving the goals set in the program. The sequence of the competencies to be obtained and their evolution determine the program's content and its structure and are reflected in the curriculum. The courses needed for obtaining Bachelor's Degree are as follows:

240 ECTS credits of the Bachelor's Program are distributed accoring to the following scheme:

**Required University-wide Courses** are focused on developing basic written, verbal, mathematical and technological knowledge needed to collect, research and analyze information.

Foreign Languages Component — is focused on ensuring the teaching of English as the main communication language and a second language as a supplementary one. Through this, it aims to promote communication in foreign languages, integrate foreign-language sources into the learning and teaching process, strengthen the element of internationalization, and enhance employment opportunities. As a second foreign language, the student will study French/German/Spanish/Russian/Turkish. If the student presents a B1 or higher level certificate in the second foreign language, they are entitled to choose subjects from the field-specific and professional elective courses instead of the 20 ECTS credits for second foreign language studies.

<u>Component of the Required Courses for Specialization</u> provides broad knowledge of the existing theories and principles in economics, methods characteristic of the field, and some outstanding approaches. They aim to promote the understanding of complex issues in the field, develop skills for identifying and solving problems within the sector during practical activities, stimulate the ability to continuously update one's knowledge, and foster the formation of values essential for professional activity.

<u>Elective Courses Component for Specialization</u> allows the student to deepen their knowledge according to their interests and choose desired subjects from the elective modules. From the elective modules, the student selects courses to accumulate 30 credits in a semester. Elective disciplines give students the opportunity to apply the knowledge acquired in the core subjects of the bachelor's program. Within the elective subjects, the student can choose

<u>Free credits (20 ECTS)</u> allow students to acquire extra knowledge without adhering to any formal scheme. Bachelor's Program in Economics gives the students an opportunity to earn free credits from the other Bachelor's Programs of Caucasus University or get recognition of the credits earned thought academic mobility.

#### **Program Admission Preconditions**

- A person who possesses a full general education (secondary school) is entitled to study at the program.
- > The precondition for admission to the program is to pass the Unified National Examinations. The Unified National Examinations are conducted by National Assasment and Examination Center Any exceptions to the Law on Enrolment at Higher Education Institutions are allowed only in the cases prescribed by Law.
- At the United National Examinations mandetory is passing Georgian language and literature, English, French, German or Russian as a foreign language and Mathemetics as a third subject
- Enrolement in the Bachelor's program of Business Administration through mobility is allowed according to rules established by Georgian Legislation.

#### Qualification Description of the Program

#### **Program Objective**

The main goal of the Bachelor of Economics program is to train a professional who has a thorough knowledge of the basic principles, processes and theories of economics;

The goals of the program are to:

- Provide students with a broad theoretical knowledge of economics;
- Provide information regarding modern methods of economic research and their application opportunities;
- Develop practical skills of the student in a dynamic economic environment;
- Deepen students' knowledge on how market economy functions at micro, macro and international level;
- Develop students' competences based on the synthesis of theoretical and specialized knowledge on current events and processes in economics;
- Enable students to use modern principles and methods of economics in practice;
- Develop students analytical, creative and innovative thinking skills, enabling them to collect and analyze economic data, and make relevant conclusions based on the research.

The goals of the program are fully consistent with the mission of the Caucasus University, reflecting the knowledge, skills and competencies of the graduates and how will they contribute to the development of the field and society. The goals of the program are fully in line with the Caucasus University Mission and strategic development plan.

## Program Learning Outcomes

#### Knowledge

- 1. Knows the basic principles and theories of economics;
- 2. Understands how the economy functions at the micro, macro and international levels;
- 3. Has competencies in various subspecialties within Economics;
- 4. Is familiar with the modern methods of economic research;

#### **Ability**

- 5. Puts modern principles of economics into practice;
- 6. Processes and analyzes economic data and draws relevant conclusions;

#### Responsibility and Autonomy

Guided by both universal and national values, a thorough knowledge of the principles of economics makes him/her a more responsible citizen.

#### Areas of Employment

The program graduates have the appropriate knowledge and skills to work in a public institution, non-governmental sector, research institute or a private company.

Possibility to Continue Studies

The program graduates are eligible to pursue education at Master's Degree level programs

### Program Curriculum

(With the indication of modules, courses, relevant credits)

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Nº	Code	Precondition	Subject/module	I Semester	II Semester	I Semester	II b Semester	I Semester	II Semester	I Semester	b II Semester	Total ECTS Credits	
			General University Obligatory courses	15	10	5						30	
1.	HIST 0003	None	History of Georgia	5									
2.	CSC 1111	None	Information Systems 1	5									
3.	MATH 0003	None	Calculus 1	5									
4.	SOCI 0004	None	Sociology		5								
5.	CSC 12112	CSC 1111	Information Systems 2		5								
6.	ACWR 0007	None	Academic Writing			5							
			English Language (mandatory)	5	5	5	5					20	
7.	ENGL 0005	None	B1.0 General English	5									
8.	ENGL 0007	None	B2.0 General English										
9.	ENGL 0006	ENGL 0005	B1 General English		5								
10.	ENGL 0008	ENGL 0007	B2 General Enlish										
11.	ENGL 0007	ENGL 0006	B2.0 General English			5							
12.	ENGL 0009	ENGL 0008	C1.0 General English										
13.	ENGL 0008	ENGL 0007	B2 General English				5						
14.	ENGL 0010	ENGL 0009	C1 General English										

