



Caucasus University
Caucasus School of Governance

Program	
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), N0101-16 (14.04.2022). Renewed by the decree of the president N01/01-35 (17.07.2023). N01/01-46 (24.04.2024); N01/01-91 (24.12.2024); N01/01-48 (16.07.2025), N01/01-109, (23.12.2025) and 01/01-27 (29.04.2026).	
Program structure and credits	
Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations is comprised of 180 ECTS, 60 ECTS per year. Official duration of the Bachelor program is 3 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. 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. The Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations consists of 180 ECTS. Credit allocation is the following: 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 Mandatory and elective courses of a major field of study - 125 credits Mandatory courses in major - 100 credits Elective courses in major - 25 credits The student may use up to 10 credits from the foreign language module as free credits. 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.

Each component of the program is directed towards the achievement of program overall objectives. Sequence of components determines the structure of the program and is reflected in the learning plan.

The components of the program are aimed at achieving the goals set in the program. The sequence of formation of achievable competencies and their evolution determines the content of the program, its structure and is reflected in the curriculum.

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 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	
Program Objective	Bachelor program in Diplomacy and International Relations aims to graduate young specialists who: ✓ 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 types of relations from the perspective of international relations and related disciplines. ✓ Uses field specific research methods and communicates professional language in written and oral form, including in a foreign language. ✓ Defines appropriate steps to pursue continuing professional development and further learning. 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.
Program Learning Outcomes	Knowledge 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. Skills 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. Responsibility and Autonomy 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.
Areas of Employment	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.
Continuation of Education	Program graduates are able to continue their studies at the graduate level of education.
Teaching and Learning Methods	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 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	
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 6 Affiliated Professors;- 6 Affiliated Associate Professors;- 4 Affiliated Assistant Professors;- 1 Assistant Professor;- 1 Associate Professor;- 34 invited lecturers. | |
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Other Resources of the Program	
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Caucasus University School of Governance has Memorandums of Mutual understanding with the following non-governmental and governmental organizations.	
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**Diplomacy and International Relations
Program Curriculum**

№	Course Code	Prerequisite	Course/module	Study Year						Total ECTS
				I		II		III		
				ECTS Allocation						
				I Semester	II Semester	III Semester	IV Semester	V Semester	VI Semester	
Free Component – 55 ECTS										
Mandatory General Courses				5	5	5				15
1.	CIS 1151.32	None	Information Technologies	5						
2.	STAT 1250.32	None	Statistical Reasoning		5					
3.	ACWR 0007.32	None	Academic Writing			5				
Foreign Language Module										
English/Georgian Language Courses (mandatory)				5	5	5	5			20
4.	ENGF 0001.32 GEO 0001.32	None	B2 + General English Language Skills 1 / Georgian Language A1	5						
5.	ENGF 0002.32 GEO 0002.32	ENGF 0001.32 GEO 0001.32	B2 + General English Language Skills 2 / Georgian Language A2		5					
6.	ENGL 0009.32 GEO 0003.32	ENGF 0002.32 GEO 0002.32	General English C1.0 / Georgian Language B1.1			5				
7.	ENGL 0010.32 GEO 0004.32	ENGL 0009.32 GEO 0003.32	General English C1 / Georgian Language B1.2				2.5			
8.	ENGP 0250.32	ENGL 0009.32	Professional English				2.5			
Second Foreign Language (mandatory)				5	5	5	5			20
9.	ESP 0001.32 TURK 0001.32 FARS 0001.32	None	Foreign language, I part (A1.0)	5						

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	GERM 0001.32 FREN 0001.32 RUS 0001.32									
10.	ESP 0002.32 TURK 0002.32 FARS 0002.32 GERM 0002.32 FREN 0002.32 RUS 0002.32	Foreign language, I part A1.0	Foreign language, II part (A1)		5					
11.	ESP 0003.32 TURK 0003.32 FARS 0003.32 GERM 0003.32 FREN 0003.32 RUS 0003.32	Foreign language, II part A1	Foreign language, III part (A2.0)			5				
12.	ESP 0004.32 TURK 0004.32 FARS 0004.32 GERM 0004.32 FREN 0004.32 RUS 0004.32	Foreign language, III part A2.0	Foreign language, IV part (A2)				5			
Free Credits (Elective)				5		5				10
13.	FREE 0001.32	None	Free Credit 1	5						
14.	FREE 0002.32	None	Free Credit 2			5				