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			General university elective courses	5	5							10	
15.	MATH 0001	None	Precalculus	5									
16.	ENGL 0004	None	A1 General English	5									
17.	POLS 0002	None	Introduction to Political Sciences	5									
18.	PSYC 0006	None	Introduction to Psychology	5									
19.	PHIL 0005	None	Philosophy- Critical Thinking		5								
20.	HIST 0001	None	History of the World Civilization		5								
			Module of Specialty obligatory courses	5	10	17	17	17	11	5		82	
21.	MICR 1111	None	Introduction to Microeconomics	5									
22.	MACR 1211	MICR 1111	Introduction to Macroeconomics		5								
23.	MATH 0004	MATH 0003	Calculus 2		5								
24.	ECMC 2111	MICR 1111	Microeconomics 1			6							
25.	ECFP 21112	None	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting			5							
26.	ECSP 2111	None	Introduction to Economics Statistics			6							
27.	MATH 0002	MATH 0003	Linear Algebra				5						
28.	ECST 2211	ECSP 2111	Statistics for Economists				6						
29.	ECON 2220	ECMC 2111	Microeconomics 2				6						
30.	ECON 3111	ECST 2211	Econometrics (with EViews)					6					
31.	ECMC 3111	MACR 1211	Macroeconomics 1					6					
32.	IENP 3111	ENGL 0008	Professional English 1					5					
33.	IENP 3211	IENP 3111	Professional English 2						5				
34.	ECON 3690	ECMC 3111	Macroeconomics 2						6				
35.	ECON 2505	CSC 12112	Data Analyses and Economic Modeling							5			
			Module of Speciality elective courses			5	6	11	11	10	5	48	

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36.	ECPS 21110	None	Public Speaking-Presentation Skills								5					
37.	BUSM 21110	None	Introduction to Business			5										
38.	ECIS 21110	None	Introduction to Insurance System			5										
39.	ECON 32121	None	Economic Psychology			5										
40.	ECDO 22110	None	Economic Doctrines				6									
41.	ECON 22110	None	Social Policy				6									
42.	ECIN 31110	MACR 1211	International Economics					6								
43.	ECGD 32110	MACR 1211	Economic Growth and Development					6								
44.	ECLT 21110	None	Leadership and Team-Management					5								
45.	FI 35121	ECFP 21112	Financial Accounting and Reporting					5								
46.	LED 3512	None	Local Economic Development					6								
47.	ECON 2506	MACR 1211	Agricultural Economics							5						
48.	ECPC 32110	MACR 1211	Economy of Population						6							
49.	ECON 21121	None	Circular Economy						6							
50.	ECON 32110	None	Firm Ecomonics and Strategy						6							
51.	ECON 2503	MACR 1211	Current Challenges of Modern Georgian Economy						6							
52.	ECFM 32110	MACR 1211	Financial Market						6							
53.	ECON 2501	MACR 1211	Labor Economics						5							
54.	RIA 4712	None	Introduction to Regulatory Impact Assessment						6							
55.	ECON 2507	ECMC 2111	Managerial Economy							5						
56.	ECPF 41110	None	Public Finances							5						
57.	ECON 2504	ECFP 21112	Taxes and Tax Policy							5						
58.	ECON 2502	MACR 1211, PSYC 0006	Behavioral Economics								5					

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59.	ECON 42121	ECMC 3111	Modern Macroeconomics								5	
			Free Credits/Second Foreing Language					5	5	5	5	20
60.	FREE 0084	None	Free Credit 1					5				
61.	FREE 0085	None	Free Credit 2						5			
62.	FREE 0086	None	Free Credit 3							5		
63.	FREE 0087	None	Free Credit 4								5	
64.	FREN 0001, GERM 0001, RUS 0001, TURK 0001	None	Second Foreing Language (A1.0 French/Gemran/Russian/ Turkish)					5				
65.	FREN 0002, GERM 0002, RUS 0002, TURK 0002	FREN 0001 GERM 0001 RUS 0001 TURK 0001	Second Foreing Language (A1 French/Gemran/Russian/ Turkish)						5			
66.	FREN 0003, GERM 0003, RUS 0003, TURK 0003	FREN 0002 GERM 0002 RUS 0002 TURK 0002	Second Foreing Language (A2.0 French/Gemran/Russian/ Turkish)							5		
67.	FREN 0004, GERM 0004, RUS 0004, TURK 0004.	FREN 0003 GERM 0003 RUS 0003 TURK 0003	Second Foreing Language (A2 French/Gemran/Russian/ Turkish)								5	
			Mandatory practical/research component							10	20	30
68.	ECON 4790		Fundamentals of Economic research							10		
69.	PRAC 4787-10		Practical Training in Economics								10	
70.	BCES 42110		Bachelor Thesis								10	

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		ECTS Credits	Per Year	60		60		60		0	240