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Major Field of Study Mandatory and Elective Courses – 125 ECTS										
Major field of study mandatory core courses				15	15	15	15	15	15	90
15.	DEC 1150.32	None	Democracy and Citizenship	5						
16.	PHIL 1150.32	None	Fundamentals of Contemporary Thought	5						
17.	HIST 1150.32	None	History of Georgia	5						
18.	POLS 1250.32	None	Introduction to Political Science		5					
19.	IR 1250.32	None	Introduction to International Relations		5					
20.	QQDA 1250.32	None	Research Methods		5					
21.	DIP 2150.32	None	History of Diplomacy - XVII-XIX Century			5				
22.	CFP 2150.32	None	Comparative Foreign Policy			5				
23.	ECON 2150.32	None	Introduction to Economics			5				
24.	IE 2250.32	ECON 2150.32	Introduction to International Economics				5			
25.	DIP 2250.32	None	History of Diplomacy - XX-XXI Century				5			
26.	LAW 2250.32	None	Introduction to International Law				5			
27.	IRT 3150.32	IR 1250.32	Theories of International Relations					5		
28.	USFP 3150.32	None	US Foreign Policy					5		
29.	INTS 3150.32	IR 1250.32	Fundamentals of International Security					5		
30.	EUIP 3250.32	None	EU Institutions and Politics						5	
31.	COMP 3250.32	None	Introduction to Comparative Politics						5	
32.	GFDP 3250.32	None	Foreign and Defence Policy of Georgia						5	
Bachelor's Thesis									10	10
33.	BTH 3250.32	ACWR 0007.32 STAT 1250.32	Bachelor's Thesis						10	

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		QQDA 1250.32 IRT 3150.32								
Major field of study elective courses/free credits							5	15	5	25
34.	IT 2050.32	None	International Terrorism				5			
35.	HEI 2050.32	None	History of European Integration				5			
36.	LAPS 2050.32	None	Latin American Political Systems				5			
37.	WET 2050.32	None	Ethics of War - its Advantages and Limitations				5			
38.	DD 2050.32	None	Digital Diplomacy				5			
39.	GPSD 2050.32	None	“Green Politics” and sustainable development				5			
40.	IMP 2050.32	None	International Migration Processes				5			
41.	PA 2050.32	None	Introduction to Public Administration				5			
42.	SOC P 2050.32	None	Social Psychology				5			
43.	CIVI 2050.32	None	Culture and Civilization				5			
44.	IO 3050.32	None	International Organizations and Global Governance					5		
45.	MEAS 3050.32	None	Politics of Middle East					5		
46.	IPS 3050.32	None	Introduction to Peace Studies					5		
47.	SOCI 3050.32	None	Sociology					5		
48.	DA 3050.32	None	Data analysis					5		
49.	PRSC 3050.32	None	Public Relations and Strategic Communication					5		
50.	IHRL 3050.32	None	International Human Rights Law					5		
51.	EVI 3050.32	None	European Values and Ideologies					5		
52.	ACP 3050.32	None	Politics of Asian Countries					5		
53.	PCPD 3050.32	None	Political Communication and Public Diplomacy					5		
54.	DIPL 3050.32	None	Diplomatic Protocol and Etiquette					5		

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55.	NIR 3050.32	None	Nationalism and International Relations					5		
56.	HGE 3050.32	None	Human Geography					5		
57.	RUFP 3050.32	None	Russia’s Foreign Policy					5		
58.	CHFP 3050.32	None	China’s Foreign Policy					5		
59.	IPE 3050.32	ECON 2150.32	Fundamentals of International Political Economy					5		
60.	EUGA 3050.32	None	European Integration in the context of EU – Georgia Association Agreement						5	
61.	STST 3050.32	None	Strategic studies						5	
62.	PPD 3050.32	None	Political Propaganda and Disinformation						5	
63.	EASS 3050.32	None	The Euro-Atlantic Security System from the “Cold War” to the Era of Hybrid War						5	
64.	HSCS 3050.32	None	Hybrid War, Strategic Communications and Cyber Security						5	
65.	UNPK 3050.32	None	UN Peacekeeping Operations						5	
66.	WE 3050.32	ECON 2150.32	World Economics						5	
67.	CMN 3050.32	None	Conflict Management and Negotiations						5	
68.	ES 3050.32	None	Energy Security						5	
69.	PCA 3050.32	None	Politics and Conflicts of African States						5	
70.	USGS 3050.32	None	USA Grand Strategy						5	
71.	GEOP 3050.32	None	Geopolitics of South Caucasus and Black Sea Region						5	
ECTS Credits			Per semester	30	30	30	30	30	30	180
			Per year	60		60		60		